



Luna propels softball, team off to 8-0 start

SPORTS PAGE 8



Austin Yacht Club members say they're different from lavish stereotypes

LIFE&ARTS PAGE 14

>> Breaking news, blogs and more: www.dailytexanonline.com @thedailytexan facebook.com/dailytexan

Thursday, February 23, 2012

TODAY

Calendar

Operation Smile

Nonprofit organization funding cleft palate surgeries for children will hold an information session from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at MEZ 1.122. Food will be provided.

'Puss in Boots'

The Texas Union Film Committee presents showings of "Puss in Boots" at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. in the SAC auditorium. Free with UT ID + one guest.

Asian-American comedians on YouTube

A talk by Darrell Hamamoto looks at Asian-American comedians who are some of the top 10 most viewed personalities on YouTube at 3:30-5 p.m. in CMA 5.160.

Today in history

In 1945

Today in 1945 during the Battle of Iwo Jima, U.S. Marines from the 3rd Platoon, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 28th Regiment of the 5th Division mounted Mount Suribachi, the highest point on the island, and raised the American flag. Recorded by a Pulitzer Prize winning photographer, the soldiers became national heroes and this event would become one of the most iconic images of World War II.



WATCH **TS tv** ON CHANNEL 15

9:00 p.m. 'The Night Nite Show'

The show loses their sponsor and ratings are dropping. Can the crew keep the drastic personnel changes secret and save their show?

9:00 p.m. 'The Night Nite Show'

In our Oscar themed episode, we give you our awards predictions. We also take a trip through the best and worst movies of the year, and a popcorner discussion about animals in films.



Quote to note

"In our Oscar-themed episode, we give you our awards predictions. We also take a trip through the best and worst movies of the year, and a popcorner discussion about animals in films."

— **Rachel Lozuik**, sailing student

LIFE&ARTS PAGE 14

Madison, Antonio under fire

SG election candidates appeal disqualification for promotional materials

By **Jody Serrano**
Daily Texan Staff

Student Government presidential candidate Madison Gardner and running mate Antonio Guevara were disqualified by the Election Supervisory Board for associating their campaign with a candidate in another race.

The campaign came under fire for

including Student Events Center presidential candidate Carissa Kelley in their promotional materials, including pictures and in their website. Only the presidential and vice presidential candidates are allowed to campaign together, according to the Election Code. All candidates in the campus-wide elections must campaign separately and any violation of this can be subject to immediate disqualification. SEC presidential candidate Kelley said she had no comment on the situation.

Gardner said his campaign team decided to appeal the decision. He said

his campaign did not know Kelley was running when they did took the pictures on Jan. 21 and that she told them she had no intent to run. He said his campaign had has not done anything malicious and is committed to serving students and uniting Texas.

"Our friends and supporters agree that this is the right thing to do and that the next student body president and vice president should be decided by the students," Gardner said. "I will be the first to recognize that we made a mistake, but I strongly feel that the resulting disqualification was excessive."

Broadcast journalism junior Jasmine Kyles filed the complaint against Gardner and Guevara, and the Election Supervisory Board heard the case Wednesday afternoon. The ESB said the Election Code did not mandate an immediate disqualification, but under the circumstances the action was appropriate.

In the official opinion delivered by ESB chair Eric Nimmer, the ESB stated the complaint was filed in a reasonable amount of time and Gardner and Guevara had been in violation since their campaign materials began distribution.

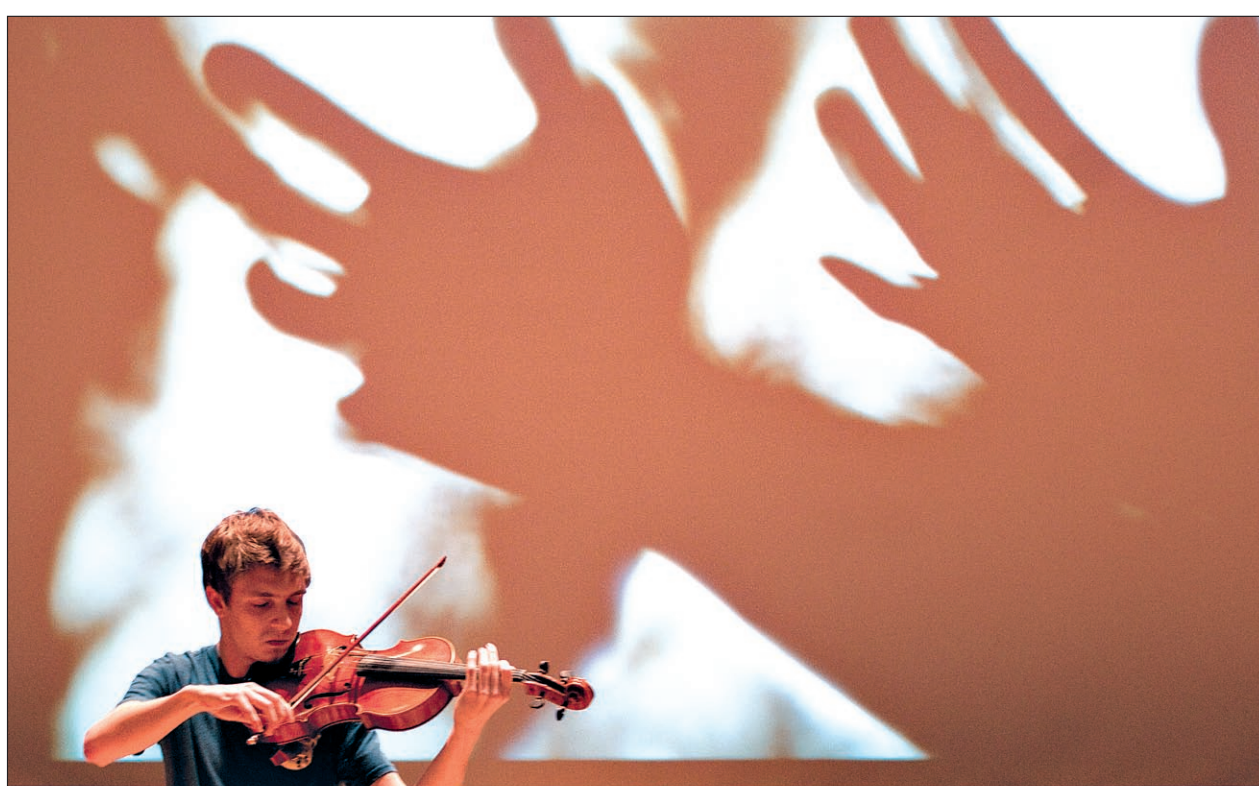
Nimmer said Kyles was part of the Yaman Desai and Whitney Langston campaign but is now just considered a University student since the campaign no longer exists.

"It's one of the simplest interpretations of the rules. If you read it, the language is very strong," Nimmer said. "No association between candidates will be tolerated. I do not believe the decision will be overturned."

In a statement on her website, Kyles said she did not act with malice when

MADISON continues on **PAGE 2**

Jonathan Daniels, junior music performance major, plays his viola during the Classical Reinvention concert Wednesday evening. The event featured UT students performing classical music tailored for modern listeners.



Nathan Goldsmith
Daily Texan Staff

Students reinvent classical music genre

By **Andrew Messamore**
Daily Texan Staff

Jazz covers of Radiohead and a performance of total silence greeted audience members Wednesday night at the debut concert for Classical Reinvention, a student creation attempting to bring classical music to modern audiences.

The groups performed classical standards as well as experimental modern pieces in the hope to alter stereotypes depicting classical music as passive and calm, said music performance senior Jacqueline Perrin, who co-

organized the event. The concert consisted of five different groups ranging from a string quartet to jazz ensemble.

"In the eyes of the public, classical music has become something it's not," Perrin said. "People think of classical music as calm and relaxing background music, when in reality there's a rich repertoire that's emotional and extremely intense."

While the traditional concert setting evokes images of black-tie audience members quietly appreciating a performance, Classical Reinvention hopes to turn classical music into an engaging



ON THE WEB:

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CLASSICAL REINVENTION STYLE.

http://bit.ly/dt_realtime

social event, Perrin said.

"We want people to be active participants in the music," Perrin said. "Today's concert environment feels more like an educational setting than entertainment, and we have to change

that if we want to make classical music relevant today."

The concert replaced the traditional program handed out to the audience with a slideshow that

CONCERT continues on **PAGE 2**

Soccer star's family seeks financial help after hit-and-run

By **Samuel Liebl**
Daily Texan Staff

Friends, family and fellow athletes have rallied behind Kylie Doniak, a communications senior and member of the UT soccer team who was critically injured when a driver ran a red light downtown Feb. 3.

A fundraiser, organized by nutrition senior Shaine Millheiser, took place Wednesday to raise funds for Doniak's medical expenses. Austin-area Chili's restaurants donated 15 percent of sales to Doniak's family.

The Doniak family needs all of the financial support that they can get, Millheiser said, who grew up playing soccer with Doniak in California and at UT.

"Kylie and her mother are from California, so between medical bills and traveling, it's going to be a long recovery and an expensive endeavor," Millheiser said.

Millie Fisher, the mother of Do-



Kylie Doniak

niak's boyfriend, who has been with Doniak and Doniak's mother throughout the hospitalization, said transporting Kylie to California was going to be especially expensive, costing tens of thousands of dollars on top of the hundreds of thousands of dollars of medical expenses already incurred.

The high cost of treatment makes her even more grateful for the outpouring of support Doniak

DONIAK continues on **PAGE 2**



Computer science sophomore Terrence Maas and urban studies senior John Lawler are one of the executive alliances running for SG president and vice president.

Elisabeth Dillon
Daily Texan Staff

SG candidate proves dedicated

Editor's note: This is the last in the series of profiles on the executive alliances running for student body president and vice president.



By **Jody Serrano**
Daily Texan Staff

Student Government presidential candidate John Lawler was 10 years old when he served in his first elected position as president of the Oak Trailer Park club. As president, Lawler threw birthday parties for children who could not afford them and planned community activities.

Eleven years later, urban studies senior Lawler and computer science sophomore and running mate Terrence Maas

are planning more than hosting community birthday parties.

Standing at 6-foot-8-inches, Lawler is asking the entire student body to "go big" on reducing tuition and costs and bringing forward creative solutions. Lawler has served as the College of Liberal Arts representative for the past three years. He said he wants to demolish the brick wall in SG by changing the way the SG represents the student voice on campus by getting outside students involved.

"Student Government, right now, is not about the people," Lawler said. "It's an institution."

Some of Lawler's goals include creating a UT chapter of the Texas Student Association, an organization that would bring together students from all universities to talk about issues in higher education. He also wants to

LAWLER continues on **PAGE 2**

Lawler and Maas Platform

Top 5 Goals

1 Increase funding from the State Legislature to higher education by creating a state-wide coalition of public universities.

2 Prioritize affordable student housing in West Campus, Riverside and other student neighborhoods by creating a "Student Neighborhood Association."

3 Support the different communities on campus including the undocumented student population, LGBTQ community and diverse cultural organizations by helping support the DREAM Act, fighting for domestic partner benefits and sponsoring multicultural events.

