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THE WEEK
AHEAD

TODAY

Tie-dye day

Art Above Ground, a UT organization that promotes art in public places, will host a tie-dye party in the South Mall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hex Rally

Join thousands of other students in front of the Tower from 8 to 9 p.m. for the annual pre-A&M pep rally.

TUESDAY

Let there be light

The Four Seasons Hotel at 98 San Jacinto Blvd. will unveil their gingerbread village and lit Christmas tree for the first time at 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

UT vs. A&M
blood drive

The Blood & Tissue Center of Central Texas will hold a contest between UT and A&M football fans to see who can give the most blood before Thursday's game.

THURSDAY

NOMS

Happy Thanksgiving!

FRIDAY

'Jingle Bells'

The Alamo Drafthouse Downtown will host a Christmas pop song sing-along beginning at 9:45 p.m. for \$12.

Campus watch

All the cool kids

200 Block West 8th Street
A UT staff member reported a non-UT subject was staggering and falling into the roadway. During the investigation, the officers located the subject and detected a very strong odor of alcohol on the subject's breath and noted his pants were wet and unfastened. The officer asked the subject if he had been drinking. The subject replied, "More than a normal person can handle." The officers took the subject into custody for Public Intoxication and transported him to Central Booking. Occurred on Thursday at 11:08 p.m.



Quote to note

"I know people look toward me to perform well. I still don't know if I'd consider myself a leader. Our older guys do a good job of taking care of us and telling us what to do."

—**Ryan Dohner**
Junior runner

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DASHING THROUGH THE MUD



Mary Kang | Daily Texan Staff

Warrior Dash participants race through a mud puddle, the last obstacle course of four at Cedar Creek on Saturday afternoon. About 20,000 people from around the country participated in the race.

INSIDE: Read more about Warrior Dash [on page 10](#)UT professor
returning to
Law School
after SEC job

By Nick Mehendale
Daily Texan Staff

UT law professor Henry Hu will return to School of Law after heading a division of the Securities and Exchange Commission for 13 months.

Hu is a graduate of Yale Law School and his writings have appeared in Columbia Law Review, The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. Hu was named director of the Division of Risk, Strategy and Financial Innovation (Risk Fin) in 2009. Hu announced his decision Thursday; the SEC has not yet named a replacement.

The SEC set up Risk Fin as a regulatory agency in September of 2009 in response to the 2008 banking meltdown and

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Henry Hu
UT law professor

Methodists to vote on GLBT inclusion

By Audrey White
Daily Texan Staff

This winter, the University United Methodist Church at 24th and Guadalupe streets may join a growing list of Methodist churches across the country that are officially open to GLBT Christians.

The church's leadership will vote in December or January on whether to join the Reconciling Ministries Network of the United Methodist Church, a group of 300 churches that explicitly accept gay congregants. It's a move that has been a long time coming, said senior pastor John Elford.

The official law of the United Methodist Church says homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teachings.

"One of the struggles the early church had was whether gentiles had to be included, because Jews weren't supposed to spend time with gentiles," Elford said. "The early church was stretched at that

point just like we are stretching now, but our stretch is how to include women, people of other ethnicities and people of diverse sexual identities."

Only two of the 300 Methodist Churches in the Southwest Texas Conference are members of the Reconciling Ministries Network, one in San Antonio and Trinity United Methodist Church in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Austin. Trinity joined the network in 1992 under the leadership of Pastor Sid Hall, who has worked to include GLBT Christians into the Methodist Church since the early 1980s.

Hall said in the early years he received threats of damnation from anonymous Methodists and came into conflict with his overseeing bishop, but now the Reconciling Ministry is simply a part of Trinity's culture. University United is well-suited to join the network, especially under Elford's leadership,

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Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

John Elford, senior pastor at the University United Methodist Church, is in discussions to declare the church a reconciling congregation.



Stephanie Meza | Daily Texan Staff

René Pinnell, founder of Hurricane Party, presents a social-networking iPhone app during the Texas Venture Labs Venture Expo at the AT&T Conference Center on Friday afternoon.

Expo features Texas Venture Labs

President, professors stress
importance of increasing
school's business revenues

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

Hundreds of entrepreneurs and investors listened intently Friday as Dan Street, founder of a company that attempts to connect people with their neighborhood, showed off his new spin on social connections and technology in the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center's amphitheater.

Street's company, Borrowed

Sugar, could serve Austin's 1,200 neighborhoods by posting on a website local events, news articles, restaurant information, deals with area businesses and a forum for communication. Borrowed Sugar can find anything happening online that is relevant to a particular neighborhood, Street said.

"When you move into a new house, you can feel connected to your neighbors and connected to your community," he said.

Borrowed Sugar was one of several UT-originated business ventures on display at Friday's inaugural Texas Venture Lab

Expo, which also featured talks from UT President William Powers Jr. and other University leaders about the state of entrepreneurship at UT.

For years, UT has struggled to keep up with other large public research universities in technology commercialization revenue, according to data compiled by the Chronicle of Higher Education. Though its intellectual property revenue has risen steadily since 2003, and UT spent \$640 million on research in fiscal year 2010, the University ac-

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Bookstore to open
inside Dobie Mall,
offer rental option

By Allison Kroll
Daily Texan Staff

Students will have a new alternative for textbook rentals and purchases starting next week.

BookHolders, a 10,592-square-foot store, is set to open Nov. 29 in Dobie Mall.

The BookHolders on campus is the first Texas store of the Maryland-based chain. In addition to two Maryland locations, BookHolders has two locations in Virginia and one in West Virginia and Florida.

BookHolders Marketing Manager Ryna Luckert said the choice to bring the store to Texas is based on the UT community and proximity to students.

"The UT community is great," Luckert said. "We really liked the area and we thought it would be a wonderful opportunity."

Travis Watkins, Dobie Mall leasing agent and 2003 UT graduate, said he enjoys working with Dobie Mall's location because of his familiarity with the campus and customer base. He said the new store will be convenient for both the company and students.

"Its proximity to campus and students will be a huge benefit to the customers," Watkins said. "We're one of the only retail centers on the Drag that has a parking garage to accommodate students who live off-campus or are buying

a lot of books."

BookHolders will offer free deliveries to local areas during buy periods, online price comparisons, no late fees for rented textbooks and options for students to receive cash in hand when they return books.

The store is also accepting applications and is a source for student jobs with flexible hours, Luckert said.

Students can participate in an Advantage Program, where BookHolders acts as a service to sell books for the student, and the student has the option to receive a check when the book is sold, Luckert said.

"It's very easy and convenient, and students can be very proactive with what they do with the book," he said. "They're very much in control of their book's destiny so they get the optimal amount of money back."

History freshman Harrison Dromgoole said the options for students to save money and receive textbooks in a timely manner convinced him to visit the store when it opens next week.

"BookHolders sounds like they're doing what they can to help students with the costs of college," Dromgoole said. "Dobie Mall has a lot of stores in it already; a bookstore would just make it even more convenient."

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NEWS BRIEFLY

LBJ Foundation grants award to civil rights leader in D.C.

The LBJ Foundation awarded the first LBJ Liberty and Justice for All awarded to Georgia Rep. John Lewis, a civil rights leader who worked with President Lyndon B. Johnson to pass major civil rights legislation in the mid-1960s.

“One of the key pieces of legislation that President Johnson hoped to pass was the Voting Rights Act,” said Anne Wheeler, a spokeswoman for the foundation. “John Lewis and other members of the legislature worked with the president to get it passed. It’s one of the most important pieces of the civil rights movement.”

Lewis attended a ceremony in Washington, D.C., where Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Ron Kirk, the former Dallas mayor and current U.S. trade representative gave him the award.

“John Lewis is a pioneer,” Wheeler said. “He showed great bravery for the advancement of civil rights and the result of that effort on his part was something very close to President Johnson.”

— Allie Kolechta

Campus employees renewed for sustainability positions

Two UT employees will serve another term as officers and board members on a five-county organization that manages sustainable growth in Texas.

Fritz Steiner, the dean of the School of Architecture, and director of sustainability Jim Walker have both been part of Envision Central Texas for at least eight years.

“Both [men] are mainstays of leadership,” said executive director Sally Campbell. “Fritz brings a broad perspective from his travels all over the world, and Jim is great at understanding stake holders and covering all perspectives.”

