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CITY

Faculty donations favor state race

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University faculty and staff have contributed less than \$8,000 to major candidates in the Austin mayor's race this year, significantly less than the total amount of contributions to the state race for governor.

Texas Ethics Commission data on UT employee contrib-

utions to political campaigns shows more than 120 individuals who have contributed a total of more than \$20,000 to primarily support state Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, and the Travis County Democratic Party in the governor's race. Meanwhile, information filed with the Austin Office of the City Clerk shows more

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Steve Adler
Mayoral candidate



Sheryl Cole
Mayoral candidate



Mike Martinez
Mayoral candidate

VOLLEYBALL

Streak snapped: Sooners sweep Texas

By Nick Castillo
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After the volleyball team won a record 34th straight home game against TCU on Wednesday, the streak was snapped as Oklahoma swept No. 2 Texas (26-24, 26-24, 26-24) on Saturday.

The Longhorns came out strong but never managed to find consistency in front of a record-setting crowd of 4,402. While the Sooners gave Texas trouble throughout the game, the Longhorns' own errors hurt them the most, as they committed 15 attack errors, 14 service errors and two blocking errors.

"I thought we did fine," head coach Jerrett Elliott said. "[But] we missed seven serves in game one, and that kind of became a stress level for us and carried over to all parts of the game. We were never able to get the composure that we needed, and we were on our heels from that point on."

In the opening set, Texas had its foot on the gas as



Mike McGraw | Daily Texan Staff

Khat Bell, senior middle blocker and outside hitter, slams the ball over Oklahoma's blockers Saturday at Gregory Gym. Bell recorded nine kills and six blocks against the Sooners, who dealt the Longhorns their first home loss in 35 competitions.

senior outside hitter Haley Eckerman opened the game with three kills, and the Longhorns had a 10-5 lead. But, the errors began

to mount, and Texas lost its rhythm. The Sooners fought their way back into the game and tied the set at 19.

The match went back and forth, but Oklahoma got the best of Texas and claimed the set, 26-24. The Longhorns

committed seven service errors, three attack errors and one blocking error in

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CAMPUS

Graduate students have organized demonstrations in coordination with international condemnation of the disappearance of 43 Mexican students in Iguala, Mexico.

Itzel Alejandra
Martinez
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UT grads rally for missing students

By Christina Noriega
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Following the disappearance of 43 Mexican students in the Mexican city of Iguala last month, University graduate students have organized a series of demonstrations calling for the safe return of the students and for an immediate investigation into the case.

In coordination with a global day of solidarity, Luis

Vargas Santiago, art history graduate student, along with various U.S. academics, asked Mexican faculty members around the world to sign an open letter to the Mexican government condemning the State's role in the disappearance of the students.

"We realized we needed to do something," Vargas Santiago said. "We needed to express our support within the global days of action, so we thought of a letter that

summoned the voices of different academics throughout the U.S."

According to National Public Radio, students from a teachers' college for low-income and indigenous youths in Ayotzinapa commandeered several buses on Sept. 26 on their way to Iguala, where they planned to fundraise money to attend an annual march in Mexico City.

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CAMPUS

Faculty members speak at entrepreneurship assembly

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The Graduate Student Assembly invited two UT faculty members to talk about their experiences as entrepreneurs at an event Friday.

Sriram Vishwanath, electrical and computer engineering professor, and Louise Epstein, managing director of the Cockrell School of Engineering's Innovation Center, shared their advice on being successful in entrepreneurial business.

According to Vishwanath, it is important for those aspiring to start their own business to take an idea and run with it. Vishwanath said second guessing ideas is the number one reason for any entrepreneur's downfall.

"Take your idea from your lab [and] from research projects to the market," Vishwanath said.



Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff

Sriram Vishwanath, electrical and computer engineering professor, speaks to graduate students about being an entrepreneur at the SAC on Friday evening.

According to Vishwanath, there are seven common ways one can ruin his own business, such as not having focus or communication and being stubborn.

"You are your company's PR," Vishwanath said. "You represent your company, so make sure you are always

thinking of your company as the centerpiece."

Epstein, a former Austin City Council member, also spoke about how entrepreneurs represent their company.

"Things have to fit into a plan of sorts," Epstein said.

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Moderator Lincoln Michel discusses the science fiction novels of Ofir Touché Gafila and Jeff VanderMeer at the Central Presbyterian Church as part of the Texas Book Festival on Saturday.

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than 25 University faculty or staff who have contributed a total of around \$7,750 to major mayoral candidates Steve Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole and City Council member Mike Martinez.

People who make gubernatorial campaign contributions are required to disclose their employer, but those who donate to mayoral campaigns are not. It is possible that the number of donations is underestimated because of the different filing practices by the city and state.

Victoria DeFrancesco Soto, visiting scholar at the University who researches political behavior, said voters tend to follow and support candidates competing in statewide and national elections even though citizens have a greater likelihood of being able to influence local politics.

“Our attention is always drawn to the top-of-the-ticket folks — in the midterm, to the gubernatorial candidates [and] maybe the senate races,” DeFrancesco Soto said.

“It’s this disconnect between the realities of politics and how it affects us and how we perceive politics. Local news will cover what’s going on here in Austin, but it’s not as sexy and glamorous.”

DeFrancesco Soto also said gubernatorial candidates tend to be affiliated with a political party and have developed sophisticated systems for asking for donations — two attributes typically not found at the local level.

Among disclosed faculty and staff campaign donations to the three major mayoral candidates, Adler has received the most with \$4,550. Cole and Martinez have both received more than \$1,500.

Adler’s campaign manager, Jim Wick said their campaign has currently raised \$566,000 from about 2,500 donors since Adler first began campaigning for mayor in January. Wick said this amount beats the record of about 1,500 donors who supported Mayor Lee Leffingwell’s campaign in 2009.

The City of Austin allows individuals to donate a maximum of \$350 to a mayoral

candidate’s campaign, while individuals donating to a gubernatorial candidate can give up to \$2,600.

Matt Parkerson, campaign manager for Martinez, said the campaign has risen more than \$200,000.

“We knock on doors seven days a week,” Parkerson said.

