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NEGOTIATING DREAMS

Student working at Cain and Abel's sends money home to family in Mexico.

Two nights a week, Kevin Robles stands outside the door of Cain and Abel's, a West Campus bar, checking IDs. If he's lucky, he'll be home by 2:30 a.m., but most nights he works until 4. It's a modest part-time gig, but this is how he supports his family.

"Sometimes I have a lot of trouble making rent here, but the first thing I always do is give money to my mom to get food to my little brother," said Robles, an international relations and global studies sophomore at UT.

While a part-time job for most students means a little extra spending money, for Robles, it's a necessity. But he may soon lose his ability to work, if the Trump administration's order to rescind DACA becomes a reality in March.

For Robles, losing DACA means he may no longer be able to provide for his family. Sending money back to his mom is especially important because it ensures that his younger brother can eat.

Due to complications with his free or reduced lunch

TOP: International relations and global studies sophomore Kevin Robles is a DACA recipient working hard to support his family.

BELOW: Kevin has a tattoo on his right arm in honor of his father who he was separated from 13 years ago.

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Robles still remembers crossing the border with a different family than his mother paid to transport him.

"My mom said, 'This is your family from now on,' and I did everything the second family told me," Robles said.

application at school, his 15-year-old brother often walks home hungry. Inspired by how his mom left everything in Durango, Mexico, for he and his brother, Robles has promised to use his spending money to help pay for his brother's school lunches.

"My mom came here for better opportunities," Robles said. "She wanted me to get an American education. She wanted me to grow up in an American life, so I don't see what she had to go through in Mexico."

When he was only six years old, his family agreed to separate to fulfill different dreams. His dad wanted to follow his passion for music in Mexico, while his mom dreamed of a better place to raise her children. Robles' mom packed up everything and left to California. Months later, he joined her.

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Negotiating Dreams is a special project collaboration between The Daily Texan and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists to cover UT's DACA students.

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UNIVERSITY

University asks court to dismiss lawsuit on sexual assault case

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The University asked a federal court on Monday to dismiss a lawsuit filed by a male student who has been accused of sexual assault in a Title IX case.

The student, referred to in the case as John Doe, is accused of sexually assaulting a female student referred to in the case as Jane Roe. Doe filed the lawsuit ahead of a Title IX hearing originally set for Feb. 7.

The suit sought to stop the hearing because it claimed Doe would not be treated fairly during the hearing and requested a jury trial in the case. The University postponed the hearing and has not rescheduled it.

The University said in its motion the plaintiff lacked standing to sue because the hearing has not occurred and called any "injury" the plaintiff said he will endure to be "speculative."

The assault in question occurred on April 28, 2017, according to Doe's lawsuit. Doe and Roe left a party together around 2 a.m. — both were intoxicated — and went to Roe's apartment where they had sex. The next day, Roe went to her friends and said she blacked out and did not remember anything until "moments just before she and John finished having sex," according to the lawsuit.

Doe cited the fact that the Title IX report for the case was amended three times after the University received notice of the lawsuit as the basis for unfair treatment.

Doe also requested the court declare the University's definition of incapacitation unconstitutional. The University's sexual misconduct policy defines incapacitation as a state of being that prevents the student from giving consent.

The University said in its motion the "plaintiff alleges he had sex with a student who was unsteady, intoxicated, who had vomited, and who blacked out."

"Plaintiff's allegations fail to state a plausible claim that the definition of incapacitation is unconstitutional vague," the motion said.

CAMPUS

Students swab cheeks to save lives of blood cancer patients

By Gracie Awalt @GRACIEWALT15

Every three minutes, an American is diagnosed with a form of blood cancer, and around 50,000 die every year.

Partnered with the Texas Silver Spurs, Deutsche Knochenmarkspenderdatei Texas swabbed cheeks and registered students as potential bone marrow and stem cell donors in the Texas Union Building on Wednesday to help lower these statistics, listed on the DKMS website.

DKMS is an international nonprofit organization based in Germany that has registered six million potential bone marrow donors worldwide, according to their website. The Silver Spurs is the all-male organization responsible for taking care of Bevo. Rachel McCullough, DKMS Texas co-president, said the student organization has worked with the Texas Silver Spurs since Bevo XIV died of bovine leukemia two years ago.

"Bovine leukemia is just like human leukemia but with cows," donor recruitment coordinator Amy

Roseman said. "I enjoy educating people and letting them know they can save a life. We've registered a lot of life-savers."

Last year, they registered 114 people and aimed for 150 this year.

McCullough, communication sciences and disorders junior, joined DKMS Texas in the fall of 2016 after her mother was diagnosed with leukemia and learning bone marrow treatment was a possibility.

"On the night of my first donor drive, we found out my mom had relapsed with leukemia again," Mc-

Cullough said. "It gave me incentive to do even more."

According to the DKMS website, around 70 percent of patients do not find a matching donor within their family, requiring most people to hope for a match in the registry. Luckily for McCullough, her aunt was a genetic match for her mother.

"My mom is in remission now and has been since July," McCullough said. "It definitely saved her life. Most people don't find a match within their family, so that alleviated a ton of

stress for our family. She was so lucky."

McCullough said students have a one percent chance to be asked to donate stem cells or bone marrow based on lab results. Bryten Otting, government and radio-television-film sophomore, said he would be glad to donate.

"If I were asked to donate tomorrow, I'd just do it," Otting said. "Even though I've heard donating can be intense, I would ignore my fear and just go."

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AISD debates policy on Confederate school names

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Ted Gordon, a UT professor and AISD board member, spent the last month at the forefront of a debate over potentially re-naming five schools named after members of the Confederacy.

The controversy began almost three years ago when the school board decided to rename an elementary school after Confederate general Robert E. Lee. Last August, following the deadly protest at the University of Virginia where a group of white supremacists fought the removal of a Confederate monument depicting Lee, cities and schools across the nation began removing monuments and renaming schools with ties to the Confederacy.

Early this year, the AISD board planned to move forward with renaming the five remaining schools: John T. Allan Facility, John H. Reagan Early College High School, Eastside Memorial Early College High School at the Johnston Campus, Sidney Lanier Early College High School and Zachary Taylor Fulmore Middle School. All were named after members of the Confederate Army.

At a January meeting from which Gordon was absent, the board postponed the renaming process to February for more time to create a formal policy that would streamline the re-naming process for schools.

In response, Gordon criticized the board during a speech on Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the University and told the Austin American-Statesman a few days prior that “the board has no moral compass and



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UT professor and AISD board member Ted Gordon is attempting to convince AISD to change the names of five schools that are currently named after members of the Confederacy.

moral spine” for being hesitant on the issue.

District 3 Trustee Ann Teich countered by calling Gordon’s comments “unprofessional” and demanding the board censure him for his comments. The board chose not to, although censuring is nothing more than an official reprimand with no other consequences.

Gordon later apologized to some of the board members for his comments, but in an interview with The Daily Texan on Wednesday, Gordon said he did not think the board would have censured him anyway.

“They weren’t going to censure me,” Gordon, who also serves as the chair of the African and African Diaspora Studies department, said. “For what? They’re going to censure an African-American for saying there’s a problem with Confederate names on schools?”

During a board meeting Monday to work on creating a new policy, Gordon was silent during the first half of the discussions. Gordon said the entire discussion seemed like an “enormous waste.”

“Why didn’t I say anything? Well, what was I going to have

constructive to say?” Gordon asked. “The fact of the matter is Lee’s name changed under the old policy, so the old policy is perfectly adequate.”