The board brings together citizens as well as environmental and business leaders to work toward achieving sustainable growth. The federal program Partnership for Sustainable Communities awarded the board a \$3.7 million grant to address critical infrastructure needs with limited resources.

“We bring public and private sector to the table,” Campbell said. “Our strength is to bring an issue to the table, look at it long term, and have it grow in ways we’d love it to, including transportation, land use, environment, social equity and economic vitality. We want Central Texas to continue to be a high quality place to work, live and play.”

— Emily Sides

THE EYES HAVE IT



Mary Kang | Daily Texan Staff

Sara Hasslinger and Mac Fields dance during E.A.S.T. in front of their studio located on Seventh and Pedernales streets on Saturday afternoon.

EXPO: UT receives second highest research funding

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accumulated only about \$14 million in revenue this fiscal year. In 2010, UT received the second highest amount of research dollars in terms for public universities without a medical school, but competing universities among that group outperformed UT with fewer research dollars.

Greg Fenves, dean of the Cockrell School of Engineering, said technology commercialization is crucial to the distribution of knowledge. While research journals will always be an important medium to transfer knowledge to the public, some innovations must make a splash in the market, he said. UT has a responsibility

to identify those innovations and commercialize them, Fenves said.

“That is an important way that we pay back society for the large investment that they make in public higher education here in Texas,” he said. “This is something that UT needs to do a better job of.”

Taking up the challenge to reform the way UT’s Office of Technology Commercialization, Richard Miller, UT’s chief commercialization officer, said he was attracted to UT for its wealth of research. He said he felt that universities must be aggressive about changing the way they commercialize technology because it will be of paramount importance to the country.

“In terms of process, we’re re-

ally good. But when you look at the output of all those patents filed, and all those licensing agreements and all those start ups, we actually don’t have that much to show for it,” Miller said. “That’s because we’re not thinking about it right.”

Miller said the patent for UT’s most successful technology — a glucose monitor developed by former UT researcher Adam Howard — expires in 2014. A larger company acquired Howard’s company, Therasense, for \$1.4 billion in 2004. The royalties UT receives from that deal make up more than 40 percent of the University’s technology revenue this year — about \$6 million of a total \$14 million.

UT should become more selective in choosing which technologies to pursue patents for, Miller said. In fiscal year 2010, the OTC filed 300 patents, had 50 licensing agreements, 32 start-ups, but only one company raised more than \$1 million.

Powers said UT’s bureaucratic nature creates a challenge for businesses and the University to work together, but that UT must get hooked into the flow of the emerging wealth-creating force in the country — technology and venture capital.

“I think the real challenge is that universities are going to have to become more in-tune with social and wealth-creating forces,” Powers said.

GLBT: Congregation may join other gay-friendly ministries

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he said. He added that the more churches that join the network, the more pressure there will be on the larger Methodist Church to change its laws to accept homosexuals.

“Having a church-wide polity that says you must not discriminate based on sexual orientation, that time is coming,” said Hall, who is still pastor at Trinity.

University United’s bulletin each week includes a statement of acceptance to all sexual identities. Joining the network will help the church and its members to fully embrace an environment of inclusion, Elford said.

University United’s young adult ministries pastor Bill Frisbie said the church’s campus ministry has always welcomed GLBT students.

“We’ve had GLBT people in our

group, and it doesn’t change what we do,” said chemical engineering senior Linda Conway, the church’s co-chair of campus ministry. “The problem is that young GLBT people in college see our church and may assume that it’s just another church like back home. By signing onto [the network], it’s showing we are actively open.”

For Christian students who identify as GLBT, there are several churches around campus whose ministries say they actively include GLBT individuals, including the Lutheran Campus Ministry on San Antonio Street.

The University Catholic Center has a student group called Prism that works to bring GLBT Catholic students, allies and those with questions together for discussion. Although it is currently inactive, group leaders said they are hoping to reenergize it in the spring.

RETURN: College benefits from staffer’s expertise

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lawmakers’ criticisms for not catching the Bernie Madoff Ponzi scheme. The agency is tasked with improving the SEC’s ability to identify developing risks and trends in the financial markets, as well as breaking down barriers within the SEC and improving communication between divisions, according to the SEC website.

The agency was created through the merger of separate SEC units that conducted economic analysis and risk assessment. Hu hired people he had previously worked with who managed hedge funds on Wall Street, adding people with a business and financial background to a staff primarily made up of securities lawyers. The division was the first created at the SEC in 37 years.

“He’ll be remembered as the George Washington of Risk Fin,” said John Nester, the director of the SEC’s Office of Public Affairs.

Hu will resume teaching and the research he worked on prior to his departure, said Lawrence Sager, dean of the law school.

“He is brilliant,” Sager said. “He has a wondrous technical understanding of the world of corporate finance and SEC regulation. This brings a marvelous dimension to the classroom, workshop table and the world of academic writing.”

It was always understood Hu would return to UT after working for a stint at the SEC, Sager said.

“We have worked so hard at the law school to build up a stellar faculty,” he said. “Bringing members of the faculty home with a treasure trove of experience is so important to us.”

Law professor Lino Graglia said it is very important for the school to have a highly regarded expert in securities regulation.

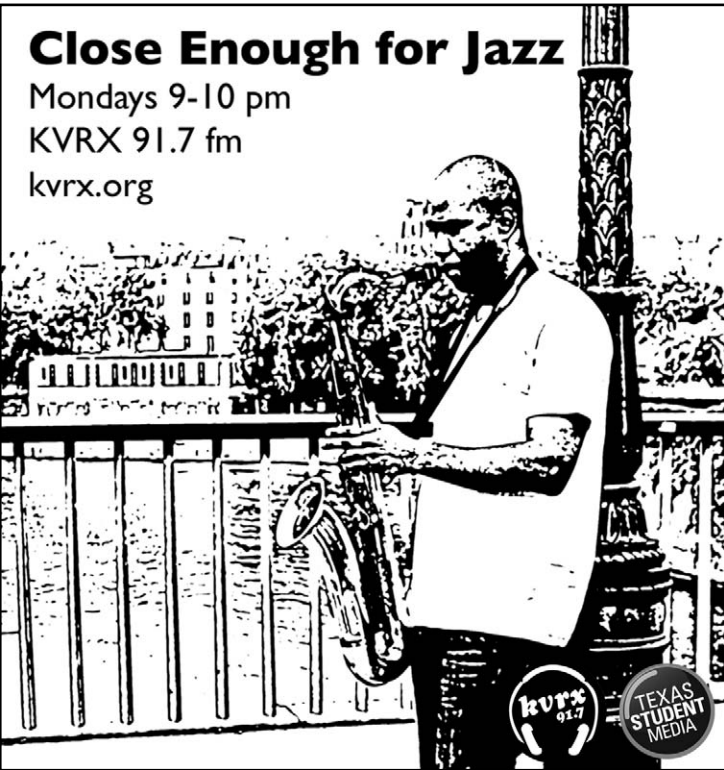
“He’s something of a perfectionist,” Graglia said. “He applies that perfectionism to his work; he has very high standards.”

Graglia said there is no better experience for teaching securities regulation than to be the one creating it.

“The only problem the school has now is that he’ll have offers from other schools,” Graglia said.

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Top leaders trying to get ban repealed by next year

By Anne Gearan
The Associated Press
SANTA CRUZ, Bolivia — The Pentagon's top leaders warned Sunday that if Congress fails to repeal the ban on gays serving openly in the military, the courts may order changes that military leaders consider too fast or poorly thought-out.

The Pentagon is trying to make it easier for the Senate to consider lifting the ban in the current post-election session. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Sunday he will release a study of the effects of repeal on Nov. 30, a day earlier than planned.

That could allow the Senate Armed Services Committee to hold hearings on the ban the same week.

The report on the impact of lifting the ban is meant as a guide for Congress as it considers what the Pentagon hopes will be a gradual and carefully calibrated change.

The Washington Post has reported that the study concludes the military can lift the ban with only minimal and isolated incidents of risk to the current war efforts.

"The timing and the legislative approach and so on, that is completely up to the Congress. All I know is if this law is going to change, it's better to be changed by legislation rather than have it struck down by the courts," Gates said.

Pentagon Press Secretary Geoff Morrell said later that Gates pushed his staff to deliver the report a day early in order "to ensure members of the Armed Services Committee are able to read and consider the complex, lengthy report before holding hearings with its authors and the Joint Chiefs of Staff."