Both Wick and Parkerson said their respective campaigns do not do anything to specifically gain support from UT faculty and staff, but both campaigns have coalitions on campus to get students involved in the mayoral election.

David Sullivan, a research associate for the University’s Center for Energy and Environmental Resources, said he and his wife contributed money to both Cole’s and Martinez’s campaigns, along with the campaigns of several other City Council members.

“Aside from my day job here at the University, I’m also at the city office,” Sullivan said. “My wife and I donated basically out of loyalty and trust. I believe the city is in an excellent position to

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“If WAVE sounds overly simple, that’s the point,” Butler said. “Ninety percent of cyclists are also motorists. We’re all people trying to get somewhere. The infrastructure improvements needed to ease tension between cars and bikes can’t happen overnight, but you can wave at someone today.”

Butler said the cost of the initiative is underwritten by merchandise sales from advertising, and, as of now, there are no plans to advertise WAVE on campus.

“Campus is a pressurized space where everyone is in a hurry — cars and bikes,” Butler said. “It’s a microcosm of the city of Austin. So if everyone, including pedestrians, can connect for even a split second, it can make the overall movements on campus safer.”

According to Butler, the campaign came about partly because of increased pedestrian and cyclist accidents in Austin over the past couple of years.

“Visibility is a big part of traffic safety, so it’s a very practical concept — be friendly, be visible and increase safety for all,” Butler said. “There have been double the pedestrian and cyclist deaths in the last couple of years here in Austin, according to the city stats, and increased density certainly plays a role [in that].”

Plan II sophomore James Smith, who bikes around campus, said he wasn’t sure how much of an effect the initiative would have in increasing safety.

“I think it’s a good idea to try and raise awareness, but I don’t think just waving at somebody is really going to prevent an accident or anything,” Smith said.

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Iguala, killing six students and bystanders. Witnesses said the students were last seen being forced into police cars.

Mexico Attorney General Jesús Murillo Karam said Iguala Mayor José Luis Abarca, who fled after the police attack, called for the police to fire on the students.

One week after Vargas Santiago’s call for signatures, the petition garnered more than 1,200 signatures in total and about 200 signatures from the Austin community.

Erica Saenz, the University’s associate vice president for community and external relations, said she signed the petition to show support for the students.

“We must live by our motto of ‘what starts here changes the world,’ and support our student body as they dedicate time and energy to a variety of issues, locally and around the globe,” Saenz said in an email.

At a protest at the Consulate General of Mexico in Austin last week, about 20 students called the names of the 43 missing students and later presented the petition to Consul General Rosalba Ojeda.

“We are all outraged,” Ojeda said. “We’ll make sure these signatures reach the government.”

Yoalli Rodriguez, Latin American studies graduate student and an organizer of the protest, said the authorities targeted the students because of their leftist leanings.

“It’s not a coincidence that the killed are dissidents,” Rodriguez said. “This is a national problem of institutions. This is a problem of corruption, of violence and of impunity on behalf of the State.”

Since the disappearance of the students, mass graves have been found in the outskirts of Iguala. So far, DNA tests have shown that the bodies are not those of the missing students.

“The mass graves are one of the most terrifying aspects of the Ayotzinapa case,” Vargas Santiago said. “The 43 students are still missing, but other hundreds of bodies have been found in the mass graves.”

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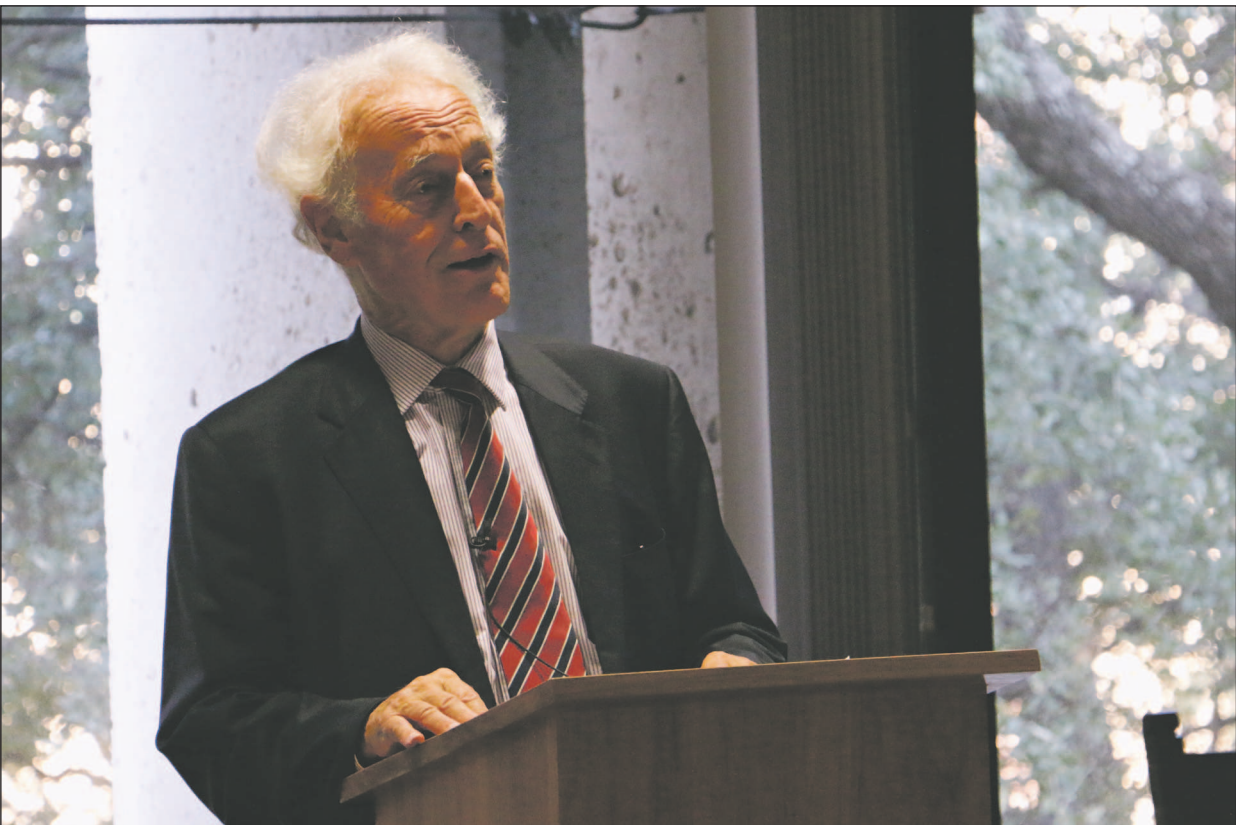
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RESEARCH



Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff

Author Kenneth Morgan lectures on Welsh history during World War I at the Harry Ransom Center on Friday afternoon. Morgan also discussed the rise of a liberal government in Wales.

