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POLICE

Prevention program to obtain grant

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The Austin Police Department hopes to receive more than \$600,000 from the Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority — also known as ABTPA — to fund its Auto Theft Interdiction Project, which has been a part of the agency for 16 years.

Austin City Council authorized the department's

application for the funds, which are allocated by the ABTPA through auto insurance fees, in its meeting Thursday. The department depends on the grant to fund initiatives such as the Vehicle Identification Number etching program, according to APD Sgt. Robert Smith.

"If it weren't for the Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority, there would be no VIN etching," Smith

said. "Maybe cities and counties would pitch in for it, but, specifically, for the past 16 years, the authority has paid for VIN etching and murals on the side of buildings and billboards — anything to get folks to realize that the power to prevent auto thefts and burglaries is really on them more than it is on us."

Any law enforcement

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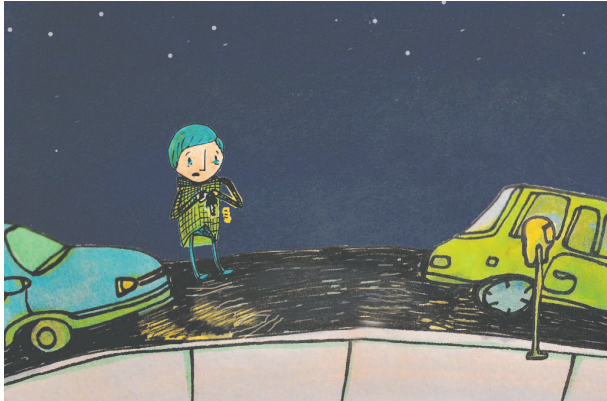


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CAMPUS

Videotaped lectures may make up for missed class

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Students may have the opportunity to make up class days lost to inclement weather through a program allowing professors to record and archive their lectures online.

Two class days were fully canceled in January because of inclement weather, while four other class days were delayed during February and March.

The Lectures Online system began as a 2009 pilot program in several classrooms in the College of Liberal Arts Building, according to Michael Heidenreich, media and audio services manager for Liberal Arts Instructional Technology Services. The system is now available to professors who teach in the 16 classrooms in which the software is installed.

"We missed a lot of days due to weather, and the dean of COLA and other deans on campus were trying to figure out how to assist professors who need additional time to teach all their material," Heidenreich said.

After the weather delays, the service was made available to all University faculty to either record their lectures in the CLA or capture the screens of their personal computers. According to Heidenreich, more than 50 faculty members have signed up for the service.

Jen Ebbeler, classics associate professor, said she began using the program in 2011 for a class of 220 students.

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University to uproot 'maroonbonnets'

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As speculation circulates that a strain of maroon bluebonnets sprouting on campus is a result of a Texas A&M prank, University officials have decided to have the Aggie-colored flowers removed, according to Markus Hogue, program coordinator for Irrigation and Water Conservation.

Hogue said no one from A&M or UT has come forward to take responsibility for planting the maroon bluebonnets.

"The more information I receive regarding the maroon bluebonnets, the more I feel that we have been pranked by an Aggie," Hogue said. "[Jerry] Parsons and Greg Grant from A&M created the maroon color. Dr. Parsons said ... that the maroon color is a recessive trait, and that the

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Maroon-colored bluebonnets grow near the Tower. Texas A&M students may have attempted to prank UT by planting seeds that would sprout maroon on UT's campus because the maroon color is a recessive trait, which should not thrive in an ecosystem.

RESEARCH



Jarrid Denman / Daily Texan Staff

Postdoctoral fellow Guifang Chen works in the molecular biology lab Monday afternoon.

Researchers identify flu-inhibiting protein

By Nicole Bueno
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A team of microbiology researchers have discovered a protein that could lead to new breakthroughs in combating influenza.

Postdoctoral fellow Guifang Chen, along with three other UT researchers, have discovered a protein pro-

duced naturally by human body cells, named DDX21, that inhibits the growth and spread of the influenza A virus through host cells.

"We found a protein, DDX21, from human cells that can block the replication of the influenza A virus," Chen said. "In turn,

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CITY

Toy Joy reopens under new ownership

By Hayden Clark
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After its previous owners closed its doors last month, local toy store Toy Joy reopened over the weekend after being sold in an auction to new owners.

Shelley Meyer and Fred Schmidt, who also own the boutique stores Wild About Music and Austin Rocks Texas, are taking over the business while working closely with the previous owners, Elizabeth Newsome and Trevor Yopp.

"The best thing about having Toy Joy be purchased by Shelley and Fred [is] they're experts," Newsome said. "They're really good at keeping an eye on and making sure that the rent is going along with the sales numbers."

In May 2013, Newsome and Yopp decided to move the store — which sold an assortment of specialty and retro toys — from its decade-long home on 29th and Guadalupe streets to a new location on



Second Street in downtown to save on rent costs.

"The biggest issue was just the rent was very high, considering our sales were going down," Newsome said. "You know the UT campus. It can be really great for businesses that cater really specifically to students."

Newsome said worsening traffic patterns in the area also caused problems for the business.

"The traffic has gotten

so crazy around campus," Newsome said. "A lot of our regular customers have been telling us that they couldn't deal with coming to that area of the town. Campus was too busy for them to park and to find parking and get in, so they were avoiding that area."

After moving locations, Newsome and Yopp became close with Meyer and Schmidt, whose Austin Rocks Texas store is just across the street from Toy Joy.

Previous owners of Toy Joy, Trevor Yopp, pictured here, and Elizabeth Newsome, sold the store in an auction to boutique owners Shelley Meyer and Fred Schmidt. Yopp believes the new owners have the capabilities to produce an Austin icon.

Michelle Toussaint
Daily Texan Staff

"We have known [Newsome and Yopp] for many, many months but have gotten to know them really well in the last six months, and they let us know there was going to be an auction," Meyer said. "The main thing that the business was suffering from was a lack of capital, so [it] needed more liquid capital to be able to buy more stock, and [it] did not have that available,

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Roger Aguilar, employee of Jim Hunter Home Improvement, sweeps leaves of a fallen tree off a street in West Campus on Monday.