Gates spoke in Bolivia, where he is attending a regional defense conference.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said he supports Congress using its lame-duck session to end the ban known as "don't ask, don't tell."

"The courts are very active on this. And my concern is that at some point in time the courts could change this law and in that not give us the right amount of time to implement it," Mullen said on ABC's "This Week."

Mullen said he supports ending the ban because asking people to lie about themselves "goes counter to who we are as an institution."

Pope allows male prostitute condom use



Pier Paolo Cito | Associated Press

Pope Benedict XVI blesses the faithful during a consistory inside St. Peter's Basilica, at the Vatican on Saturday. The Pope says in a new book that condoms can be justified for male prostitutes seeking to stop the spread of HIV, a stunning comment for a church criticized for its opposition to condoms.

Catholics express general agreement, satisfaction with stance revealed by recent book

By Jeannie Nuss
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Some Catholic believers in the Americas greeted Pope Benedict XVI's comments on condoms as a sign that the church was stepping into the modern debate in the fight against AIDS, though the church was adamant Sunday that nothing has changed in its views banning contraception.

Churchgoers had praise and wariness for the pope's comments that condoms could be morally justified in some limited situations, such as for male prostitutes wanting to prevent the spread of HIV.

Others cautioned it could

open a doctrinal Pandora's box. And the exact meaning of what the pope said was still up for interpretation.

"That's a theological mind trap," said Wendy Lasekan, a 47-year-old stay-at-home mom, after Sunday morning Mass at Saint Michael Catholic Church in Worthington, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus.

"In some cases, it would be justifiable — or acceptable — to use a condom," she said. "If your goal would be to prevent the spread of AIDS, that would be a charitable act."

Ellen Reik, a 79-year-old housewife who attended Saint Michael,

said if taken out of context, the pope's remarks could renew the debate over the morality of birth control — both as a contraceptive and a means to curb the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

Several more believers who spoke to The Associated Press following Sunday services felt the pope's comments marked a tentative step into a more modern stance in the fight against AIDS.

Jean Jasman, an 81-year-old state worker from Montpelier, Vt., called the stance a departure from church doctrine on condom use, "but it's to the betterment of humanity, if we can help prevent the spread of this horrendous disease."

Lois Breaux rolled her eyes when asked about the Pope's statements as she was leaving Mass at St. Kieran Church in the Coconut Grove neighborhood of Miami.

"About time — and it wasn't enough," she said. "As a Catholic, they need to recognize this is an epidemic. The church needs to stand up and say what he did, but he should have gone further."

Vatican officials strongly emphasized Sunday that the church's position on contraception has not changed.

The pope spoke in an interview given to a German journalist. Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore

Romano on Saturday published excerpts from the book, "Light of the World," three days ahead of publication. In the interview, Benedict says that in certain cases, such as for a male prostitute, condom use could be a first step in assuming moral responsibility for stemming the spread of the virus that causes AIDS.

The Holy See's chief spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, stressed that Benedict was not "morally justifying" the unbridled exercise of sexuality and the church's main advice in the fight against AIDS remains the same: promoting sexual abstinence and fidelity among married couples.

EVERYTHING IS ILLUMINATED



Khin Maung Win | Associated Press

In this photo taken Saturday, Buddhist novice monks light candles to celebrate Tazaungdine lights festival at Shwedagon pagoda in Yangon, Myanmar. Tazaungdine is celebrated with offerings of incense, sweet-meats and lights.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Flood in China coal mine leaves 28 workers missing, trapped

BEIJING — Rescuers were racing Monday to reach 28 people trapped while doing safety work in coal mine in southern China, the latest accident in the world's deadliest mines.

Forty-one workers were underground at the small, privately owned Batian mine in the southwestern province of Sichuan when it flooded early Sunday, said an official with the provincial work safety bureau.

He said 13 workers escaped and rescue work was under way to locate the 28 missing. It was not clear what caused the flooding.

A county-level work safety official said Monday that no rescues had been made overnight, and the 28 were still believed trapped.

US Air Force satellite launched after weather concerns, delays

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The Air Force has launched a new classified spy satellite.

An un-manned Delta 4-Heavy rocket blasted off From Cape Canaveral Air Force Station on Sunday at 5:58 p.m.

It carried a satellite that was described in a news release from the National Reconnaissance Office as "the largest satellite in the world."

The 23-story rocket took off after several delays over the past few months because of technical glitches, including a problem during fueling for a launch on Friday. Weather concerns on Sunday cleared shortly before launch time.

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OVERVIEW

Campus ambush

Louisiana State University professor Bradley E. Schaefer garnered national attention after a controversial video of him berating students for their political beliefs went viral online.

In the video, Schaefer seats students by their opinions about global warming, then proceeds to chastise those who disagree with climate change theories and legislation. However, Schaefer defends himself, claiming the video is an edited version of his lecture and was taken out of context, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education. According to Schaefer, the class was an intellectual exercise where he played devil's advocate to both global warming supporters and skeptics, and the video was intentionally edited to only include his arguments with skeptics. The full 40-minute video supports Schaefer's claims.

The video was recorded, edited and distributed by Campus Reform, a conservative organization with the goal of providing conservative students the tools to "revolutionize the struggle against leftist bias and abuse on college campuses." Its real goal, apparently, is to use whatever means necessary to promote its agenda and tarnish as many reputations as possible.

Campus Reform's complete lack of any moral or ethical compass is evident in its handling of this situation. First, a Campus Reform member was secretly recording the professor's class. While secret recordings are technically legal in several states, including Louisiana, the practice is nonetheless dishonest. If professors are to be scrutinized for classroom content, at least grant them the courtesy of knowing they are being recorded.

What is more, the student who recorded the event was not even enrolled in Schaefer's course. Apparently nobody actually familiar with the professor and his teaching is offended enough to denounce him.

To recap: A member of Campus Reform entered a class in which he is not enrolled to secretly record a professor engaging students in an intellectual exercise, then Campus Reform edited and distributed the footage to advance its political agenda and tarnish the professor's reputation.

Even after its selective editing practices have been exposed and the professor is on his way to being exonerated, Campus Reform makes no mention of these developments and still touts the video as an example of "what happens when you bring politics into the classroom."

For an organization whose goal is to make academia more sensitive to conservative beliefs, antagonizing professors with the power to enact such changes is a curious strategy.

When thinking of digital video technology to advance a political agenda, the nonprofit Video Volunteers comes to mind.

Video Volunteers is an organization that travels to impoverished parts of the world and sets up locally owned and operated media enterprises. The group distributes video cameras with which the locals record instances of unfair labor practices to unsanitary living situations. The effort is a success, as the program has used digital video technology to advance women's rights, health and poverty awareness.

Campus Reform could learn something from Video Volunteers. The groups have the same goals of raising awareness for and exposing unjust environments, and appear to have similar resources as well. Video Volunteers and Campus Reform use digital technology to capture and then distribute evidence of injustice. The difference is that Video Volunteers workers experience actual corruption and suffering, whereas Campus Reform feels the need to fabricate its injustice.

With the holiday season approaching, perhaps Campus Reform can hold off on its list of professors who hate Christmas and instead give thanks that a group as unprofessional, unethical and malicious as itself is able to exist at all.

— Douglas Luippold for the editorial board

GALLERY



How to give thanks

By Kate Clabby
Daily Texan Columnist

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. Once a year, every American is given permission to leave the office or put down the textbooks and take time to relax with his or her family, eat traditional, home-cooked food and give thanks.

Thanksgiving started as a harvest festival. There was no H-E-B on Plymouth Rock, and the only way for communities to survive the harsh winter was to grow enough food to last them until spring. Today, most of us take the quantity and variety of our food for granted, but a lot of work and a lot of energy went into the abundance on your holiday table. This Thanksgiving, take a moment to say thank you to some of the people who made it possible.

First, thank the cooks. And if any of your dishes come from family recipes, thank the grandmother or great-grandmother who passed that information down. Food makes a meal, but cooking makes this meal a celebration.

Next, thank a farmer. When America gained its independence, about 90 percent of the labor force were farmers — today that number is less than 2 percent. Farming is not glamorous work, but it is the work that makes everything else we do possible.