Author discusses Welsh history

By Chris Mendez
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Author Kenneth Morgan discussed the history of Wales during World War I on Friday at the Harry Ransom Center as part of its weekly “British Studies Seminar” series.

“I want to focus particularly on Wales, where I came from, because war had a very particular impact on the society, culture and the sense of nationhood in Wales,” Morgan said.

In discussing Wales before the outbreak of the war, Morgan said its coal fields and seaports brought economic prosperity while church choirs exemplified cultural achievement.

“Welsh before the war had a great sense of optimism,” Morgan said. “The Welsh choirs were at their peak.”

Morgan also described

the rise of a liberal government in Wales that was led by David Lloyd George, who became British prime minister in December 1916.

“He was a great figure of radical, nationally conscious liberalism government,” Morgan said. “He then emerged as the most prominent, dynamic figure in liberal government.”

Morgan also said Lloyd George helped the war effort by mobilizing troops and supporting the liberal ideals of the war.

“He became in particular the great advocate of conscription,” Morgan said. “He claimed, as I said, that it was a war of liberal values.”

Despite Lloyd George’s enthusiasm, Morgan said the war weakened liberalism in Wales and plunged the state into an economic and cultural depression.

“The social base of Welsh

“ [David Lloyd George] was a great figure of radical, nationally conscious liberalism government. He then emerged as the most prominent, dynamic figure in liberal government.

—Kenneth Morgan, Author

liberalism was also being undermined,” Morgan said. “[Wales] shortly, lurched into depression and mass unemployment. [There were] diminished signs of the Welsh language and the erosion of the strength of the Welsh choir.”

History junior Jonathon Parker said he took a particular interest in the formation of Wales’s national identity.

“I didn’t know much about national identity in Wales,” Parker said. “I’m British myself, but I’m not very familiar with Wales. I gained a much

better general impression of what Wales was like.”

English senior Victor Hernandez, who has visited Wales, said the discussion informed people about conflict in the U.K.

“I think it was an excellent opportunity for people of this city to get acquainted with the power struggles that exist inside the United Kingdom, which are foreign to almost everyone outside the commonwealth,” Hernandez said. “I thought it was insightful and a brave account of a brave little nation.”

RESEARCH

Researcher lectures on predictors in statistics

By Wes Scarborough
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Statistics researcher Andrés Felipe Barrientos spoke Friday at the McCombs School of Business about applying mathematical methods to statistical data.

“In this kind of work, we try to collaborate with people from all sorts of fields,” said Barrientos, a researcher at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

According to Barrientos, two different theorems can be applied to statistical data. The Lorenz curve and the Gini method both use “predictors,” which are characteristics that can explain the probability of a future result. Predictors can include things in a population of data such as income level or educational level. The equations are types of “predictive analytics” that can be associated with mathematical equations he has developed.

“A lot of statistical inference we see is traditionally under-simplified,” mathematics professor Peter Mueller said. “Those paradigms are changing. We’re getting more and more data sets that require us to ask a lot more questions.”

Mueller said Barrientos’ methods can be applied to economical data. He said when

an economist looks at wealth distribution in the U.S., the Lorenz curve and Gini method could be used to predict what will occur in the future.

According to Barrientos, his methods could also be applied to the medical field. He said his mathematical theorems applied to the Lorenz curve can be useful to processes such as blood sampling. Predictors in data such as blood characteristics can be helpful in identifying what types of signs to look for in predicting disease. The predictors can then be accumulated using the mathematical theorems.

Barrientos also talked about financial data and how banks use predictors and statistical data.

“They consider all of your characteristics and put it into a model,” Barrientos said.

He said banks acquire data from their clients such as age, income and marital status when applying for credit. They then use this information as predictors to determine if the individual is eligible for credit.

“He was telling us all the secrets that we don’t learn in introductory statistics,” Mueller said. “It’s not rocket science, but, like all sciences, it’s highly specialized.”



Lauren Ussery | Daily Texan Staff

Researcher Andrés Felipe Barrientos talks about theorems and statistics at the McCombs School of Business on Friday afternoon.

ART

Art outreach program seeks to promote Austin veterans

By Matthew Adams
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As part of the ongoing Austin Arts and Service Celebration, BR McDonald, founder of the Veteran Artist Program, moderated a discussion Friday at the SAC with Austin-based veteran artists Jenn Hassin and Jeff Moe.

McDonald served as an Arabic linguist and member of the special operations forces during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, but decided to pursue an acting and singing career after his deployment. He said many other veterans also want to have careers in the arts.

“The mission of [Veteran Artist Program] is to encourage and promote the veteran artists,” McDonald said. “We focus on disciplines of art such as visual arts, writing or literature, performing arts, filming or video and interactive media. For now, veterans consist of those who were artists before an enlisting or drafting, became artists while serving and those who return home and use it as healing and expression.”

McDonald started the Veteran Artist Program in Baltimore in 2009. More than 1,000 artists have come to associate with the group over the last five years.



Michael Baez | Daily Texan Staff

BR McDonald introduces the Veteran Artist Program at a panel held in the SAC on Friday night.

Austin native Hassin served as an Air Force dental technician in England until 2009. She then enrolled at St. Edward’s University as a pre-dental student but switched her major to art. She now owns her own art studio after working for Austin-based production company Rooster Teeth post-graduation.

One of Hassin’s art piece, “Letters of Sacrifice,” will move from Austin to the Pentagon, where it will be on display for a year.