4 Open up the Tuition setting process and fight proposed tuition increases starting day one in office

5 Pursue creative financial solutions like allowing beer sales at UT Athletic events to raise money for academics.

TEXTBOOKS continues on **PAGE 2**

CONTACT US

Main Telephone:
(512) 471-4591

Editor:
Viviana Aldous
(512) 232-2212
editor@dailytexanonline.com

Managing Editor:
Audrey White
(512) 232-2217
managingeditor@dailytexanonline.com

News Office:
(512) 232-2207
news@dailytexanonline.com

Multimedia Office:
(512) 471-7835
dailytexanmultimedia@gmail.com

Sports Office:
(512) 232-2210
sports@dailytexanonline.com

Life & Arts Office:
(512) 232-2209
dailytexan@gmail.com

Photo Office:
(512) 471-8618
photo@dailytexanonline.com

Comics Office:
(512) 232-4386
dailytexancomics@gmail.com

Retail Advertising:
(512) 471-1865
joanw@mail.utexas.edu

Classified Advertising:
(512) 471-5244
classifieds@dailytexanonline.com

The Texan strives to present all information fairly, accurately and completely. If we have made an error, let us know about it. Call (512) 232-2217 or e-mail managingeditor@dailytexanonline.com.

COPYRIGHT

Copyright 2012 Texas Student Media. All articles, photographs and graphics, both in the print and online editions, are the property of Texas Student Media and may not be reproduced or republished in part or in whole without written permission.

FOR THE RECORD

Correction: Because of reporting and editing errors, a column on Wednesday's Opinion page entitled "Targeting drunk drivers" misrepresented the status of the case against Nicholas Colunga, who faces charges in connection with a hit-and-run incident that left a UT senior in critical condition. Colunga has not been convicted of drunken driving. A page one item about a fundraiser for the victim in the accident, Kylie Doniak, made a similar mistake.

TOMORROW'S WEATHER

High 65 Low 44

"If you're going to be fat-hot, you gotta shave your legs."



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

Women's soccer head coach Angela Kelly speaks with assistant coach Keeley Dowling, Taylor Johnson and Kara Hoffman at a fundraiser Wednesday evening for injured player Kylie Doniak. Chili's restaurants in the Austin area donated 15 percent of each ticket to the Doniak family.

DONIAK continues from PAGE 1

has received, Fisher said.

"We have broken every rule they ever thought about having in the ICU," Fisher said. "They'd like for there to be only two people in there at a time, but we've had a hundred people a day in to see Kylie."

Fisher said student athletes have been especially supportive and that she is surprised by the variety of people offering their help and consolation.

"The whole soccer team and many from the track team have been up here to see Kylie," Fisher said. "We've also had people in the waiting room that just saw the accident and are concerned with her. People have responded from Costa Rica, every state and Europe.

The response to who she is and her fighting spirit is just amazing."

Millheiser said she expected at least 600 diners to participate because of the University's tight-knit athletic community and how relatable Doniak is to all people.

"Support is split between friends, student athletes and a lot of people who have been impacted by this situation, who understand that this is someone's friend, this is someone's daughter," she said.

The University has helped the Doniak family in more official ways as well. UT has provided a room for them down the street from the hospital, a rental car for the first week of Doniak's treatment, transportation to and from the airport and a daily

spending allowance.

"We've been following NCAA rules," said Nick Voinis, senior associate athletics director for communication. "The rules have changed and allow us to do more than we could 10 years ago to assist the families of children injured like this, including providing transportation, lodging and a per diem."

Fisher said she is grateful for the University's help and that she hopes Doniak's injuries remind people to be careful.

"I think it really offers a sobering message to the dangers of people getting in a car when they're drunk," she said. "In an instant, the worst possible thing in the world can happen."

CONCERT continues from PAGE 1

detailed the history and styles of the different pieces being performed. Halfway through the concert, finance and biology senior Sergio Lozano performed John Cage's composition "4'33," which is comprised of complete silence. Perrin then spoke with the audience to ask them about their experience of the music.

Psychology senior and guitarist Christian Kues said he has recently started to appreciate orchestral music, and concert engagement could open minds about what the public considers music to be.

"People think of classical music as this narrow genre," Kues said. "It's not a genre at all, but it's a musical form that you can get all sorts of styles

and emotions out of. And there's so much history to it that it varies over different periods and ages."

The last performance of the night was a jazz ensemble of four UT students who combined Radiohead's song, "Exit Music (For a Film)," with a jazz arrangement by jazz performance senior Sam Pankey. Pankey said he was inspired to make the arrangement after another musician had turned Radiohead and other popular groups into jazz songs.

"I like to play pop music because it allows me to connect with the audience, and that's a difficult thing to do," Pankey said. "I try to get the way I feel about the music across by the way I play and the way I perform. I want my audience to hear what I hear, and too many people forget that music and jazz especially is all about reinvention."

MADISON continues from PAGE 1

she submitted the complaint. She said she hopes people respect her decision to make Texas her own by speaking up against something that affects many students.

"I believe this says something about the integrity of the candidates to allow something of the sort to go unnoticed and portray to their campaigns that an individual student is acting maliciously," she said in the statement.

The ESB stated the Gardner campaign did not demonstrate an effort to remove the incriminating promotional materials and media after being made aware of the violation. Gardner and Guevara allegedly knew about the violation before the complaint had been filed, according to the ESB.

At the hearing, Gardner and Guevara claimed it would have been difficult to remove the promotional materials already distributed on their fly-

LAWLER continues from PAGE 1

allow beer sales at sporting events to create funding for academic programs and work to increase profit sharing from the University trademark.

Many universities, such as the University of West Virginia, accumulate up to \$750,000 from alcohol sales on campus and also see their alcohol-related incidents decrease by 30 percent once the sales start. He said SG has been accepting the current budget crisis as something out of their control and have not thought about how to contribute to a solution. SG has been too complacent to push for these bold ideas, Lawler said.

He said one of the problems he has with SG is its top-heavy structure, which gives most of the power to the president and vice president. Lawler said the best way to get students involved is to show them the results of SG legislation. He said, if elected, he will drag his desk out in front of the Tower for office hours to be more accessible to students.

Running mate Maas said he heard about Lawler and went to see "him in action" at the Jan. 17 meeting when Lawler first proposed legislation for a tuition referendum. A New York native and a director on West Campus's Inter-cooperative Council, Maas said when he saw Lawler, he was convinced Lawler was different and that he could get things done.

Maas said he and Lawler can deliver results, and how they go about doing so is important.

"You can reach one conclusion one way if you have somebody just arbitrarily decide it," Maas said. "And if you reach that same conclusion by going through a process and asking everybody else — it's completely different."

Lawler said he is one of the few representatives in SG to expand SG's involvement off-campus and with the city of Austin. He served two years on the local West Campus Neighborhood Association, an organization that reviews any proposed recommendations

to the area by the city and addresses resident concerns.

While serving on the Association, Lawler opposed the 400 proposed parking meters on West Campus last year and spearheaded the SG resolution calling for a tuition referendum on President William Powers Jr.'s proposed tuition increase. Students will be able to participate in the referendum via electronic ballot during the SG elections Feb. 29 and March 1. Henry Davidge, a computer science sophomore at Yale University, went to boarding school with Maas and said Maas was an independent thinker with a knack for coming up with creative solutions. He said people serving in an entity like student government can get out of touch with their constituents, and Maas' experience living at a co-op and representing people he sees every day will be a great asset.

"People don't know how populist he is," Davidge said. "He's obsessed with how government should be based on the people and what the people say."

Davidge said he was impressed when Maas mentioned the policies he would implement as vice president, instead of focusing on being elected, a characteristic prominent in student government candidates at Yale.

John's sister Katie Lawler, a UT alumna, ran his campaign for liberal arts representative in 2009. She said John was the one who got her to care about what SG did, and convinced her that SG made a difference in students' lives. Katie said in high school, John would ride with their father to community planning and zoning meetings for fun.

"I think something that sets him apart is his authenticity," Katie Lawler said. "He truly believes and loves what he does, and I don't know if you can say that about other candidates. If he wins or loses, he will still go to neighborhood association meetings after."



Madison Gardner watches Antonio Guevara speak at Monday's debate. The Election Supervisory Board disqualified the campaign.

Andrea Macias-Jimenez
Daily Texan Staff

ers and website. However, the ESB declared the lack of any substantial action taken to remove the item as justifying the disqualification.

"It's unfortunate that the campaign was disqualified," said presidential candidate John Lawler. "However, our campaign will continue forward with a positive message — changing Student Government and producing results next year."

Lawler and candidate Thor Lund are the only remaining presidential candidates if the SG Judicial Court

does not overturn the ESB's decision, as candidate Ryan Shingledecker withdrew Tuesday. Lund said it was unfortunate that Gardner and Guevara were disqualified, but rules are rules, and he wishes Gardner and Guevara the best in the future.

ESB vice chair Truc Nguyen said it is not clear whether Kelley will be disqualified, as the case has not yet reached the ESB. Nguyen said the case must be reviewed by the Union's Board of Directors before reaching the ESB.

TEXTBOOKS continues from PAGE 1

a class."

James Kiely, chief financial officer for the University Co-op, said the bookstore has been working with provosts and the Office of the Registrar in the last couple of months to ensure better textbook prices for students.

The Co-op spent time speaking to students about the resolution passed last year and feels an earlier deadline is beneficial to students, he said.

"The real advantage would be to get book lists for courses in April before the buy back period, because that is where we can save stu-

dents money," he said. "If we get book adoption lists for courses earlier, it allows us to buy back books from students and have them on our shelves for the next semester."

Kiely said it is detrimental to students when professors do not adopt their book list for courses and provide these to the Co-op in a timely manner because it leaves the students with only new books on the shelves from which to pick.

The Texas State University bookstore already employs this system and requires professors to submit book adoption lists for the following

semester by a set date, said Douglas Tatsch, assistant manager of the University Bookstore at Texas State.

He said the bookstore asks professors to turn in the book adoptions by March 1 for the fall semester to prepare for the buy back period and figure out how many new books will need to be ordered.

"The set deadline does not have an impact on prices as those are set by the publisher, but it certainly does give us a better chance to collect used books that we buy back from students," Tatsch said. "That is when the price break can help students."

Janet Staiger, radio-television-film professor and chair of the Faculty Council's Education Poli-

cy Committee, said the committee would review what student government organizations were developing, since the committee members were very concerned about rising costs of books and other course materials, according to the minutes of the January council meeting.

Jones said he thinks the resolution will make it onto the floor for vote at Senate's general assembly meeting tomorrow night.

"The Faculty Council said they were open to discussion and wanted to hear the student voice," he said. "Because the process is already taking place, we wanted to present the ideas we think can be implemented as a recommendation from the students."

THE DAILY TEXAN
This newspaper was printed with pride by The Daily Texan and Texas Student Media.