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agency within the state can apply for the grant, according to Smith.

The authority will notify grant applicants about the status of their requests in June. Smith said the department does not expect to receive the exact amount of money it applied for.

“What actually gets granted to us is probably going to be completely different,” Smith said. “It’s like going to college and requesting a grant from someone — you’re going to request \$10,000, but they’re only going to give you \$1,000 because they have so many other people to give to and so few resources.”

Charles Caldwell, director of ABTPA, said auto theft rates are a factor in the distribution of grants.

“We look at a number of items that they submit to us through a grant application,” Caldwell said. “It’s based on the amount of money that we have available, what their activities are, and what the auto theft rate is. ... We have a matrix of things we look at in order to make

that determination.”

Fewer auto thefts occurred in Austin than in Dallas and San Antonio in the first three months of 2014. The difference between the number of auto thefts per capita in the four largest Texas cities — Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Austin — only differ by one-tenth of a percent.

Smith said grant funds also pay for detective salaries and equipment used to investigate auto thefts or burglaries.

“How much money we need is going to vary each year, and it’s going to vary between agencies,” Smith said. “Personnel and the projects that we have dictate how much we ask for.”

The City pledged to match approximately 25 percent of the amount granted by the ABTPA.

“The match is the City’s commitment to saying, ‘We’re dedicated in this effort just as much as you are,’” Smith said.

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“There’s a bunch of different ways it can increase your interactions with your students,” Ebbeler said. “I think it’s a great tool.”

Ebbeler said she noticed a decrease in attendance when she began using the system because she used it only to lecture. Since then, Ebbeler said she uses the program to make sure students stay engaged.

“I realized one of the ways I could make the in-class part a lot more engaging was to shift some of the content out of class,” Ebbeler said. “I used iClickers and peer discussions and other things, so class is really live.”

Ebbeler said she understands why some professors may be concerned about the attendance rate if they record lectures online.

“By recording it, I could actually test students more deeply because they could review the lectures,” Ebbeler said. “If you’re not doing



If you’re not doing anything different and only capturing your lecture, attendance will dip down.

—Jen Ebbeler,

Classics associate professor

anything different and only capturing your lecture, attendance will dip down.”

Corporate communications sophomore Vanessa Peterson said she took two classes last semester that used the online lecturing system. Peterson said the only problem she noticed was the system being overwhelmed when everyone tried to log on at once. She said her government professor recorded every lecture, but the attendance rate stayed constant throughout the semester.

“[My professor] was interesting, so people actually wanted to come,” Peterson said.

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Regent Hall case sent to county prosecutors

Allegations that UT System Regent Wallace Hall mishandled private student information and potentially violated state privacy laws have been referred to Travis County prosecutors, according to reports from the Austin American-Statesman.

These allegations were presented in the final report from the House Select Committee on Transparency in State Agency Operations.

According to the Statesman, the referral was made by Rod Welsh, the House sergeant-at-arms, in a letter to District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg and County Attorney David Escamilla, dated Friday. A letter from the co-chairs of the transparency committee, included in Welsh’s letter, said the referral was necessary based on the findings of the committee’s investigation.

The report, compiled by Rusty Hardin, special counsel to the committee, indicated Hall likely committed impeachable offenses throughout his time as a regent.

The committee is investigating Hall for potentially overstepping his duties as a regent and conducting what some legislators have called a “witch hunt” against President William Powers Jr.

At a committee hearing in November, Francie Frederick, general counsel to the Board of Regents, said regents can have access to information protected by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act if they have a job-related reason to do so. Frederick said Hall gained access to a chain of emails with protected information he should not have been allowed to see.

—Madlin Mekelburg

Music school appoints experienced new dean

The Butler School of Music appointed Mary Ellen Poole as the school’s director Monday.

Poole will replace Glenn Richter, who was named interim director in 2012 when former director Glenn Chandler resigned under pressure from University leaders after advocating that the school should be separated from the College of Fine Arts.

Poole has been the dean of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music for 10 years. She attended Baylor University and Michigan State University and has a Ph.D. in musicology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The Butler School of Music currently has 380 undergraduates and 320 graduate students.

In a press release, Doug Dempster, dean of the College of Fine Arts, said Poole’s experience as a scholar and musician made her qualified for the position.

“As dean of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Mary Ellen Poole put up an extraordinary leadership record, turning a very good music school into a great one,” Dempster said in a press release.

Poole, who will hold the Florence Thelma Hall Centennial Chair in Music and whose appointment will be effective Sept. 1, said the position at the Butler School of Music was a great opportunity.

—Nicole Cobler

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and so the stock got very low.”

Yopp said Meyer and Schmidt are guides to both him and Newsome, and the new owners have the capabilities to keep the business producing revenue and create an Austin icon.

“They were our sort of business mentors, so to say,” Yopp said. “One of the best things about the whole situation is they are already operating two successful businesses, and they have the financial backing behind them to put this business to right and make it a bigger, more powerful piece of Austin than me and [Newsome] were ever able to do.”

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Faculty Council forms technology committee

By Leila Ruiz
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Faculty Council voted Monday to create an oversight committee intended to allow faculty members to have a clearer stake and a better understanding in the use of technology in academia. Faculty members voted unanimously to form the C-14 Technology-Enhanced Education Oversight Committee, which is a standing committee aimed at evaluating and formulating policy regarding technology in higher education and ensuring that its use will help further the goals of the University. There will be 13 voting members and five non-voting members on the committee, which will review its function, scope and mission after its first and second active years and propose changes as deemed necessary. Michael White, religious studies professor and the chair of the

committee that proposed the C-14 committee, said that, while there are already strategic and infrastructure committees dedicated to the use of technology at the University, the C-14 committee will focus more on its specific academic applications. “I think it might play the role of watchdog for a need to arise in which that would be justified,” White said. Mathematics professor William Beckner said the academic diversity of the new committee will allow faculty to have a more comprehensive understanding. “Having this type of committee will engage general faculty in involvement [with] new technologies that are being used in the classroom,” Beckner said. “It serves as central oversight, but it will engage the faculty in their ownership of what is going to happen, and lots is going to happen.” The council also addressed the possibility of an extended



Michael White, chair for the Technology Enhanced Education Oversight Committee, talks to the Faculty Council at a meeting in the Main Building on Monday afternoon. Although the council addressed numerous issues, including an extended Thanksgiving break, much of the meeting centered on the role of technology in students' education.