And unless you bought your food straight from a farm, thank a truck driver. Thank a slaughterhouse worker, a packaging plant employee, another truck driver,

a grocery distributor, another truck driver (or two, or three), a grocery store manager, a stocker and a cashier.

And why stop with the humans? If you're eating turkey, thank the turkey. It did give its life for you, after all. Thank a pumpkin or sweet potato plant for providing so much nutrition. If your food is organic, you can thank a cow for pooping — those plants probably couldn't have grown so well without rich compost made from manure. If it's not organic, thank a fertilizer plant employee and a pesticide maker.

In fact, organic or not, your food used a lot of fossil fuels on its journey to your table — think about the machines it took to do all that harvesting, packaging, processing and driving. So thank a petroleum refiner. Definitely thank an oil rig worker — it's a dangerous job. Thank a family in Ecuador or Nigeria or Iraq who moved off of its ancestral land or gave up its access to safe drinking water because its community was squatting above an oil reservoir. And thank a soldier.

In kindergarten, I learned that on the first Thanksgiving, the pilgrims thanked the Native Americans for showing them how to grow, forage for and prepare New World foods such as corn and squash with which the pilgrims were unfamiliar. Of course, this story ignores the massive genocide of indigenous people that subsequently took place, but it speaks to a truth that most of us have forgotten. The food crops we rely on were developed by our ancestors over thousands of years,

and coaxing good food out of the earth when you don't have synthetic fertilizer or even tractors requires an intimate understanding of the land.

As you enjoy that green bean casserole, thank the first person who took the risk of tasting a distant wild relative of that bean. Thank the first bean farmers — the people who searched for wild beans that were bigger or tastier than their relatives, saved the seeds and planted them. Through observation, trial and error, they learned the conditions this plant needed to thrive, and they learned to create them. They saved the seeds from their highest quality plants, and slowly they coaxed the plant into growing those large, crispy green beans that we know and love today.

And thank another farmer. A farmer who is learning these traditional methods and growing a wide variety of traditional crops. Someone committed to agriculture that actually improves soil quality, rather than degrading it, so that his land will be productive for years to come. Someone who understands that we can't rely on fossil fuels indefinitely and who is pioneering techniques that will let us keep farming without them. These farmers may not have grown your food, but they are out there. And they are the ones who will be growing food far into the future. Thank them, and your children will thank you.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Clabby is an English senior.

Encourage college education

By Erin Gleim
Daily Texan Columnist

Last year, I volunteered at an elementary school as a teacher's aide in a second-grade classroom. One day the students were talking about what they wanted to be when they grew up. When they asked me, I said I didn't know and that I would have to figure it out in college. They looked very confused. "Oh! I know what the college is! It's the ATM!" offered one girl, and her friends murmured in understanding. Now I was confused.

After a while, I figured out they were talking about Texas A&M. The elementary school encourages the teachers to expose the students to college by talking about where they went to college and to hang pennants of their alma mater in the classroom. Thus, most of these kids' entire understanding of higher education came from that maroon banner in the classroom. The only college some of them had ever heard of was Texas A&M.

Obviously, this is a problem, not just because they thought A&M was the only college in the world, which would be tragic — but it showed that college wasn't even on their radars; they barely knew what it was. As a control, I asked my little sister, who was also in second grade if she knew what college is. She did, and she could name quite a few colleges. Although, her list did include Hogwarts.

My little sister attends a private school that emphasizes the importance of college, and we talk about college a lot in my family. I am lucky to have grown up in a family that emphasizes college, but some of the kids I worked with are not so fortunate.

Because not all of the kids' parents attended or even see the value of college, a lot of these kids are only going to hear about college in school, and that's not happening enough now. This is exactly why there must be some sort of college-prep program for all kids in Texas public school.

There is a clear disconnect between higher

education and first and secondary education, and many people, including Texas Rep. Fred Brown, R-Bryan, believe this results from the fact that two different organizations oversee education in Texas.

Currently, the Texas Education Agency oversees pre-K through 12th grade, and the Higher Education Coordinating Board deals with community colleges, colleges and universities. Brown filed a bill for the upcoming legislative session that would merge the two groups so that there would be one unified system.

"There's always been a real disconnect," Brown recently told The Texas Tribune. "We need to be thinking about K-16. For the sake of our students, it just makes sense."

Other education officials such as A&M's chancellor Mike McKinney and several lawmakers support the proposal. Four other states, including New York and Florida, have unified systems like the one in the proposal.

There are some downsides to the bill. Among them, and perhaps the most compelling to Tex-

as residents, is that higher education would likely be overseen by the State Board of Education, a group that has been the center of much controversy lately. Another potential pitfall is the possibility that the new combined agency wouldn't be much different than the current system. Opponents of the bill believe communication between the TEA and HECB should simply be improved and complimentary programs be implemented to solve the problem.

Whatever the solution, the problem is a vast and serious one, especially in Texas, a state that continually lags behind other states in education. We need encouragement about higher education in all of our elementary and middle schools so these kids stay aware of and excited about college. I'd hate for the 23 kids I was working with, who are now all hell-bent on being Longhorns, to lose sight of their dreams, especially since college is now a part of those dreams.

Gleim is a journalism freshman.

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Mary Kang | Daily Texan Staff

Wreckin' Raas performs during Jhalak at the Hogg Memorial Auditorium on Friday evening. Wreckin' Raas is a co-ed dance team from Texas A&M University that seeks to promote awareness of South Asian culture through an Indian folk dance called Dandiya Raas.

Show promotes Indian culture

'Jhalak' educates students about country's history; groups compete in dance

By Lauren Giudice
Daily Texan Staff

A student organization gave the UT community a glimpse into Indian culture at "Jhalak," an educational and entertaining event about India's history.

The show featured eight dance performances and four singers at the talent competition, which included teams from Rice University and Texas A&M University. To fund Friday's event in the Hogg Memorial Auditorium, the Indian Cultural Association raised about \$15,000. The association paid for the housing and transportation costs of out-

of-town team.

"It was a tough thing planning out and we had to fund-raise a lot so we could make this free for the UT community," said petroleum engineer-

them all the dances that India has to offer, not just one kind," he said. "We wanted to fuse the West and the East together."

The event's theme, "India Today," highlighted contemporary

sical, Bollywood, jazz and hip-hop choreography into their routine, while Texas Raas chose a more traditional dance style. Biology freshman Arjun Adapalli bested three other competitors in the singing category to win \$650.

Biology sophomore Sabeena Shaikh, a member of the Mohini Dance Team, said her team's long practice hours helped the group tie for first place.

"Winning is a thrill, it's a rush," Shaikh said. "But after all of our hard work, it feels amazing. We practiced three hours every day for the past two weeks, but it was totally worth it."

The dancing teams' precision impressed biochemistry freshman Vivek Sreeram.

"I thought it was a brilliant performance," Vivek said. "Everyone was so in sync. It was very professionally done. My favorite team was Wreckin' Raas, even though they are from A&M. They were amazing."

ON THE WEB:

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"We wanted to showcase to [the audience] all the dances that India has to offer, not just one kind."

— Nabeel Abid,
Petroleum engineering sophomore

ing sophomore Nabeel Abid. "I think it's worth it to see the smile on everyone's faces. All of the performances went very smoothly."

Abid, who is on the group's executive board, said the event planners wanted to reach out to all audience members by including traditional dances from across India.

"We wanted to showcase to

life in India, including education, military and business issues.

"I think the videos got a really positive response," Abid said. "Overall, I think it was a very successful event."

Two UT dance teams, the Mohini Dance Team and Texas Raas, tied for first place in the dance category. The Mohini Dance Team combined clas-

Study connects gender, Facebook use

UT professor, grad student highlight different reasons groups use social networks

By Lauren Giudice
Daily Texan Staff

In a comprehensive study of Facebook, a UT professor and graduate student identified major differences between the way people of different genders and ethnicities use the social networking site.

Radio-television-film associate professor Samuel Watkins and radio-television-film graduate student H. Erin Lee conducted a survey of about 900 college students and recent college graduates from multiple states.

"We wanted to identify with greater precision some of the complex factors that impact how

people use social media," Watkins said.

Watkins said the team identified a clear distinction between how men and women use Facebook.

"Women were more likely to indicate that they posted photos," Watkins said. "But they put photos up that were of family gatherings, friends and more personal photos. Men were more likely to report than women that they posted photos that were more functional, as opposed to intimate."