Permanent Staff

Editor: Viviana Aldous
Associate Editors: Matthew Daley, Samantha Katsouras
Managing Editor: Audrey White
Associate Managing Editor: Alexander Oran
News Editor: Jillian Bliss
Associate News Editors: Victoria Pagan, Colton Pence, Nick HadjiGeorge
Senior Reporters: Kayla Jonsson, Sarah White, Liz Farmer, Jody Serrano
Enterprise Team: Matt Stottelmyre, Humana Munir, Megan Strickland
Copy Desk Chief: Elyan
Associate Copy Desk Chiefs: Alexandra Feuerman, Arleen Lopez, Klarissa Fitzpatrick
Wire Editor: Austin Myers
Design Editor: Chris Benavidez
Senior Sports Writers: Nicole Collins, Bobby Blanchard, Betsy Cooper, Natasha Nguyen
Special Projects Designer: Simonetta Nieto
Multimedia Editor: Ryan Edwards
Multimedia Associate Editors: Jackie Kuenstler, Lawrence Pearl, Fanny Trang
Senior Photographers: Thomas Allison, Elizabeth Dillon, Shannon Kiriher, Rebecca Rodriguez, Zachary Strain
Senior Videographers: Demi Adejuyigbe, David Castaneda, Jorge Corona, Ashley Dillard, Andrea Macias-Jimenez
Life & Arts Editor: Kallia Stoen
Associate Life & Arts Editor: Christopher Nguyen
Senior Life & Arts Writers: Jessica Lee, Anju Mehta, Eli Watson, Alex Williams
Sports Editor: Sameer Bhuchar
Associate Sports Editor: Christian Corona
Senior Web Editors: Nick Cremona, Austin Layman, Lauren Giudice, Chris Hummer
Comics Editor: Ao Meng
Associate Editor: Victoria Grace Elliot
Web Editor: Ryan Sanchez
Student Special Editions Editor: William Snyder, Stefanie Schultz
Editorial Adviser: Hayley Fick, Doug Warren

Issue Staff

Reporters: Bobby Blanchard, Sam Liebl, Andrew Messamore
Alexandra Klima, Rachel Thompson, Reihaneh Hajibeigi
Multimedia: Nathan Goldsmith, Raveena Bhalara, Shila Farahani
Sports Writers: Elijah Perez, Garrett Callahan, Sara Beth Purdy
Life & Arts Writers: Rairyn Schermerhorn, Robert Siers
Columnists: Kayla Oliver, Zoya Waliyari
Page Designers: Omar Longoria
Copy Editors: Paige Herriman, Amyna Dosani, Katelyn Miller
Comics Artists: Carlie Pagan, Tiffany Dang, Jacob Hamrick, Remy Harman
Illustrators: Anna Grainer, Holly Hansell, Josie Pham, Colin Zelinski, Caitlin Zellers, Raquel Bertram
Web Staff: Ghayde Ghraawi, Sharia Bielefeld, Helen Fernandez, Kayla Moses

Advertising
(512) 471-1865
advertise@texassstudentmedia.com

Director of Advertising & Business: Jalal Goette
Business Manager: Lori Hamilton
Business Assistant: Amy Ramirez
Advertising Adviser: CJ Salgado
Broadcast & Events Manager: Carter Goss
Campus & National Sales Associate: Joan Bowerman
Student Advertising Manager: Ryan Ford
Student Assistant Manager: Veronica Serrato
Student Acct. Excs: Ted Sniderman, Adrian Lloyd, Morgan Haenchen, Ted Moreland, Paola Reyes, Fredis Benitez, Tyrell Elegonye, Zach Congdon
Student Office Assistant/Classifieds: Rene Gonzalez
Student Marketing Assistant: Allison McMorde
Student Buys of Texas Manager: Lindsey Hollingsworth
Student Buys of Texas Assistants: Suzi Shaw, Esteban Rivera
Senior Graphic Design: Felimon Hernandez
Junior Designer: Aaron Rodriguez
Special Editions Adviser & Production: Adrienne Lee
Student Special Editions Editor: Christine Imperatore

The Daily Texan (USPS 146-440), a student newspaper at The University of Texas at Austin, is published by Texas Student Media, 2500 Whitts Ave., Austin, TX 78705. The Daily Texan is published daily, Monday through Friday, during the regular academic year and is published twice weekly during the summer semester. The Daily Texan does not publish during academic breaks and most Federal Holidays, and exam periods. Periodical Postage Paid at Austin, TX 78710. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: The Daily Texan, P.O. Box D, Austin, TX 78713. News contributions will be accepted by telephone (471-4591), or at the editorial office (Texas Student Media Building 2.122). For local and national display advertising, call 471-1865. Classified display advertising, call 471-1865. For classified word advertising, call 471-5244. Entire contents copyright 2012 Texas Student Media.

The Daily Texan Mail Subscription Rates

One Semester (Fall or Spring)	\$60.00
Two Semesters (Fall and Spring)	120.00
Summer Session	40.00
One Year (Fall, Spring and Summer)	150.00

To charge by VISA or MasterCard, call 471-5083. Send orders and address changes to Texas Student Media, P.O. Box D, Austin, TX 78713-8904, or to TSM Building C3.200, or call 471-5083. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Daily Texan, P.O. Box D, Austin, TX 78713.

2/23/12

Texan Ad Deadlines	Monday.....Wednesday, 12 p.m.	Thursday.....Monday, 12 p.m.
	Tuesday.....Thursday, 12 p.m.	Friday.....Tuesday, 12 p.m.
	Wednesday.....Friday, 12 p.m.	

Classified Word Ads 11 a.m. (Last Business Day Prior to Publication)

Need to have your wisdom teeth removed?

Don't go to the ring. We have a research study.

Right now, PPD is looking for qualified participants for a post-surgical pain relief research study of an investigational medication. Surgery for qualified study participants will be performed by a board certified oral surgeon. Receive up to \$500 upon study completion and the surgery is performed at no cost.

For information, call **462-0492**

Text "PPD" to 48121 to receive study information

PPD

Select the next great Green Idea.

The UT Green Fee Committee seeks At-Large Members.

Email greenfee@austin.utexas.edu for more information and an application.

Applications are due by March 2, 2012

NEWS BRIEFLY

Train crash in Argentina kills 49 when vehicle destroys building

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — A train packed with morning commuters slammed into a downtown station on Wednesday, killing 49 people and injuring hundreds as passenger cars crumpled and windows exploded around them. It was Argentina's worst train accident in decades.

The cause wasn't immediately determined, but many pointed to a deteriorating rail system. Some passengers reported signs the conductor was struggling with the brakes before the crash, saying he kept overshooting platforms and missed one entirely.

The dead included 48 adults and one child — most of whom had crowded into the first two cars to get ahead of the rush-hour crowds on arrival. Some 600 people were injured.

It was Argentina's deadliest train accident since Feb. 1, 1970, when a train smashed into another at full speed in Buenos Aires, killing 200.

Occupiers to hold US delegation for fresh 'redress of grievances'

PHILADELPHIA — A group of protesters affiliated with the Occupy Wall Street movement plans to elect 876 "delegates" from around the country and hold a national "general assembly" in Philadelphia over the Fourth of July.

The group, dubbed the 99% Declaration Working Group, said Wednesday delegates would be selected during a secure online election from all 50 states and U.S. territories.

In a nod to their First Amendment rights, delegates will meet in Philadelphia to draft and ratify a "petition for a redress of grievances," convening during the week of July 2 and holding a news conference in front of Independence Hall on the Fourth of July.

"We feel it's appropriate to go back to what our founding fathers did and have another petition congress," said Michael S. Pollok, an attorney who advised OWS.

Chavez' surgery throws election into uncertainty

By Christopher Toothaker
The Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez has never been one to share decision-making authority. Now, the voluble socialist strongman and acerbic critic of the U.S. may have no choice but to designate a successor.

His announcement that he will go to Cuba within a week to remove a growth that he says is likely malignant could not come at a worse moment for the leader who is working to transform Venezuela with what he calls "21st century socialism."

With a tight re-election campaign brewing for the president, analysts said Wednesday that Venezuela could be thrown into turmoil because Chavez has resisted grooming a successor during his 13 years in power.

The result is a power vacuum that his camp will be hard-pressed to fill, especially if he is unable to campaign for the Oct. 7 elections or wins and then becomes physically incapable of governing.

"I promise I will fight without respite for my life," the 57-year-old Chavez tweeted Wednesday.

Still, even many fervent supporters of Chavez, whose political



Female soldiers march during a military parade commemorating the 20th anniversary of the failed coup attempt by President Hugo Chavez in Caracas, Venezuela earlier this month. Chavez was an army paratroop commander when he led the failed attempt to topple the government of President Carlos Andres Perez on Feb. 4, 1992. Chavez was jailed and later pardoned.

Ariana Cubillos
Associated Press

backbone is Venezuela's poor majority, have doubts that he would choose a successor, even if his health significantly deteriorated.

"My 'comandante' isn't going to delegate, even if he were in a

wheelchair," Maria Teresa Diaz, 65, said of Chavez.

Physicians consulted by The Associated Press said it was impossible to offer an assessment of Chavez's health based on the lim-

ited information provided Tuesday by the leader, who had four rounds chemotherapy from July to September.

But some said finding a malignant tumor in the same place one

was removed less than a year ago was not a good sign.

"A relapse within a year means the tumor is very aggressive," said Dr. Sebastian Quintero, a leading Colombian oncologist.

Some states using settlement to pay for busted budgets

By David A. Lieb
The Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The ink wasn't even dry on a settlement with the nation's top mortgage lenders when Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon laid claim to a chunk of the money to avert a huge budget cut for public colleges and universities.

He's not the only politician eyeing the cash for purposes that have

nothing to do with foreclosure. Like a pot of gold in a barren field, the \$25 billion deal offers a tempting and timely source of funding for state governments with multimillion-dollar budget gaps.

Although most of the money goes directly to homeowners affected by the mortgage crisis, the settlement announced this month by attorneys general in 49 states includes nearly \$2.7 billion

for state governments to spend as they wish.

Some are pledging to use it as relief for struggling homeowners or to help related initiatives such as a Michigan plan to assist children left homeless by foreclosures. But several states are already planning to divert at least some of the money to prop up their budgets.

Republican legislative leaders in Missouri have already embraced the Democratic governor's plan to use nearly all of the state's \$41 million settlement payment to help shore up the budget. The mortgage money allowed Nixon to reduce his proposed funding cut for public colleges and universities from 12.5 percent to 7.8 percent — potential-

ly easing student tuition increases.

Some consumer advocates say they will be watching closely to see where the payments are spent.

"As insufficient as it is," said Kathleen Day, a spokeswoman for the nonprofit Center for Responsible Lending, "this money was intended to go directly to help struggling homeowners."

Tobacco Free TX

A Student Campaign at The University of Texas at Austin

WHERE DO WE STAND?

UT is NOT 100% Tobacco Free.

600+ U.S. colleges/universities are 100% smoke free: University of Oklahoma, University of Iowa, Iowa State University, University of Kentucky, University of Missouri, University of Michigan...