“When I started this project, I went to my commander first to ask what he would have written had I died,” Hassin said. “He explained that for this letter, the military has a template. So I took the letter

and turned it into being about a man. From there, I took the template and did one for each of the 6,809 that have died since the start of the war.”

Moe served as an Arabic linguist and as part of the 82nd Airborne Division and U.S. Army Special Forces. He is now UT’s student veteran outreach coordinator after graduating from the University with a degree in social work and Middle Eastern studies.

“I have found music to be therapeutic,” Moe said. “During my time in Iraq, I found a guitar and it allowed my mind to focus on something different. The arts allow veterans to organize and be creative to express something in a different light.”

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“I planned my life through serving in elected office ... and by 1993, I had executed my entire professional plan.”

Epstein said that, while trying to execute her plan, she didn’t have much knowledge on how to do so, but her drive and ambition overcame the gaps in her knowledge.

“You don’t have to be a genius about something to figure it out,” Epstein said. “I didn’t know about credit card debt, but I could figure out who would know.”

Both Epstein and Vishwanath discussed how important it is to build relationships and to seek out resources.

“Relationships are everything,” Epstein said, “You can be an engineering genius but

that’s not going to help you make a penny — [you’ve] got to build relationships.”

Education graduate student Langston Clark said the seminar helped him understand a field in which he was not as knowledgeable.

“To be able to get the perspective of people who are entrepreneurs and in business I think is good as I start to begin my career,” Clark said.

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COLUMN

GOP should move to middle



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Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas) is interviewed at the LBJ School of Public Affairs in January 2012. Cornyn is currently running for his third term in the U.S. Senate.



By Breanne Deppisch
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UT made student political organization history last Wednesday as College Republicans, Young Conservatives of Texas, and Young Americans for Liberty gathered together for the first time since the respective groups were created. Featuring guest speaker Don Devine, director of personnel management during the Reagan administration, the night was considered by many to be a raving success.

“We had a great turnout for Mr. Devine,” said Alexander Parker, communications director of UT’s College Republicans. “It was great to see everyone in one room for such an important event.”

Comprehensively, the organizations boast a membership that is not just staggering in scope, but also in ideology. And though the groups are certainly not without their differences, each shares the hope that efforts to collaborate on this front will translate positively for the Republican Party, especially in the upcoming election.

“There are many issues that Republicans — regardless of specific creed — rely on,” Parker said. “It’s a matter of small government and issues that follow. These are the things really integral to this party.”

Even at the campus level, the effort toward uniting the party on polarizing party issues is inspiring — and perhaps indicative of a more large scale, comprehensive party convergence.

And if a potential realignment is possible, now is certainly the time to do it. The number of social issues that have been presented for party

ownership within the past administration alone is significant — and the Republican Party would certainly benefit from standing united on these issues. Tacking toward the center is common during such periods of realignment, and likely how the Republican Party will approach its efforts to mitigate polarization. The shift will likely happen by de-politicizing issues that many agree have transcended simple party ownership, such as gay marriage, which has become more an issue of the courts. Regardless of how Republicans choose to move forward, however, the Achilles’ heel of any party is its inability to align uniformly, and vacillating too much on these issues may beget low voter engagement in the process. Republicans will have to tread carefully toward the middle.

Despite grievances surrounding gridlock and last year’s temporary government shutdown, the Republican Party is poised to do rather well in November’s election. And according to pollster Nate Silver, there’s a 60-40 likelihood that Republicans will control the Senate once again. This sweeping upheaval of representatives isn’t uncommon on the heels of an ineffective second term, and following Obama’s underperformance, even Democrats have been eager to distance themselves from the incumbent.

“It’s like Obama has Ebola,” joked Chris Matthews, host of MSNBC’s “Hardball.”

With Obama a political “hot potato” that no Democrat wants to grab, the party is as eager to disassociate itself from the president as, well ... his now-teenage daughters are.

All that to say: The Republican Party has a window, and it is wide open. But it must be climbed through with thought and consideration. In order to maintain a cohesive, effective party, a system of large-scale convergence on both policy and ideology is very likely necessary.

Deppisch is a government senior from League City.

COLUMN

Urban rail increases options for underserved Austin communities

By Jazmyn Griffin
Daily Texan Columnist
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Expensive on-campus and West Campus housing pushes students struggling with the rising costs of college to look farther off for affordable living. Many of these include African-American students, who make up a meager 5 percent of the student population, and an increasing number of Hispanic students. While our campus encourages diversity, the lack of support for transportation options that would ultimately increase minority affordability seems to contradict this priority. The city should work to make transportation equal for all areas to ensure affordability and accessibility of Austin, with Proposition 1, the local urban rail proposal, being the first step of many that need to be taken.

For those without the option of a car, public transportation is often the only means of transit. Historically, infrastructure segregated white and black Austin between the west and east, respectively, but modern development and rising costs are pushing minorities even further east. In communities that don’t have an East to West connection, limited transportation options inhibit commutes to work outside of their community, distant schools and even suitable grocery stores, as many eastern neighborhoods are food deserts with only convenience stores as sustenance options. The lack of adequate public transportation options isolate poorer communities, further distancing them from interaction and repre-

sentation on a municipal level.

Congestion is usually given as the main concern when defending public transportation. Capital Metro buses assist many as an alternative to car trips that cost the average Austinite 40 additional hours per year in traffic. But this emphasis evades the importance of accessibility. Discontinued bus routes have hurt students in particular. Specifically, the disappearance of the Wickersham and Cameron Road shuttles hurt students looking to lease in an affordable area but rely on the bus as their only way to school. The current urban rail proposal would be especially beneficial for the many students residing at the Riverside student apartments, which are significantly less expensive than their closer West Campus counterparts.

City transportation discussions often revolve around public transportation as a means to address traffic issues and rapid growth, but rarely is equal accessibility even mentioned, much less made a priority. The new District 1 Council member will no doubt give a voice to these communities and bring accessibility to the forefront of the Austin equality conversation, but a “yes” to Proposition 1 would be a step in the right direction to expand public transportation and begin a pattern of prioritizing accessibility for traditionally overlooked and underserved communities. The city needs to be made accessible in all directions, not leaving low-income neighborhoods out of options.