He said men would be more likely to post pictures of their hobbies and links to current news stories. Although the content of what men and women share is different, the amount they share is very similar.

"We knew anecdotally that both men and women use social media," he said. "We had some evi-

dence based on other research that we had done that men and women are different in their motivations in using social media and how they use social media in terms of what they do."

Undeclared freshman Akshay Vijay said he thinks the findings make sense because women are in general more open about their personal lives and are usually concerned with creating connections.

"Men usually don't publicly show much interest in those things but instead would use Facebook as a tool to expand their interests through networking," Vijay said.

Applied Learning and Development freshman Lauren Dever agreed with the information comparing men's and women's uses of Facebook.

"My dad is constantly post-

ing stuff about electronics and 'nerdy' stuff," Dever said. "My mom just posts things about her day or family. But the same goes with people our age. Guys posts things about the news or electronics while girls post song lyrics or stuff about their weekends."

The study also revealed African-Americans use Facebook as a source of news and information more than any other ethnicity.

"African-Americans see social media as a gateway to get involved in civic life and politics and current affairs," Watkins said.

He also said there was speculation years ago Latinos did not use Facebook as much as other ethnicities, but the study proves the early claim wrong.

Watkins said he was surprised to find about half of people who play games such as Farmville are college graduates.

Service projects unite Austinites in weekend of aid

By Anna Fata
Daily Texan Staff

Hundreds of Austinites participated in a weekend devoted to service a few days before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Service Austin takes place the weekend before Thanksgiving every year, and different organizations plan service projects throughout the city. More than 750 registered volunteers contributed to 41 local service projects.

Service Austin chair Jeff Blackwelder said he hopes the service event evolves into a well-known tradition for Austin.

"In the future, people will eventually come to realize that the weekend before Thanksgiving is the weekend for giving thanks by giving back," Blackwelder said.

Now in its fourth year, the event has more than four times as many projects and volunteers as it did in its first year. Blackwelder said he estimates more than 900 people actually arrived to volunteer to the service projects.

"It's been our experience depending on the weather that more people will show up than actually signed up," he said. "It's always doubled in size every year, but this year it exceeded our expectations considerably because we got much better media coverage."

The organizations performed service projects such as cleaning parks and playgrounds, teaching children to read and sorting library books.

Blackwelder said he has seen

people venture outside their homes for the first time in more than a year-and-a-half, made possible by a Service Austin project that builds wheelchair ramps at homes of the disabled.

The Southern Baptists of Texas Convention participated in an event for Austin's homeless where they brought a truck for showers. More than 30 homeless people received haircuts, massages, food, as well as winter necessities such as extra clothing and blankets behind the Shell gas station at 38 1/2 Street and Interstate Highway 35.

Government senior Ellen Muench, who helped the homeless on Saturday, said she volunteers twice a month. The program Saturday encouraged efforts from members of all faiths, she said.

"Things are really bad, and you just need to do what you can, regardless of religion," she said.

More than 40 people volunteered at the Austin Fire Department's training facility sorting uniforms, cleaning the yard and painting.

Battalion Chief Thayer Smith said Saturday was the first time a service project was held at their facility, and the work the volunteers performed in one weekend probably would have taken six months for his staff to complete without them.

"We were very pleased to have a bunch of extra hands to help us do some of the projects we needed to get done," he said.



Caleb Bryant Miller | Daily Texan Staff

Michele Hallahan cuts Trudy Potts' hair during the National Day of Service at a site dedicated to offering haircuts and showers to homeless citizens. Austin hosted dozens of events for local volunteers to contribute to their community.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Texas Youth Commission report recommends various measures

The Texas Youth Commission should remain an independent agency for at least another six years after implementing many of the reforms mandated by the Legislature in 2007, according to a Texas Sunset Advisory Commission staff report.

"Staff turnover rates are down but the TYC continues to have difficulty staffing specialized treatment positions," according to the commission's report. "The agency can still improve the number of youth enrolling in and completing needed treatment."

The commission also recommended Thursday that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality step

up enforcement, while not addressing the air-quality permit disputes between the state agency and the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

The commission's staff also recommended changing the name of the Texas Railroad Commission to the Texas Oil and Gas Commission to better reflect the responsibilities of the agency. The report also suggested the position of commissioner, which is elected, be replaced by a board appointed by the governor.

"[The recommendation] isn't a surprise because it doesn't have anything to do with railroads anymore," said Sherri Greenberg, a lecturer at the LBJ School. "Whether or not the Legislature wants to give the governor, any governor, the power to appoint all of the members to the board is another question entirely."

— Nolan Hicks

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Longhorns sparked by Hail Mary play

By Jordan Godwin
Daily Texan Staff

Garrett Gilbert stepped back and calmly squinted toward the end zone.

The play is called "Berlin," and the Longhorns run it at the end of every Thursday practice. It's a desperation play that rarely works, even in practice.

"Only on video games," said receiver James Kirkendoll.

But already leading Florida Atlantic 17-7 with one play left in the first half, Texas decided to give it a shot. With virtually no pass rush pressure, Gilbert had plenty of time to let his receivers get downfield.

"It's pretty much a play where everybody runs to the end zone, and he just puts it up there," said receiver Malcolm Williams.

Standing 53 yards from a miracle but wearing none of his usual pressure, Gilbert reared back and hurled it deep. Time expired as the ball floated and floated in the air, making its way toward a pack of receivers and defenders waiting patiently in the anticipated landing zone.

"It felt like I was sitting there forever," Williams said. "I kind of wanted to go get a hot dog."



Lauren Gerson | Daily Texan Staff

Texas junior wide receiver Malcolm Williams, who was on the receiving end of a 47-yard miracle Hail Mary touchdown on the last play of the first half, celebrates with the Longhorn Hellraisers in the south end zone student section bleachers after UT's 51-17 win against FAU.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Fussell propels offense to run-and-gun victory

By Sameer Bhuchar
Daily Texan Staff

In their continuing quest to define themselves as a unit, the Longhorns may have done just that on Sunday against Boston University.

The Longhorns run-and-gunned their way to a 92-46 victory over the Terriers, behind Chassidy Fussell's 20 points and Kathleen Nash's 20 rebounds. Ashley Gayle added 16 rebounds of her own.

"This was a great game for us because [the Boston University Terriers] are very strong and physical," said head coach Gail Goestenkers. "We had to work for everything we got and it wasn't

easy. Kat [Nash] and AG [Gayle] were monsters on the board and they ignited our transition game."

The "transition game" was especially important for Texas. The Longhorns were able to push the ball at the fast pace they like due to the 25 turnovers they forced against the Terriers, and they netted 35 points off the turnovers and 25 fast-break points.

"Once we lost Cokie [Reed] we changed who we were going to be," Goestenkers said. "We focused on pushing the ball and pushing the tempo and we were going to score a lot of points and do it in transition. Last game I

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Texas freshman point guard Chassidy Fussell drives hard to the basket in the Longhorns' 92-46 win over Boston University on Sunday.



Andrew Torrey
Daily Texan Staff

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY



Andrew Torrey | Daily Texan Staff

Texas junior runner Brian Rhodes-Devey eyes the front of the pack in a regional competition in Waco.

Dohner driven by words of dad

By Bri Thomas
Daily Texan Staff

Ryan Dohner's running was always encouraged by his father, who served as his junior high track and cross country coach at the John Cooper School in The Woodlands.

"It was cool having him coach

me," Dohner said. "The workouts weren't hardcore, but there were definitely times where I wouldn't want to go on a run with him."

Although Dohner knew the decision to run was his own, it was nice to have support at home.

"I was always told how good I could be," Dohner said. "I was never told that I had to run, though."

With this praise, Dohner won the Texas state meet in the two-mile race during his senior year, and his cross country team made it to nationals.

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WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

UT remains unfazed despite youth

By Julie Thompson
Daily Texan Staff

Texas heads to the NCAA Championship meet today for the first time since 2002. The Longhorn's success this season can be credited to all-around efforts from the entire team, but also to a trio of freshmen — Megan Siebert, Marielle Hall and

Sara Sutherland.

Texas finished first at the NCAA South Central Regional meet on Nov. 13. Hall was the team's second finisher, coming in fifth. Sutherland came in ninth and Siebert came in 27th.