200+ U.S. colleges/universities are 100% tobacco free: Austin Community College, Oklahoma State University, University of Florida, University of Oregon...

www.tobaccofreetx.com
www.texaspublichealth.org
www.livetobaccofreeaustin.org

Smoke-Free Trend Among U.S. College Campuses

Number of Smoke-Free Campuses

Year

Source: The American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation

TEXAS TOBACCO FREE CAMPUSES

Logos include: Middle Tennessee State University, Weatherford College, HTS, Texas State, Collin College, Tyler Junior College, Texas State, San Antonio College, Texas State, and others.

To Help UT Go Tobacco Free Contact:

UT Student Government: <http://utsg.org/contact>

Staff Council: excomm@utsc.utexas.edu

Faculty Council: fc@austin.utexas.edu

Quitting Support Contact: yesquit.org

For Faculty and Staff Support: livingwell.utsystem.edu/tobacco.htm

Our idea of social networking

1:42pm: Koh Phi Phi, Thailand

Win a Contiki to Europe and see the world differently.

» Enter at Contiki.com/amazing

CS1#1001728-20

contiki
VACATIONS for 18-35's

MODERNIZATION

ion at east end

LEASES STARTING AT \$385 PER MONTH!

888.671.8960

IonAtEastEnd.com

LIVE IN IT.

THE ZONE

AT EAST END

LEASES STARTING AT \$385 PER MONTH!

866.627.6186

ZoneAtEastEnd.com

LIVE ON IT.

THE EDGE

AT EAST END

LEASES STARTING AT \$385 PER MONTH!

866.627.6186

EdgeAtEastEnd.com

QUOTES TO NOTE

Candidates aim to broaden SG’s impact

Editor’s note: On Friday, The Daily Texan Editorial Board interviewed each team of candidates running for Student Government president and vice president. The following quotes are from our interview with executive alliance candidates John Lawler and Terrence Maas.

“We would like to create a student neighborhoods alliance to advocate on behalf of student renters who are usually pretty helpless...”

— Maas on how he would increase the influence of student renters.

“There’s just a mindset here on the UT campus, and whenever it comes, especially on the state level, for debating or lobbying for our issues, we simply go in with just a UT mindset. ... We don’t want to see our tuition increase, which, of course, the root of that is is we don’t want to see cuts to higher education funding. Well that’s a universal issue.”

— Lawler on the need for uniting college students across the state when lobbying the Legislature for higher education funding.

“I have a very strong record of fighting guns being brought on this campus both in Student Government and also lobbying at the Texas Legislature.”

— Lawler describing his position against concealed carry on campus.

“Unfortunately what happens is you get a program that goes on auto-pilot, and I fear that’s what happened with TPAC. ... If we want to see any substantial change in the way tuition is set here on this campus, this next year is the year we should be focusing on.”

— Lawler on how to address rising tuition costs next year, a non tuition-setting year. Lawler said he and Maas believe students on TPAC should be democratically elected and that meetings should be open to the public.

“The biggest issue for most students, which is who we’re representing, is very simple and is very universal, and it is the pocketbook. People are going to be facing higher costs in the current economic situation, and that is obviously very hard on a lot of people. As an out-of-state student, I would know.”

— Maas on the biggest issue facing the University next year.

ON THE WEB:

The full interview with Lawler and Maas

@bit.ly/dt_sg3

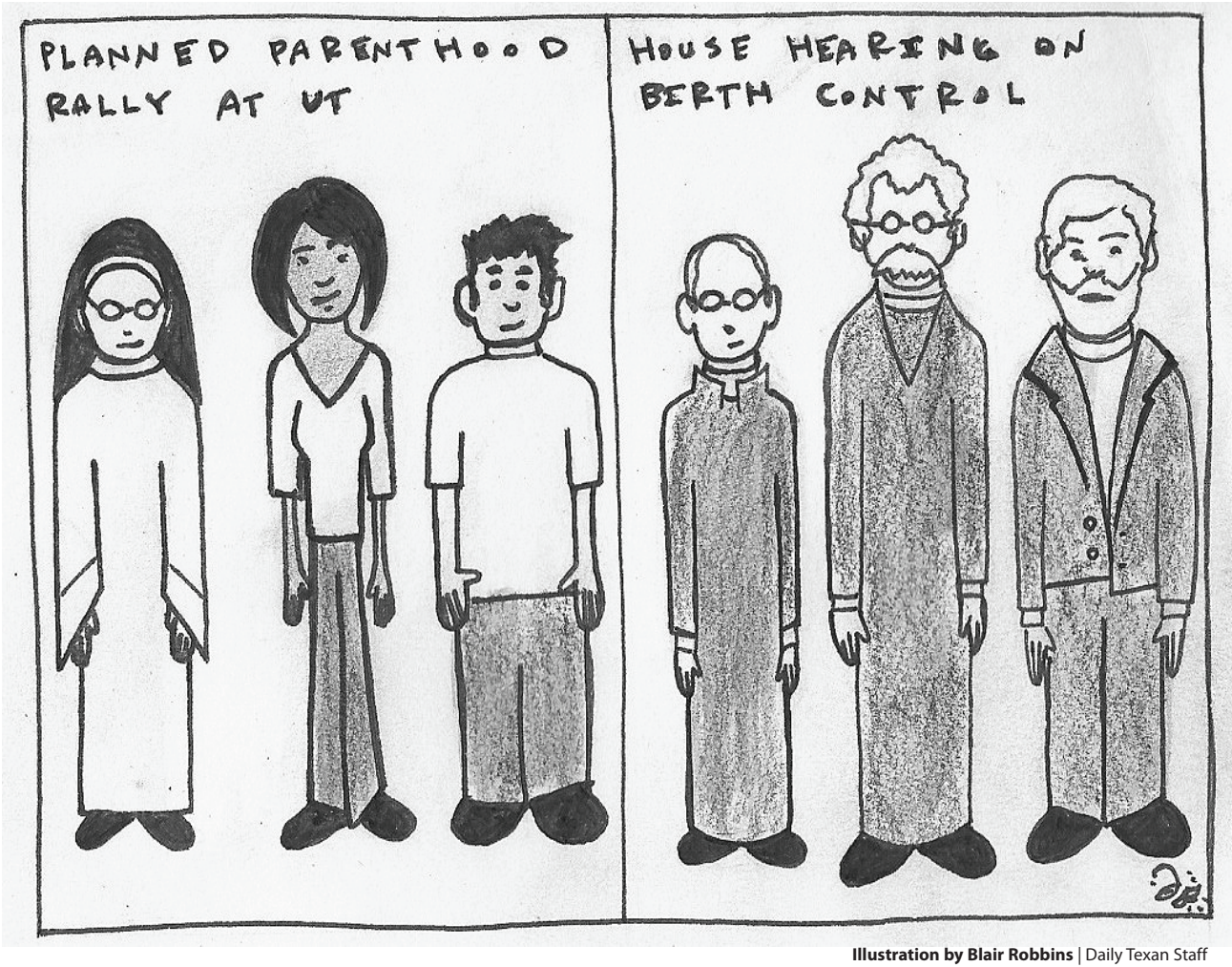


Illustration by Blair Robbins | Daily Texan Staff

Protecting women’s access to affordable health care



By Zoya Waliany
Daily Texan Columnist

The tremendously important and oddly controversial topic of women’s health has again sparked a debate in America. From the attacks on reproductive rights in the Republican debates to President Barack Obama’s proposed birth control mandate, access to contraceptives has become the newest front in the “war on religion” according to many members of the U.S. Congress. Several UT students organized Friday’s “Students for Birth Control” rally featuring Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, to play a role in this crucial discussion.

The rally — organized by the University Democrats, the Texas Freedom Network Student Chapter, Voices for Reproductive Justice and Law Students for Reproductive Justice — featured speakers such as UT associate professor Terri Givens and students from UT and St. Edward’s University. About 200 people attended, both supporting and opposing the rally’s message. Braving the mud and rain, a lively crowd cheered on Richards as she detailed the facts about birth control. For example, she noted that 99 percent of women overall and 98 percent of Catholic women use birth control, making the claim that birth control and promiscuity are correlated seem suspect. She also described Planned Parenthood’s services: Only 3.3 percent of its funding is used to help women seek abortions, contrary to claims made by the enraged protesters at the rally that the number is higher.

Reasons for holding the rally are numerous. Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum spoke out against Planned

Parenthood’s services and federal funding. Earlier this month, the Susan G. Komen Foundation announced its plans to withdraw financial support from Planned Parenthood, reducing the organization’s breast cancer screening services. On a more positive note for women’s health, Obama proposed a contentious birth control mandate that would require insurance companies to offer birth control to female employees of religious institutions. This mandate sparked heated debate among religious institutions in the United States, including the Catholic Church, that feel the mandate directly challenges the right of Americans to practice their religions free from government interference. The president, however, affirmed women’s right to have access to birth control when he argued that “no woman’s health should depend on who she is or where she works or how much money she makes.”

UT student and rally organizer Leslie Tisdale spoke about the current birth control debate unfolding in Washington, D.C., and how “it’s absolutely infuriating that men in Washington, D.C., are trying to take control of women’s bodies and their access to affordable health care and contraceptives.” Tisdale was referring to how Congress famously called an almost all-male hearing to discuss Obama’s proposed mandate last Thursday. With literally no women on one panel and only two women on the other panel, the discussion was incredibly biased and unrepresentative of a majority of American women’s point of view when it comes to reproductive health. Women must be involved in discussions about their bodies and health.

This mandate — which does not require religious institutions to provide birth control to employees but rather the insurance

companies of the institutions — will ensure that all women who desire birth control will have affordable access to it, regardless of their career. The mandate also ensures that insured students at religiously affiliated universities, such as St. Edward’s University, would have access to birth control. Rather than infringing on religious freedoms, the mandate protects American women’s right to affordable health care. As 99 percent of women use birth control in the country, this affordable access is essential to assisting both men and women lead responsible lives.

Many students, though energized by the rally, remain dumbfounded as to why such a rally is necessary in 2012. Plan II junior Jenny Kutner wonders why we are still debating the “common sense issue of providing health care for American citizens — even the ones with uteruses.” As Richards stated at the rally, the ability to control one’s fertility leads to individual economic growth and increased political power, thus making birth control a vital and beneficial tool to aid women around the country and to protect those with low socioeconomic status.

The birth control rally brought the controversial debate about contraception to Texas and demonstrated that both men and women support Planned Parenthood. Birth control, fundamental to the lives of both men and women, should be available and affordable for women who choose to use it as it is a basic form of health care. Obama’s mandate helps to protect this necessary right. Our country should stop regressing from the significant strides it has taken in terms of women’s rights and health.

Waliany is a Plan II and government senior.

Commemorating Texas veterans on campus



By Kayla Oliver
Daily Texan Columnist

Last week, Apolonio Hernandez III, Marine Corps veteran of eight years and Middle Eastern studies senior, stepped off the bus near the stadium and noticed the monument to fallen soldiers of World War I. Conspicuously absent, however, was a tribute to modern veterans and victims of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“As [Hernandez] sat and remembered the friends that he had lost and the many widowed mothers and children who have lost their fathers, he knew it was time for veterans since World War I to be commemorated for their sacrifice,” said government sophomore Kelly Depew. The next day, Depew started UT for Modern Warriors, a student organization that aims to recognize Texas veterans and to reach out to the families of fallen soldiers. The organization’s first goal is to secure the commission of a new statue on campus dedicated to modern soldiers.