Griffin is a journalism freshman from Houston.

COLUMN

Austin taxpayers shouldn’t foot bill for Erwin Center replacement



Graeme Hamilton | Daily Texan File Photo

Men’s athletic director Steve Patterson speaks at a Student Government meeting in September.

By Eric Sundin
Daily Texan Columnist

As a result of the much-anticipated construction of the new Dell Medical School, the Frank Erwin Center, home to Texas basketball games and various concerts and events throughout the years, will be torn down. In order to fund what will likely be an expensive construction project, Texas men’s athletic director Steve Patterson has stated that the new arena ought to be paid for using Austin taxpayer money.

“The reality is that Austin has had a free arena for three and a half decades at no investment whatsoever,” Patterson said at an event in September. “You look at the growth projections five years out, to be a top 25 market in this country and not to have invested a nickel in an arena is a heck of a position for the city of Austin to be in.”

While Patterson’s statements may not have been factually inaccurate, his comments are still misguided. The creation of a new venue that would first and foremost be used as the basketball team’s home court — not to mention other University-affiliated events — ought to be paid for mostly by the University without need for significant public funding from the taxpayers of Austin, who, along with the rest of Texas taxpayers, already help pay for the publicly funded University.

This football season is Baylor University’s first at the new McLane Stadium. The construction of the stadium was estimated to cost \$250 million, with an estimated \$100-120 million of the funding coming from private donations. When we consider that the University of Texas has the highest revenue-producing athletics department in

the nation, not to mention an array of private donors that likely surpasses Baylor’s, it is not unreasonable to conclude that the University, if it wanted to, could build a new arena without several hundred million dollars of additional Austin taxpayer money.

It would appear, though, that the University of Texas does not want to pay for a new arena on its own, presumably because Patterson believes it doesn’t have to. Yet that is not a good enough reason to force Austin taxpayers to bear the brunt of the construction of a new arena that, outside of Austin Independent School District graduates and graduation ceremony attendees, many Austin residents may never set foot inside.

Public funding of stadiums has become trendy for professional sports teams. Owners merely need to hint at the possibility of relocation in order to strong-arm city leaders and officials into paying for a new stadium or arena using taxpayer money. Examples of this include construction of a new stadium for the Minnesota Vikings, partially paid for with taxpayer money, and Oakland Raiders owner Mark Davis’ flirtations with both San Antonio and Los Angeles as a bargaining maneuver.

Unfortunately, Austin residents may soon be subjected to the same injustice felt by the citizens of Minneapolis, who continue to fund a stadium they must pay, again, merely to enter. Because the University of Texas will never leave Austin, it is incumbent upon the citizens of Austin to demand that the University itself pay for a new Texas basketball arena.

Sundin is an English and radio-television-film senior from San Antonio.

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CAMPUS

New course highlights feminism in pop culture

By Hunter Jekot
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In one of the best surprises since Beyoncé’s album dropped, UT students next semester can take “Beyoncé Feminism, Rihanna Womanism,” a class focusing on the queen herself in addition to Rihanna, pop culture’s favorite bad girl.

“Beyoncé Feminism, Rihanna Womanism” is cross-listed as an African and African diaspora studies and a women’s and gender studies course, with the expectation that students are able to conduct scholarly analyses on these pop-culture figures.

But on a campus like UT, there are still many opportunities to engage with these topics for students who are unable to enroll in the course. UT has been offering discussions about Beyoncé’s brand of feminism since before Beyoncé herself.

“An issue that we have with courses like this is that people don’t think they’re very rigorous and don’t regard pop culture as critical,” said Nia Crosley, undergraduate adviser for the African and African diaspora studies department. “Part of black studies in general is justifying that this is a legitimate field of study.”

Crosley said professors

and advisers for both departments make it a priority to fuel discussions regarding feminism, black feminism and black queer theory so students are pushed to think about the topics in their daily lives.

“I think one of the special things about the [African and African diaspora studies] department is that we have so many faculty that are clued in to this vibrant community of activist scholars who are interested in this very critical field of study — which is race, gender and sexuality theory, which includes feminist theory, black feminist theory [and] queer theory,” Crosley said.

Other courses that contain similar content, according to Crosley, are “Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies,” “Black Queer Literature and Film” and “Black Women, Struggle and the Transnational State.” For a more informal setting, Crosley recommends the Malcolm X Lounge, Gender and Sexuality Center and even Tumblr as platforms for students to educate themselves at their own pace.

Liz Elsen, program and outreach coordinator for the Gender and Sexuality Center, helps students organize activities and discussions that will help expand their views

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—Ixchel Rosal, GSC director

of feminism. One such program, Feminist Friday, is held in the center every Friday at 1 p.m. So the conversations stay relevant, students choose the topics for Feminist Friday in advance.

“At the beginning of each semester, we just do a brainstorming session for the first Feminist Friday,” Elsen said. “We ask questions like, ‘What do you think feminists should be talking about?’ just to get a vibe for what people think is important. We certainly have talked about Beyoncé.”

Ixchel Rosal, director of the Gender and Sexuality Center, said she sees feminism as a personal journey of sorts. She hopes students take advantage of the center and other areas, such as the Multicultural Engagement Center, to



Illustration by Shannon Butler | Daily Texan Staff

gain better insights into their own ideas and identities.

“The purpose of the [Gender and Sexuality Center] is to provide a space [for students] to explore what feminism means to them because there are many theories and tenants about feminism within feminism,” Rosal said.

The center has a library and staff who can help students get involved in discussions and provide resources for personal education. Students interested in social justice can also look into the student-led programs at the

Multicultural Engagement Center, such as the Women of Color Retreat.

“You learn theory in the classroom,” Rosal said. “Then this is where you get to try it on, and it would be really great to have students from the class come.”

RADIO

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had never gotten to do before.”

According to Alexander Gustafson, regular Radio customer, the “cafe pub” helped fill a hole left by closures of coffee shops such as Ruta Maya and Flipnotics.

“Because it is such a well-loved place, to work here is almost a privilege, and people feel like they want to take care of it like they would their own place because they love Jack, and they love all their friends

that show up.” Gustafson said.