District 7 Trustee Yasmin Wagner said during the discussion she is concerned about the policy that includes the phrase “respecting cultural differences” because it could be used to defend the Confederate names.

“It’s worth reviewing things like when we say, ‘Respecting cultural differences and values,’” Wagner said. “If we ended up with a faction of the board at a future date that wanted to

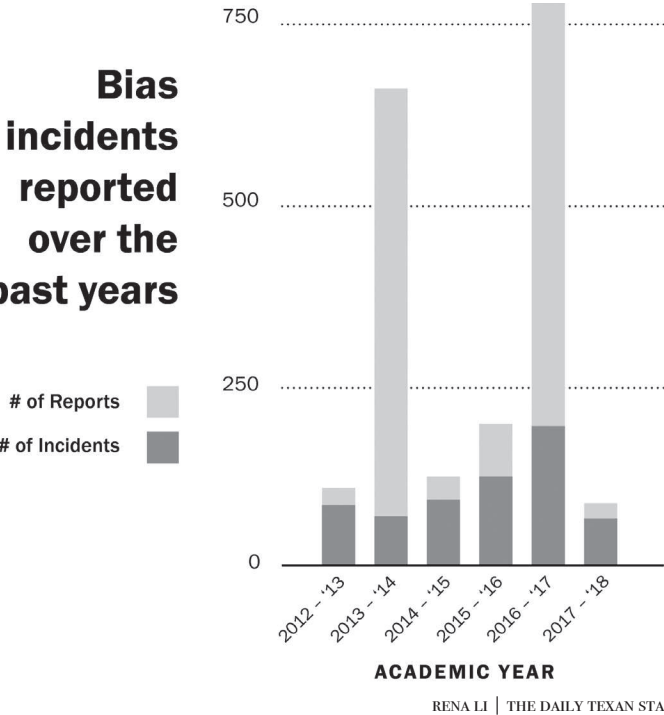
reflect the culture of hate or white supremacy within our naming, they could say that reflected their cultural differences and values.”

At the end of the meeting, the board decided to vote on renaming the schools on Feb. 26. Teich, an alumna of one of the schools in question and an opponent of renaming, said she would recuse herself from the vote.

“I have said I will abstain, and I will continue to abstain because I don’t want my prejudice to taint any of this,” Teich said.

CAMPUS

Bias incidents reported over the past years



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New website publishes bias incident reports

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Following an increase in bias incidents reported to the Campus Climate Response Team, the team said students are concerned no actions are taken in response to their reports.

With a new webpage, CCRT wants to show the UT community which reports have been addressed and closed. The webpage, which was published in fall 2017 and formally announced in a campus-wide email last Wednesday, lists recent reports on bias incidents and the actions taken by the team.

When a bias incident is reported, CCRT will contact the reporter within 48 hours to get more information from the reporter’s perspective. Then the team refers the reporter to appropriate campus or community resources, such as the Office of Dean of Students or the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Leslie Blair, executive director of communications of the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, said prior to the decision to make reports available online, CCRT had to consider the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act’s

rules. FERPA restricts the University from disclosing private reports involving students.

Reports posted on the webpage do not show specific information such as students’ names or the people involved in the incident.

“The website is really there to enhance our transparency of our purpose and our function, also to provide an avenue to receive feedback from our students and our faculty and our staff so that we can continue to make appropriate decisions about how to respond,” said Audrey Sorrells, associate dean of students for research and a CCRT lead team member.

Blair said students may think the reports aren’t being addressed because this information is not released.

“There are things that have happened that a reporter for the (Austin American-Statesman) publishes more than we’re letting people know here on campus,” Blair said. “That’s often a concern of students ... but it is all related to certain rules that the University has to follow.”

The reports page is updated at least twice a month and will only include reports after they have been closed out by CCRT and reporters have been referred to the appropriate resources,

Blair said.

In the academic year of 2016–2017, there had been an increase in number of bias incidents reported to the CCRT compared to 2015–2016. In total, there were 763 reports for 204 incidents in 2016–2017, compared to 194 reports for 104 incidents, according to data from CCRT.

Liz Elsen, director of the Gender and Sexuality Center and a member of the CCRT lead team, said the increase in incidents reported may be due to an increased awareness of CCRT services and not necessarily an increase in bias incidents on campus.

“I think in any case when people think, ‘Oh no, there’s an increase in reports,’ it automatically means that there’s an increase in bias incidents,” Elsen said. “I think that people are hearing about it more and want to make sure those cases are documented.”

Elsen said she hopes transparency on the actions taken following each reported incident will encourage more students to report incidents to CCRT.

“It is important for people to know that campus is responding (to their reports),” Elsen said. “Each report gives us more of a full picture of what life on UT campus is like.”

CAMPUS

CMHC Voices groups offer identity support

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The Counseling and Mental Health Center offers a number of services for the more than 50,000 students at UT. For those feeling lost or struggling with self-identity, the Voices Diversity Discussion Groups allow them to connect with others with similar identities in a way that is different than traditional therapy.

Black Voices, Queer Voices and Asian American Voices are three of the six discussions focusing on identity and intended to support students and give them a safe space to talk. Kimberly Burdine, CMHC psychologist and diversity coordinator, facilitates Black Voices.

“It’s a place where they can come together with folks who share a similar identity and be able to talk about that,” Burdine said. “Some of my hopes for Black Voices is that people feel more (firm) in our identity because for me I think some of the way you undo the stress and trauma is to create affirmation.”

Voices is partnered with the Multicultural Engagement Center and Gender and Sexuality Center. The program started two and a half years ago, and Burdine said it has attracted more

students since then. Each group facilitator shares the identity of that group.

The discussions are not held in CMHC but on another floor of the Student Services Building. Burdine said this eliminates the stigma surrounding therapy. Voices is unique because it provides an environment focused on discussion, Burdine said.

“There’s nothing better for me to see than someone to come into their own space and thrive,”

Kimberly Burdine,
CMHC PSYCHOLOGIST

“We want to promote them in a way that is affirming and that won’t cause more trauma or more stress,” Burdine said. “It’s a support group where you get a feel for what therapy might be like, because there are therapists in the room, but it’s not necessarily therapy.”

Nursing senior Richa Patel goes to one-on-one care counseling at the CHMC and said she has heard how Voices gives students a sense of belonging.

“I think a lot of us keep things inside

all the time, so going to a place where other people share what they are going through helps reassure students,” Patel said. “It’s important to always feel included and to know there are other people who are going through the same thing as you.”

Patel said she is thankful CMHC cares about students and their unique experiences enough to have the Voices program.

“There are things that some people will go through that not everyone has, but when you find people with similar experience, things aren’t as scary,” Patel said.

Chemistry junior Aizelle Gaddi said the Asian American Voices group interests her as she thinks it’s important for students to have an outlet.

“I think it’s very important, especially because UT is a really big school and having those discussion groups make the school smaller and give students a voice and a home,” Gaddi said.

Burdine said the groups not only help her students but also herself.

“There’s nothing better for me to see than someone to come into their own space and thrive,” Burdine said. “Especially as a first generation college student and a student of color, it means something to me because I see myself in these students.”



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CITY

UT students get new wheels with B-cycle program

Austin grants students free membership to bicycle share system.

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The City of Austin's bicycle share system, Austin B-cycle, is helping students get on and off campus with its new, free UT student membership.

In conjunction with the City of Austin and UT, Austin B-cycle held a ribbon cutting Wednesday morning for the 18-month UT campus pilot program expansion. The bicycle share system opened nine new stations located on the 40 Acres and in West Campus.