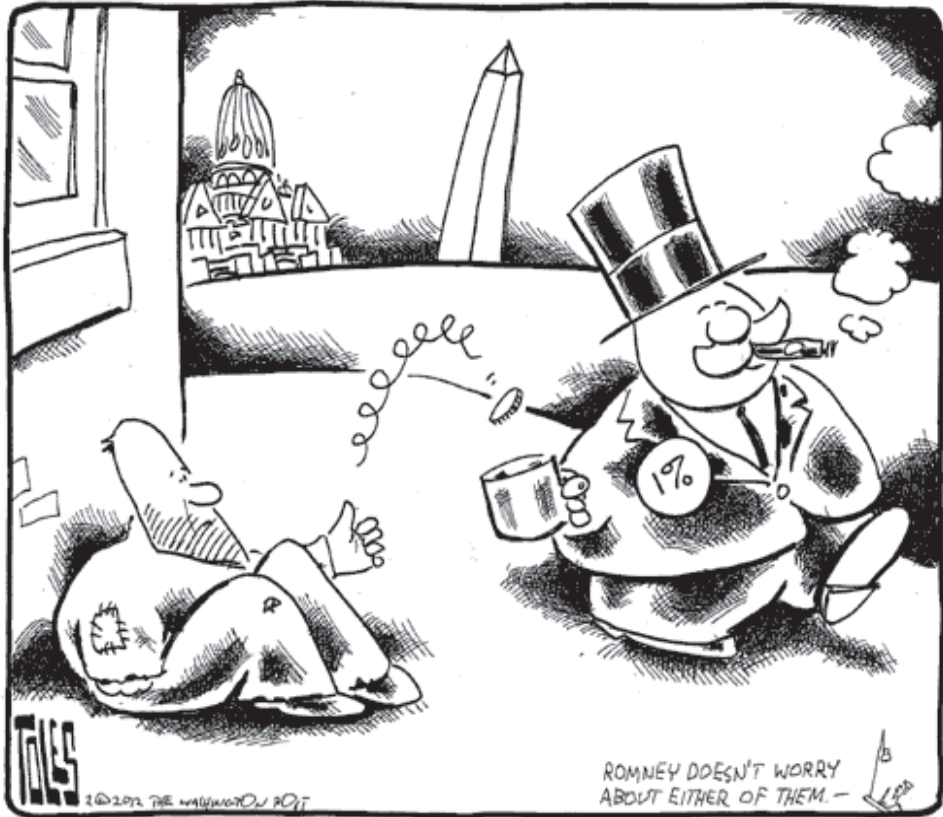
UT for Modern Warriors is laudable for a variety of reasons. First, the organization’s rapid establishment and popularization attest to the initiative and civic-mindedness of UT students. In a matter of days, Hernandez and Depew started an online petition for the modern warrior statue, built a website and are preparing for official University recognition of the organization. They expect no commendation for themselves and humbly dismiss their own hard work, but the kind of passion that motivates such an endeavor speaks for itself.

True to its mission, UT for Modern Warriors expresses

an overdue gratitude to veterans and the families of fallen soldiers both on campus and throughout the state. Although the organization is currently concentrating its efforts on commissioning the modern warrior statue, the group’s ambition is far from one-dimensional. Depew and Hernandez plan to send monthly care packages to troops and personally connect with the families of fallen soldiers, among other initiatives.

Although university campuses are often disparaged as sheltered enclaves oblivious to the brutal realities of life outside their walls, students may begin to alter this perception through organizations like UT for Modern Warriors. This is especially important for our campus, where anti-war sentiment can easily be misconstrued as a lack of support for veterans and fallen soldiers. Groups like Hernandez and Depew’s build important bridges across political divides by concentrating not on war itself but on the men and women, many of them college-aged, who make extraordinary sacrifices for civilians. You don’t have to be a supporter of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to be a supporter of American warriors. You simply have to recognize that, though it may sound cliché, the man or woman sitting next to you in class may have risked his or her life for you, and many more are absent only because they made the ultimate sacrifice. Student veterans don’t wear a uniform or broadcast the momentous sacrifices they have made for the rest of us; instead, as Depew says, “It’s amazing how much resilience and character, not to mention humility, that these veterans have.”

Oliver is an English and sociology freshman.



LEGALESE

Opinions expressed in The Daily Texan are those of the editor, the Editorial Board or the writer of the article. They are not necessarily those of the UT administration, the Board of Regents or the Texas Student Media Board of Operating Trustees.

NOW HERE'S AN
EARLY GRADUATION GIFT
YOU CAN ACTUALLY USE.



2012 COMPASS
\$500

COLLEGE GRADUATE⁽¹⁾
BONUS CASH



2012 PATRIOT
\$500

COLLEGE GRADUATE⁽¹⁾
BONUS CASH

Time to trade in your cap and gown and prepare yourself for the real world in a 2012 Jeep Compass or Jeep Patriot. Take advantage of these special offers. You'll be ready to embark on the next chapter of your life and avoid any obstacle in your path from behind the wheel of your stylish, well-built and incredibly capable Jeep 4x4.

Jeep
JEEP.COM

(1)Eligible customer must be a college graduate or recent college graduate and must meet one of the following criteria: graduating in the next 6 months with any degree, graduated in the last 2 years with any degree, or currently enrolled in a master's or doctoral program. Residency restrictions apply. See dealer for details. Offer ends 7/31/12. **Jeep is a registered trademark of Chrysler Group LLC.**

OLD UT WORDMARK



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

NEW UT WORDMARK



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Photo courtesy of The University of Texas

UT redesigns, updates wordmark

By Reihaneh Hajibeigi
Daily Texan Staff

The Office of the President approved a new wordmark design that will now better reflect UT's brand identity.

Geoff Leavenworth, chief communications officer for the Office of the President, said this new image will now properly represent the University. Leavenworth said University Communications took steps to address concerns that UT's wordmark appeared faint on certain documents in comparison to other universities. There were also complaints that the wordmark was illegible at a distance, he said.

"The UT family is big, bold and passionate, and this updated wordmark will embody our characteristics well," Leavenworth said.

The UT Core Design Group was asked to address these concerns and modify certain aspects of the wordmark. The new image has the same core but now has a bolder font, and the lining between words has been altered. The updated design was then sent to UT President William Powers Jr.

for approval and was implemented Feb. 15.

Gloria Lee, associate professor in the department of art and art history, said the outlining of the letters from the original seal is a good idea — however, it all depends on where the wordmark is used.

"The bolding can be a bit heavy, and it is dependent on the ultimate size/scale and its context," Lee said.

Advertising senior Sarah Wiese said she agrees about the potential problems, but said she believes the

bolding looks good.

Wiese said there is a risk of the image being seen as a blob if it is used in a small space.

"When you compare the two logos side by side, you definitely see a difference," Wiese said. "The bolder look is such a subtle change, but even the smallest change can convey a strong message."

Leavenworth said the group who worked on the design was volunteer-based, and the University has been instructed to use all existing documents with the old wordmark to avoid waste. The

printing services office, through University Operations, was aware of the upcoming changes and was notified to use the new wordmark on all printing services once approved.

"The updated wordmark will be used when the next round of printing takes place. All stationary, business cards and official documents will have the new wordmark," Leavenworth said. "The changes on the website and other online documents will be carried out when the website is revised for other reasons."

OLD UT SEAL



NEW UT SEAL



Photo courtesy of The University of Texas

\$4 million donation from Shell to be used in geosciences school

By Alexandra Klima
Daily Texan Staff

After the second largest energy company in the world recently invested nearly \$4 million in the University, the money will be used to research new energy technologies.

Shell Oil Company gave a check to UT representing its contributions to the University for this year on Feb. 10. Scott Tinker, director of the Bureau of Economic Geology and associate dean of the Jackson School of Geosciences, said the investment will further support students' education by contributing to a wide variety of resources to UT such as funds, programs and research initiatives.

Tinker said Shell has been investing money in UT for many years and the benefits are felt in many colleges such as the Jackson School of Geosciences, the Cockrell School of Engineering, the McCombs School of Business and the College of Natural Sciences.

The partnership will advance research in not only the general area of energy but also in more specific areas such as unconventional oil and gas research, Tinker said.

One of the benefits of the partnership is the recruitment of students and interns who have a passion for the oil industry, petroleum engineering senior Jose Gomez said.

Gomez interned for Shell Oil Company in the summer of 2009 and 2011. He said his experience was beneficial and helped him prepare for

life after college.

"I applaud Shell for their investments in UT," Gomez said. "My internship with them was a great experience that provided me with inside knowledge of the corporate world."

Gomez said Shell can make their presence stronger at UT and other universities by showing more support for undergraduate efforts through student organizations, perhaps by attending meetings or funding organizations' activities.

Shell's main goal is to improve the industry, and their investment in university research ultimately allows them to accomplish their goal, Gomez said.

Gomez said his internship with Shell inspired him to look into the research program at UT, which Shell contributes to every year.

Mechanical engineering senior Orlando Salmon said he recently participated in university research and quickly thereafter reaped the benefits it offered. Salmon is a member of Pi Sigma Pi, the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and an officer in the National Society of Black Engineers.

"College is such an exploration stage for students, requiring them to go out and discover new things," Salmon said. "Participating in research goes hand-in-hand with the college experience and allows students to be at the forefront of their field, expand their mind and explore the world."

**RECYCLE**

YOUR COPY OF
THE DAILY TEXAN

APPLICATION DEADLINE

THE TEXAS STUDENT MEDIA

Board of Operating Trustees is seeking applicants to fill the following TSM Board position:

College of Communication, Place 2 (unexpired term)
Terms of office: March 23, 2012 – May 31, 2014

College of Communication Qualifications:

- Be a registered student during the semester in which application is made.
- Have competed at least one semester in residence in the long term at UT Austin.
- Be in good standing and not on scholastic probation.
- Must be enrolled in the College of Communication and must have completed or will have completed by the end of the current semester 12 hours of College of Communication courses.
- Applicant cannot be an employee of Texas Student Media.
- Applicant must supply the Board with a current transcript of all courses taken at UT.

The TSM Board oversees the largest student media program in the United States.

Your job as a board member?

- Adopt annual budget
- Review monthly income and expenses
- Select KVRX station manager, TSTV station manager, Texas Travesty
- and Cactus yearbook editors, The Daily Texan managing editor
- Certify candidates seeking election to TSM board and for
- The Daily Texan editor
- Review major purchase requests

Applications may be found on the TSM web site:
<http://www.utexas.edu/tsm/board/>
or they can be picked up at the following location:

Office of the Director
Texas Student Media, HSM 3.304

Deadline for applications and all supporting materials:
Noon, Friday, March 9, 2012

The position will be appointed by the TSM Board of Operating Trustees on:
Friday, March 23, 2012 at 1 p.m.
College of Communication LBJ Room #5.160
2600 Whitis Avenue

Questions? Please contact TSM Director:
Gary Borders at 512-471-5084.

