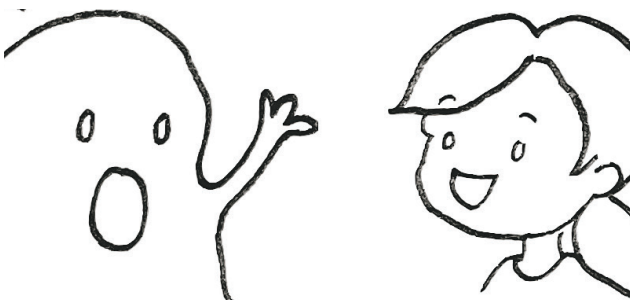

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POLICE

Police plan No Refusal enforcement

By Will Clark
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The Austin Police Department's No Refusal policy extends through Halloween tonight, which the Austin Police Department expects will lead to a higher number of DWI arrests.

APD DWI Coordinator Mike Jennings said because Halloween falls on a Monday, the Department decided to extend the No Refusal policy for four days, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Friday through Monday. The policy means even if a driver refuses a breathalyzer, the police will apply for a search warrant for blood samples, which the driver can't refuse.

Jennings encouraged people going out on Halloween to plan ahead and find a safe ride home. Jennings also said the DWI arrestees usually aren't college students because many students use public transportation or ride-hailing services to get home.

"There's always something going on here in Austin," Jennings said. "Our thing is not trying to prevent people from enjoying those deals, but what we do want people to understand is if you are going to go out, just find another ride home."

Jennings said a lot of people don't actually understand what No Refusal means.

"If we get a search warrant, you don't have an option at that point," Jennings said. "That's why it's called

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Marshall Tidrick | Daily Texan file photo
The Austin Police Department has extended their No-Refusal policy through tonight.

FOOTBALL | TEXAS 35-34 BAYLOR

Longhorns spoil Baylor's perfect season

By Michael Shapiro
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Saturday's matchup with Baylor wasn't the first time Charlie Strong's back has been against the wall.

Texas' head coach heard the rumors regarding his job security following Texas' 7-50 loss to TCU in 2015. He faced similar scrutiny later in the year as Texas sat at 4–7 prior to the season finale against the Bears.

In both instances, Strong's team won a marquee game for its coach. A 24-17 win over undefeated Oklahoma gave Strong his first signature victory on the 40 Acres before he beat the Bears to finish the season on a high note.

Strong faced more insecurity over his job status this week following Texas' 24-21 loss to Kansas State, a loss that dropped the Longhorns to 3–4 and put a serious dent in their

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Stephanie Tacy | Daily Texan Staff
Texas players put their horns up after Saturday's 35-34 victory against Baylor. Texas handed Baylor its first loss this season.

SYSTEM

Activists condemn methane emissions

By Van Nguyen
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Close to 15 pro-environment activists from Environment Texas dressed as zombies and polar bears from a post-global warming world and marched outside UT Chancellor William McRaven's office Friday asking for cuts to methane emissions from oil and gas companies on land leased by UT in West Texas.

Environment Texas, an environmental advocacy group, hosted the protest, which lasted from 12 to 1 p.m., in hopes of bringing more attention to the methane emission issue.

According to a report by Environment Texas from fall 2015, as many as 4,132 wells on the University-leased land have been subject to high-volume fracking which Environment Texas considers to be one of the "worst industry practices" due to its negative effects on the environment and public health.

Director of Environment Texas Luke Metzger said he met with Mark Houser, CEO of the University Lands Office, who shared no interest in advancing the dialogue about decreasing methane emissions. Houser invited the group to visit the lands in West Texas earlier this month.

"We're happy to [visit the University lands] if they're interested in starting a dialogue about how they can act on our recommendations and do something to cut the pollution, but thus far they haven't

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CAMPUS

Black students perform in 'Culture Shock'

By Wesley Story
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Students and members of the Austin community filled Hogg Memorial Auditorium Friday night to see a wide variety of performances by black UT students.

The African-American Cultural Committee hosted "Culture Shock," an annual showcase of black art and talent. The event's purpose was to embrace and celebrate the multitude of cultural talent in the black community, allowing organizations and individuals an outlet for expression without the pressure of competition.

The committee is an organization under Campus Events and Entertainment dedicated to raising awareness of black culture.

"It's important to know who you go to class with," said Tyeria Evans, committee outreach chair and ecology sophomore. "Being aware of other people's cultures, their backgrounds and where they come from makes campus more inclusive as a whole."

The African-American student population at UT is only 3.9 percent, according to the 2015 student profile on the UT website.

Nneka Iheanacho, a biology junior and one of the audience members, said she attended the event last year and wanted to return because of what it means to the community.

"It's hard to find events on campus that pertain to African-American students because we are such a small community," Iheanacho said. "Sometimes people can forget that we actually exist here, so I think events like this are great because they allow you to get in touch with humanity."

Iheanacho said her favorite performance was a rendition of a young girl's childhood in the middle of

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Junior communications major Wande Isola performs an original song at Culture Shock. The annual showcase celebrated the multitude of cultural talent in the black community.

Zoe Fu
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CAMPUS

Venezuelan student reflects on elections

By Lisa Dreher
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Editor's note: This is the sixth profile of a series The Daily Texan is publishing during the 2016 election season, featuring a wide variety of student political perspectives. Beginning with the first day of early voting, Oct. 24, the series will run up until Election Day, Nov. 8.

Many UT students idly shuffled along the early voting line last week, but international student Marielisa Figuera Saggese's friends back home are taking to Venezuela's streets, pushed back by their own police.

"The student movement over there is one of the biggest factors when it comes to political expression," Saggese said.

Saggese, an international relations and global studies and Latin American studies junior, moved from Venezuela to Houston two years ago. She then moved to Austin this summer, where UT students are voting early while her homeland undergoes political unrest and anti-government sentiment.

Earlier this year, Venezuelans called for the ousting of president Nicolas Maduro, only for the country's congress to block their referendum.

Now, the pressure against their government to reopen their request has mounted in protests and violent encounters over the past few days.

"I won't deny that I haven't cried a lot when it comes to watching the news," Saggese said. "I'm supposed to go back in December. I'm worried about how I'm going to find my country and is it safe for me to

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Participants of the Día de los Muertos parade show off the hydraulics of their cars.

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shown any interest and that's why we're really turning our attention to McRaven, [who] oversees University Lands," Metzger said.

McRaven had not responded to The Daily Texan at the time this article was published.

Government and history sophomore Juan de Hoyos joined Environment Texas as an intern after signing a petition created to bring attention to the pollution in West Texas.

"I don't know [McRaven's] point of view, but there must be a good reason why he hasn't said anything [regarding the pollution]," De Hoyos said.

A Student Government resolution calling for McRaven to publicly support cutting the methane emissions in half was passed in September with only three opposing votes.

University Lands manages 2.1 million acres of land in West Texas for the benefit of the Permanent University Fund, which is considered to be one of the largest University endowments in the U.S., benefiting over 20 institutions in the UT and Texas A&M Systems, according to their website. More than half of the land is leased to oil and gas companies.

In a UT System press release in September, Houser said Environment Texas' accusations are "unscientific" due to the lack of proper sourcing in their report. He also said in the release that University Lands follows EPA regulations as well as employing additional requirements.

"We go above and beyond what state and federal regulations require because it's the right thing to do and because we will own these lands forever for the benefit of the state and public higher education," Houser said in a press release. "Development activity on University Lands, primarily from oil and gas operations, has generated billions of dollars in revenue that, over the years, has and will continue to provide great opportunities at the twenty-plus UT and A&M institutions across the state."