"Having a young team definitely makes us hungry for success," Hall said. "I think

the whole team has just made the decision to not let our age or experience level deter our success."

Hall, a New Jersey native, chose to come to Texas because of the coaching staff. Although it can be hard to be so far from

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VOLLEYBALL

Horns to test streak against ISU, A&M

By Austin Laymance
Daily Texan Staff

Texas heads into the final week of the regular season riding a season-high 13-match winning streak after defeating the Kansas Jayhawks 3-1 Friday night at Gregory Gymnasium.

Senior outside hitter Juliann Faucette continued her latest string of impressive play, pacing the Longhorns with 26 kills — the fourth time in the last five games she's eclipsed 24 kills — and added 15 digs for her second-consecutive

double-double.

Texas head coach Jerritt Elliott recognizes that it's the perfect time of the season for his best player to find her rhythm.

"With the way she's been playing lately, she would be a Player of the Year candidate," Elliott said. "Her early numbers probably won't be good enough, but that is world class swinging, averaging over six kills a game, hitting over .400."

"That is big time production," Elliott said. "She is scoring more than 25 percent of our points, so that is

amazing production."

The No. 8 Longhorns (21-5; 16-2) needed a spark from junior outside hitter Amber Roberson in the decisive fourth set to propel them to yet another victory.

Roberson came off the bench and made an immediate impact for Texas, racking up five kills on just nine swings to lead UT to the win.

Texas returns to action Wednesday against rival Texas A&M before heading to Ames, Iowa to try to avenge its only regular season loss from a year ago.



Mylan Torres | Daily Texan Staff

With thousands of loyal Gregory Gym patrons looking on, Texas middle blocker Jennifer Doris returns a ball in UT's 3-1 win over KU.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL



Frank Franklin II | Associated Press

Texas freshman point guard Cory Joseph dives headfirst on the hardwood to chase down a loose ball in the second half of UT’s nail-biting 68-66 loss against No. 4 Pittsburgh in the championship game of the 2K Sports Coaches vs. Cancer Classic at Madison Square Garden on Friday.

Longhorns return from NYC with heads high

By Dan Hurwitz
Daily Texan Staff

Pittsburgh’s Travon Woodall’s missed free throw with 12 seconds remaining was exactly what the Longhorns needed. But the off-balance and unwise heave of the ball by Cory Joseph missed the entire goal and sent the Longhorns back to Austin with a 68-66 loss — the first of the young season.

“I knew there was a couple of seconds left and I was trying to get the ball and make a play for the team, and it didn’t happen,” Joseph said. “I had the ball in my hands but it didn’t happen. I was

aware of the time. It was just a learning experience and I have to get better.”

The Longhorns’ near upset of No. 4 Pittsburgh on Friday and win over No. 16 Illinois showed that this squad can compete among the best in the country.

“We got a young group of guys who were able to take in two good games here and learned some things,” head coach Rick Barnes said. “We will definitely improve from this.”

Improvement is something that is needed on both sides of the ball.

“We obviously still have a lot of work to do defensively, as I think most teams do this time of year,” head coach Rick

Barnes said.

Those defensive struggles came on guarding the perimeter as the Longhorns allowed their opponents to convert on 17 3-point attempts in addition to a number of open misses.

Offensively, the Longhorns continue to stray away from their team mentality at times.

“We had some chances to get some momentum going and went one on one as opposed to getting it inside and getting what we needed,” Barnes said.

Despite scoring a game-high and career-high 28 points, including seven of Texas’ last nine points against the Pan-

thers, Jordan Hamilton was most notable in taking wild shots.

The Longhorns trailed by 10 points with eight minutes remaining, but slowly caught up to a Pittsburgh team that was projected to win the Big East.

Forward Tristan Thompson once again had a strong outing finishing with 11 points, six rebounds and three blocks.

Thompson’s performance at Madison Square Garden should concern opposing coaches who will have to go against the freshmen and this Texas team.

“We are not even close to being as good as we can play,” Barnes said.

FUSSELL: Horns out-hustle BU, streak to win

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said, “Okay I think our goal needs to be to score 100 points every game.” Whether we do or we don’t that needs to be our mindset.”

The Longhorns tried to keep the ball moving with finesse, but they didn’t give up on being physical.

Though it is not an official statistic, Fussell led the Longhorns in time spent on the ground. On both the defensive and offensive sides of the ball, Fussell could be seen hitting the deck for loose balls, taking charges and getting fouled. Her hustle paid dividends giving her four steals, one block and eight rebounds in addition to her 20 points.

“I just felt like they’re going to come at me, so I’m going to come at them,” Fussell said. “That’s my mindset when I play. I’ve got to be fearless.”

The final score may be a bit misleading considering how close the game was in the much of the first half. Texas trailed for the first time this season 11-9 at one point, but after regaining the lead, they never looked back.

With their 92-point performance the Longhorns have scored over 90 points in each of the first three games, a feat they haven’t accomplished since 1992. Nash’s 20 rebounds were the most by a Longhorn since 2005.

Their victory let Texas fans know that when they fatigue their opponents with their mobility, Texas is virtually unstoppable. It is a style they are trying to perfect as they prepare to take on Stanford, Michigan State, Tennessee and the tough Big 12 in the coming weeks.

But for now, Goestenkors and her team are celebrating a commanding win over a team she said was the best they’ve faced so far.

“We made them [Boston University] look bad,” she said.

DOHNER: Indiana meet next step for humble team

From page 6

“I never thought we could be that good,” Dohner said. “People stepped up, though, and we barely lost to a team who has won the national meet over 25 times.”

After this success, Dohner decided to visit Texas and fell in love. Assistant coach John Hayes and he stayed in touch, and Hayes even made a house visit to show his interest in Dohner.

“I always thought I wanted to come to Austin,” Dohner said. “When I was a freshman, a guy my

dad coached came here. I heard his stories, and that just sparked my interest further.”

After being such a leader on his high school team, Dohner was sure achievements would come during his college career. He set a goal for himself to be the best freshman in the nation.

“I know people look toward me to perform well,” Dohner said. “I still don’t know if I’d consider myself a leader. Our older guys do a good job of taking care of us and telling us what to do.”

Nov. 13’s regional meet was

worth all of the team’s hard work. With Dohner finishing fifth, the Longhorns won a silver medal.

“Now ... nationals,” Dohner said. “I’m nervous, of course, but really excited.”

Texas will compete in Terre Haute, Ind., today for the NCAA title. Last year, the team was also able to pull off a second place at regionals and ended up tied for 28th at nationals.

“The team is going to surprise a lot of people,” Dohner said. “We’re confident, fresh and we know this is our time.”

MIRACLE: Williams, Gilbert connect for play of year

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But instead, Williams stayed in the back of a pack of players, and full of faith, he simply put his hands up — didn’t jump, didn’t move. When the ball somehow stuck to his hands for the touchdown, Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium erupted in ecstatic disbelief. With the way this season has gone for the Longhorns, most people watching expected an interception or an incompletion on the Hail Mary play.

“In 38 years, that was the first time I’ve ever completed one,” said offensive coordinator Greg Davis. “That doesn’t happen very often, but Garrett threw a perfect ball, and Malcolm went on top of everybody and got it.”

Gilbert triumphantly pumped his fists in celebration, as if he

were thinking, “Finally.” In his 10-month tenure as Texas’ quarterback, he hasn’t had many of those plays. Entering the game having thrown more than twice as many interceptions as touchdowns and dealing with receivers that have consistently dropped passes, Gilbert was in unfamiliar territory as he ran into the half-time locker room.

“I honestly couldn’t tell it was Malcolm that caught it,” Gilbert said. “But then I heard the crowd, and by that time, I was pretty excited and running down the sideline.”

Williams said if it were his decision, the catch would’ve easily made ESPN SportsCenter’s top 10 plays, preferably in the top five. The play didn’t get that kind of love, probably because of unranked Texas’ irrelevance on the national land-

scape. But regardless of how the Longhorns are perceived outside of their locker room, Saturday night’s 51-17 victory has the inside believing the season has finally turned around with one game to spare and bowl eligibility on the line. Texas head coach Mack Brown said the play epitomized the game, and the Longhorns are hoping that it will represent a strong finish to a miserable season.

They’re still in a 5-6 hole on the season, but Williams’ catch could go a long way for a team that finally has momentum.