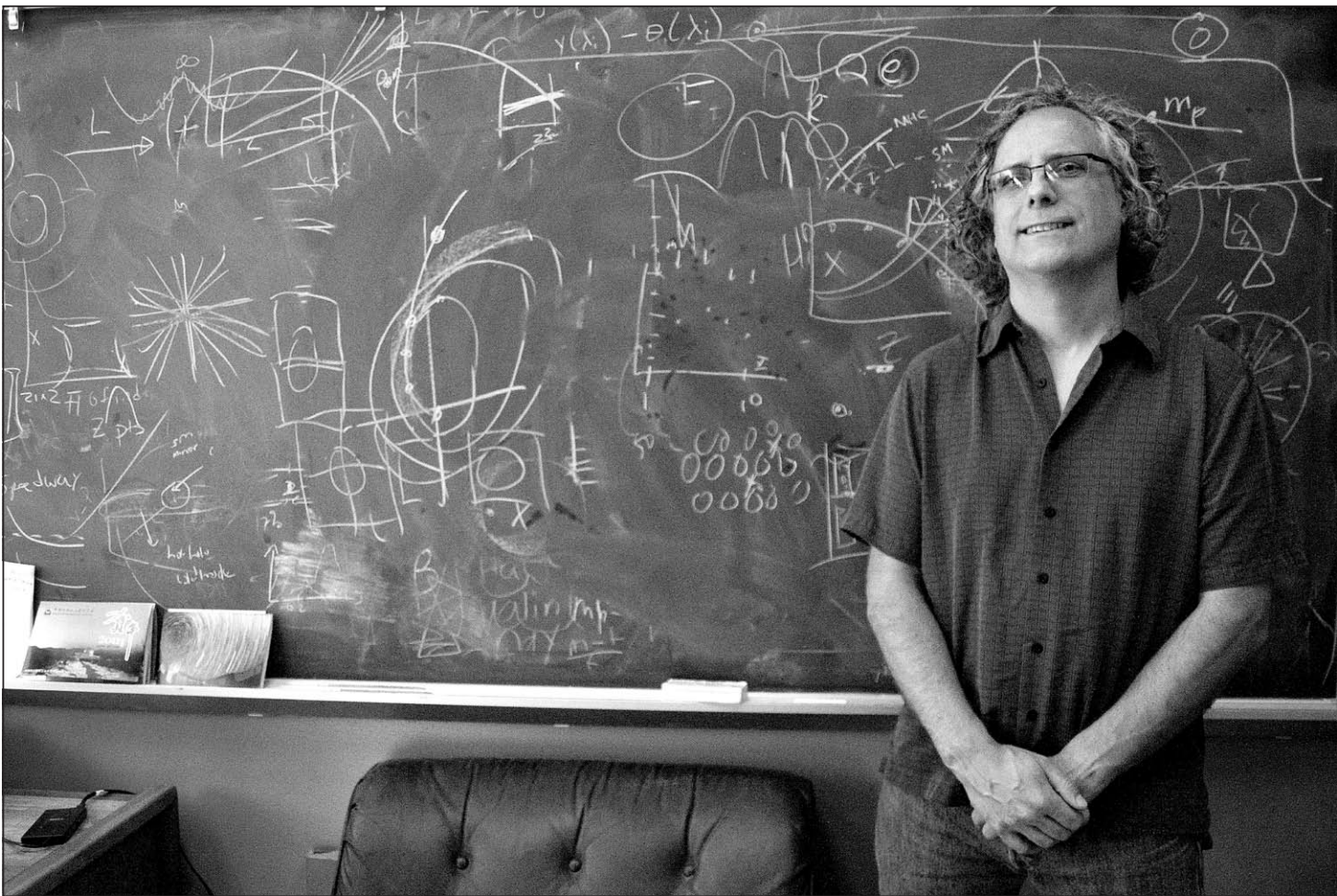
UTPHOTOS

FINAL CACTUS PORTRAIT STUDIO
FEBRUARY 13-24, 2012

HEARST STUDENT MEDIA BUILDING
ROOM 3.200 | 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

Graduating Seniors also wanting cap and gown photos
must either call 471-1084, or go to www.UTPhotos.com
checkappointments.com to make a reservation.





Raveena Bhalara | Daily Texan Staff

The supercomputer in the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) will receive a \$10 million donation to advance the science it does. Astronomy professor Karl Gebhardt is one member of a team using the computer, and he says his research will benefit from the advancements by processing a more enormous amount of data.

Computing center receives \$10 million

By Sylvia Butanda
Daily Texan Staff

The Texas Advanced Computing Center will receive a \$10 million private donation to advance the supercomputer center's data-driven science.

The Peter O'Donnell Foundation has donated in past years to support the University's research efforts at the computing center, which will use part of the money to construct a computing system to handle and analyze large amounts of data. Alison Preston, an assistant psychology and neurobiology professor, said the donation will help the Preston Lab, where studies are being conducted to show how the brain implements

human memory.

"When we test individuals in the CAT scanner, we take thousands of pictures of their brain across the one to one-and-half hour that they are in there," Preston said. "You need a lot of space to store large quantities of data and that is one thing new resources offered by the funding will provide."

Preston said the donation provided to the computing center and its advanced data system will help analyze data more quickly.

"Using a personal computer could take several days to fully analyze an individual subject," Preston said. "It will allow us to speed up the analy-

sis of data, and we can therefore answer the scientific questions that we're interested in."

Astronomy professor Karl Gebhardt said he and his team will use the computing center as a data storage and analysis base for their observation of the expansion of the universe.

Gebhardt and his team will trace the detailed expansion of the universe through the Hobby-Eberly Telescope Dark Energy Experiment, he said.

"Our project will have an enormous amount of data, about three to five years total, and we simply do not have the funds within our project and department to handle such an amount," Gebhardt said.

“

You need a lot of space to store large quantities of data and that is one thing new resources offered by the funding will provide.

— Alison Preston, assistant psychology and neurobiology Professor

”

Henry Ransom Center earns award for photography book

By Bobby Blanchard
Daily Texan Staff

A photography book chronicling a husband and wife as they developed one of the largest collections on the history of photography has gained national attention and an award for the Harry Ransom Center.

HRC senior research curator Roy Flukinger will accept the Alfred H. Barr Jr. Award from the College Art Association in Los Angeles on Thursday, on behalf of the HRC for his contribution to "The Gernsheim Collection." Flukinger edited the book and the HRC co-published it with UT Press in fall 2010, coinciding with the HRC's 2010 exhibition "Discovering the Language of Photography: The Gernsheim Collection."

Flukinger said he was looking forward to attending CAA's 100th annual conference.

"Receiving the award on behalf of our institution is a tremendously important honor, but it is the spirit of education in this academic world that

makes the CAA Conference so significant for us all," Flukinger said.

UT press director David Hamrick said the award is one of the more distinguished and prestigious honors in the field of museum studies.

"This formal recognition, without question, raises UTP's national profile and strengthens our reputation and cache as a publisher of photography books among scholars and artists," Hamrick said.

Flukinger said the center developed a book on their photography collection because it is one of the finest collections for studying the history and significance of photography.

"The international reputation of the collection housed at the Ransom Center is outstanding," Flukinger said. "But the story of its founders, its creation and its myriad holdings was not well known."

Flukinger said he hopes the book will serve as an introduction to the Gernsheim chronicle and the couples' collection.

"The Gernsheim collection itself,

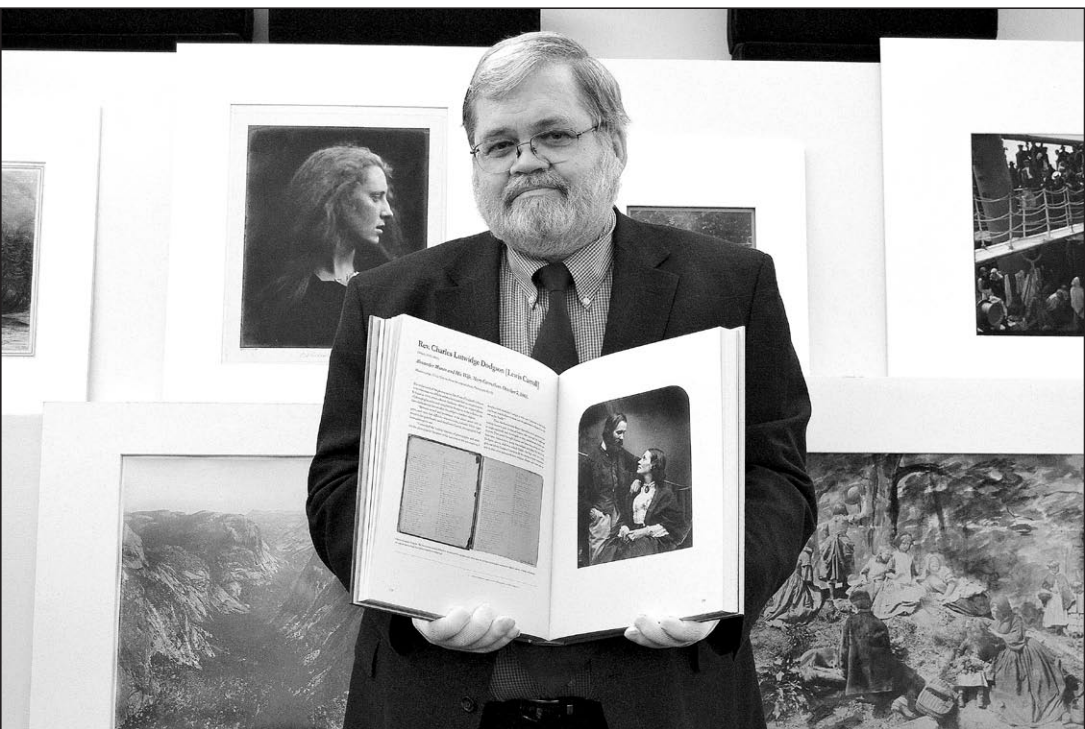
like all the holdings of the center, contains infinite possibilities for learning and enriching society and we hope that all these valuable aspects will contribute to the educational enterprise for present and future generations of students and scholars alike," Flukinger said.

Flukinger said he is completing another book to be published through the HRC and UT Press about Arnold Newman, a 20th century photographer.

"Following that, I have to complete all my work on our gallery-wide exhibition on the Magnum Photo Agency, which is scheduled to open here on Sept. 10, 2013," Flukinger said. "I have no plans on stopping"

Photojournalism sophomore Shaina Bowen said having a place like the HCR on campus which puts on galleries like this is important to her.

"It is so great to have something on campus that I can go to see photography," Bowen said. "I've gone to go see the very first photograph and it is very inspiring."



Zen Ren | Daily Texan Staff

Harry Ransom Center senior research curator Roy Flukinger presents "The Gernsheim Collection," a book compiling one of the largest collections of photography, in front of prints from its archives Tuesday morning. On behalf of the HRC, Flukinger will accept the Alfred H. Barr Jr. Award, one of the highest honors in the field of museum studies.