"We are seen as one of the most successful bike share systems in the United States and we're very excited to do this expansion," said Elliott McFadden, executive director of Austin B-cycle. "The main convenience factor of having a fleet of bikes available 24/7 is not having the maintenance of your own bike or your own bike getting stolen. As soon as you get enrolled, you can jump on a bike and go."

On-campus sites include one outside of Jester Dormitory at 21st Street and Speedway where undeclared business freshman Catherine Monteleone picks up a bike after class.



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Elliott McFadden, executive director of Austin B-cycle, officially opened Austin B-cycle's location on Speedway and 21st Street on Wednesday morning. The bicycle share system is free to students for up to an hour at a time.

"I signed up yesterday and it was super easy," Monteleone said. "It's a really quick way to get around and Austin is super bike friendly. Most people can get use out of this. It's easy to want to drive a bunch of places, but if you can

bike it makes it so much easier since you don't have to worry about parking."

Students can sign up for a free membership on the Austin B-cycle website or through the app on iOS and Android by using their UT student e-mail

address. It is free for the first 60 minutes, but then costs \$4 for every 30 minutes afterwards. Bikes must be docked at a station. Launched 10 days ago, the bike share service has 599 students signed up.

"We're really excited to

show them how it works and the cool thing is, they can also use this to go downtown," deputy director of B-cycle Elizabeth Webb said. "Now (students) don't have to drive. They don't have to worry about taking a Lyft on a

beautiful day. They can just hop on a bike and go downtown. We're connecting the city with the campus, and we're super excited about that."

With no cost to the University, the city paid the full \$272,000 for the new stations. This is a part of the Big Jump Project in Austin to double bicycle ridership in three years, which began in 2017.

"We hope that this offers an affordable mobility option that (is) predictable and gives students a way to get around during their multiple trips in the day," said Laura Dierenfeld, City of Austin manager of active transportation. "We're very excited to see how this model could help other places around the city."

The UT campus is the second in the country to be added to the B-cycle system. Bobby Stone, director of UT Parking and Transportation Services, said he wants to see students regularly utilize the system before it is expanded and hopes this can reduce the number of bikes parked on campus.

"It's less about the number of people that sign up and more about the number of people who use it," Stone said. "Our push is to be looking for people that are interested in really using the bicycle and making a difference in how we move people around on campus."

DACA
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"We just drove right through the border hoping they wouldn't ask anything."

Robles was interrogated at the border. Despite being so young, he understood he needed to play along in order to reunite with his mom again.

"I wasn't really confused, I just wanted to go see my mom," Robles said. "I knew that if I did this I would get to see her again."

Robles was welcomed into the U.S. with a meal from McDonalds, but adjusting was still difficult for his family. Robles

continued missing his father.

"Being taken away like that from my dad really took a toll on me when I was little," Robles said. "I would always ask my mom, 'Why can't I go see him?' And she'd tell me, 'Well, you can't come back if you do.'"

His family left California to stay with family in Dallas, Texas. His mom eventually saved up enough money to move into an apartment of their own. But his mom's dream has always been to own a house.

Robles remembers his mom working from sunrise to sunset to save up enough money for their apartment. By going to college, Robles hopes to help fulfill his

mom's dream.

"My mom is always working," Robles said. "She's always stressed because she's not going to make the bills. My one dream is to make sure my mom doesn't have to pay another bill again."

DACA allowed Robles to attend college without fear of deportation, but it didn't solve all his problems. Robles said people assume DACA gives him benefits like free healthcare, but he has not had any form of healthcare since the day he moved to America. When his family gets sick, he takes matters into his own hands.

"I take care of myself and I take care of my family," Robles said. "If they're sick, I take them to

the doctor. I pay full out of pocket for them. I have to make sure they're healthy."

With current DACA negotiations hanging in the air, Robles is unsure if he will even be able to graduate college. Right now, Robles' DACA is set to expire in November of 2019, a semester before he graduates.

"I don't have much of a say here," Robles said. "Imagine being in a country without knowing if you're going to get protection in the future. That's how it still feels living here."

Assuming he does not get deported, Robles' only chance at citizenship is still at least six years away. He must wait for his

brother, who is a citizen, to be old enough to vouch for him in order to gain any legal status.

"I really wish DACA would have a pathway to citizenship without having to wait for someone to be 21," Robles said. "Once I get citizenship I would have more opportunities and more ways to help my family."

Until then, he is left in limbo. Sometimes he thinks about how much easier it would be going back to Mexico to pursue a life, but he quickly remembers his family.

"I don't want to see them disappointed," Robles said. "I'm going to finish school and do what I can for them. I want (my brother)

to have the best life possible."

Without DACA, it is unlikely he will give his family a better life. While many fear deportation, Robles said he fears being ripped away from his family. He still remembers being separated from his dad and does not want his family to be torn apart twice.

"So far the worst thing I've ever experienced in my life is being separated from a parent at such a young age," Robles said. "And having to go through that again, knowing that I'd get separated from my mom and my little brother, the most important people in my life, I feel like it's going to hurt much more."

STUDENT LIFE



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Group leader Hareem Ahmad, left, offers advice to UT students at the Sisters' Circle held at Nueces Mosque on Wednesday Afternoon. The purpose of the group is to help female students unwind from classes and have a conversation about Islam in a comfortable environment.

Muslim sisterhood holds first discussion at Nueces Mosque

By Megan Nguyen
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A dozen girls gathered at Nueces Mosque on Wednesday evening to unwind from stressful classes and talk about Islam during the first Muslim discussion session of the year.

Sisters' Circle was started last semester by student members of the mosque.

Wednesday's topic was "Spiritual Reset," which was inspired by the new semester and its challenges. These discussion sessions will take place each week with a new theme, and are open to women of all faiths.

"To me, 'Spiritual Reset' means maintaining and refreshing my connection with Allah and keeping my spirituality pure," sociology freshman Karma Dadoush said.

The goal of Sisters' Circle is to create a safe space for Muslim women of different majors, ages and backgrounds to gather and learn about different topics, such as mental health awareness and the role of women in Islam.

"Sisters' Circle is really empowering in that it's a platform

for girls to be able to express their concerns, opinions and beliefs in an Islamic institution without fear of not being heard," said Zainab Monk, psychology junior and publicity director of Nueces Mosque. "It's an opportunity for Muslim girls to know



To me, 'Spiritual Reset' means maintaining and refreshing my connection with Allah and keeping my spirituality pure."

Karma Dadoush,
FRESHMAN

that they have representation."

The session was led by Sister Hareem Ahmad, who had previously taught the Nueces Mosque's class on the seerah, or biography, of the Prophet Muhammad.

Using parables from the

Quran and anecdotes from her own life, Ahmad spoke to the group about Allah's intentions and what he wants Muslims to do, as well as giving back to the community through acts of mercy.

"Our focus as Muslims can't be the preservation of our own dignity and our own rights," Ahmad said. "That isn't why Allah sent us down. We have a mandate from Allah to preserve the rights of others and be agents of mercy. We will never be able to serve others so long as we are obsessed with ourselves."

Ahmad said the busy college life can distract people from contemplating on how they are spiritually connected and what they can improve.

"I think it's very easy ... when you're just trying to make it through assignment after exam after assignment, to lose sight of the bigger picture," Ahmad said. "Islam also has this concept of continually revisiting and renewing your intentions."