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No Refusal."

Humanities and Spanish senior Raquel Burgett is the president of Sober Behind the Wheel, an organization that started last semester as a memorial to a student who died in a drunk driving accident.

Burgett said her organization tries to approach the issue of drunk driving in a realistic way.

"We don't want to tell anyone not to drink," Burgett said. "We don't want to tell anyone not to have a good time because realistically that's not going to happen."

Burgett said the organization has tried to prepare students for Halloween by spreading the message of planning for a safe way home, but she doesn't expect everyone to follow its advice.

"We anticipate that this is going to be a big weekend of lessons and of unfortunate circumstances," Burgett said.

Last year, Austin police made 41 DWI arrests during Halloween weekend, according to a press release.

"People don't usually go out with the intention of committing DWIs," Jennings said. "It's one of those things that happens because you are out and haven't planned well."

Burgett said people sometimes overlook the risks when they're dressed up and celebrating Halloween.

"Being in costume and not being yourself seems to give license to acting out of what you would consider to be your normal range of fun," Burgett said. "Halloween is scary, and it's not just because of the ghosts and goblins."

Burgett also said that with the absence of Uber and Lyft, it's a lot less convenient for students to find a way home.

"Without having the ease of transport like Uber and Lyft had, students feel like they don't have much of a choice," Burgett said. "There are options but a lot of those options [for example] include relying on an unreliable bus system in the middle of the night."

Chemical engineering freshman Jake Byers helped his friends get home safe this weekend by being a designated driver.

"Sometimes it feels like a pain," Byers said. "You don't want to be the guy who's singled out as having to drive, but it makes you feel good in a way that you're able to take care of your friends and make sure everyone gets home safely."

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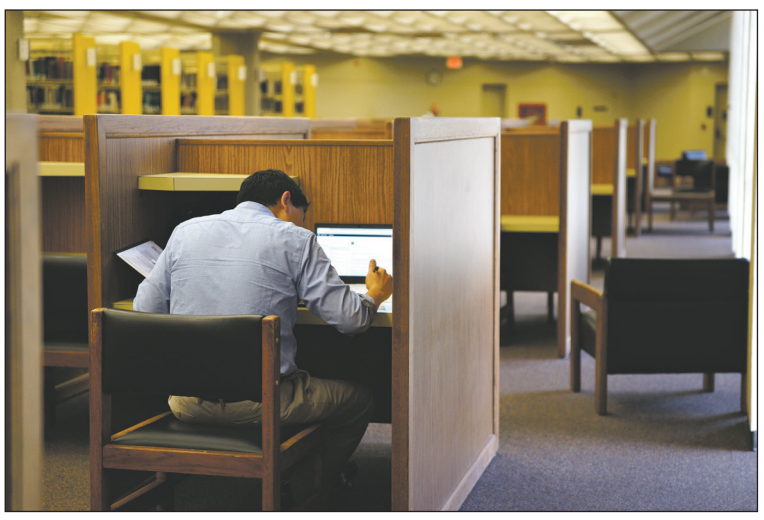

Technology such as Find My iPhone helps University of Texas Police Department recover stolen devices.

Graeme Hamilton
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Tracking technology provides limited recovery possibilities

By Katie Keenan
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Tracking down stolen electronic devices is becoming easier thanks to software such as Find My iPhone, which assists the University of Texas Police Department with recovering stolen property.

"We've had really good success with being able to locate and track the movement," said UTPD Officer Chris Miller. "I think just last week we got someone's camera bag with the cell phone in it. The iPhone app was on and working properly and we had good success up until a half block radius."

The precision of device locator applications is not perfect and usually only pinpoints a general area or building, according to Miller. If the phone is dead, the app is unable to locate it. Distinguishing between floor levels or individual rooms within a building is difficult when using Find My iPhone, although Miller said it's a matter of time before such specific information will be accessible via this kind of software.

"As law enforcement recovering lost or stolen property, we would love for it to be like, 'Hey, it's here, behind this tree here,' but the technology hasn't caught up 100 percent yet, but it's well on its way," Miller said.

Advanced methods of device tracking are also available to UTPD, although they are primarily used as a last resort, typically in life-threatening situations, said UTPD Assistant Chief Peter Scheets. Software like Find My iPhone is only available to iPhone users, making law enforcement agencies cognizant of other ways to track down Androids or flip phones. UTPD did not give details regarding how these advanced tracking tactics are put into effect; however, even if a phone is dead, officers have the capability to locate it if the situation warrants such an effort.

"Law enforcement has the ability to track those types of electronic devices, whether they're being used or not being used, depending on the severity of the situation, can kind of increase what means we use to track that item," Miller said. "There's gonna be some criminal offense taking place; police aren't just tracking phones to track phones."

In certain cases, students have taken matters into their own hands by using Find My iPhone to track down the thief, after which they eventually confront him or her or scare them away. Both scenarios can potentially have negative repercussions, either leading to a physical altercation or increasing the chances of the perpetrator's escape. Scheets strongly advised against taking any action before calling the police.

"We ask that [students] contact us and we have a process — we'll put numerous people in the area and then we'll ask you to ping it or take some action to help us identify who is holding onto it or where the exact location is," Scheets said.

The most effective way to ensure the retrieval of a stolen item would be to record the serial number of each electronic device and store it in a safe location, Scheets said.

Etching a more familiar number, such as a driver's license identification number, onto personal items like bicycles is a service offered by UTPD.

"On any property, record your serial numbers," said UTPD lieutenant Greg Stephenson. "If it is something that doesn't have one, apply a personal number. This helps us identify it either when found on a suspect or in a pawn shop."

CAMPUS

Students support South African girls with ongoing feminine product drive

By Brianna Stone
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Lack of access to feminine sanitary products could have a huge impact on the education of a South African school girl, and UT's Fearless Leadership Institute is helping to break this educational barrier through a donation drive.

The drive began Oct. 1 and concludes today. The drive was inspired after five of the Institute's members studied abroad in South Africa summer, including co-director Thaïs Moore.

"So many young girls in Cape Town are dropping out of school, because they can't afford sanitary products and it broke my heart," Moore said. "Our drive started off slow, but last week our donation bin was full."

Moore takes part in the Cape Town study abroad program every other year. This summer, Moore said she grew close with a woman who worked at a battered women's shelter and wanted to help whenever she reached out.

"We haven't received as many [donations] as we'd like, but even if it can keep just two girls in school for the rest of the year, that would be great," Moore said. "Our main objective is to love on young women. You can accomplish anything with love."

Business sophomore Dayjah Harris, an Institute member of two years, traveled outside the country for the first time when she studied abroad and said the experience changed her worldview.

"Being in South Africa allowed me to open my mind," Harris said. "Being in America, we just focus on issues that we have here. Being in Cape Town and seeing issues that are faced of people in different countries, it just opened my mind up."

Harris spent a lot of time visiting schools and helping at a battered women and children's shelter.

"The girls in school out there, when they have their cycles, they don't get any type of sanitary products, such as pads and tampons, so they can't go to school," Harris said, "This causes a lot of the young girls to drop out, leading to a lot of crimes and violence against them because they're often unsupervised. This drive is to try to stop that problem from happening at such a high rate, to allow for these girls to get their education."

Radio-television-film sophomore Destiny Goss said her experience abroad made her realize she had a passion for helping women and children who are victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, and she hopes to create her own nonprofit mentoring program.