Ex-football player funds nerve research after injury

By Rachel Thompson
Daily Texan Staff

Influenced by personal experiences with nerve damage, a former UT football player is now funding research to help others who have facing similar conditions.

Doug English, the president of Lone Star Paralysis, helped fund the research of UT neurobiology professor George Bittner and several affiliate researchers. After playing football at UT, English was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame and went on to play with the Detroit Lions for 10 years.

"At the tail end of my NFL career, I sustained a neck injury," English said. "I have a great neck today, but it ended my career. My interests grew over the years, and now it's a full-blown passion."

Bittner, the head researcher, said he became interested in examining damaged nerves in animals in graduate school and his current research may help people who suffer injuries based on nerve damage.

Bittner said he examines rats' sciatic nerves, the nerves that supply all motor control to sensory feeling in the legs of mammals, to determine how these concepts apply to humans.

English said the research on nerve damage being conducted at UT could provide better lives for those affected by spinal cord injuries.

"These people who have hurt their spinal cord and maybe lost

something are really great people," English said. "They're all young and active and aggressive, and it's always a really sad story."

Bittner said UT is conducting the basic research on nerve damage, while clinical application will be conducted at other institutions.

"We've contacted M.D.s so we're certainly talking with them about how one might do a coordinated trial at various hospitals around the country or around the world," Bittner said.

Bittner said he collaborated with other researchers from Vanderbilt and Harvard Medical School for his research. He said the researchers are currently trying to keep the separated halves of nerves, known as distal halves, alive for longer periods of time to provide a greater window for the surgery.

"We've done repairs by taking nerves out of the animal," Bittner said. "Our next obvious step is to do the repair in the animal. We'll certainly be continuing with this research at UT."

Psychology professor Tim Schallert collaborated with Bittner while conducting the research and said there are a series of complicated steps that allow the nerve to be repaired.

"We need a way to make sure that nerve cell gap is closed, which involves microsurgery," Schallert said. "We make sure that the behavior analyses are good and [determine] the nature of the injury and the repair."

FOR
WEB
EXCLUSIVE

STORIES
VIDEOS
PHOTO GALLERIES
& MORE

@dailytexanonline.com

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AND CACTUS GOODFELLOW AWARDS

RECOGNIZING EXTRAORDINARY UT STUDENTS FOR MORE THAN 75 YEARS

Cactus Yearbook is soliciting nominations for its Outstanding Student and Cactus Goodfellow Awards. For your convenience, we have placed the nomination forms online at: www.cactusyearbook.com.

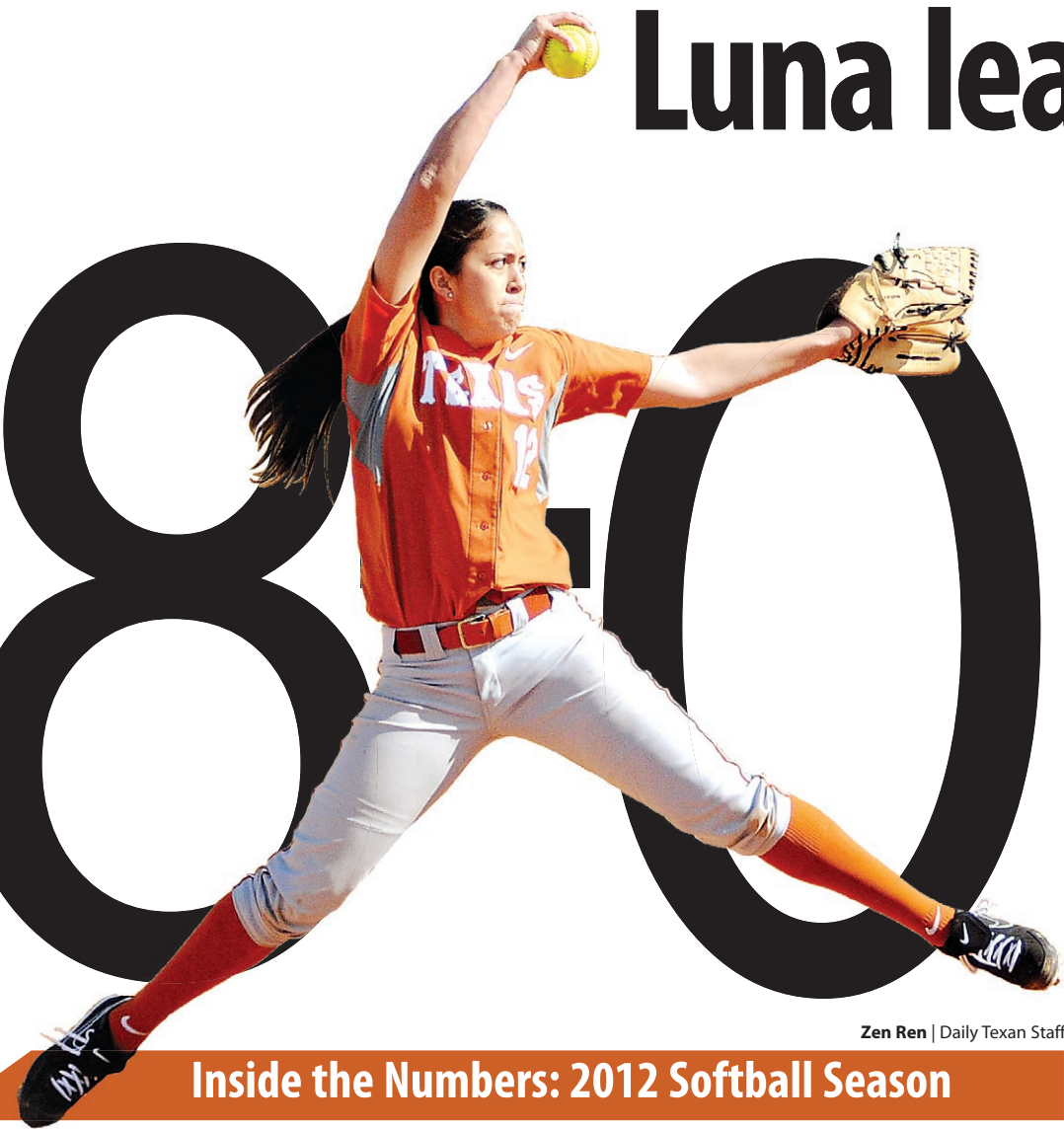
All rules and instructions are included, so all you have to do is either print the nomination form or pick up one at the William Randolph Hearst Building (HSM), 25th and Whitis Avenue, Room 3.304.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS FEBRUARY 24

Send us your applications today! If you have any questions, please call 471-1084 for more information.



SOFTBALL



Zen Ren | Daily Texan Staff

Inside the Numbers: 2012 Softball Season

	TEXAS	OPPONENTS
Batting Average	.423	.166
On base %	.490	.266
Runs	76	9
HR	10	1
Stolen Bases	21	2
Team ERA	.88	8.93

Luna leads Longhorns

After winning her first four starts, the dominant junior pitcher has helped her team to an 8-0 start

By Sara Beth Purdy
Daily Texan Staff

It has been two weeks since their season started, and already the Longhorns are playing like it is May. The No. 8 Longhorns have posted an 8-0 record already this season while outscoring their opponents 74-9. Their performance has not gone unnoticed — in addition to setting two school records so far this year, this team has received recognition on both the national and conference levels.

Junior All-American Blaire Luna was named Big 12 Pitcher of the Week this week for her performance in the circle. She has won nine career conference awards in total. The right-hander has a season ERA of 0.29 and 43 strikeouts so far this season. Luna leads the only still undefeated Big 12 pitching staffs this year. Senior infielder Lexy Bennett was named Big 12 Player of the Week last week and has a conference high batting average of .609 with a team leading 14 hits and 15 RBIs. Bennett is the star presence on the conference's top performing offense so far this season.

On the national stage, junior Taylor Hoagland, who spent

last summer touring with the USA National Softball team, was named along with both Luna and Bennett to the watch list for the USA Softball National Collegiate Player of the Year award.

"This team has what it takes," said senior outfielder Courtney Craig. "We have worked hard on and off the field. All of our minds are set to get further than we have ever gotten before, and we are controlling everything that we can control."

For a team that has been putting up staggering numbers thus far, it is surprising that they started the season ranked so low. In January, national polls had listed the Longhorns at 18/19 overall and experts have slated them to finish third in the Big 12, one of the strongest conferences for softball in the country. Less than a week after the season had begun, the Longhorns had already jumped five spots to 13 overall. This week, going into their third tournament in three weeks, the Longhorns sit at eight.

"It definitely puts a little more fuel in the fire," Craig said about being seen as an underdog at the start of the season. "We really don't look at numbers on this team, though. We know what we are capable of, and we know how far we want to go this year."

Even when they are down,

LUNA continues on PAGE 8

Texas treks out West, top teams follow suit

By Garrett Callahan
Daily Texan Staff

The No. 8 Texas Longhorns, who have muscled through the early part of their schedule, are set to face what may be their biggest challenge of the season so far this weekend.

The Longhorns travel west to California to compete in the Cathedral City Classic where they will play a total of five games. The Cathedral City Classic will be a major test for Texas as they prepare to challenge three top 25 teams. So far, the team is 8-0 on the season having just come off a weather-dictated, but successful,

weekend at the Texas Classic Invitational. After multiple rain delays and cancellations, Texas survived the weekend with two wins moving them up in the national rankings from 13th to eighth. Blaire Luna was named Big 12 Pitcher of the Week with two wins, including a 13 strike out performance in their 3-2 victory over No. 10 Tennessee. The mud-soaked comeback victory was capped by an inside the park home run by Brejae Washington.

Texas starts out the tournament today with two games. The first match is against Cal State

TOURNEY continues on PAGE 8



Lawrence Peart | Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns, ranked No. 8 in the most recent USA Today/NFCA Coaches' Poll, will face three top 25 opponents in this weekend's Cathedral City Classic in California. Texas is undefeated with an 8-0 record.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Late game flub encapsulates UT's struggles



By Sameer Bhuchar
Daily Texan Columnist

For about 10 minutes after every game, Texas head coach Rick Barnes addresses the media and assesses his team's performance. He could have saved himself a lot of time after losing to Baylor — a loss dropping Texas to 1-8 in games decided by six points or less — by summing up the origins of this team's woes in his most poignant fragment of the night.

"Listening as opposed to hearing," said Barnes, citing it as the most difficult lesson to impress upon his young team in late-game situations. "We come out of time-outs, and we don't execute and we don't understand exactly, certain situations."

Barnes settled on this sentiment with an accepted resignation after his latest loss, something he had been hesitant to do in previous post-game press conferences. He's criticized his players before, but has tried to play those instances off as a quick-fix, and he'll even answer questions well past the allotted time frame. He normally walks in with analytical answers for what did and didn't



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

Head coach Rick Barnes has been faced with the tough task of rebuilding a team that lost three players to last year's NBA Draft.

work. He sits up, he's confident.