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Baldwin and Trump reflect the worst in each other

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According to the pop culture database tvtropes.org, method acting is a practice in which “an actor tries to replicate the life circumstances, mannerisms and emotional feelings of the character he portrays — so as to give realism, legitimacy and dramatic strength to his performance.” In other words, the actor seeks to become the character rather than simply mimicking them.

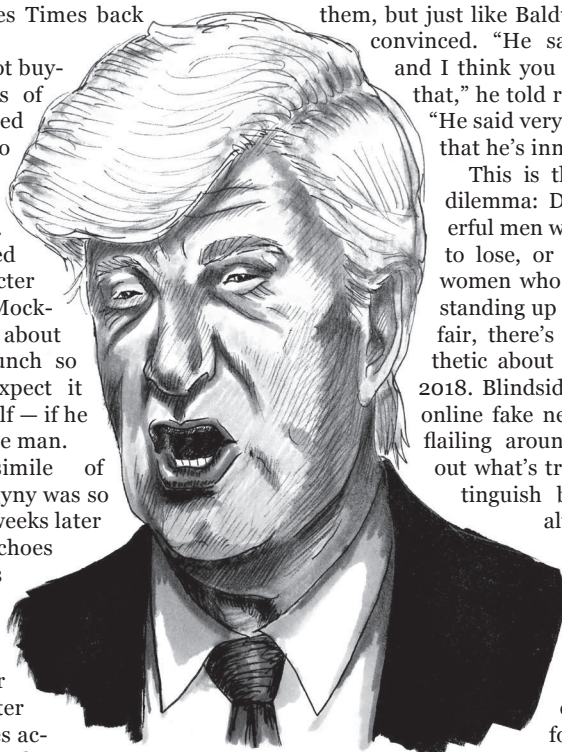
Alec Baldwin has been portraying Donald Trump on Saturday Night Live for over a year now. He’s not a method actor, but perhaps he’s adopting the technique because lately he’s been sounding an awful lot like the man he lampoons on TV — particularly when it comes to sexual assault and violence against women.

Most recently, Baldwin defended Woody Allen against a contingent of A-list actors who have denounced him in support of his adopted daughter, Dylan Farrow. For years, Farrow has maintained that Allen raped her when she was seven years old, but her story is receiving renewed attention due to the #MeToo movement and an op-ed she wrote

for the Los Angeles Times back in December.

But Baldwin’s not buying it. In a series of tweets, he implored his followers to consider the possibility that Farrow invented her story. He also compared her to a character from “To Kill a Mockingbird” who lies about being raped, a punch so low you might expect it from Trump himself — if he were a more literate man.

Baldwin’s facsimile of Trump-style misogyny was so accurate that two weeks later you could hear echoes of it in Trump’s defense of his disgraced former staff secretary, Rob Porter. Porter had resigned after both of his ex-wives accused him of physically and verbally abusing



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them, but just like Baldwin, Trump wasn’t convinced. “He says he’s innocent, and I think you have to remember that,” he told reporters last week. “He said very strongly yesterday that he’s innocent.”

This is the Trump-Baldwin dilemma: Do we believe powerful men who have everything to lose, or do we believe the women who risk everything by standing up to them? And to be fair, there’s something sympathetic about epistemic panic in 2018. Blindsided by a barrage of online fake news, we’ve all been flailing around trying to figure out what’s true and how to distinguish between facts and alternative facts. People like Baldwin and Trump think that this sort of uncertainty should absolve men of any concrete consequences for their actions. It’s telling that they don’t

apply the same level of scrutiny to Allen and Porter’s denials. There’s no reason why uncertainty should exclusively favor men facing accusations — not unless, like Trump or Baldwin, you’re a misogynist with a tainted history of your own to worry about. Trump (it seriously bears repeating) has been accused of sexual misconduct by 19 different women. Baldwin admitted last November that he has “bullied” women and “treated them in very sexist ways.”

In a way, Baldwin and Trump are mutual beneficiaries. Thanks to Trump’s candidacy and later presidency, Baldwin is enjoying a greatly expanded public profile — the best use of which, he evidently thought, was to go after Dylan Farrow. Simultaneously, Baldwin’s parody of Trump, while hardly flattering, has portrayed its subject as merely an oafish eccentric rather than the insidious hate-monger and threat to stable democracy that he is.

As quid pro quo relationships go, it’s admittedly pretty lopsided. But in light of their recent remarks, there’s no denying that they deserve each other. As Baldwin told Vanity Fair back in October, “In terms of the media, I’m Trump now. He’s not even Trump anymore — I am.”

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Food insecurity can’t be solved with canned goods

By James Lee
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Walking down Guadalupe Street, you probably wouldn’t think there’s a shortage of food on campus. There are tons of food trucks, fast food chains and hole-in-the-wall restaurants. Now you can even pick up groceries at Target. But there’s one thing seriously lacking on campus — access to food that is both healthy and affordable.

For most people, food security means having enough food to survive, but it’s more than that. For college students on a budget, the issue isn’t necessarily a lack of food altogether but rather a shortage of low-cost, nutritious food.

Nationally, 48 percent of college students experience food insecurity, and here at UT, the number of students with food-related needs is rising. First-generation students and students of color are disproportionately food insecure.

The University is lacking in practical solutions to food insecurity. The UT Farm Stand offers fresh local produce and educates students about sustainable food choices, but it only operates once a month. Later this year, Student Emergency Services will open the University’s first food bank, but it won’t include perishable items such as fresh fruits and vegetable.

Other schools have taken an innovative approach by opening student-run grocery stores, subsidized programs that offer wholesome food

choices at a low cost. At Cornell, Anabel’s Grocery is working to do just that. Anabel’s offers more than just canned soup and peanut butter — students have access to a range of nutritious food at a price they can afford.

In the tiny town of Cody, Nebraska, where the nearest supermarket is hours away, high school students created Circle C Market. Circle C operates much like Anabel’s — alleviating the struggles faced by food deserts that would otherwise not have access to nutritious options. Both initiatives also offer educational resources to help students learn how to make healthy, sustainable food choices.

Grocery options are particularly limited in West Campus, especially for students who don’t own a car. HEB is just a bus ride away, but hauling shopping bags around on public transit is not practical. Smaller stores like Wheatsville Co-op and Fresh Plus Grocery exist, but many students are priced out of these options, as they tend to offer mostly organic or locally-sourced food — which comes at a premium. Target is the closest source of fresh produce, but choices are limited and more expensive than most supermarkets. That leaves many students malnourished, running on a vending machine and 7-Eleven diet.

Food banks are a great resource for hungry students, but they don’t offer fresh produce or education about making healthy food choices. Student-run grocery stores may be the next big answer to food insecurity.

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COLUMN

The campus Guadalupe wall must come down

The culprit? The so-called “West Campus Wall,” a stone retaining structure that supports the landscaping on the western edge of campus. The wall is

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The Drag is the heart and soul of UT, and our side of it could be transformed into something so much more comfortable and welcoming.”

not very high or very imposing, but it’s built right up to the edge of the city-controlled portion of Guadalupe Street. And there is no room — or plan — to widen the sidewalk.

For students, this means walking down

Guadalupe will remain a lousy experience indefinitely. What a waste. The Drag is the heart and soul of UT, and our side of it could be transformed into something so much more comfortable and welcoming.

Just look across the street. The business owners on the Drag know that a wide, luxurious sidewalk creates an attractive space to walk and shop. So the sidewalk on their side of the street stretches 24-feet wide, and it comes complete with bicycle parking, B-Cycle stations and handy trash receptacles.