Jarrid Denman
Daily Texan Staff

Thanksgiving break. Hans Hoffman, integrative biology associate professor and chair of the University Academic Calendar Committee, offered a proposal that would eliminate classes on the Wednes-

day before Thanksgiving. The missed class day would be made up by adding an extra class day on the Monday of finals week. Hoffman said it was important to the committee

that the number of class days would not be affected by the schedule change, although some said it would only create new problems. “It is difficult for me to vote in favor of this,”

history professor Al Martinez said. “The issue that arises by having class on the Monday as a last day of class is that, suddenly, we create the same kind of day that’s very vulnerable for absences.”

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a protein (NS1) from the influenza virus can block DDX21’s function and promote the replication of virus.” According to Chen, identifying NS1 as an inhibitor of the body’s natural defenses is crucial for finding a way to stop the influenza virus from spreading. “The findings help us know what happens when the virus infects the cells and makes NS1 viral protein as a potential target for antiviral drugs against the influenza A virus,” Chen said. “DDX21 cannot help improve vaccines, and the protein itself cannot help the treatments either, but the finding of DDX21’s mechanism on influenza A virus will help us find the target for combat.” The influenza A virus, as described by the Texas

Department of State Health Services, is classified into subtypes, and only certain strains of the influenza A virus can affect humans. The influenza virus, as with all viruses, attacks the body’s host cells, using them for replication. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are an estimated 23,607 influenza-associated deaths and over 200,000 influenza-associated hospitalizations every year in the United States. Sherry Bell, senior program coordinator for University Health Services, said the University sees both confirmed cases of influenza and influenza-like syndromes as the flu because they have similar symptoms. “In reality, the number of cases of influenza is prob-

ably between 81 and 217,” Bell said. “The 217 is the combination of 136 diagnoses of influenza-like syndrome and the 81 diagnoses of influenza.” The research team’s findings are particularly relevant, considering the strength of the recent H1N1 strain, commonly known as swine flu, which is a subtype of the influenza A virus. Because vaccines are not guaranteed to be effective, reliance on antiviral drugs has become increasingly common. Biology and premed senior Evelyn Chou said targeting the correct protein could provide a more reliable way to fight influenza. “I think it’s great that they’re trying to stray from vaccines because flu strains evolve,” Chou said. “It would be a more permanent fix to the problem.”

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blue color will take over the landscape beds. I have noticed each year that the maroon color has grown in size, which means someone is adding more seeds each year.” Parsons, a former horticulturist at A&M, said the maroon bluebonnet variant came about as a mistake. He also said the flowers’ presence on the UT campus was not a deliberate affront to the school. “They are not a prank but rather a seed mix-up during packaging by the producer,” Parsons said. Government junior Will Griffin, who is also a member of Texas Cowboys, one of the University’s spirit groups, said he does not feel offended on behalf of the University. “I don’t feel slighted,” Griffin said. “I find it funny that, if it is a prank,

Aggie students come all this way and disrespect our state flower just to put some maroon on the Texas campus.” Hogue said University officials have decided to remove the flowers — although a date for removal is still undecided — because of threats of student interference. “A few students have stated that, if we do not remove them, they will take it upon themselves to remove them,” Hogue said. “We hope this does not happen, since we want to collect the seeds and limit the chance of more growing next year.” Hogue said, if students pull out the flowers themselves, the variant could still reproduce from seeds left in the ground. Business sophomore Lindsey Lunden, who is in Texas Sweethearts, a spirit group on campus, said the alleged prank is far from an Aggie victory.

“While the flowers are an unappealing color, the Aggies are going to have to do a lot more than just planting flowers to take away even a little bit of my school pride,” Lunden said.

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Shelby Tauber / Daily Texan Staff

Sens. Davis, Van de Putte speak about female leaders

Speaking on campus Monday night, state Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth and candidate for governor, highlighted the accomplishments of female leaders to encourage other women to strive for their goals. Davis and State Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio and candidate for lieutenant governor, served as keynote speakers for Texas Tea, an event hosted by the Texas Orange Jackets, an all-women service organization. Davis spoke about the work of women, including Minnie Fisher Cunningham, a suffrage politician and leader of the League of Women Voters, and Bessie Coleman, an

African-American pilot. Van de Putte shared her experiences as a young legislator, citing Barbara Jordan, a U.S. Congresswoman and the first African-American elected to the Texas Senate, as an inspiration for her. Van de Putte told the story of a dinner held by former Gov. Ann Richards, at which she met Jordan. Van de Putte claimed the dinner was an example of the way women must help each other network in their fields. Davis will face off against Attorney General and Republican nominee Greg Abbott for the governor’s seat in November.

—Antonia Gales

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Civil Rights issues need more than rhetoric

The Civil Rights Summit, held on the UT campus last week to commemorate the 50th anniversary of 1964's Civil Rights Act, certainly made history. Three former presidents, Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, all joined President Barack Obama in Austin to commemorate the occasion, each one delivering a keynote address through the week — an unprecedented occurrence.

But, though the summit was historic, students must think critically about the presidents' words and the actions behind them because the issues at stake deserve more than just empty political rhetoric.

The first president to speak, Jimmy Carter, addressed the prevalence of sexual abuse on college campuses. "In this country, we are not above — I hate to say condemnation — but we are not above reproach. The number one place for sexual abuse is the United States universities," the former president said. Unlike the other keynote speakers, Carter moved

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past pure rhetoric to suggest a solution to the issue: The Title IX clause that allows federal funds to be withheld from universities if administrators fail to address sexual assault cases should be invoked to help address the problem.