“That was the point where we could finally say, ‘Let’s have fun,’” Williams said. “Things are finally starting to go our way. Everybody sees now that we’re having fun; we can come up with those plays. This was a big momentum for all of us.”

BEHM: Upperclassmen lead way as nationals loom

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home, she feels being on the team has helped ease her transition.

“The team is definitely a big part of why I feel so comfortable here,” Hall said. “They are always fun to be around and just make competing and practicing a good experience.”

Siebert also thinks an overall team camaraderie has contributed to her early success as a Longhorn. She points out the upperclassmen for keeping the young team together.

“I think they have played a big role in keeping us motivated and getting together and doing things and building relationships with each other,” Sibert said.

Mia Behm, a junior runner, says the upperclassmen on the team do make efforts to motivate the freshmen. However, Behm also credits the early success of the freshmen to the team’s relationship and spirit.

“Our team overall is good and it’s because of the freshmen that [head coach] Steve [Sisson] brought in,” Behm said. “The reason they are doing so well in this environment is because they like it here, and I think that sends a message to the people that are looking to go here.”

All of the runners agree that having three freshmen on the lineup has been beneficial this season, and will continue to help the Longhorns in the future.


“Thinking about the future, it’s awesome,” Behm said. “They are this good now and they are only going to get better over the next few years. It’s comforting to know that when I am gone our team will have a solidified future, and it is intimidating for other teams that our team is so young.”

Hall thinks that it is the entire team’s drive that has led to this season’s success.

“It is very exciting to have already made an impact, but I think no one looks at their age as something that should mean they aren’t successful,” Hall said. “Myself and the whole team work hard every day to be where we are and that’s what is going to give you results on race day, not your age.”

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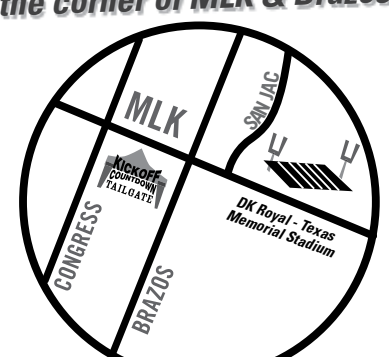
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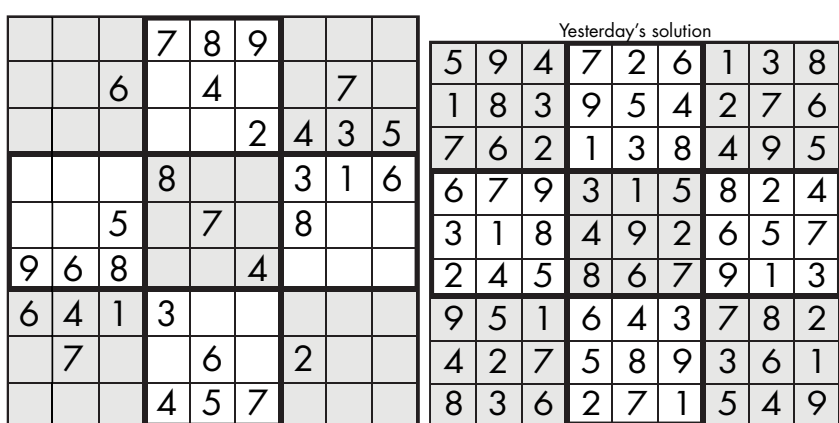
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DASH: Participants dress as KISS members, smurfs

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Williams heard about the event by word-of-mouth and said she wanted to partake because it combined her love of running with an extra element of adventure. Her favorite part of the race was fording through a stream and running along a creek bed that had potholes covered in mud. Runners would just drop three feet under, she said. At the end of the race, volunteers hosed down the runners.

Munirah McNeely, one of the Central Texas race directors, participated in the Warrior Dash in other states. She found it more challenging than she had expected.

"After the first obstacle you think, 'Oh, I can do this,'" McNeely said. "But then you're just exhausted by the fourth obstacle. Luckily you're running in a group, and everyone is really encouraging and motivating."

One of the most interesting costumes she had seen was a group dressed up as the band KISS that ran the entire race in platform boots. On Saturday, a participant with a physical disability completed the race on crutches, which was an emotional high

point for the day, McNeely said.

The first Warrior Dash was held in 2009 near Chicago. After a sold-out race with 20,000 participants from around the country, the Warrior Dash expanded to 10 races this year with two in Texas. There will be 30 races next year, including three in Canada and one in Australia, said event spokesman Alex Yount.

"The idea was to create the most badass day possible," Yount said. "There's everyone from couch potatoes to people who run every day. It's always a sight to see when a 30-year-old man in a smurf costume jumps into a mud pit."

Yount said the course makers try to use as much of the natural land and local resources as possible to make each race unique to the region. Although there have not been any injuries beyond cuts, scrapes and bruises, each Warrior Dash has a medical team on the scene as well.

One woman posted a photo on the Warrior Dash's Facebook fan page of her new tattoo: a warrior helmet surrounded by flames.

"She'll be wearing her helmet for the rest of her life," Yount said.

STEAK: Owner remains involved despite active career in football

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manages the culinary aspect of the steakhouse.

Although Young is currently busy in season with the Tennessee Titans, he is active in the restaurant and has a say in every

decision made, including being in town, Brown said.

"This is a partnership and, most of all, a friendship, so we all discuss any and every idea together, from food to decor and everything in between," she said.

NOVEL: Book tells complicated story using clear, understandable prose

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realize the consequences of this emotional void as an adult.

Mengestu writes in a crisp, clear prose. Over and over, he shares passing moments of Jonas' marriage and childhood in heartbreaking detail. Though, if there were one hesitation, it would be that he begins to wander off into his writing, hammering down a thought or mes-

sage too forcefully.

"How to Read the Air" signals the emergence of a fully mature writer who is able to write about the American experience and the immigrant experience as one and the same, because he understands that the cultural, language and social barriers do not bar us from the universal hope for connection.

Grade: A

MUSIC: Next album to take lo-fi direction

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very "Eisley." But I think lyrically there's a shift that old fans will definitely notice; it's a lot more reality-based, and it's not all so much "good." Whereas the first record there was a lot of fictional writing because we were young, the lyrics on *The Valley* are definitely bolder and probably the songs are a little heavier as far as the rock aspect. It's not anything that any Eisley fan wouldn't want to hear though. You won't be disappointed!

DT: You mentioned the lyrics being more reality-based, and I know that there has been a lot of upheaval recently in the band when it comes to relationships and your previous record label. Did Eisley see these darker lyrics as therapeutic or a coming-to-terms with all the drama?

SD: Oh, completely! It's free therapy, essentially, because you can write out your feelings and put your energy into this and put it out there to world and play it to hundreds of people every night. It's the best thing to possibly come to terms with things that have happened in my life and things I want to share with people. I'm so lucky; not a lot of people get a chance to express themselves this way.

DT: So I take it all the songs for the upcoming record are recorded already?

SD: Oh yeah, it was last summer that we recorded it; we kind of knocked it out in a couple of months. We were ready to knock them out and go in there and finish it, but now it's been almost a year since it's been recorded.

DT: Yeah, and I was surprised to hear that you had dropped Warner Brothers in favor of Equal Vision records. Can we talk about what happened?

SD: Well, when we were young and first starting out, we were getting romanced by big labels and we picked Warner Brothers because they seemed like genuine people and they loved the band. And I think it was good for the first few years but major labels shift so much and they always have new people going through and we were losing people we were working with. And it's really hard as a band, with this really artistic group of kids, and people weren't getting what we were about and our vision. We recorded this last re-



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Eisley, composed of three sisters, a brother and a cousin, is a band out of Tyler, Texas, that makes shimmering indie rock. Eisley has toured with Coldplay, Brand New, and The Elected, among many others.

cord, and they said, "We don't know if this record is going to get worked like it needs to, so if you want to make any changes, now's the time to do it."

DT: And that's when you signed on to Equal Vision?

SD: Yes.

DT: I feel like you're in good

SD: Well I think we're going to have a lot more freedom in Equal Vision and we'll be able to do more lo-fi that we want, if that's the direction we take. I think it's cool for our fans to have that to themselves. And I feel like Garage Band demos, oh my gosh, it's so much fun. The reason we picked those two is because we had written close

album drops, right? How does it feel to be coming back home after this long tour.