Jonathan Horstmann, Radio barista and bartender, said it is easy to be sucked into a “Radio hole.”

“It’s really nice to work at a place where people are as excited about you being there as you are about being there,” Horstmann said. “There’s a mutual appreciation. We appreciate the customers, and the customers appreciate we are there.”

The property where Radio currently sits previously housed a vintage boutique store that was torn down to create a spacious,

grassy patio area. The patio gives off a vibe similar to that of being in a friend’s backyard, and the building, which is a small house built with salvaged wood, makes the atmosphere feel cozy and welcoming.

“I hear the word ‘hipster’ a lot, which is hysterical to me because we have every kind of person here,” Wilson said. “We have suits in their 50s, and we have hippies in their teens; we have punks and jocks and gaming nerds and everyone, and I love it. That’s the way I want it to be.”



UT alumnus Jack Wilson is the owner of Radio Coffee & Beer. The coffee house, located on the corner of Manchaca and Fort View roads, offers a variety of local products.

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FOOTBALL

Texas suffers first shutout since 2004

By Stefan Scrafield
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MANHATTAN, Kan. — For the first time in over 10 years, the Longhorn football team was held off the scoreboard Saturday.

Texas dropped to 3-5 in a 23-0 loss to Kansas State in Manhattan, Kansas — the first time the Longhorns have been shut out since Oklahoma contained them to 12-0 on Oct. 9, 2004.

“You don’t ever want to get shut out,” head coach Charlie Strong said. “We thought we had the game plan; we just didn’t go execute it.”

Coming off its two best performances of the season, Texas’ offense was flat all afternoon and failed to gain any momentum.

Sophomore quarterback Tyrone Swoopes looked like he did in September: struggling to make routine throws, starting down receivers and holding onto the ball too long. Swoopes completed just 52 percent of his passes for 106 yards.

“[The offense] just didn’t execute — that’s the bottom line,” Swoopes said. “When you don’t execute, it puts you in a really tough position to win.”

Texas’ running backs were equally ineffective, averaging just 3.1 yards per carry.

Junior running back Johnathan Gray didn’t even play until the second quarter, and when he did finally get some touches, he struggled to



Marshall Tidrick | Daily Texan Staff

Wildcat sophomore running back Charles Jones weaves to avoid freshman defensive back Jason Hall and sophomore defensive back Dylan Haines. Kansas State nearly doubled the Longhorns’ offensive production, recording 367 total yards to Texas’ 196.

accelerate, as he has all season. After missing the majority of last season with a torn Achilles, Gray lacks the burst that made him such a valuable asset during his first year here.

Senior running back Malcolm Brown played well in the first half but curiously didn’t get any reps in the second. Strong said his absence was not injury-related, but he didn’t know why

Brown didn’t get the touches in the last two quarters.

“You never want to be a part of [a shutout],” junior center Taylor Doyle said. “We feel confident in our group of guys, so it’s definitely disappointing for all of us to not be able to run the ball.”

Kansas State senior quarterback Jake Waters opted to air it out more than usual against a Texas defense that

was focused on stopping the option rushing attack. Waters completed 63 percent of his passes for 224 yards, 103 of those going to senior superstar receiver Tyler Lockett.

The Wildcats’ backfield duo of senior DeMarcus Robinson and sophomore Charles Jones combined for 99 yards and two touchdowns in the game.

“Jake [Waters] competed very well,” Strong said. “You talk about

a player that did a great job of directing that offense and making the throws.”

Already at five losses, Texas can only afford one more defeat and still gain bowl eligibility. With two of the remaining matchups against No. 10 TCU and No. 22 West Virginia and the other two in difficult road environments at Texas Tech and Oklahoma State, the Longhorns’ postseason chances look slim.

Longhorns must improve all three phases

By Drew Lieberman
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MANHATTAN, Kan. — Stepping onto the field Saturday, the Longhorns hoped to notch their first signature victory of the Charlie Strong era.

Instead, the Wildcats blanked the Longhorns, 23-0, for Texas’ first shutout in a decade.

That 2004 team bounced back to win 21 straight games, including the 2006 BCS National Championship. This team will likely not follow that trajectory, much less secure a bowl appearance this year. But there are a few key faults from Saturday’s loss:

Tyrone Swoopes struggles

After playing at a high level in the loss to Oklahoma and last weekend’s win over Iowa State, sophomore quarterback Tyrone Swoopes crashed back down to earth.

Swoopes completed only 13-of-25 passes for 106 yards

— less than 5 yards per pass attempt. He struggled both on his passes and in the pocket, throwing many near-picks and taking sacks, including one that knocked the Longhorns out of field-goal range.

“He looked a little flustered,” senior wide receiver John Harris said.

Swoopes made a few plays on his feet — rushing for 31 yards on eight attempts — but those plays occurred only sporadically.

Longhorns unable to execute in all three phases

The Longhorns again failed to piece together the three phases this game.

The scoreless offense only controlled the ball for a third of the game, as it converted just 4-of-13 third-down attempts. It punted on all six first-half possessions and lost a crucial fumble early in its first possession of the second half.

“When you do what we did today and go three and out, it’s



Junior running back Johnathan Gray rushed for just 25 yards in Manhattan, Kansas, on Saturday. Texas struggled with its entire run game, moving the ball 90 yards in four quarters.

Jonathan Garza
Daily Texan Staff

a long day,” said Shawn Watson, assistant head coach for the offense and quarterbacks coach.

While the defense showed signs of strength, it allowed the Wildcats to convert 9-of-17 third-down attempts including a 29-yard reception in Longhorn territory for the Wildcats’ first touchdown.

“We’re a lot better [than that] on third down,” senior defensive end Cedric Reed said.

“We know that, man. That’s what’s so disappointing.”

To top it all off, an early shanked 12-yard punt set up Kansas State’s second field goal.

Defense fails to force a turnover

Sticking true to its usual losing formula, the Longhorns lost the turnover battle. The defense has forced 11 turn-

overs in its three victories this season but only three in its defeats. With the offense playing as poorly as it did, the defense needed to make a big play. It failed to produce.