Healthy public space fuels a vibrant and dynamic university. Indeed, the 1970s regents who ordered the construction of the West Campus Wall understood this. According to African diaspora professor Edmund Gordon, the wall was built specifically to “control the student politics of that day” by restricting where people could enter the 40 Acres.

Imagine if our side of the Drag was not only easier to walk on, but also offered a landscape

more inviting than concrete walls and trees. Imagine if our campus was open to the street and our world-changing student activism, no longer confined to Facebook and Wildfire, was on display, front and center.

To get there, we have a lot of work to do. The 2013 campus master plan calls for narrower pedestrian crossings, which will make it much easier and safer to cross the Drag — but the West Campus Wall stays put, and the plan maintains the existing width of the sidewalk. Seven feet.

Flush with money from the 2016 mobility bond, the city of Austin is currently finalizing its plans to reconstruct Guadalupe into a brand new street. Now, more than ever, is the moment UT should undo a decades-old mistake and reimagine our side of the Drag as a truly inclusive and inviting public space.

President Fenves, tear down this wall.

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COLUMN

Civil dissent, outrage in response to ICE is needed

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In a four-day period last year, Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested 132 people in the Austin. Nationally, ICE arrests jumped from 110,568 to 143,470 between 2016 and 2017. This is one among many ICE-related problems that demand criticism. In response, more civil dissent — specifically from people who already possess the protections of citizenship — is necessary.

Recently, reports surfaced online that ICE raided nearly 100 7-Eleven stores in search of employees without documentation. Another video appeared online last month that showed ICE raiding a Greyhound bus, taking at least one woman into custody.

In December, Department of Homeland Security’s inspection of ICE facilities found problems with facility conditions, improper treatment of detainees and delayed medical care. Furthermore, ICE drastically underreported their arrests in Austin, reporting a number nearly three times less than reality.

As these events unfold, it is immensely important to monitor the activities of ICE and to be aware of any potential oversteps of power. Recently, immigrant rights groups have filed a lawsuit against ICE for allegedly targeting immigrant rights activists. If immigrant rights activists cannot speak out in their own defense without fear of deportation, it is up to U.S.-born citizens, who have protection from deportation, to help fill this role.

One must understand that people who immigrate to the United States are often simply trying to survive: Poverty and armed conflict are root causes of migration. People who immigrate are also less likely to commit crimes. Furthermore,

one must understand that our immigration system is severely broken. It is shortsighted to ask “why didn’t they just become a citizen” when some visa categories have a several decades long wait time. Projects such as the Texan’s “Negotiating Dreams,” which highlight the humanity of undocumented people, are vital.

Not only are a greater number of protests necessary but also protests with more participants. A few hundred people is not enough of response to mass deportations. Protests upon protests with thousands of participants are crucial.



“As these events unfold, it is immensely important to monitor the activities of ICE and to be aware of any potential oversteps of power.”

We have already seen that outrage can be effective. Overwhelming media responses to unjust ICE arrests, one a father whose son is battling leukemia, another a chemistry professor in the middle of his research, has resulted in them being allowed to stay in the United States for a longer period of time. This outrage should not be confined to people with special circumstances. It must be extended to the borderline humanitarian disaster that encompasses ICE’s current operations.

Texans responded to Senate Bill 4, which aimed to ban sanctuary cities, with a great number of

protests at the State Capitol. I remember handing out pamphlets to people, informing them of the legal rights in case they ever were to come in contact with ICE. Boldly, educators in Austin handed out similar flyers to their students last year. More activity like this should occur.

In our polarized political climate, where hate crimes are on the rise, it can be incredibly easy to become accustomed to otherwise abnormal events. It is in this climate that I am afraid tragic events, such as unwarranted deportations, have the potential to exponentially increase. Therefore, we must continue to be vigilant, angry and, most importantly, engaged.

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By Ryan Young
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Seven feet: narrower than some pickup trucks. That’s how wide the sidewalk is on the east side of the Drag. All for the sake of some waist-high dinky planter boxes on the western edge of campus.

Anyone who’s ever experienced the Drag at rush hour knows the gridlocked street is a traffic jam for vehicles and people.

When the sidewalk gets too crowded, we have to shuffle past one another. When we ride our bikes on the Drag, we have to dodge pedestrians stepping into the bike lane to escape that crowded sidewalk. When we wait for the bus to arrive, we have to stand in the middle of that sidewalk or sit on top of the wall, legs flailing about. Either way, we’re blocking others just trying to get by.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Longhorns sluggish in victory over Texas Tech

Texas starts slow, struggles with Big 12's worst team at home.

By Drew King
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Jatarie White decided to go exploring. The junior center typically roams the paint, scavenging inside for easy buckets no more than a step or two away from the rim. Texas Tech made them hard to come by early in No. 6 Texas' 87-72 win over the Red Raiders on Wednesday night at the Frank Erwin Center. Sophomore forward Joyner Holmes started in place of senior forward Audrey-Ann Caron-Goudreau, who was out with a bruised left wrist. Holmes doesn't have the same outside touch as her injured counterpart.

White tried to share the interior with Holmes. But after fighting through double teams on her first two makes, White knew she needed to venture into mid-range territory.

With 4:45 remaining in the first quarter, White received a bounce pass from senior guard Ariel Atkins just above the free throw line and rose for a jumper. The ball rolled around, hung on the front of the rim for an eternity, then fell in. She hit another jumper from the left elbow, going 4-for-4 in the first quarter and scoring eight of Texas' first 10 points.

"I've been getting in the gym a little bit more with Coach Tina (Thompson) and working on my shooting form," White said. "Also, noticing Coach (Aston)



Sophomore guard/forward Joyner Holmes leaps for a block attempt during the Longhorns' 87-72 win over Texas Tech on Wednesday night at the Frank Erwin Center. Holmes started in place of injured senior forward Audrey-Ann Caron-Goudreau, who has a bruised left wrist.

telling us that they were kind of closing in on the paint, flashing into the high post is just where I wanted to find the open space."

The Longhorns still struggled. Texas couldn't find the usual cracks in the defense without Caron-Goudreau's floor spacing. The Red Raiders ended the quarter leading 19-16.

Texas head coach Karen Aston shook things up in the second quarter. She started sophomore wing Jada Underwood at the power forward spot to open things up on offense. It worked — but at a cost.

On Texas' first possession, senior guard Brooke McCarty drove inside for an and-one

layout and made the ensuing free throw. Texas Tech responded on the other end with a layup of its own.

The Red Raiders pummeled the Longhorns in the post. Underwood and Atkins were too small to contain Texas Tech's 6-foot-4-inch senior center, Jada Terry, or 6-foot-6-inch

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sophomore center Erin Degrate. Terry and Degrate finished the half combining for 18 points.

"It's frustrating as a player not being able to — kind of just giving up easy one-foot points," White said.

Aston turned to 6-foot-3-inch freshman forward Rellah Boothe to plug the hole on defense. She

TOP PERFORMERS

PLAYER	PTS	REB	FG
Joyner Holmes	13	9	5-11
Brooke McCarty	13	1	5-13
Ariel Atkins	10	9	5-8

thrived. Boothe was enough of a perimeter threat on offense to keep her defender from sagging off, and she had the size to slow down Texas Tech's bigs on defense.

Boothe entered the game with 6:24 remaining in the half and Texas clinging to a three-point lead. Four different players scored on an 8-2 Texas run, including Boothe. The freshman came out a few possessions later at the 2:17 mark with the Longhorns leading 41-34.