SD: Oh. [long pause] I love touring. But I love coming home so much more, where are family and friends are. And I love playing Austin, Dallas, Houston because we have family all over Texas. And you can't beat a Texas show!

DT: Can you tell me a little about your sister Christie and her solo project? I was interested to find out she joined you on tour, is that right?

SD: Christie kind of surprised everyone! She started writing songs a couple of years ago and all of a sudden she blossomed into an amazing songwriter. Her lyrics and melodies are so smart and she has this Joni Mitchell vibe that's really amazing. And in the band, we were like "She can play music? She can come on tour!" [laughs] She's awesome and I love having her, I love having more family. I'm excited to see what comes from her as she grows.

"It's free therapy, essentially, because you can write out your feelings and put your energy into this and put it out there to world and play it to hundreds of people every night."

— Sherri DuPree-Bemis, Vocalist

company at Equal Vision, considering Chiodos and Orbs are a part of the label as well.

SD: Yeah!

DT: I also wanted to say that the Garage-Band-like demos on *Fire Kite* were really amazing, especially "192 Days," and I know part of the reason why I liked it so much is because I really like lo-fi music, but was there any reason why these songs weren't taken further?

to 40 songs beforehand, Stacy and I.

DT: No way!

SD: Yeah and there's always an excess of songs, and those happened to be two that we really loved lyrically. We had a group of about ten we were picking from for the EP.

DT: So if I'm not mistaken these last three shows in Texas will be the last shows until the

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Above, Ran Tomm and Bryant Montith stand atop a pile of muddy shoes to be cleaned and donated after the Warrior Dash. Right, Warrior Dash participants covered in mud are sprayed with a water hose to clean up after the race that consisted of racing through fire, barbed wire and a mud puddle Saturday afternoon at Cedar Creek.

WARRIORdash

Cedar Creek hosts unusual obstacle course race with engraved viking-style helmets for winners

By Priscilla Totiyapungprasert

Athletes and nonathletes alike took to Cedar Creek Saturday and Sunday for turkey legs, beer and an obstacle course that consisted of fire and barbed wire. With runners both in and out of costume climbing over junkyard cars, scrambling across wooden planks and climbing over walls, the race course was not for the faint of heart. Then again, they don't call it the Warrior Dash for nothing.

For the Central Texas leg of the 2010 Warrior Dash tour, people had the opportunity to compete in 17 heats throughout the day, with up to 650 people per heat, for the glory of being a "warrior." Although there's no cash prize, the top three fastest men and women from each day win an engraved, viking-style helmet to show off their pride. Brian Wade, 29, won overall Saturday with a time of 18 minutes, 53 seconds.

"I think it was the most dude event I've ever been to," said participant Haziel Williams, a Plan II sophomore. "There were definitely more guys than girls. There were also a bunch of people dressed up like 'Braveheart' wearing blue face paint, homemade kilts and loin cloths. People were not that focused on winning, but they would get really into it and jump into army barrel rolls."

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Steakhouse fires up Longhorn spirit

Former Texas quarterback opens restaurant that mixes fine dining, university pride

By Julie Rene Tran
Daily Texan Staff

When news circulated earlier this year that former Texas quarterback Vince Young was going to open a steakhouse in downtown Austin, Texas football enthusiasts were definitely wound up.

Now, the wait is over. Opened about three weeks ago at the corner of Third Street and San Jacinto Boulevard, Vince Young Steakhouse competes with the several steakhouses around downtown. But like its namesake, Vince Young Steakhouse is a force to be reckoned with.

Immediately upon entering the foyer, guests are reminded that they are in the realm of Texas spirit. A life-size longhorn statue covered in shiny copper pennies stands sternly below a blown-up version of the iconic picture of Young on that victorious day of Jan. 4, 2006 — one finger raised in the air, standing triumphantly as confetti falls around him.

Even with the consistency in the alma mater theme, which includes touches of burnt orange here and there and pictures of Young in action, Vince Young Steakhouse is a sophisticated fine dining restaurant.

There is a tasteful balance of fun and class throughout the steakhouse. While shelves of wine, strings of glass beads and dimmed lighting from candles



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Steaks are flame-kissed over the grill at Vince Young Steak House on San Jacinto Boulevard and Third Street.

and a large fireplace set the romantic mood, just steps from the foyer is a lively bar and lounge area, decked with several mounted television screens. Several items on the menu are playfully named after the quarterback, including the Perfect Ten, the steakhouse's esteemed 10-ounce Strube Ranch Wagyu beef from Pittsburg, Texas, the Forever Young chocolate cake and all the concoctions on the cocktail menu.

Though the steakhouse is named after the Texas quarter-

back, Young is not the sole owner and force behind the establishment. In co-ownership are Laura and Phillip Brown, good friends of Young. "Vince, Phillip, my husband and our executive chef and I have been friends for years now," Laura Brown said. "And one night, we were all talking about how Phil and I wanted to open a restaurant in Austin, and Vince, who loves to cook, said he would love to be a part of it as well, and thus the idea was born."

All three are 100-percent part-

ners in the business, Brown said.

"We all have a stake, no pun intended, in the restaurant and all work extremely close and well together to make it a success," she said.

Having attended the Conrad N. Hilton College at the University of Houston, Brown's background in business and entrepreneurship allows her to direct what needs to be done on the main floor while her husband, Phillip,

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BOOK REVIEW HOW TO READ THE AIR

Novel explores feeling of social disconnect

By Christopher Nguyen
Daily Texan Staff

The immigrant experience has become familiar ground for novels in the last decade with Junot Diaz's "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" and Jhumpa Lahiri's short stories becoming best sellers and widening the scope of American fiction so much so that it has become almost commonplace to read. Even though Dinaw Mengestu's latest novel "How to Read the Air" tells another story about cultural divide and immigration, it excites readers with its clarity and confidence in delineating the separation of being American yet still so foreign to your country.

Mengestu's second novel follows Jonas Woldemariam, an Ethiopian-American, on a journey retracing the steps of his immigrant parents' move from Illinois to Nashville. The trip is not to be taken as a celebration of life but as a catharsis. Recently divorced from his wife, Jonas wants answers to his stilted

emotional disconnect with people and to the fraught relationship between his own mother and father. He moves from point to point, retracing the steps of his parents as they attempted to reinvent themselves as Americans three decades earlier while he reinvents his identity.

Mengestu fully realizes the power of the past in propelling the future.

The distinctive factor in "How to Read the Air" is the way in which Mengestu can make the complex easily connective to readers. He gracefully untangles the strings of being an Ethiopian-American in New York City to form a tale of the search for a human bond. Also, he depicts the connection between Jonas' own marriage and that of his parents with an ease that does not feel contrived but completely nuanced. Through this scope, Mengestu fully realizes the power of the past in propelling the future. In his desperate escape to confront his father's abuse as a child, Jonas disappears into the air, only to

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Tyler quintet brings family touch to melodic indie rock

MUSIC MONDAY By Francisco Marin

It's difficult to gauge the exact year Eisley came into its own. Was it in 1997, when sisters Chauntelle and Sherri DuPree began writing songs together? Was it in the early 2000s, when they performed at small venues across

Texas? Or when they signed with Warner Brothers in 2003?

For this particular East Texas quintet — composed of three sisters, a brother and a cousin — perhaps the real coming-of-age came with their second full-length album, *Combinations*. Unlike the five EPs and debut album that came before it, 2007's *Combinations* just felt different. It had blossomed into something

more mature, more refined, more sophisticated.

Coupled with last year's shimmering *Fire Kite EP*, *Combinations* is the precursor to what is sure to be yet another great release for Eisley, tentatively titled *The Valley*, which is set to drop next year.

Vocalist and guitarist Sherri DuPree-Bemis took the time to speak with The Daily Texan in

anticipation for Eisley's appearance at The Parish this Wednesday about using music as therapy, finding a new home in Equal Vision Records, and her favorite science fiction writer

The Daily Texan: So like most Eisley fans, I'm very much interested in your upcoming album *The Valley*. I loved the new direction that *Combina-*

tions and *Fire Kite* had taken and I'm wondering if the Eisley sound has changed from that or does it still have that melodic rock approach?

Sherri DuPree: Well it doesn't sound like that much of a shift the way *Combinations* did with *Room Noises* — at least not musically and melodically. It's still

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