Clinton, too, spoke on a controversial topic, using his keynote address to talk about the aftermath of the 2013 Supreme Court ruling that struck down key provisions of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. The court's ruling allowed several states to change election laws without federal approval, and, as a result, many southern states passed laws requiring voters to show photo ID to cast a ballot. Clinton chided state governments for using the court's ruling to restrict suffrage by passing such laws. "We all know what this is about," Clinton said. "This is a way of restricting a franchise after 50 years of expanding it. Is this was Martin Luther King gave his life for?"

Considering Texas is one of the handful of states that require voters to present photo identification, Clinton's words were bold.

But not all the speakers at the summit used the bully pulpit to address sensitive issues with frankness and candour. Rather, both Bush and Obama stuck to speaking about past accomplishments and legislation, barely touching on the challenges that lie ahead.

Bush talked mostly about education — an important topic, but one that constitutes much less of a hot button issue. He reminded Texans of the No Child Left Behind Act, a piece of legislation he announced in 2001 that increased reliance on standardized measurements for school accountability, especially re-

garding reading proficiency for younger children. Bush did do some justice to addressing inequality in public education, pointing out that "education in America is no longer legally separate, but it is still not effectively equal."

Obama, too, addressed disappointingly little of the modern issues concerning civil rights. Although perhaps the most anticipated speaker at the three-day summit, Obama did little to further any specific civil rights issues when he took the stage. Instead, in his characteristic manner, he spoke with eloquence, poise, and measured enthusiasm about things we already knew were true. The most we could take from Obama's speech was his eloquent praise of LBJ, which, while meaningful, should not have been an end in itself. The lack of substance in Obama's speech raises the question: Was the summit even productive beyond its celebratory flourishes?

Professor Edwin Dorn, a former Dean of the LBJ School of Public Affairs, thinks the answer to that question lies in what happens next. He asks whether, in light of the summit, the University "will make a bigger investment in teaching and research about civil rights, immigration policy and voting rights ... [because] right now, we are weak in all three areas. For example, only one UT faculty member is an expert on voting rights."

Gregory Vincent, the vice president for Diversity and Community Engagement, offered a slightly different view. He thought that listening to the "perspectives of national leaders in public policy, politics, business and activism yielded fruitful dialogues about social justice" and that the summit's "real suc-

cess was inspiring us to carry the conversation of civil rights forward and consider how those rights are being negotiated by different groups today."

But while we should appreciate the more celebratory aspects of the summit, calling the conference a success does a disservice to the spirit of LBJ, a president who passed not one but many pieces of landmark civil rights legislation on voting rights, housing equality and Medicare, to name a few. But, instead of focusing on meaningful change, as Johnson's landmark legislation did, this summit focused on rhetoric. When it comes to discussing civil rights, impassioned rhetoric can fall short; working to change the status quo is better. Change doesn't come quickly, but there is certainly room for progress at UT. Even UT President William Powers Jr. admitted that UT has historically found itself on the "wrong side" of the civil rights argument.

In the final speech of his presidency, Johnson told a roaring crowd, "we have proved that progress is possible." Johnson earned the right to say those words, and, when we as a school, or even as a nation, can come to terms with the civil rights issues of our generation — the difficulty of immigration and nationalization, the prevalence of sexual assault and the lack of equal treatment in the LBGTQ community, to name just a few — only then can we see events such as the Civil Rights Summit as successful. While that's a high standard with which to measure success, it only reflects the nature of the task ahead.

COLUMN



Photo courtesy of Jamie Lee
College of Natural Sciences Associate Dean Sacha Kopp addresses students at a town hall meeting on April 7.

CNS 101 program will unite Natural Sciences



By Francisco Dominguez
Daily Texan Columnist

On April 7, College of Natural Sciences Associate Dean Sacha Kopp unveiled a new initiative meant to promote diversity, improve pedagogy and ensure overall success for incoming freshmen.

After months of gathering student input, Kopp understood there was a resounding issue with how students were acclimating to the college. At a town hall meeting, students gave similar testimonials of isolation and frustration their freshman year that persist years thereafter. Many of the students also shared ways they overcame their feelings of desperation. Kopp aggregated these different solutions into an all-access program called CNS101.

CNS101 is a non-credit course that will divide the incoming Fall 2014 freshman class into 100 cohorts of 25 students for a year. It is intended to help CNS students form a sense of community, build relationships with faculty and achieve academic success in the college. As a transfer student, I've realized that these essentials were missing from my personal experience during my first year on the 40 Acres. I could only wish this was implemented sooner.

According to Kopp, "These small learning communities are observed to increase rates of graduation by 40-70 percent relative to other students in the college even when controlling for all other factors. ... In some sense, this is not a new initiative. This is a

scale-up of an existing collection of ideas and adding some features which we heard from students as important."

Natural Sciences Council President Juan Herrejon highlighted some of the problems addressed in CNS101 a year-and-a-half ago during a meeting with the Minority Student Advisory Council. A lack of community within the college, low graduation rates and underrepresentation of minority students alarmed the council. That there should be a system in place to smooth, and standardize, the transition to the University no matter the student's background was the impetus for CNS101.

Unfortunately, because CNS101 will be a non-credit course — like First-Year Interest Groups — retention rates may continue to present a problem. Herrejon believes a mechanism must be in place to assure accountability of it's members. One way he believes CNS101 could better incentivize students is by making it a course that students may receive credit in. "Putting in a system that works on modules would help," Herrejon said. "For example, if students have an assignment to network with 'x' number of faculty, which will enrich their university experience while earning a grade in the class, they are earning double the reward."

It is not a perfect system and hasn't even been proven to work yet. But, like in science, a constant effort to push the boundaries is what CNS101 will attempt to accomplish.

The effort for Kopp, and all those supporting him, is far from over, although this is a step in the right direction. A bright future undoubtedly awaits the College of Natural Sciences.