"Rellah played some valuable minutes," Aston said. "When you have a night like tonight where people aren't clicking as well as they typically do or you need to rest some players sometimes, things like that, that's what a bench is about. I was very pleased."

Texas went to a 2-3 zone defense in the second half, fortifying the paint and forcing more turnovers that led to transition baskets. McCarty pilfered the ball on back-to-back plays and racked up six points to cap off a 10-0 run by the Longhorns late in the third quarter. The Red Raiders trailed by double-digits the remainder of the game.

White finished with 11 points and one rebound. McCarty tallied 13 points, one rebound and one assist.

SOFTBALL

Longhorns head to Mexico for Puerto Vallarta College Challenge

By Wills Layton
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From the 1980 USA Olympic hockey team to the 2005 Texas Longhorns football national championship team to the 2017 Houston Astros — what did all of these teams have in common? Undeniable chemistry.

The Longhorn softball team looks to bounce back from last weekend's pedestrian start to the season by heading to Mexico in hopes of displaying the kind of chemistry that championship teams need.

"We're ready," sophomore catcher Taylor Ellsworth said. "We've been practicing hard to come out everyday ready to work. Our chemistry this year is unbelievable. We're just ready to come out and play."

During last week's games, the youth of the team, especially in the infield, got its first taste of regular season action. Freshman Janae Jefferson got off to a hot start, recording a total of five RBIs over her first four games. Fellow freshman MK Tedder flashed the glove at third base.

The team chemistry has been a process to build this year. In the fall season, Texas' freshmen got their first taste of collegiate competition. But it wasn't the only way the team bonded together.

"The main thing that we did this fall that was kind of special was a triathlon," Erica Wright, a redshirt junior pitcher, said. "And at first we thought this is insane, we play softball, why



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Sophomore catcher Taylor Ellsworth sprints for first base during Texas' season-opening doubleheader last Friday in Austin.

do we have to do this? But honestly, it brought us together as a team, and it helped build us mentally as well as physically."

The players were not the only ones involved in the triathlon. The coaching staff also played a role.

"I was doing music and holding up signs and following them around," Texas head coach Connie Clark said. "But what a special experience that was for the athletes. Working through the triathlon was special for us because they got uncomfortable and learned they could get through tough things together."

The fall season and the experience already on the roster has the team looking forward to the rest of the season. The upperclassmen feel inspired to lead the youth of the team.

"I am excited to have fun on the field," senior captain Randal Leahy said. "I'm excited because our team chemistry has

been so amazing and the fall was awesome."

This upcoming weekend, the Longhorns will play Rutgers, Houston, No. 15 Ole Miss and No. 3 Oregon. Last year, Texas struggled to notch a signature win early in the season en route to an early NCAA Tournament exit.

Texas has a chance to not only exceed expectations this year, but also do something the 2017 Longhorns were unable to accomplish early last season, with two top-15 teams on the schedule this weekend in Mexico for potential signature victories.

"I think that we're young, and I think people are underestimating us a lot," Ellsworth said. "That being said, I think that we have more room to grow. We're very coachable and come out everyday ready to play. The bar is real high, and we are ready to reach it."

MEN'S BASKETBALL COLUMN



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Junior guard Eric Davis Jr. gets rejected at the rim by Baylor forward Jo Lual-Acuil Jr. during Texas' 74-73 double-overtime loss to the Bears on Monday night at the Frank Erwin Center.

After crushing loss to Baylor, Texas' season pushed to the brink

By Steve Helwick
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One play away, and it changed everything.

Tension lingered in the air at the Frank Erwin Center on Monday night. Frustration overwhelmed several members of the Texas roster following the Longhorns' 74-73 double-overtime loss to Baylor. A chair was punched, and a players-only meeting was held immediately after the game.

"We were one play away," Texas head coach Shaka Smart said after the loss. "When it doesn't go your way, you have to immediately analyze why and how to get better."

After over 49 minutes of fighting and almost clawing their way to a much-needed victory, the Longhorns saw their brief 73-72 lead in double overtime dissipate before their eyes when Baylor guard Manu Lecomte's layup rattled off the rim and into the waiting hands of Baylor center Jo Lual-Acuil Jr., who rose up for an uncontested putback slam.

The clock's life was limited to just 10 ticks, and Texas was unable to respond, allowing Baylor to prevail in Austin.

Lual-Acuil's dunk meant a lot more to this Longhorns team than just a devastating home loss. It meant their season.

After a statement victory over then-No. 12 Oklahoma in front of a sellout home crowd, Texas had everything trending in its favor. But in the nine days after, the

Longhorns dropped three straight games, including two home games to teams equal or lower to Texas in the Big 12 standings at the time.

On Monday morning, prior to the Baylor game, Joe Lunardi, ESPN's chief "bracketologist," listed Texas as a 10-seed in his projected NCAA Tournament bracket. But after Monday's loss, it appears unlikely that the 15-11 Longhorns can sneak into the tournament, which seemed to be a certainty just a month ago.

Texas' upcoming schedule consists of five games: three are on the road, three are against ranked opponents and four are against opponents Texas has already lost to this year. Road games against No. 23 Oklahoma and No. 13 Kansas seem like longshots with the way this Texas team has played away from Austin this season. No. 20 West Virginia, which shredded Texas by 35 points in the teams' first meeting, will pay a visit to Austin in the regular season finale.

The lingering question is this: how many games can Texas (15-11, 5-8 Big 12) afford to lose?

One way the Longhorns can clinch a tournament bid involves winning the Big 12 conference tournament in early March. But a more likely way is to earn a coveted at-large bid. In 2017, just four teams with less than 20 victories secured at-large bids, with Vanderbilt sporting the worst record at 19-15.

But the biggest problem with Texas dropping games

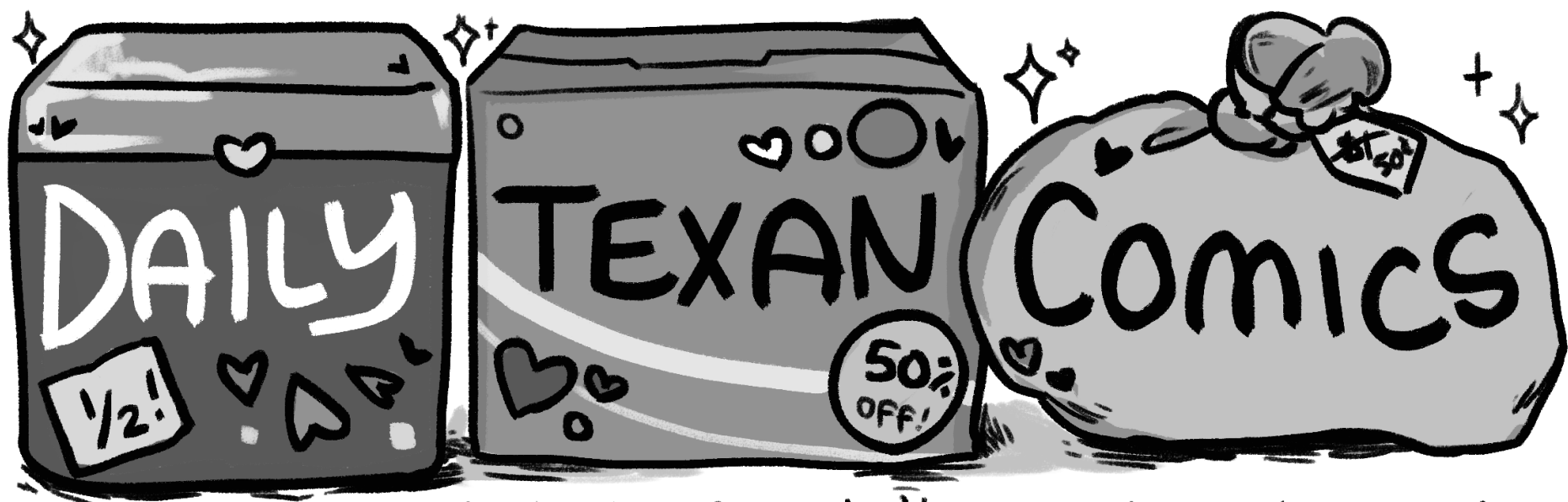
to Kansas State and Baylor — especially in its own arena — is that the Longhorns are feeding and providing fuel to their at-large competition. Texas now possesses worse conference and overall records than Kansas State and Baylor and the same record as Oklahoma State — the latter of the three aren't even in Lunardi's field of 68 yet.