"The experience was life-changing," Goss said. "It made me appreciate the things I have more than I've ever done … FLI is amazing. It is an organization to help young women who need growth. Every woman of color should join. It's very empowering."

Donations, such as tampons, pads, sanitary napkins and similar products, can be taken through 5 p.m. today to the Main Building Room 22 or SSB 4.400.

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the Hutu and Tutsi conflict in Rwanda.

"Being the child of an immigrant, I can sort of relate to a lot of the struggles that [immigrants] go through, especially with skin color," Iheanacho said. "I feel that [the performance] really shed a light on that strife."

The event had a variety of artistic expressions including dancing, singing, spoken word and a hip-hop fashion show.

The committee has hosted other events this semester, including a discussion with Sanya Richards-Ross, UT alumna and five-time Olympian.

Business freshman Kirsten Scott, step performer and model with Hip Hop Couture, said she thinks the events the committee puts on are important because they bring awareness to a culture that does not get much attention at UT.

"Black people have a lot of talent that's overlooked and overshadowed by other people because people tend to ignore black culture as a whole," Scott said. "If you don't interact with black people, all you have to know about them are stereotypes."

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go back or am I going to face a culture shock."

Given her uncertainty about her country's future, Saggese said students here must appreciate America's relatively civil, democratic voting process.

"Being here and seeing how peaceful everything is here … it's not like over there where you have college students rising up a lot against the government," Saggese said.

Saggese said there is only one voting day in Venezuela, so the many chances for U.S. citizens to participate surprised her.

"You can do early voting, you can do voting by mail, things like that," Saggese said.

Andrea Garcia | Daily Texan Staff

Originally from Venezuela, Marielisa Figuera Saggase appreciates the amount of voting done in the United States.

If she could vote, Saggese said she would support Hillary Clinton because she believes Donald Trump's aggression is akin to the behavior of the previous Venezuelan dictator.

"Trump reminds me a lot of the former Venezuelan president, Hugo Chávez, in the way he expresses himself," Saggese said. "I wouldn't like to have to repeat [that] story here."

CAMPUS

Pharmacy team wins national title, cash awards at business competition

By Sunny Kim
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The Tower glowed burnt orange Wednesday to celebrate a team of pharmacy students that won UT's first national title at a business competition on Oct. 16.

"When I found out our team placed top three I was pleasantly surprised," pharmacy student Heather Rozea said in a text message. "[But] I was so unbelievably excited when we got first place. The outpouring of support and accolades from alumni, faculty, staff, our dean and the students was heartwarming and I never felt more proud to be a longhorn."

The student team included pharmacy students Jennifer Ma, Rozea, Brittany Corbell, Taylor Dean and Jigar Satasia. They were all enrolled in a class titled "Pharmacy Business Plan Development" during the spring semester, which helped them learn the business aspects of independent community pharmacies. The team, along with their regular coursework, submitted its business plan to the Good Neighbor Pharmacy NCPA Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition in early May. In October, the team and faculty advisor Nathan Pope attended the National Community Pharmacists Association's annual conference in New Orleans for the final presentation.

The competition consisted of teams representing 46 schools nationwide, according to UT News. Each team had to submit a written business plan to either buy an existing independent pharmacy or establish a new one.

The NCPA student chapter received a cash award of $3,000 for their victory, while an additional $3,000 will be given to the College of Pharmacy.

"We are very committed to student pharmacist professional development, and the funds will be used for that purpose," said M. Lynn Crimson, dean of the UT College of Pharmacy, in an email.

Ma said the biggest challenge to prepare for the final presentation was working around everyone's busy schedules.

"It took a lot of time and dedication to put our presentation and speech together," Ma said in a text message. "We scheduled weekly video conference meetings [on Google Hangout] that eventually became daily meetings."

Ma said she learned important skills in the competition that will hopefully help prepare her for a future career in the pharmaceutical business.

"Team work, leadership skills, financing and marketing are all important skills that will enable me to be a successful pharmacist, and possibly pharmacy owner one day," Ma said.

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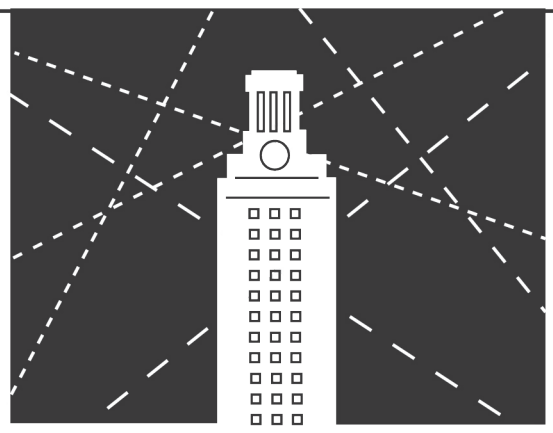

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Ongoing Repercussions of the Texas Tower Shooting

KUT's "Texas Standard," the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History and KLRU-TV, Austin PBS, present a community forum exploring the debate on guns since Charles Whitman's 1966 mass shooting on the UT campus.

This interactive dialogue, hosted by journalist Judy Maggio, will feature a historian, and producers of radio and film documentaries on the tower shooting.

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EDITORIAL

YCT fails to use first amendment productively

By The Daily Texan Editorial Board
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Protestors gather around the Young Conservative bake sale in the West Mall on October 26. The bake sale was deeply offensive to many students and some have called for the suspension of YCT.

Katie Bauer
Daily Texan Staff

The issue of race in college admissions is tied to the University of Texas at Austin more so than almost any other school in the country. The policy of separate but equal began to fall after a black student sued for admission to our law school in Sweatt v. Painter. The suggestion that our black students haven't worked as hard as white students to get into our University is offensive and logically flawed because our own legal history suggests the opposite.

We wrote about why affirmative action is necessary, even if imperfect, in our June 27 editorial in response to Fisher v. University of Texas. This University offers unparalleled resources compared to other schools in our state. To not take into account the value of a diverse student body and the barriers to success that students of color face would be a mistake. In making their decision, the Supreme Court of the United States recognized that race-blind admissions policies hurt diversity.

Yet despite UT's policies, black students still make up only 3.9 percent of the student body, and the majority of them did not benefit from affirmative action.

So when our University's branch of Young Conservatives of Texas holds a protest against our admissions policies styled as a bake sale, as they have several times before, it makes sense for our campus's students to be more than upset. While affirmative action is an imperfect policy, scrapping it entirely makes little sense.

Even more upsetting is that the group chose to be intellectually dishonest in their arguments. In their press release following the event, they cherry-picked previous Supreme Court cases that struck down certain applications of affirmative action but failed to mention the Fisher decision in an attempt to falsely portray affirmative action as unconstitutional as a whole. One would not cite Dred Scott v. Sandford or Plessy v. Ferguson. Their reluctance to acknowledge decisions they disagree with shows that they are not interested in having a productive discussion.

And the policies that underpin this aside, the protest itself was certainly distasteful. Assigning monetary values to minority students is dehumanizing, and it delegitimizes their admission and contributions to the University.

But we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge that this political protest is their constitutional right. The First Amendment gives strong protections to speech and stronger protections to political speech. While students at the protest may have said things that constitute hate speech which would not be protected, the act of protesting affirmative action itself through the conceit of a debate sale is undoubtedly protected by the constitution, and the University would be wrong to take action against them for that.