“We’ve got to get turnovers to win,” senior linebacker Jordan Hicks said. “Especially if they get a turnover, their defense gets a turnover, we need to get a turnover. We weren’t able to do that, so that’s on us.”

WEEKEND RECAPS

SOFTBALL | AARON TORRES

Texas softball won its third fall scrimmage against Galveston Community College in a 10-3 blowout this weekend.

Galveston scored all three of its runs in the top of the third off a fielder’s choice, an illegal pitch by sophomore pitcher Lauren Slatten and an RBI groundout. To revive Texas’ pitching, freshman pitcher Erica Wright retired six hitters in order.

“Once you get on the mound,

adrenaline takes over you, and you just get in the moment,” Wright said. “Erin [Shireman], the catcher, made some really nice calls.”

The Longhorns scored scored one run in the bottom of the third and three in the fourth before blowing the game open in the fifth with six runs.

Texas faces St. Edward’s at McCombs Field at 5 p.m. Thursday.



Erica Wright
Pitcher

MEN’S SWIMMING & DIVING | RACHEL WENZLAFF

In a quad meet characterized by electric times and tight finishes — including one touch separated by one one-hundredth of a second — the men’s swimming and diving team defeated Indiana and Louisville comfortably, but was narrowly edged out by Michigan.

The Longhorns took down the Hoosiers by a 91-point margin and the Cardinals by 81 points. Long before the final event — the 400-yard freestyle relay — Texas had secured

its win over the two teams, but the overall victor of the meet remained uncertain.

All-American sophomore Will Licon captured first in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:57.11, good for the nation’s top time to date in that event.

Sophomore Jack Conger also got national recognition, earning the second-fastest time in the country this season with a dominating win in the 200-yard individual backstroke with

a time of 1:45.18. Freshman Jonathan Roberts also hopped on the record train with the nation’s top mark in the 500 freestyle.

Michigan held the lead, but Texas kicked up a rally that narrowed its deficit, thanks to sophomore Mark Anderson’s and senior Will Chandler’s second- and third-place finishes in the 3-meter diving event.

However, Texas couldn’t catch up and was closely defeated by Michigan, 183-170.

SOONERS continued from page 1

the first set.

After losing its first set in Gregory Gym this season, Texas started the second set on a 5-1 run, but the Sooners kept it close and eventually tied the set at 11. Both teams battled in the middle of the set, exchanging the lead seven times with nine ties. But, once again, Oklahoma bettered Texas and put the Longhorns down 0-2.

With a two-game lead, Oklahoma started off the third set as the aggressor and opened with a 5-2 lead. Texas didn’t give in and was able to tie the match at 10 thanks to three kills by junior middle blocker Molly McCage. But the 0-2 deficit was too much to overcome. Oklahoma won the set, 26-24.

The upset loss to Oklahoma ended Texas’ 34-match regular season winning streak, 34-match home winning streak and 44-match Big 12 home winning streak, all three of which were

program records. The loss also marked the first time the Longhorns were swept at home since losing to then-No. 5 Illinois on Sept. 3, 2010 — a 63-match streak.

“[This is] a wake-up call,” sophomore setter Chloe Collins said. “Like [Elliott] says, we need perspective that every team is going to play their best, and we need to be ready. As a team, we just need to get back in practice and prepare.”

Elliott said the team can still accomplish its goals despite the loss.

“We have to get back and get better,” Elliott said. “It’s a long season and at the end of the day, we still have an opportunity to win the conference, and that’s what our first goal is. We have to get back to the drawing board.”

Texas returns to action in two exhibition games against Chinese club team Zhejiang on Monday and Tuesday, both at 7 p.m. at Gregory Gym.

SIDELINE

NFL

	TEXANS	30
	TITANS	16

	BEARS	23
	PATRIOTS	51

	LIONS	22
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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Soccer tops Baylor 2-0 in Waco matchup

Although Texas soccer entered the weekend barely hanging on to the final spot in the Big 12 Championship tournament, wins Friday and Sunday over Oklahoma and Baylor punched Texas’ ticket to the postseason.

It took only 45 seconds for the Longhorns to generate enough offense to knock off conference rival Oklahoma on Friday night.

Less than one minute into regulation, senior defender Whitney Jaynes gained possession along the left flank and chipped a cross into the 6-yard box where leaping freshman forward Morgan Murphy nodded the ball in for her first career goal.

Murphy’s header was Texas’ only shot on goal, but a stifling Longhorn defense held the Sooners to just six shots all game, with only two of those on goal.

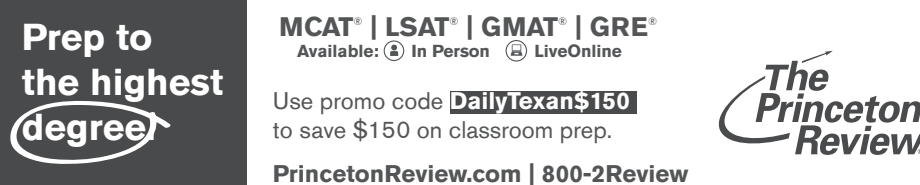
“Anytime you can get a ‘W,’ you’ll take that opportunity,” Texas head coach Angela Kelly said. “Credit to Oklahoma, this match was a back-and-forth battle. I’m just really pleased with the win.”

Texas took much longer to get the offense clicking Sunday against Baylor, but late heroics by sophomore midfielder Julia Dyche allowed the Longhorns to leave Waco with a 2-1 victory.

Junior midfielder Lindsey Meyer equalized with a goal in the 75th minute, and Dyche put Texas in the winner’s column when she blasted a rebound into the back of the net with just 30 seconds to go in regulation.

The Longhorns’ next action will take place in the regular season finale at home against Oklahoma State at 7 p.m. Friday.

—Daniel Clay



ALUMNI

UT alumna runs thriving psychic business

By Cat Cardenas
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Although she's made a career out of her passion for the mystical arts, UT alumna Kate Braun says being a psychic isn't anything like what Hollywood makes it out to be.