Texas failed to separate itself from this competition, compiling an 0-4 record against the aforementioned opponents this season. And in most of those games, Texas was, as Smart said Monday night, just one play away.

If the Longhorns don't hear their name called on Selection Sunday on March 11, they'll likely lament on all of the game-changing plays that cost the team from creating greater gap between the win and loss columns.

Allowing two offensive rebounds and a game-winning tip-in against Oklahoma State in Stillwater, allowing an offensive rebound and a game-winning putback dunk versus Baylor on Monday, missing a potential game-winning free throw versus Duke and blowing a four-point lead in the last 50 seconds against Texas Tech in Lubbock are just a handful of sequences that could come back to haunt Texas.

Texas is 2-4 in one-possession games and 2-4 in overtime games this season. Perhaps struggling to close-out those games could provide a different, frightening closeout to Texas' 2017-18 season — the NIT.



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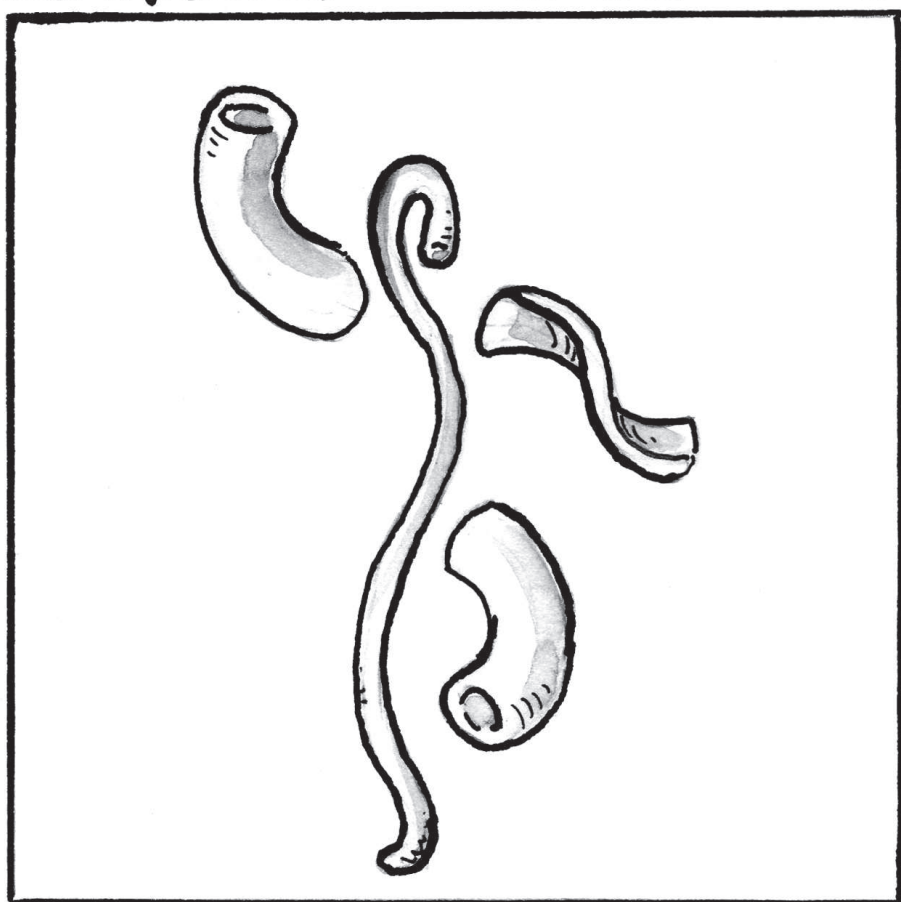
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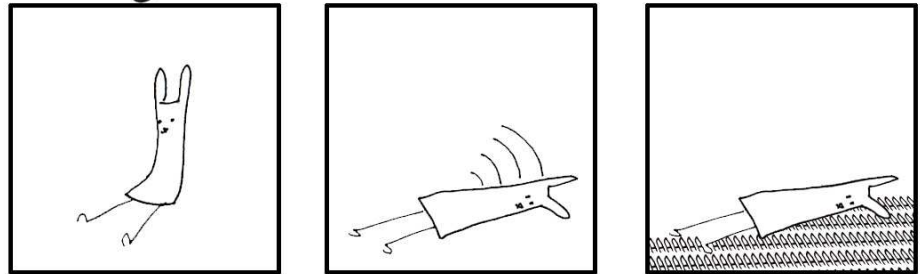


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Exchange of words
 - 7 Smart farm animal?
 - 14 Chevrolet model
 - 15 Warning during a heist?
 - 16 Washes against, as the shore
 - 17 In baroque fashion
 - 18 Gutterball?
 - 20 Afternoon social
 - 21 Pigeon—
 - 22 Filler ads, in brief
 - 24 Korean border area, for short
 - 27 Sinus doc
 - 28 Yukon or Sierra
 - 30 Opening word at many a conference
 - 33 Eric of old CBS News
 - 36 Flipped (through)
 - 37 Dinner at the end of Ramadan?
 - 39 Where Socrates lived
 - 42 Artists' oil sources
 - 46 Like Times Square on New Year's Eve
 - 48 Diet of Jack Sprat's wife
 - 49 "Doesn't excite me"
 - 50 Spanish uncle
 - 51 Elite team member
 - 53 Bowery boozier
 - 54 "The Spy Who Loved Me" org.
 - 57 Rug store promotion?
 - 60 Pacifics
 - 63 Establish
 - 64 Something bleeped out for television?
 - 65 Successful batter
 - 66 Knocked over
 - 67 Think about only one thing

- DOWN**
- 1 Works with pupils?
 - 2 "No one's with me"
 - 3 Digital media player that's "big" in New York City?
 - 4 Operated on, as the eyes
 - 5 Beauty product line with the slogan "Ageless"
 - 6 Cat, to Catarina
 - 7 Site of a 1955 "Pact"
 - 8 Comfort
 - 9 32-card card game
 - 10 Punta del (Uruguayan resort)
 - 11 Leading
 - 12 Fa follower
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ART

Sculptor showcases stick-woven art at Pease Park

Austinites gather to see sculptor Patrick Dougherty's latest work at local park.