Although the protest could understandably be taken in an offensive manner, it was intended to express an opinion against affirmative action, not necessarily the individuals which the policy intends to help. Opposition to affirmative action often stems from ignorance rather than racism, although these two ideas are greatly interconnected. But by no means does this mean we condone it: the protest was poorly executed and failed to initiate any meaningful, nonpolarizing dialogue. The Young Conservatives has held these bakes sales before, and the students organizing the protest should reasonably know what the reaction will be. For them to repeat such a bake sale under the guise of furthering the dialogue on affirmative action is disingenuous at best.

> Just like we oppose campus carry for the dampening effects it can have on debate on our campus, we oppose action against the Young Conservatives for protesting policy.

However, considering affirmative action is a campus-centric issue, students should engage in dialogue regarding it. The University is charged with developing the state's and nation's policymakers. Students should be educated about the policies that affect universities and understand why they are in place, and affirmative action is no exception.

Just like we oppose campus carry for the dampening effects it can have on debate on our campus, we oppose action against the Young Conservatives for protesting policy. Our University needs a free and open exchange of ideas among a diverse student body to best achieve its mission. While we oppose the Young Conservative's actions, our mutual right to have that discussion is far more important.

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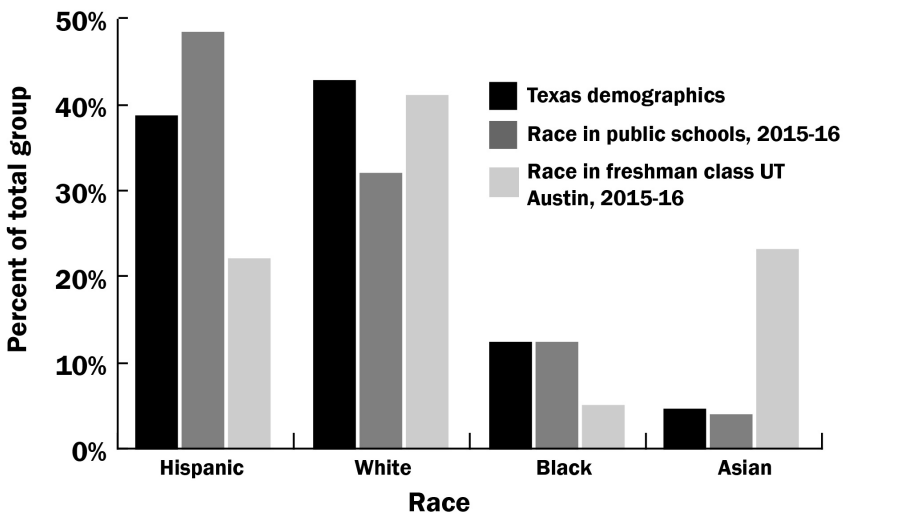

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Students must stand up to peers engaging in hate speech

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Last week, the Young Conservatives of Texas at the University of Texas at Austin protested affirmative action by organizing a bake sale with prices based on race and gender. They created a sign that put financial values on certain groups of people based on race and ethnicity.

This inherently racist sale occurred previously in the years 2004, 2008 and 2013 by the same organization. The fact that it was organized again this year shows that racism is still present at the University.

"Inherent privilege comes for people like me, white cisgender males," Student body president Kevin Helgren said in an interview with KVR News. "Affirmative action helps to fight that and even the playing field."

The bake sale was condemned by hundreds who stood in support of affirmative action. Although members of the Campus Climate Advisory Board considered the event to be "offensive, inaccurate, and hate-filled," wholeheartedly condemned the event, it's up to students at the University to stand up for others' rights. Organizations such as the Young Conservatives will continue to host events insinuating racism and staying within the bounds of the First Amendment. Events such as racist bake sales will momentarily give students a wake up call, and the organization will likely continue

The Campus Climate Advisory Board forwarding a statement the next morning will never be enough. Our students deserve much more. The protest was full of emotion — from exasperation to disheartenment. But most of all, minorities on campus were tired. Time and time again they are reminded that they will never be treated with the inherent white privilege that Helgren mentioned.

"The quality of an education here at the University of Texas hinges on and is affirmed by the differences that our peers bring forth both within and beyond the classroom," Helgren said. "Affirmative action helps us recruit a more talented and diverse student body, and trying to suggest that it doesn't is pretty disheartening."

The bake sale organized by a few racists was met by the hundreds of students and faculty alike that stood in protest against racism. Protesters fought in support of affirmative action for hours. Although the nature of the bake sale was offensive and hurtful to minority students like myself, seeing such a huge crowd of protesters form within minutes superseded the sadness caused by the nature of the sale. Racism will likely always be a part of society but seeing a much larger group supporting minority students spoke volumes about the values of the majority of Longhorns.

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COLUMN

Offensive protests won't solve racial inequality on campus

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The Young Conservatives of Texas at UT titled their press release about Wednesday's bake sale "YCT-UT Starts Dialogue on Affirmative Action," and I laughed. While they were legally within their First Amendment rights, the group did not mean to start a dialogue. They meant to start a fight.

The Young Conservatives has a history of racially charged events: this is the group that tried to bring us the "catch an illegal immigrant game," and they held the same bake sale in 2003, 2008 and 2013. The 2013 bake sale happened on the West Mall, and the only change in setup Wednesday was the absence of a sign stating that the purpose of the event was to discuss affirmative action.

The organization received the same response from campus media and university officials at the end of the 2013 bake sale. The Texan Editorial Board called it a "childish stunt," and Gregory J. Vincent, University Vice President for Diversity and Community Engagement, issued a statement calling it "inflammatory and demeaning."

In their press release, Young Conservatives chairman Vidal Castañeda equates affirmative action and institutional racism.

"It is insane that institutional racism, such as affirmative action, continues to allow for universities to judge me by the color of my skin rather than my actions," he said.

In he same way that the group has co-opted the phrases institutional racism and colorblindness, they are also misusing the word dialogue.

Creating signs evocative of Jim Crow-era sentiments is not the way to start a constructive dialogue. Counter-protesters responded with anger and frustration, feeling attacked rather than engaged. During a Facebook live stream posted by Yerim Ashley Choi, an international relations and global studies senior, young conservatives members called for calm while an off-camera protester yelled, "There's no point in educating you. There's no point in trying to have a civil discussion with you!"

> We should work toward a UT where we stand up for what is right when an entity tries to resurrect hatred and misinformation under the guise of starting a dialogue — a UT where students feel a duty and connection to their peers that drives them to protect each other's rights.

This event wasn't meant to be about an exchange of views. It was created for shock value. If anything, it was meant to recruit people who may harbor the same underlying racist justifications for certain political stances.

While counter-protesters engaged in inappropriate behaviors as well, reactions like tearing up the bake sale's price sign are understandable, even if they were out of line.

I don't think damaging [the Young Conservatives'] property was okay," English freshman Caitlin Smith said. "But I think the bigger issue is systematic racism."

A total of more than 280,000 people have now viewed Choi's live stream of the counter protest. In the video you can see the counter-protestors are not just one color or one ideology. The people who stood up to the Young Conservatives look and speak differently from each other, but they stood together.

We should work toward a UT where we stand up for what is right when an entity tries to resurrect hatred and misinformation under the guise of starting a dialogue — a UT where students feel a duty and connection to their peers that drives them to protect each other's rights. What's truly saddening about this incident is the fact that, clearly, we are not yet to a point where we can assume that UT students genuinely want to engage in a conversation with those who have different viewpoints. We will not reach true equality without the tolerance and understanding that comes from engaging in true dialogue.