For over 40 years, Braun has been a professional psychic. She even returned to UT at one point to teach an informal class on beginning tarot readings. Braun said tarot reading is her specialty, although she also practices palm reading and rune casting, a method of using runic symbols to answer questions. Braun said her ability is a gift that was revealed to her on accident.

"My first husband had a friend named Clarence, who he introduced me to," Braun said. "He was an old man, and his parents were spiritualists. He would talk a lot about mysticism, numerology and tarot, and I became interested, so I started reading and practicing. I realized I had a gift for it."

Braun said this gift is not the unattainable, mysterious thing that movies portray it as, but

it is instead something many people may actually have a talent for.

"I think more people are psychic or metaphysically aware than they want to give themselves credit for," Braun said. "Of course you can memorize and read things — anyone can do that — but the level of how well you do depends on your innate ability, how open-minded you are and how prepared you are to commit to practicing."

Appointments for a reading over the phone or a reading at a private party can provide anything from clarification on her clients' issues to validation of choices they've recently made, according to Braun.

"My clients are all curious," Braun said. "They come in asking for insight or a sense of direction in their choices. Of course, some want me to predict lottery numbers, but I always have to tell them I'm not a number person. If I was, I would've won it myself years ago."

Braun also offers a self-paced online course on her website. The course is a modified version of the



UT alumna and Austin psychic Kate Braun holds a Q-and-A about tarot card reading in Marchesa Hall on Sunday afternoon. Braun explored the future possibilities of people who came to see her after the Q-and-A.

Claire Schaper
Daily Texan Staff

class she taught years ago at the University.

"It was three two-hour classes. The first class was lots of memorization and covered the suits of the cards," Braun said. "The next class was review and also went over the greater trumps, and the last class delved into practice readings and issues of disclaimers."

Psychics are not all knowing, and interpretations can change over time."

Braun said her classes also cover deeper ideas like becoming comfortable with one's personal deck or constantly continuing one's exploration into tarot. She believes that these things have made her a successful psychic.

Some may be disappointed that the popular trope of the mysterious psychic operating in a musty room with a crystal ball is, as Braun would say, a fantasy. However, Braun said people should know that tarot is an accessible way to clarify troubling thoughts or questions about life if one sets aside the time to practice.

"I want to stress that there is no right or wrong way to read tarot," Braun said. "I always told my students not to read the same way I do. You have to follow your own path, and let your intuition guide you. It makes the reading unique to you, and it won't make it any more or less valid than anyone else's."

FOOD

Radio Coffee & Beer, eclectic eatery, opens in Austin

By Estefania de Leon
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Standing outside Radio Coffee & Beer, Jack Wilson, UT alumnus and owner of the store, is busy bouncing a baby in his arms while chatting with a friend. Wilson is surrounded by people sitting on lawn chairs and picnic tables, drinking

beer, eating tacos and typing away on laptops.

After graduating from UT, Wilson moved to Seattle with plans of becoming a teacher but ended up ingrained in the city's coffee house scene. When he moved back to Austin, Wilson brought three years of experience working at Victrola Coffee Roasters

with him, and that became a model for his next endeavor. Wilson began working with his father and now co-owner to develop ideas of opening up a coffee food trailer.

Their business plan changed because of the uncertain stability that comes with opening a food truck, so they settled on opening a brick-and-mortar

coffeehouse instead. They also host the food truck Veracruz All Natural, which sells tacos made with homemade tortillas.

"It was really just a conglomeration of a lot of ideas that we had been tossing about," Wilson said. "That process started about two years ago and what evolved in a year through millions of little decisions."

Radio Coffee & Beer, which opened in June 2014 on the corner of Manchaca and Fort View roads, offers a wide range of options for customers. They sell coffee from Stumptown Coffee Roasters, offer brews from various breweries, such as 512 Brewing and Austin Beerworks, and the pastries come from local vendors, such as East Side

Pies, Sugar Mama's Bakeshop and Moonlight Bakery.

"It's our beer garden, it's our green house, it's our cafe [and] it's our pub," Wilson said. "All these people that live in these apartments that never had any place to go now can walk to their corner pub, which they

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Texas Book Festival showcases independent publishing houses

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For an estimated 40,000 attendees, the Capitol and the surrounding downtown area became a literary wonderland over the weekend during the 19th annual Texas Book Festival.

More than 80 exhibitor and vendor booths were present at the festival, representing publishing companies and book stores. Some of the exhibitors were mainstream names, such as Barnes & Noble, while others were more obscure, such as Cinco Puntos Press.

Cinco Puntos Press, a publishing company from El Paso, belonged to a growing group of independent publishers that ran booths at the Texas Book Festival. Bobby Byrd, co-founder of Cinco Puntos Press, said he hopes his booth made an impression on at least a few of the festival's attendees. Byrd attends several state book festivals and national conferences every year in hopes of promoting his company.

"It is very hard to

compete with large publishers and to get recognition on a national scale," Byrd said. "Festivals like this give us the opportunity to reach a much larger audience than we usually could."

April Terrazas, a UT biology pre-med alumna and founder of independent press Crazy Brainz Publishing, ran her first exhibition booth at the festival this weekend. Terrazas said the biggest challenge of running her own independent press is marketing it.

"Huge publishing companies have all of these connections, and I have to do all of the marketing myself," Terrazas said. "Once people see the books, they love them, but actually getting people to see them can be tough."

Bryce Milligan is the publisher and co-founder of Wings Press, a small publishing house that represents multicultural authors. Milligan said Wings Press stayed afloat this year primarily because of the sale of a single e-book, "Black Like Me." Milligan said, as long as he

continues selling successful titles, he can keep the company running and continue his mission.

"The mission of Wings Press — of all indie publishers really — is to represent voices that are rejected by or can't find success with the mainstream publishers," Milligan said. "We take the chances others won't."

According to Terrazas, competing with large companies as an independent publisher is difficult, but it does offer financial benefits.

"All of my profits go to me," Terrazas said. "I get to keep a much larger percentage of my returns than authors working with large publishing companies."

Terrazas said despite difficulties along the way, being an independent publisher is rewarding.

"Showing off my books and getting so much positive feedback from so many people here at the festival is really, really encouraging and rewarding, and I am so glad I could be here at the festival," Terrazas said.