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HORNS UP: ONE STEP CLOSER TO REGENT HALL'S DEPARTURE



On Monday, The Texas Tribune reported that information uncovered as part of the investigation of the Select Committee on Transparency in State Agencies on possible criminal actions committed by UT System Regent Wallace Hall had been referred to Travis County prosecutors. For those of you keeping track, we are now in third year of the latest fight between the UT System Board of Regents, UT-Austin and the State Legislature. In the past two years, that fight has strayed considerably from its ideological roots in differences over higher education to the realm of sloppy and distracting personal fights between members of the board and UT President William Powers Jr. Despite numerous cries for Hall's resignation, it's become clear that Hall, who is being investigated for impeachment, is reluctant to back down. While we're frustrated every time Hall makes it into the headlines, a potential criminal case against him coming from Travis County prosecutors may be the final push he needs to leave the board. And if that happens, then maybe, just maybe, we can start talking about higher education policy about as often as we've been talking about Hall's transgressions. Horns Up to potentially being one step closer to Hall's early departure from the Board of Regents.

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HORNS DOWN: AFTER WEST, FERTILIZER REGULATIONS NEEDED



On Monday, nearly a year after the West fertilizer plant explosion killed 15 people and injured nearly 160, Texas' chief fire marshal testified in front of the House Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee on the need for structural changes in 46 Texas facilities which house ammonium nitrate. However, committee members were quick to say that any regulations would encounter resistance from business owners. Given the magnitude of the tragedy, we hope that both business owners and the legislature can reach a compromise that puts in place the necessary safety measures.

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"The ghost bike represents the worst outcome of people not being conscious of other people," Barnes said. "I feel like you can walk by a memorial every day and you don't feel the impact of it anymore. You

In response to the lack of maintenance, many cities have decided to start removing ghost bikes. This has upset ghost bike organizations that debate that ghost bikes hold emotional ties and, when removed, a memorial is removed.

About six of the nine bikes that have been placed around Austin have been removed by the city for

“The person that represents the ghost bike was loved by somebody, was somebody’s friend and was somebody’s neighbor,” Bastidas said. “That person had a family, went to school, and went to work, so for us to completely dismiss that is out of our human capacity.”

"When I was in college, I was in premed," Williams said. "Now that I'm not going to be a doctor, instead of fixing people who are broken and sick, I'm on the front end. It's preventative medicine. It's a dance party where you get to beat up stuff."

—Chance Eakin, music performance graduate student

one said. "It just adds to their idea of what they would like to do in their operative careers."

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By DAVID OUELLET

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TRACK & FIELD

Striving for a different kind of record

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The NCAA proudly flaunts that the overwhelming majority of its athletes — 99 percent, according to some sources — go professional in something other than sports. Senior middle distance runner Katie Hoaldridge has made it a point to throw her energy — and there’s a lot of it, in her case — behind both aspects of the student-athlete classification. The senior has achieved first team all-Big 12 status in the 800-meters, indoor 1,000 meters and indoor distance medley, becoming one of Texas’ best middle distance runners as she strives for records on the track. In addition, Hoaldridge already has her degree in radio-television-film and hopes to balance her possible future in track with the pursuit of a career in the music industry. Hoaldridge took the fall semester away from the team for the communication school’s “Semester in Los Angeles” program, which gave her an opportunity to work with Sony Music and Warner Brothers. This made some of her coaches a tad nervous. “[Head coach Mario Sategna] jokingly was like, ‘If I would have been in charge when you got the go to do



Senior middle distance runner Katie Hoaldridge competes in the 2014 Texas Relays. Hoaldridge is using her experience on the track and field team to pursue a career in the music industry.

Sam Ortega
Daily Texan Staff

that, I wouldn’t have let you,” Hoaldridge said. “But it kind of worked out in my favor.” Sategna may have been hesitant to let one of his top veterans take leave from the team during the off-season, but he recognizes that academics come before the athletics. “We’ve always talked to them about using track and field as a springboard, and what better way to be here at the University of Texas and to be here for the right reasons?” Sategna said. “When you have juniors and seniors, they’re looking on to

their next career opportunity. We want to support them to the fullest.” Hoaldridge’s decision to pursue an internship in Los Angeles meant she had to work even harder to maintain her national-championship-caliber fitness level. “It was so hard,” Hoaldridge said. “I would wake up at 6 a.m. ... then I wouldn’t get home until 8 p.m., and then I’d just go to the gym because it would be night time, and I’m not going to go run by myself in Los Angeles.” Her performance this season has proven that even

major obstacles, such as a significant lack of sleep and being thousands of miles from her coaching staff, do not fluster the senior. Hoaldridge anchored the 4x800 meter relay team to a second-place finish at the Texas Relays and has posted what should be an 800-meter qualifying time for the NCAA West Regionals, where a strong performance could land her in the championship meet. “I would like to close out the season with a good performance at NCAAAs,” Hoaldridge said. “I’ve never made [the

NCAAAs] individually before.” A strong showing at the NCAA Outdoor National Championships this summer would serve as a wonderful transition from one career into another, but, if an opportunity arises, Hoaldridge would still love to run after college. “Obviously, if I go full throttle in the music industry, that’s not necessarily going to be an option because I probably will never sleep,” Hoaldridge said. “But, if that is an option, I would love to pursue it. This season kind of determines my next move, but, if I can run, I would love to.”

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Charlie Riedel / Associated Press
Former Longhorn Jordan Spieth shakes hands with Masters’ winner Bubba Watson after their final round Sunday.