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Highball. Though they cannot guarantee anything will happen, Cordeo and Lucio try to create a fun and stimulating environment for their audience.

"It's like playing Marco Polo in the dark," Lucio said. "We're like 'Marco' and we're just waiting for something to come back and say 'Polo.' Sometimes it's scary. Sometimes it's emotional. Sometimes it's funny. We never know what'll happen."

Lucio, who got a degree in psychology and sociology, spent three years following and studying ghost hunters and psychics around the country. He said he enjoys seances because they reflect a tumultuous time in American history when science was used in a seemingly irrational way: to contact the dead. He said visitors are interested in seances because it gives them a chance to take a break from a plugged-in, modern world.

Cordero and Lucio often use a ouija board and radio tuned to white noise as a way to communicate with spirits. Cordero said these objects can reveal anything from initials of a deceased person's name to full messages. One time, an audience member noticed letters on the ouija board spelled out the initials and birth date of a person who had recently passed. Then, the radio suddenly switched to a Mexican radio station playing Selena.

"As it turned out, the person she had been thinking about, the person whose birthday that was, it all came together," Cordero said. "Selena was the mother's name of the person she was thinking of."

An affinity for the unknown seems to run in the family. Dyer used to work as a "mentalist" with her father on South Congress Avenue to help pay for tuition. When she was growing up, Cordero would lock her in the Davenport cabinet — the same one that now stands at the Vortex — to make contact with the great beyond during private seances for family friends.

"The first encounter with the Spirit cabinet was terrifying," Dyer said. "I was secured inside the armoire with all of the shelves taken out of it. Locked chains would be wrapped around the cabinet. Then the lights would go out and we would begin to conjure spirits."

Cordero emphasizes that the seances don't prove the existence of ghosts but can suggest the possibility of life after death. Austin Seance hopes to encourage audience members to become comfortable with the inexplicable.

"If during these events, something strange happens, maybe it [was] a ghost," Cordero said. "Maybe it's something in their own heads, but who are we to say? We just offer that experience to them. We'd like to think there's something there. Like Fox Mulder says 'We want to believe.'"

CAMPUS

Mailman delivers the goods, reflects on work, family life

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Editor's note: In 300 words or fewer, this series spotlights people in our community whose stories typically go untold.

By Daisy Wang
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Chase Karacostas | Daily Texan Staff

Elbert Johnson, a mailman for the United States Postal Service, has earned the nickname "Uncle E" from the UT community.

By day, Elbert Johnson proudly dons his uniform and greets the many familiar faces on his mail route. By night, he's a devoted family man and passionate artist.

For 18 years, Johnson has delivered mail to the UT area, earning him the nickname "Uncle E" around campus.

Before that, starting in 1976, Johnson served in the U.S. Army for four years, including a 33-month deployment to Germany.

While in the military, Elbert met his future wife on the highway. She was driving with her headlights off, and he tried to warn her. Later that night, he ran into her at a club in Wichita Falls, Texas, where they exchanged contact information.

"She tried to get me to go outside and pull up her car for her," Elbert said. "I told her, 'Hey, I'm no valet parking,'

One year later, they began dating and eventually married after five years.

"She's my backbone now," Elbert said.

Prior to his military service, Elbert developed a passion for painting and drawing.

Elbert majored in mechanical drawing at Cameron University, but he never pursued art full-time due to financial concerns, something he says he still regrets. The post office offered better pay, and he decided to pursue that career instead.

"Instead of going for the money, I should've went after my first love," Elbert said.

But art isn't his only love. He and his wife now have four kids, and Elbert's only daughter graduated from college in 2013 — one of the most impactful events in his life.

Though Elbert plans on becoming a full-time artist after retirement, as of now, he's content with his career as a mailman.

"You meet different people and I feel like I learn different things every day from UT students," Elbert said. "I just love the job."

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tell her to ignore her perfectionist tendencies and relax or to just give her a taste of their humor for the day. In the past, she said they have also taken on a more protective role.

Once, a disgruntled guest had trouble locking his room at the end of his stay, which Bickford believes was the spirits' way of playing with him. As soon as he checked out, she tried the key and the door opened immediately. According to Bickford, the guest didn't have the open-mindedness that the hotel and its spirits usually attract.

"It's the old souls [who stay at the inn]," Bickford said. "The people that want [a] different [experience] … who love nostalgia. No one that comes here is going to get a normal experience."

Kelly Houston, longtime friend of Bickford and operations manager for the hotel, neither confirms nor denies the existence of the spirits.

"We don't want people going, 'Oh God, they have ghosts there,'" Houston said. "We want them to know that it's all in good fun. A lot of the stuff that goes on around here, you can't explain it. At the same time, there's probably an explanation. I don't claim to know anything about all that, because anything is possible."

Although Bickford and Houston initially had reservations about sharing the inn's history with potential guests, they later decided to reveal it to those who ask.

"I think people of the new age are excited about it," Bickford said. "They are thinking more outside the box now and it's not so strange anymore. [It's] more fun."

As Bickford has become more familiar with the spirits at the inn, she has become determined to let them stay.

"I've never told [the spirits] to leave," Bickford said. "They help me take care of the place and the safety of my guests. People seem to have a good energy when they leave."

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the existence of some of the punk pioneers in music. Amongst the group is The Cramps, a long-lived punk rock act out of Sacramento, California, led by Lux Interior until his death in 2009. As a part of the early CBGB movement, they were not only one of the first punk bands but were also known for their role in the creation of the niche genre psychobilly, that combines punk with rockabilly and rhythm music.

Their sole hit "Surfin' Dead" wasn't written for release on an album, but rather as a contracted track for the 1985 horror comedy film "The Return of the Living Dead." The off-track featured Poison Ivy, who played both guitar and bass. Her surf-infused riffs drive the song, bringing new energy to the track and making it a straightforward crowd pleaser.

"Monster Mash" – Bobby "Boris" Pickett & The Crypt-Kickers (1962)

It's hard to think about Halloween without this novelty song. Bobby Pickett accidentally ran into the inspiration for this song when he delivered a monologue on stage with his band in the style of horror actor Boris Karloff. After a warm reception from the audience, Pickett took the monologue and turned it into the song that would define his career.

"Monster Mash" is narrated by a mad scientist who just created a new monster. The monster rises from its resting place and manages to create a new dance, giving the scientist an idea to throw a party for all of the other monsters to show off his creation. Not only did "Monster Mash" hit No. 1 on the charts, it also became a staple of Halloween parties for decades to come.

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FOOTBALL

Longhorns continue to shine at home

By Tyler Horka
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Athletic director Mike Perrin gave head coach Charlie Strong a proud hug on Joe Jamail Field Saturday evening. Both displayed Texas-sized grins as they walked off the turf at Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium.

Strong's team had just knocked off No. 8 Baylor in thrilling fashion. Perrin chimed in with the students in the south end zone chanting, "Charlie! Charlie!" as the embattled Strong held his horns high walking up the tunnel.

Strong has seen this act before. It happened in week one when Texas sent then-No. 10 Notre Dame packing after a dramatic double overtime victory. The fans chanted his name again when Texas trounced UTEP in week two by 34 points.

What happened between the Longhorns' 2–0 start and their unexpected upset of Baylor has, however, sparked anything but elation in Longhorn nation. Texas entered the tilt with Baylor with only one win in its last five games, showing no signs of a potential upset over the Bears. But Strong still believed.