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A mile from campus, five twisted, leaning towers stand in the middle of Pease Park. Warped and furnished with windows and walkways, the wooden structures create the illusion of being in a small maze. Equipped with jackets and umbrellas, dozens of Austinites, young and old, gathered at Pease Park Saturday afternoon to witness the ceremonial revealing of the community's latest art installation. The stick-woven, Dr. Seuss-esque structures titled "Yippee Ki Yay," designed by renowned sculptor Patrick Dougherty, have been turning heads for about a week. Commissioned by the Pease Park Conservatory with the help of fundraising and private donations, "Yippee Ki Yay" was designed to bring more visitors to the park as the conservatory gets ready to carry out a multi-phase renovation plan.



Members of the community assemble to enjoy the new stickwork sculpture, "Yippee Ki Yay."

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According to the CEO of Pease Park Conservatory Kristen Brown, Pease Park will start renovating the area known as Kingsbury Commons sometime next

year. Just over \$100,000, this addition is separate from the park's future renovation plans, meaning that without the help from the community, the art piece

wouldn't have come to fruition.

"When I look at this sculpture, it is symbolic of how many people it took to bring it here both dona-

tion-wise and volunteer-wise." Brown said.

Dougherty, the artist behind "Yippee Ki Yay," is responsible for similar

sculptures all over the world. He says his use of volunteers to construct his art helps tie each piece to the community.

"Using volunteers is central to the work," Dougherty said. "It helps embed the piece in the community. If you have people work on it in that community, they feel a little more feelings for it and they put their heart and effort in it."

In terms of the sculpture's name, Dougherty said he was inspired by the Texas hill country where the invasive Roosevelt Weed used for the sculpture was gathered from.

"We decided that we needed a cowboy's salutation," Dougherty said. "People like to say it."

Austin resident Bill Dorman, a 72 year-old retired contractor, is not only one of the volunteers responsible for building the structure, but also one of the few who have been tasked with its upkeep, as the towers are expected to deteriorate over the course of the next two years.

Dorman lives just down the street from the park, and he, along with a few others, will be consistently trimming stray twigs so that the sculpture remains safe for visitors. For the veteran contractor,

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FASHION

Students cultivate personal identity through fashion choices

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As students roll out of bed and get ready for class, comfort is usually the only thought that goes into choosing an outfit. But for some, developing a distinct personal style is their way of establishing individuality. "Conformity" is a word that tends to have a negative connotation assigned to it. But in reality, it's a word that is good in moderation, according to social and personality psychology professor William Swann. "Most of the conformity that happens in life isn't particularly problematic," Swann said. "It's when you negate the sweater and wear it anyway, that's when you lose personal agency."

Swann said conformity is a part of life, like driving on the right side of the road. But when conformity becomes too invasive, it can inhibit a student's ability to develop a sense of self.

Political communications junior Malcom Thomas said that he considers his personal style to be "unorthodox." He said his goal is not to conform to any norms that society has placed on him.

"If someone has that confidence, they can be

unapologetically themselves," Thomas said.

Giselle Villarreal, textiles and apparel design senior and president of the University Fashion Group at UT, said she believes it is hard for students to try and find their individuality in today's world of social media.

"With blogging, right now, you could literally buy someone's outfit from head to toe," Villarreal said. "So many students are doing that instead of ... branching out on their own."

The line between conformity and inspiration can seem like a small one, but

to Thomas, there is actually quite a big difference between the two.

"When you're conforming you don't really take into account how you're presenting yourself," Thomas said. "But when you're inspired by something, it leads you to be innovative and make it your own."

Thomas said Kanye West and Pharrell Williams inspire him because they aren't afraid to be different, but that the weather is the deciding factor when he chooses an outfit.

"If it's sunny, I'll wear, like,

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HISTORY

Looking back on key figures in African American history of UT

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UT has a long and troubled history when it comes to the integration of the campus. However, many black alumni, faculty and organizations have paved the way to change that history. Here are a few influential figures in UT's history who helped open doors for today's black population on campus.

Heman Sweatt

Heman Sweatt's iconic case Sweatt v. Painter started it all. On May 16, 1946, Sweatt sued UT's law school after it rejected his application, claiming the school violated the 14th Amendment of the Constitution by advising he apply to lesser schools. The courts said the school did not have to accept him, but rather give him an alternate law school to attend.

UT and Texas A&M University had helped establish The Texas State University for Negroes, but Sweatt refused to go because it was unequal. He attempted to have his case reheard in 1948, but it was dismissed, as the Court determined public schools had the right to segregate. Finally, in 1949, the case was brought to the U.S. Supreme Court where attorney Thurgood Marshall



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stated that higher education in Texas did not exist for black people during the time. The Court ruled in Sweatt's favor, and he was admitted the following year.

Sweatt never obtained his degree because of emotional and physical stress placed on him by the case, but his case caused other black students to apply to UT, leading to integration in 1955. The University became the first major public university to integrate in the South in 1956.

Dr. Ervin Perry

UT hired its first black faculty member, Ervin Perry,

in 1964 after he earned his PhD from the school of Civil Engineering. According to Perry's nephew Gene Locke, his uncle was an extremely intelligent but humble man whose character was loved by the school. Later, when President Hackerman created the Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs, Ervin was named the chairman. After Perry's untimely death in 1970, the new main campus library was named the Perry-Castañeda Library upon its completion in 1977.

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TELEVISION

Netflix original sees Snoop Dog impact lives of football youths

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Directed by William J. Saunders and Rory Kaupf and written by Kaupf, Netflix Original "Coach Snoop" offers a rare picture of iconic rapper Snoop Dogg in a drug and alcohol-free environment where he uses his wealth and influence to improve the lives of members in his youth football league in an engaging and realistic manner.

The documentary series follows Snoop's league, an after-school football program serving inner-city Los Angeles youth that he founded as they make their way through the season. The players come from various backgrounds and have unique issues concerning the absence of parents in the home, educational struggles and grief.

The series profiles some of

the players and brings their stories to life, with some of the boys having absent fathers or losing close family members early on in their lives. Snoop Dogg said one of his goals in creating the team was to improve the lives of the players by keeping them out of trouble and actively improving themselves.

The way the coaches talk about their players implies they believe the team to be the best thing they have going on in their lives. While this may be the case for some of the players, the parents speak passionately about the time and effort they put into their children. This feels, at times, as though it is negating any efforts the parents are making to give their children better opportunities. This may be a case of not capturing the full picture, as the parents and coaches spend much of the series arguing about how the players should be treated.

Head coach Snoop and his assistant coaches will talk to their players the way the players talk to each other, which is vulgar. An interesting approach to mentorship and coaching, Snoop says this was inspired by the time he spent "in the street" as an adolescent in an area rife with gang activity. It further focuses the point of a rough upbringing being applied to both coaches and players.

The strengths of the show become apparent in individual interviews, when cameras are brought into the homes and private lives of not only the players but their parents as well. The hurt in their voices when talking about lost loved ones, passion in regard to the children and desire to see them succeed is clearly sincere. This takes what would be a run-of-the-mill football documentary with a celebrity sponsorship and transforms it into a truly touching and



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Each episode of "Coach Snoop" opens with a recollection of Snoop Dogg's childhood, which he says inspires the way he coaches his team.

authentically captured story.

The docuseries offers a rare view of Snoop Dogg in an environment completely at odds with the majority of his career. It is also worth watching to see the young players being given the opportunity to travel, learn discipline and as Snoop Dogg

says in one of the episodes, to have values instilled in them which would have been absent from their lives otherwise.

Overall, the series is entertaining, with just enough everyday drama to keep viewers on the edge of their seats as long as they are willing to

"COACH SNOOP"

EPISODES: 8

SCORE: ★★★★★

overlook the tumultuous dynamic between coaches and parents.