Despite collapse, Spieth still rising as golf great

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Alongside the rest of the golfing world, Jordan Spieth was forced to watch Bubba Watson sink putt after crucial putt en route to a final-round comeback that gave him his second green jacket in three years. Although Spieth could not maintain the pace set by Watson, the former Longhorn gave a debut that was notable in ways that cemented him in Masters history. The 20-year-old Spieth had all of America buzzing as he entered the tournament’s final day tied atop the leaderboard at 5-under-par, within striking distance of passing Tiger Woods to become the youngest player to ever win the Masters. This prospect became even more attainable when he jumped out to a 2-stroke lead after the seventh hole. Unfortunately, things momentarily unraveled for him on the eighth and ninth holes, as he bogeyed each while Watson sunk back-to-back birdie putts in a sudden 4-stroke swing. In the end, overcoming these blunders proved too tall a task for the Texas ex, as he finished 3 strokes behind Watson. On the surface, many have pointed to Rory McIlroy’s 2011 collapse and argue Spieth’s performance mirrors it. McIlroy, who was 21 years old at the time, also could not maintain a multiple-stroke lead in the final round with a chance to become the second youngest player to

win the green jacket. The comparisons stop there, though. Spieth’s final round resembled nothing close to McIlroy’s breakdown three years ago, when the Northern Irishman choked away a four-shot lead by shooting an 80 over the final 18 holes, which equates to a score of 8 over par. When it was all said and done, he finished tied for 15th and 10 strokes off the leader. To this day, McIlroy’s performance is considered one of the biggest meltdowns in Masters history. Spieth, on the other hand, shot a 72 on Sunday, giving him an even score for the day. While it wasn’t enough to keep up with Watson, who clearly looked more confident as he made his late charge, his final round wasn’t a collapse. If anything, it was a testament to his mental fortitude. After bogeying the last two holes on the front nine, Spieth could have easily folded under the pressure. Instead, he maintained his composure, finishing tied for second and finishing just one over par on the back nine. Despite coming up short, Spieth showed resolve and maturity that far exceed his youth. At 20 years old, he missed his chance to surpass Tiger as the youngest Masters champion but has simultaneously emerged as a household name. With a sharp mind and the skill set to match it, Spieth will no doubt become a familiar face atop PGA Tour leaderboards for years to come.

BASEBALL

Thornhill propels Longhorns back into national spotlight

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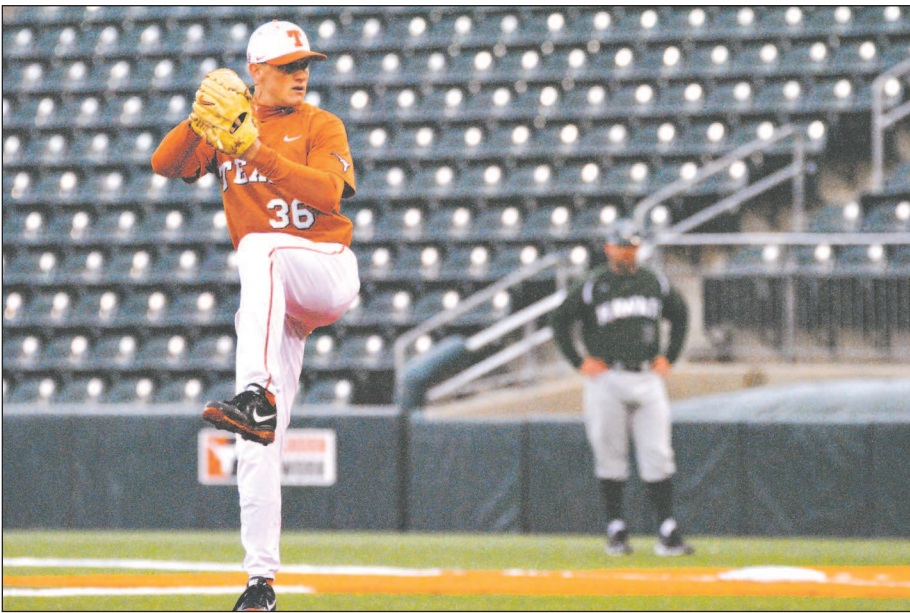
Not too many pitchers can throw a complete game, allow just one run and still manage to suffer an increase in their ERA. But that’s exactly what happened to senior pitcher Nathan Thornhill on Sunday afternoon against Oklahoma that resulted in an 8-1 win. He went the distance, pitched a gem — and his ERA climbed from 0.73 to 0.78. “You know you’re the man when you only give up one run, and your ERA goes up,” sophomore reliever Chad Hollingsworth tweeted. “[Thornhill] is that dude.” But the road for Thornhill — who was named the Big 12 Pitcher of the Week on Monday — to get there took some turns. After being selected by the Houston Astros in the 24th round of the MLB Draft, Thornhill spurned them to return to Texas in an attempt to put the Longhorns back on the map after a low year. And that’s exactly what he’s done. He’s anchored a staff that ranks No. 6 in the nation in ERA. His Big

12 leading and national top-10 0.78 ERA definitely helps that. Texas is 29-8 and No. 6 in the nation. The Longhorns are back on top of the Big 12, and their confidence is at an all-time high. “We have a lot of confidence,” Thornhill said. “We know what our plan is at the plate. We know what our plan is on defense and pitching, and, if we go and execute that, the game should come out in our favor.” Thornhill has allowed just four runs in seven starts. And all this for a guy who, at one point, wasn’t even in the opening weekend rotation, finding himself behind junior pitcher Lukas Schiraldi. He began to settle into the pen, with a real possibility of taking over the closer role. In eight relief innings, he allowed just one run while recording two wins and two saves. After a few starts for Schiraldi went sour, Thornhill regained his spot in the rotation and hasn’t looked back. He has already recorded a career-high six wins this season without even losing one. His WHIP is below one,

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and his opponents are hitting just 0.168 against him. But Thornhill doesn’t let the hype get to him, as he’s still focused on improving. “Last year, I started to kind of figure out what kind of pitcher I was and then just [built] upon that this year,” Thornhill said. “I’ve just continued to work with [pitching coach] Skip [Johnson] and listen to him because I need to be a sponge when he’s talking.” When Texas faces UT-Arlington on Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Disch-Falk Field, Thornhill will be resting his arm, watching Schiraldi deal and getting ready for this weekend’s series against TCU. “It is a lot different,” Thornhill said. “It is a lot more fun. I think that is the biggest part. With the wins, come more fun. You like that feeling, and you don’t want to have the other feeling.”



Jarrid Denman / Daily Texan file photo
Senior pitcher Nathan Thornhill winds up against Kansas in a March game. Thornhill leads Texas’ strong pitching team with a 0.78 ERA this season.