"It's not a program that is going backwards," Strong said. "It's a program that's headed forward, and it's a program that is going to be a special."

Strong's statement holds true, to an extent. His team has looked special at times — but only at home. All four of his squad's victories have come at home, while playing on the road has been a different issue throughout Strong's tenure in Austin. Texas holds a 1–7 record in true road games in the last two seasons.

"We have to play better on the road," Strong said. "We just haven't — that's where our Achilles' heel is right now, just playing well on the road."

Road woes aside, Texas has collected wins of this magnitude before, only to later fall flat on its face and fail to capitalize on the momentum of derailing a highly-ranked opponent.

Texas stunned No. 10 Oklahoma in the Red River Showdown last year. Then the Longhorns finished the remainder of the season 3–3, failing to become bowl eligible.

And the win over then-No. 10 Notre Dame this season lost value as the season progressed. The win shot Texas up to No. 11 in the AP Top 25 Poll, but the Irish now boast a lousy 3–5 record. Coupling that with Texas' mediocre 4–4 mark is akin to deflating a child's balloon moments after airing it up.

But Texas found a way to come around and obtain a potentially season-altering win. The task now is to build on it and to avoid the cataclysmic setbacks that have plagued the Longhorns in the past. Junior running back D'Onta Foreman said the team's head is in the right place to do so.

"We just always believe," Foreman said. "We never let outside noise interrupt what we want to do … things haven't been going our way for the most part, and we just have to keep fighting."

Stephanie Tacy | Daily Texan Staff
Junior running back D'Onta Foreman runs the ball on Saturday in Texas' 35-34 victory against Baylor. Foreman rushed for 250 yards against the Bears.

Texas must carry its fundamentals and sound play on the road to keep Longhorn nation believing, too. The team has infused fans with optimism before, only to let them down with lackluster performances away from home.

But junior tight end Andrew Beck said it's about time Texas silences the doubters and secures a much needed win outside the confines of Austin.

"We haven't been great on the road so far," Beck said. "But we've matured as a team as the season has rolled on that I think guys understand now that we have to be able to carry this onto the road. We've been pretty good at home, but obviously a road win is due for us."

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bowl aspirations. But Strong's team came through when it needed a win once again on Saturday, defeating No. 8 Baylor 35-34.

"I have a good team, and I have a special team," Strong said. "I have a team that I really care about and a team that really cares about me. It's not a program that's in disarray, which many of you think."

Texas and Baylor traded two touchdowns apiece in the game's first five and a half minutes, as the Longhorns relied on the Foreman twins to shoulder the offensive load.

Each of the Longhorns' first nine plays ended with the ball in the hands of either junior running back D'Onta Foreman or junior wide receiver Armanti Foreman. The latter hauled in the Longhorns' first touchdown of the day, while D'Onta Foreman sprinted into the endzone for a 37-yard touchdown on the team's second possession.

But the game's early offensive onslaught quickly gave way to a defensive stalemate. Both teams went nearly 20 minutes without scoring, turning the ball over three times while combining for six punts.

"There was a little frustration for us," freshman quarterback Shane Buechele said. "But we moved past it. It wasn't a problem, we just had to focus on everybody doing their job."

Texas gained a nine-point lead in the second quarter on D'Onta Foreman's second touchdown run of the day. He continued his spectacular season against Baylor, scampering for 250 yards on 32 carries.

Saturday's contest marked the tenth consecutive game in which Foreman cracked the 100-yard mark. The Texas City product also reached 1,000 yards for the season, making him the first Longhorn to do so since Jamaal Charles rushed for 1,619 yards in 2007.

"We've had a lot of great [running] backs that have came here before me," Foreman said. "To say that I've reached 1,000 yards [in a season] at the University of Texas, I was so proud."

Baylor held a 34-26 lead with eight minutes to play, but the one-score lead wasn't enough. Texas pulled within two on a touchdown toss from Buechele to tight end Andrew Beck before taking the lead on a 39-yard field goal from kicker Trent Domingue with under a minute to play.

Texas' defense held on for one last drive, stopping Baylor senior quarterback Seth Russell and Baylor's attack. When the clock struck zero, Texas had fought back to .500, sitting at 4–4, 2–3 Big 12.

Saturday's win took Strong off the immediate hot seat, but there's still no guarantee of future success. Texas followed its win over Oklahoma in 2015 with a 0-24 loss to Iowa State and, this year, lost three consecutive games after topping then-No. 10 Notre Dame and jumping to No. 11 in the polls in September.

Strong insists he isn't overreacting to one win. Instead, he is focusing on how he can improve his program, one week at a time.

"Those guys just have to battle the noise," Strong said. "It's going to be special one of these days when you watch this program really take off."

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VOLLEYBALL

Texas falls to Kansas for first Big 12 loss

By Leah Vann
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Horns down hand signs flew up in the air Saturday as the Jayhawks stormed the court.

No. 6 Kansas had just defeated No. 2 Texas, which came into the match undefeated in Big 12 play. The Longhorns and Jayhawks traded blows during the five-set match, but Texas ultimately fell to Kansas for its first loss since Sept. 18.

"I think a lot of us have realized we need to give more on the court," senior outside hitter Paulina Prieto Cerame said.

Texas' outside hitters dominated the game in the opening of the match. Prieto Cerame kicked off the first set with two-straight kills. Freshman outside hitter Micaya White added three more kills to the count while Prieto Cerame continued her groove to give the Longhorns a 12-8 lead. The Jayhawks closed the gap to 18-16, but the Longhorns ran away with the set, 25-17.

But the second set was different. The Jayhawks claimed an early 6-3 lead and continued to extend it after multiple Longhorn service and attack errors. Texas fell into a seven-point deficit at 12–5 and struggled to climb within reach for the remainder of the set. The Longhorns had a stretch of four-straight errors during the set, enabling the Jayhawks to secure a 25-11 victory.

The most hard-fought battle came in the third set. The Longhorns trailed the Jayhawks by four points at three separate times during the set, but kills from the outside kept them within reach. An ace and a kill from White eventually brought Texas ahead 21–19, but several errors cost the Longhorns, allowing the Jayhawks to win 27-25.

> "I just want to win the Big 12. That's a team goal for us. I think there's pressure with it, but I think it's just knowing what we're capable of.
>
> —Chole Collins, Senior Setter

Texas held Kansas to a negative hitting percentage in the fourth set. White — who had a game-high 25 kills — led the Longhorns to an early 5-0 lead. Texas didn't look back, going on to score a 25-12 win in the fourth set.

But mistakes cost Texas yet again in the fifth set. Junior outside hitter Kelsie Payne took control for the Jayhawks, capitalizing to form an early 8-5 lead. Six errors and Kansas defense sank Texas as Kansas took the final set 15-10.

Despite the loss, the Longhorns still have high aspirations for the rest of the season.

"I just want to win the Big 12," senior setter Chloe Collins said. "That's a team goal for us. I think there's pressure with it, but I think it's just how we handle it and just knowing what we're capable of."

The two teams are now tied for first place in the Big 12. Texas takes the court to battle TCU at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Fort Worth.

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Kevin Vaccaro
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"Hook em to the haters. 🤘"

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Soccer ends season with loss to TCU

Texas' season came to an end Friday night despite scoring two first-half goals.

The Longhorns (8–9–1, 1–6–1 Big 12) knew they could solidify a spot in the Big 12 tournament with a win, but also knew their season would come to an end with a loss to the Horned Frogs (10–5–2, 2–5–1 Big 12). Texas and TCU both had a lot on the line — and both teams played like it.