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TOP TWEET

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It’s some good movies comin out this summer

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Holmes earns MVP title at team banquet
Texas men’s basketball held its annual team banquet Monday night. With family and UT officials in attendance, awards and honors were handed out among the team, which finished 24-11 on the season. Junior forward Jonathan Holmes highlighted the night with the team’s Most Valuable Player honor, which was voted on by his peers. Holmes and sophomore center Cameron Ridley shared the team’s Most Improved Player sward. Sophomore Demarcus Holland was named the team’s Outstanding Defensive Player for the second straight year, while Holmes was also voted team captain. Holmes led his team this season in scoring (12.8 ppg), ranked second in rebounding (7.2 rpg) and third in blocked shots (40). —Garrett Callahan

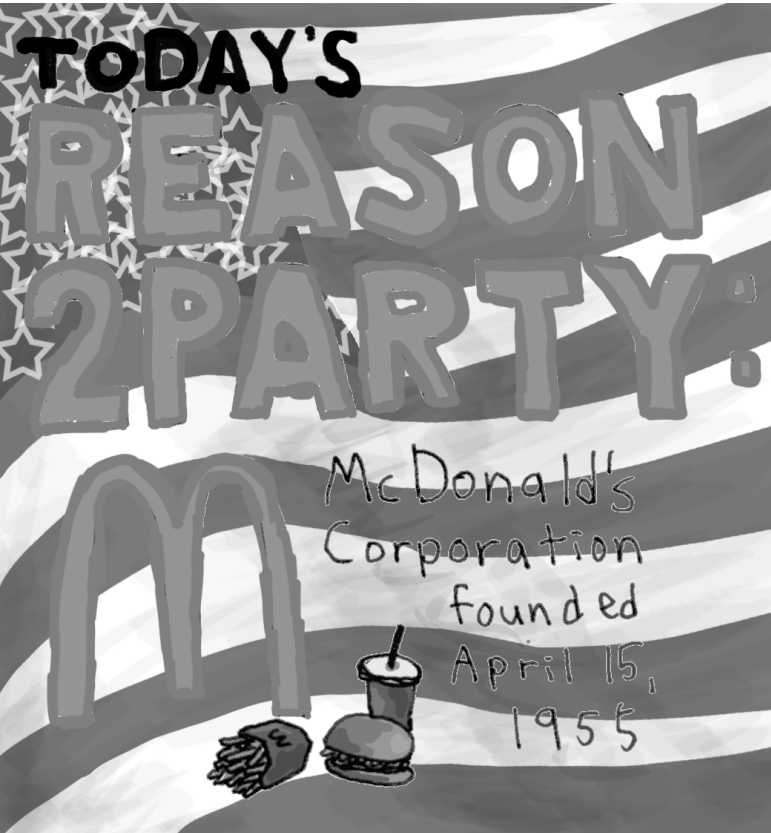
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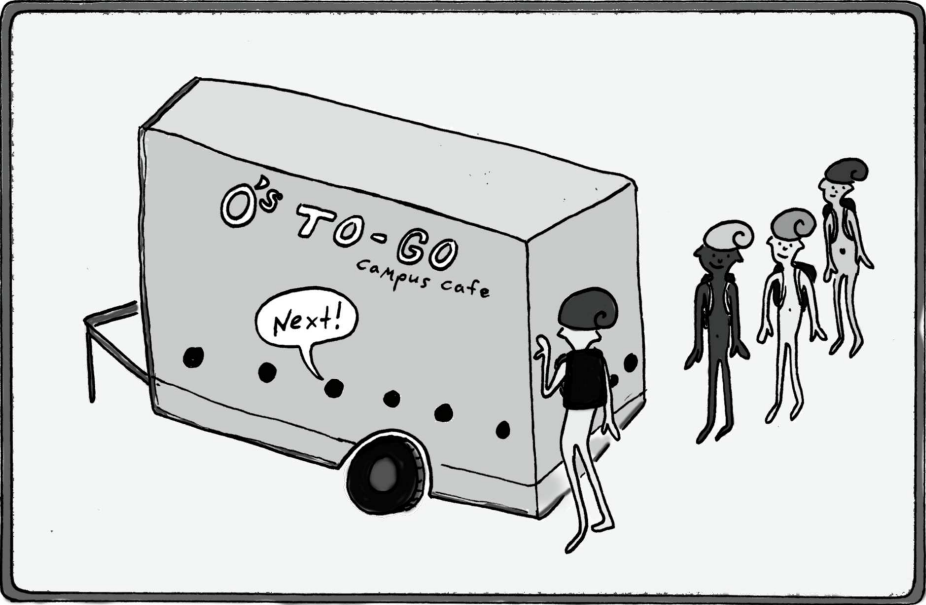
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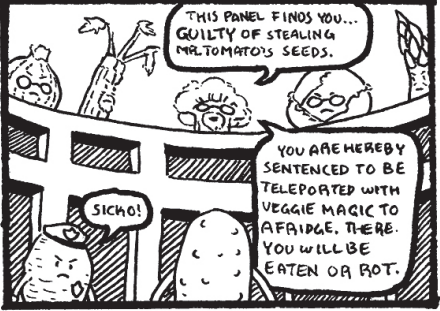
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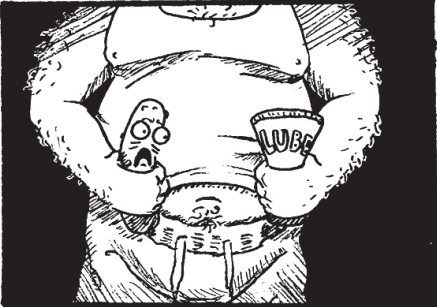
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Zodiac Girls

By: Sally & Howard

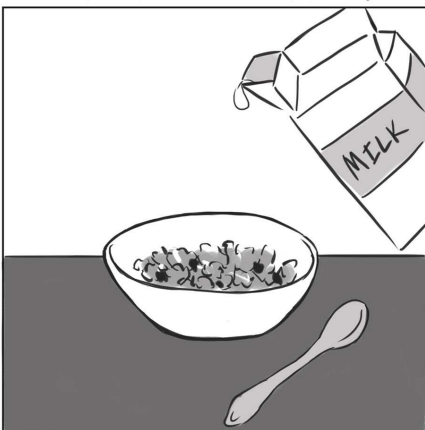


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"God is dead...And we have killed him."
-Friedrich Nietzsche

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CITY

Fight Club: a workout minus the mayhem

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For the newly opened Fight Club on Rio Grande Street, the first rule doesn't have anything to do with not talking about fight club — it's to have fun and be safe while getting a full body workout.