TCU got on the board in the first five minutes. The Longhorns turned the ball over on the defensive end and gave the Horned Frogs a 2-on-1 break. TCU sophomore midfielder Karitas Tomasdottir passed it to junior forward Emma Heckendorn, who sent the ball into the back of the net, giving TCU an early 1-0 lead.

Texas responded four minutes later. Senior midfielder Julia Dyche sent the ball into the box, which ended up landing right in front of sophomore defender Chelsea Surpris. Surpris didn't hesitate and fired a shot from 25 yards out to tie the game at 1-1.

Texas continued the momentum and scored again in the 12th minute. A long throw-in bounced around the six-yard box, and junior midfielder Morgan Murphy managed to slide the ball into the left edge of the goal to give the Longhorns a 2-1 lead.

But TCU found the net right before the half, sending the match to 2-2 going into halftime.

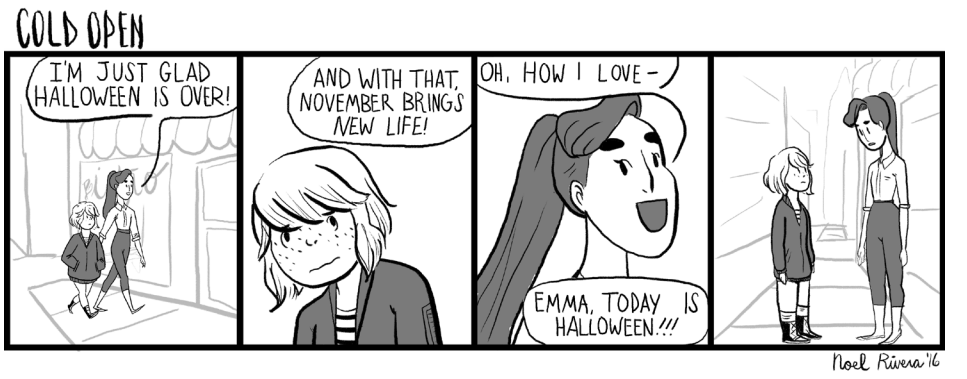
The second half started at a slower pace, but TCU scored in the 63rd minute. TCU junior forward Allison Ganter headed it in from four yards out, giving the Horned Frogs a 3-2 lead.

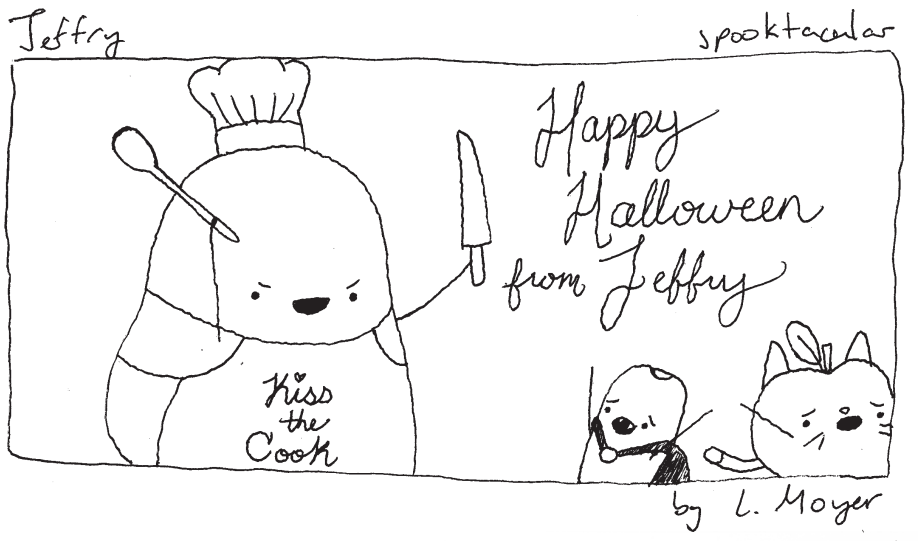
Texas had several good looks to even the match but nothing to show for it. TCU ran out the clock and handed Texas a 3-2 loss to end the season.

After Texas Tech defeated Oklahoma Friday night, the Longhorns fell to ninth in the conference — one spot back from qualifying for the Big 12 tournament. Texas' loss marks just the second time the team has finished the season below .500 since 1999.

—Alex Briseno

SPOOKY TEXAN COMICS





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The New York Times Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Diminishes in intensity
7 Resident of Oman or Yemen
11 Breaks you wish would end?
14 "Sweetheart"
15 Protein-rich vegan staple
16 "Do ___ disturb" (motel sign)
17 *Iron Man's love interest
19 ___ Jima
20 Mean dog sound
21 Hit one out of the park
23 Trim, as a photograph
26 *Intimate chitchat
29 Old-fashioned address organizer
31 Most correspondence nowadays
32 Unsettled feeling
33 Actor McKellen
34 Display
37 Ford Escape or Jeep Cherokee, for short
38 "Shut up already!" . . . or what you can do to the start of the answer to each starred clue
42 Cheer at a fútbol match
43 Goes out with
45 Slip-___
46 Mistreat
48 Disney fawn
50 Diminished in value, as a currency
52 *Annual Thanksgiving Day run
55 Refuse to admit
56 Copper + zinc
57 Came to light
59 "Deadly" offense
60 *Knit headwear that may have a tufted ball at its end
66 Stephen Colbert's Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow, e.g.
67 Part of the roof where icicles form
68 ___ Beach, Calif.
69 Admonition in a movie theater
70 Shadowbox
71 Former celebrity

DOWN

1 Concert haul?
2 "Ciao"
3 Swiss mountain
4 Number one position
5 Fair and balanced
6 Mexican shawl
7 Ring-shaped reef
8 Spoil
9 Sternward
10 Complete rubbish
11 *Classic comedy set at the fictional Faber College
12 Carpentry pin
13 Bird on a birth announcement
18 ___ fixe (menu notation)
22 Soul singer Redding
23 Lacking refinement
24 Charming scoundrel
25 *Offer of reconciliation
27 Page (through)
28 All: Prefix
30 Prosecutors, briefly
33 "No ___, ands or buts"
35 Jimmy ___, reporter for the Daily Planet
36 Like overgrown gardens
39 ___ Keith, singer with 20 #1 country hits
40 Gram or dram
41 Indenting computer key
44 Fifth Avenue retailer
47 Perpetual troublemakers
49 Pigsties
50 Nerd
51 Prima ballerina
52 Cookbook amts.
53 Dickens's ___ Heep
54 Indy 500 car
58 Chips and popcorn, in commercialese
61 "Singin' in the Rain" dance style
62 Fertilizable cells
63 Sever
64 Santa ___, Calif.
65 72, for many golf courses

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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KEEP AUSTIN SCARED

ALUMNI

Austin Seance owners, patrons flirt with ghostly conjurations

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In an inconspicuous shed at the Vortex playhouse rests a homemade Davenport spirit cabinet — an apparatus used to contact spirits. Years ago, UT alumnus Jake Cordero would close his daughter inside to conjure ghosts for private audiences.

Now, Cordero and his best friend Albert Lucio are the spiritual guides of Austin Seance, the city's only seance company. A seance is a gathering of people who attempt to communicate with the dead with the help of a medium or special equipment. Austin Seance uses equipment from or inspired by the American Spiritualist movement to make contact with the beyond.

Lucio and Cordero met on South Congress Avenue when Cordero and his daughter Sofia Dyer, a Plan II senior, were performing as street psychics. They connected over a deep fascination with the American Spiritualist movement and the occult. Every season, Austin Seance offers a peek into the supernatural world with shows at the Vortex and

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UT alumnus, Jake Cordero, left, and Albert Lucio of Austin Seance perform seances for audiences at the Vortex theater. The duo use a variety of objects, such as ouija boards, to communicate with spirits.

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CITY

Pearl Street inn houses benevolent, fun spirits

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Jill Bickford, owner of Austin's Inn at Pearl Street, believes friendly spirits inhabit her property. Bikford has owned the hotel since 1994 and is determined to let the spirits stay.

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Jill Bickford, owner of Austin's Inn at Pearl Street, checks in guests, prepares the deck for twilight dinners and tidies boutique-styled rooms — all in the presence of a few friendly spirits.

"There's another life here at the Pearl," Bickford said. "We get phone calls from potential guests saying, 'Now I understand that your place is haunted,' and then we always say, 'Well we have very good spirits here, very humorous, very friendly' … That's what we'd like to pass on to guests that come."

The property, which Bickford purchased in 1994, used to be the private residence of 26th Judicial District Judge Charles A. Wilcox and his family around 1914. During the inn's original renovations, Bickford said a plumber told her he saw a beam of light that resembled a woman in a white dress carrying twin boys up the staircase. Bickford believed the woman was Stella, Wilcox's wife.

Although the sighting occurred years ago, Bickford is still often made aware of the spirits' presence. Recently, she went into one of the bedrooms alone to adjust the towels on a rack before leaving momentarily. When she returned, the towels had been haphazardly pushed to the side.

"The most recent sighting was just yesterday," Bickford said. "They're here, they're floating around as light and energy. I have all these questions, but I haven't had any conversations with any of them except episodes of them letting me know they're still here."

According to Bickford, the spirits may have been trying to

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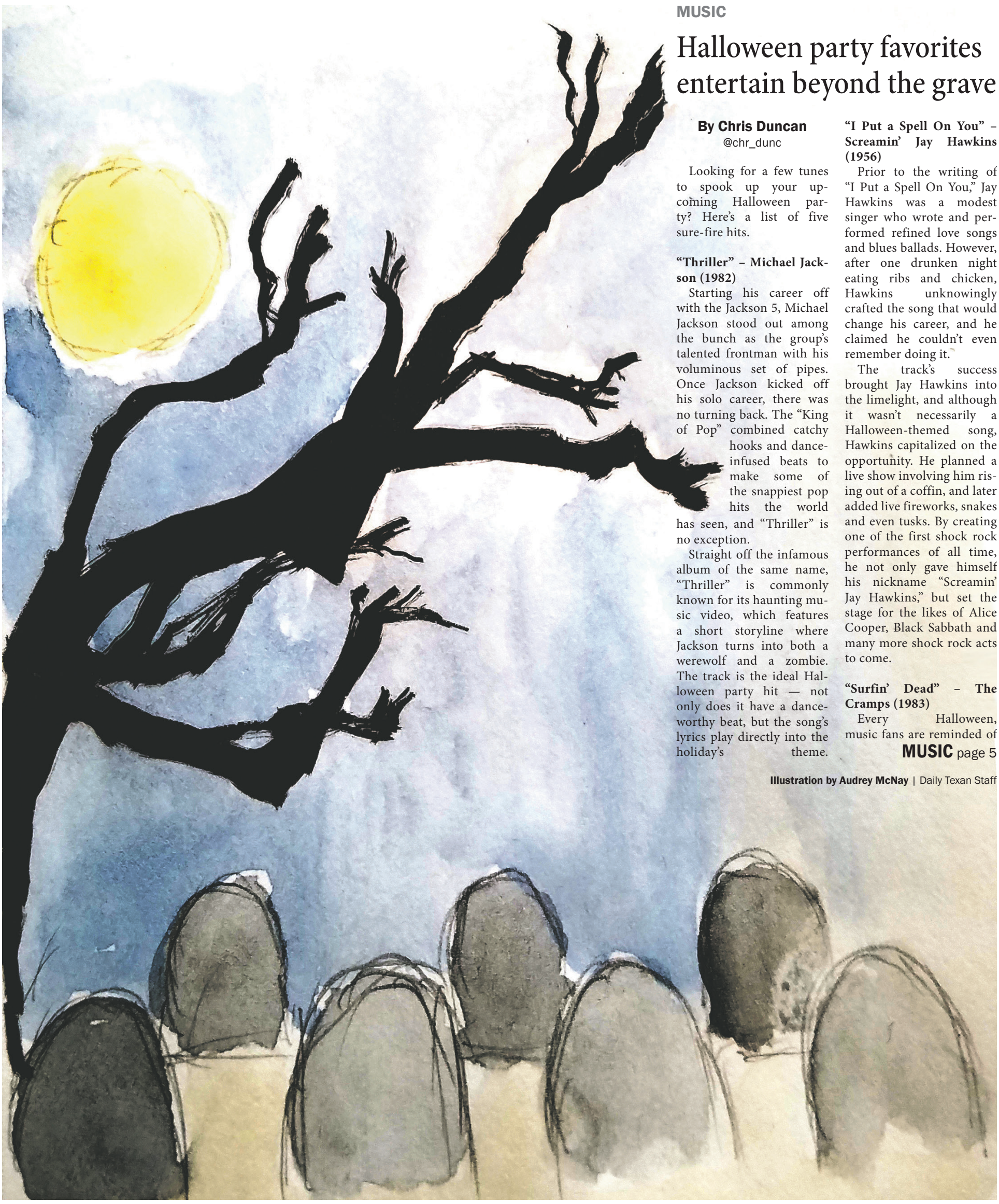

MUSIC

Halloween party favorites entertain beyond the grave

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Looking for a few tunes to spook up your upcoming Halloween party? Here's a list of five sure-fire hits.

"Thriller" – Michael Jackson (1982)

Starting his career off with the Jackson 5, Michael Jackson stood out among the bunch as the group's talented frontman with his voluminous set of pipes. Once Jackson kicked off his solo career, there was no turning back. The "King of Pop" combined catchy hooks and dance-infused beats to make some of the snappiest pop hits the world has seen, and "Thriller" is no exception.

Straight off the infamous album of the same name, "Thriller" is commonly known for its haunting music video, which features a short storyline where Jackson turns into both a werewolf and a zombie. The track is the ideal Halloween party hit — not only does it have a dance-worthy beat, but the song's lyrics play directly into the holiday's theme.

"I Put a Spell On You" – Screamin' Jay Hawkins (1956)

Prior to the writing of "I Put a Spell On You," Jay Hawkins was a modest singer who wrote and performed refined love songs and blues ballads. However, after one drunken night eating ribs and chicken, Hawkins unknowingly crafted the song that would change his career, and he claimed he couldn't even remember doing it.

The track's success brought Jay Hawkins into the limelight, and although it wasn't necessarily a Halloween-themed song, Hawkins capitalized on the opportunity. He planned a live show involving him rising out of a coffin, and later added live fireworks, snakes and even tusks. By creating one of the first shock rock performances of all time, he not only gave himself his nickname "Screamin' Jay Hawkins," but set the stage for the likes of Alice Cooper, Black Sabbath and many more shock rock acts to come.

"Surfin' Dead" – The Cramps (1983)

Every Halloween, music fans are reminded of

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