The contact cardio kickboxing facility opened March 24 and hosted a free class Saturday, with a visit from guest instructor Rhuben Williams and free Red Mango smoothies for those who made it to the end of class. With music blaring and participants both inside the building and outside on the sidewalk, it's difficult to ignore the new workout program that offers classes several times per day.

According to co-creator Williams, Fight Club has three crucial values: It is safe, effective and fun. Combining resistance training, cardio intervals and core strength, the 60-minute classes boast a full-body workout.

Williams' workout program began in Athens, Ga., in 2007 and became so popular that a second location was opened in the college town, followed by a third in Statesboro, Ga. When the licensed program had an opportunity to expand, Austin seemed like the perfect fit.

"I took it all throughout college, and it kind of became a hobby for my friends and [me]," said Alexis Dacy, University of Georgia alum and club instructor. "Why I wanted to bring it here was to create that hobby and love for working out like we had in Athens."

Currently, there are seven instructors at the Austin location, including two UT students and several UT alumni. Initially, only two classes were offered per day, but now up to four classes are taught daily.

The structure of the workout is up to the instructor, so no two classes are exactly alike.

Though it is a high intensity class, any level is



welcome and able to join. Williams has seen at least four people lose more than 100 pounds from taking the class and has helped train all ages from college students to 60-year-old grandmothers.

"It's the perfect go-between with most of the existing programs out there," Williams said. "If you go [to] a basic gym, you're doing some dancing around, kickboxing, punching in the air, or you got to go to a gym where there's fighters, martial arts and a really intimidating environment. This is the perfect go-between — you get to punch and hit and kick stuff. You don't have to come in contact with any other members, so it's not intimidating."

Human development freshman Jenna Hoffend tried Fight Club the first week it opened.

"[Fight Club] wasn't that intimidating because I like



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Top: Economics sophomore Cameron Slife (left) and business sophomore Max Tebbe strike a punching bag at Fight Club Austin on Monday evening.

Above: Economics sophomore Cameron Slife wraps his hand before beginning class at Fight Club Austin on Monday evening.

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Music performance graduate students Tim O'Brien and Chance Eakin are two UT opera singers involved in "The Elixir Project." A collaboration between UT's Butler Opera Center and the Austin Lyric Opera, "The Elixir Project" stages free opera performances across Austin and will have its final show



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Opera singers perform Italian feature

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A trip to the SFC Farmers' Market East last Tuesday would have allowed shoppers to witness a free live opera performance by UT students.

UT's Butler Opera Center, in collaboration with the Austin Lyric Opera, stage a free performance of "The Elixir Project," which is based off of Italian composer Donizetti's "The Elixir of Love" at nine venues across Austin. The final performance will be at the

Mexican American Cultural Center this Tuesday.

"I enjoy this project because it's a way of making opera accessible for lack of interest or lack of exposure," said Tim O'Brien, music performance graduate student and a performer in the project. "People will just have a chance to run across us and grab a taste for the opera."

The duration of each show is 30 minutes. The comic opera depicts the story of Nemorino, a peasant in love with a wealthy girl, Adina, who does not love him back

but instead loves Belcore, a sergeant. Nemorino seeks help from doctor Dulcamara who sells Nemorino a magic love potion, which turns out to be cheap wine. Doctoral student Juan Carlos Rodriguez plays Nemorino and music performance graduate student Hanna Lee plays Adina.

According to Robert DeSimone, director of UT's Butler Opera Center, the performances have been conceptualized with the idea of making opera a mass art form.

"In a traditional opera

THE ELIXIR PROJECT

When: Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Mexican American Cultural Center

Cost: Free

venue, you are away from the audience," O'Brien said. "For this project, the style is much more conversational. We come out of the audience and we even sing directly to the audience members."

"The Elixir Project" is the second in the series of

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CITY

Community advocates stand up for ghost bikes

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A white cross on the side of the road is a universal message of a fatal car crash, but, in Austin and several other cities around the country, a white painted bike is a memorial used to represent the death of a cyclist. Lately, these memorials are at risk of being taken down.

These white painted bikes are called "ghost bikes," which serve as a memorial for those cyclists who were hit and killed by a vehicle. The placement of these bikes is a worldwide movement that works to raise awareness of cyclist fatalities.

Within each city, groups independently contribute to setting up ghost bikes through local organizations and anonymous donors. Since 2006, Please Be Kind to Cyclists, a local Austin organization dedicated to the awareness and education of cyclists, has been displaying ghost bikes along the crash sites.

"[Ghost bikes] are a symbolic memorial," said Alvaro Bastidas, founder of Please Be Kind to Cyclists. "We not only honor the lives of those we lost but also create a symbol of hope that drivers become aware of the lives we lost from

a preventable crash."

This organization alone has mounted nine ghost bikes around Austin and in nearby cities. Each time a fatality occurs, the group responds within days by holding a memorial for the cyclist, inviting family and friends to attend the ceremony.

While these bikes are intended to commemorate the death of a cyclist, the process can take a toll on the individuals putting up the memorials. Danny Gamboa, filmmaker and a member of the Ghost Bike Los Angeles Team, sees about 75 bikes placed annually. This has inspired Gamboa to make a hour-long documentary about the ghost bikes and the impact placing the bikes has had on the individuals involved.

"When I put up a ghost bike, I put myself into the person's shoes," Gamboa said. "It could have been me or my partner. It could have been someone I know, and, the thing is, it is somebody's partner. It is somebody's friend. When I put up a ghost bike for a little boy and I have a little boy myself, it hits me."

Each time the ghost bikes are put on display, the bikes

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