But on Monday night he sat back, draped his arms around the lonely chairs to his left and right, sighed as he answered and kept singing the same refrain. And the only thing he seemed confident about this time was that things can't be corrected.

"Mental. Mental. It is all mental. Understanding the game. Time and score situations," Barnes said.

Whether it be that he is correct in his assessment, that the onus to learn and grow lies on the mental willingness of his team or that the team's problems with late game discipline may require more surgical coaching, can be argued both ways. What is becoming more evident, though, is that neither side thinks the other is doing their jobs.

In a moment of honesty, J'Covan Brown expressed his frustration with the blame-game after his team's first loss to Baylor earlier this season, highlighting a possible disconnection from the team and coach.

"Myck [Kabongo] said it the best to us at the end of the speech we had from coach Barnes," said Brown after the first Baylor loss. "We need to stop worrying about what coach is going to get on us about all the time. He's going to say something but just move on from it. Don't start pouting, getting down on yourself, just move on from it. That's going to help us to start getting wins." They haven't. Not ones that matter, at least.

On Monday night, however, Brown

BARNES continues on PAGE 8

Horns' tournament hopes dwindle after latest loss

By Wes Maulsby
Daily Texan Staff

Texas needed just one good half of basketball to seal its trip to the NCAA tournament. A sparse resume that only had 17 wins to 10 losses, and three wins over quality teams had a chance to get a lot spicier on Monday against Baylor. The trend that has crippled the Longhorns all year to put them on the bubble. Texas couldn't execute down the line, and failed to finish a game that it very well could have won.

The Numbers

Texas was out-rebounded by Baylor 32-24, and senior forward Quincy Acy's 16 points were more than the yield of Texas' entire starting lineup. Baylor also grabbed 14 offensive rebounds, with Acy providing eight, matching Texas' output.

During Texas' four-game winning streak, it nearly doubled its opponents free throw totals shooting 127 free throws compared to its opponents' 63. Over the last two games, the Longhorns have shot nearly a third as many free throws as they have given up. They only shot 38 while conceding 85, with Oklahoma State alone shooting 56. The Bears shot

29 free throws, converting 24 to give them a 10 point edge from the charity stripe.

Texas' defense was stingy in the first half, holding Baylor to 26 points, while shooting just 28 percent from the field. The Bears also shot just 33 percent from beyond the arc in the first half. Texas' defense couldn't hold up in the second half though. Baylor shot 50 percent from the field, and made 66 percent of its 3 point attempts. While Baylor was heating up, Texas started cooling off. The Longhorns made half their shots in the first half, including making four of their eight 3-pointers. Texas still shot 46 percent in the second half, but it could not force turnovers in the second half, which allowed Baylor to attempt more shots than Texas in the period, as well as almost doubling the Longhorns' output from the free-throw line.

Texas actually had the edge in points in the paint, points off turnovers and second chance points while the Longhorn bench dominated the Baylor bench. But the Bears got a big boost from the free-throw line, as well as timely 3-pointers and second chances late to pull out the game.

STATS continues on PAGE 8

SIDELINE

NBA



CELTICS

104



THUNDER

119



HAWKS

82



KNICKS

99



SIXERS

87



ROCKETS

93

NCAAB



(5) KANSAS

66



TEXAS A&M

58

TWEET OF THE DAY



Ricky Seals-Jones

@RickySealsJones

"#Hookem

#HookEmHorns."

ON THE WEB:

Men's/women's swimming and diving recaps

@dailytexanonline.com

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Seals-Jones commits to Texas, becomes sixth 2013 commit

Sealy's Ricky Seals-Jones committed to Texas today. According to 247Sports, he is the No. 5 overall prospect in Texas and the No. 32 prospect in the country. He is Texas' sixth commitment — four of Texas' six recruits are ranked in the top 10 in the state.

Seals-Jones stands at 6-foot-5, 220 pounds and is a four-star prospect. He received an offer from Texas on junior day on Feb. 12.

He played a variety of positions for Sealy including quarterback, receiver and safety. He primarily played quarterback last season. He rushed 114 times for 1,245 yards and 15 touchdowns.

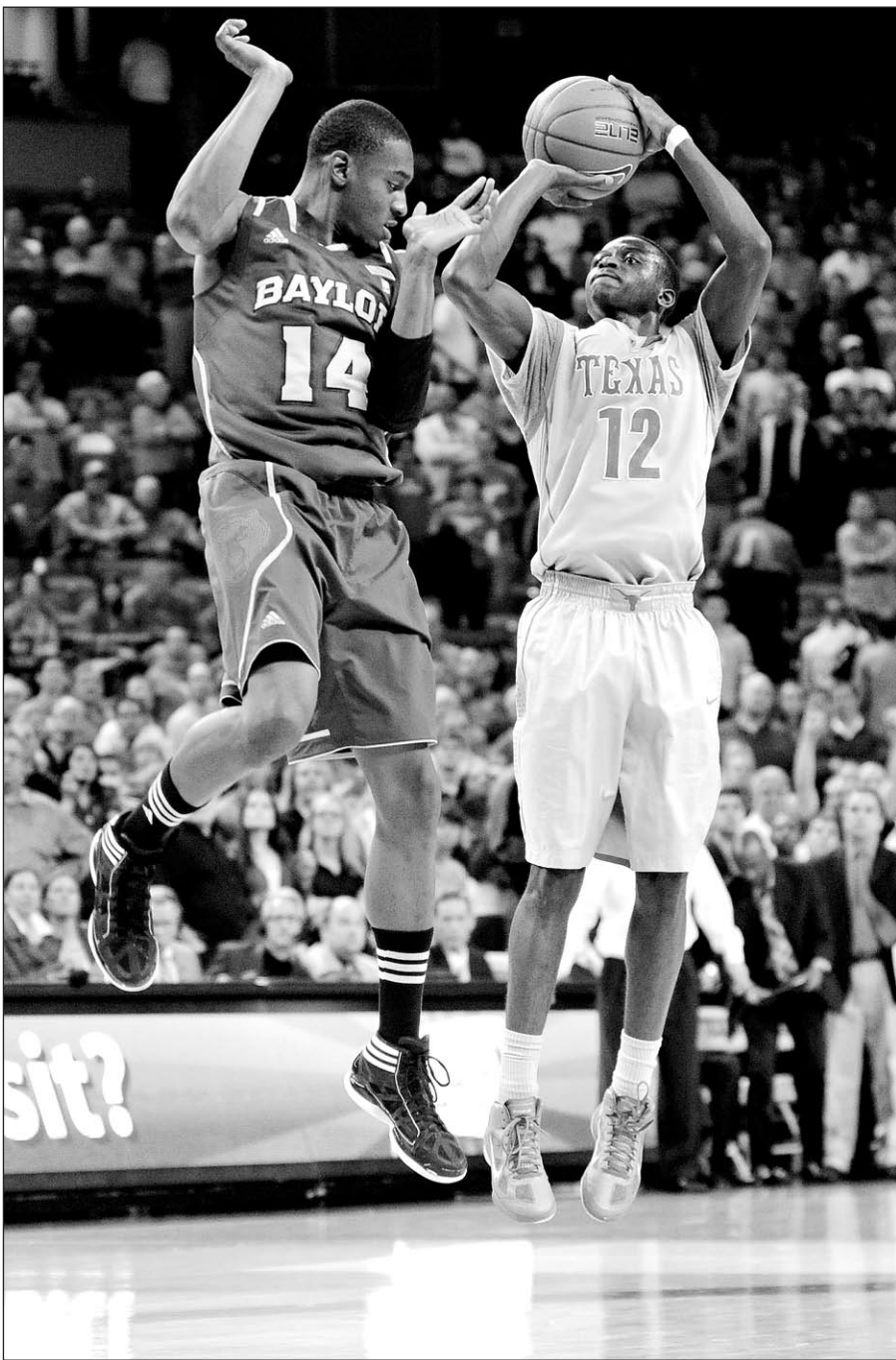
He will likely start out as wide receiver when he arrives in Austin. But, he could be switched to tight end. With the commitments of quarterback Tyrone Swoopes, running back Kyle Hicks and wide receiver Jake Oliver, the class of 2013 is already making strides with offensive personnel.

He had offers from Auburn, LSU, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Texas A&M, Baylor and Texas Tech.

Texas will host its second and final junior day on Saturday and spring drills begin on Thursday. Although the Longhorns ended its first junior day with only one commitment, the class of 2013 is coming together. Seals-Jones will be a very versatile and important asset to this class that is coming together, especially on offensive.

— Lauren Giudice

Freshman guard Myck Kabongo (12) shoots over Baylor's Deuce Bello in the Longhorns' 72-77 loss Monday night at the Frank Erwin Center.



Elisabeth Dillon
Daily Texan File
Photo

BARNES

continues from **PAGE 7**

showered himself in blame with that same blase acceptance Barnes displayed, making it hard to tell whether or not he truly believes it is all his fault. “I turned it over. It’s easy. That’s all I had, I turned it over, we lost the game. I take the blame,” he said of the final series where Texas had a chance to play for the win. “I feel like every night I’m letting [my teammates]

down. I’m trying, but I’m just not getting it right.” His resignation may stem from a general lack of confidence the two units have in each other. With the game on the line, Brown did turn the ball over, but Texas also a time-out to burn that Barnes didn’t use when Brown was double-teamed. Surely Barnes knew a play drawn up for his leading scorer had the potential of being perfectly read by the Bears? “I actually told the team, ‘I apologize. I should have called a time-out,’” Barnes said. “But on the other hand,

I don’t know if it would do any good, because you don’t listen. And if we had drawn up one play and Baylor would have changed defenses, believe me, we would have been lost.” To be clear, both sides are aware of how good the team is capable of playing. Barnes loved how his team played in the first half Monday night where they pounced out to an early lead and held it into the early part of the second period. He even praised the team’s practice habits, which he called into question earlier in the season. The resignation becomes a fac-

tor when the coach questions a team’s mental fortitude. “Early on [in the year] I could understand it, some of it, but this late and at this point in time?” Barnes rhetorically asked, and shrugged his shoulders. But a head coach needs to have the confidence throughout game to pull a struggling, young team along. Listening rather than hearing is something both sides could probably benefit from, and it would save Barnes’ breath in the post-game for something more constructive.

STATS

continues from **PAGE 7**

The Skinny
In 2008, Georgia scored four wins in five days, including a doubleheader to win the SEC tournament, and steal an NCAA bid. That Bulldog team had a 4-12 conference record and ended up entering the NCAA tournament at 17-16 overall. The conference tournament can be the last chance for teams to win their way into the big dance. Georgia’s road to the tourney that year featured zero games against ranked teams, and against no team with more than 22 wins. Texas’ road to the NCAA tournament will feature another shot at Baylor, then another shot at Missouri, then another shot at Kansas. Currently, Texas is 0-5 against those teams, with the season finale at Kansas still left to be played. It’s not guaranteed that Texas would have to play all those teams to win the conference, as upsets do happen, but those are the most likely teams that Texas would have to go through. Texas head coach Rick Barnes has never won the conference tournament, and would have to win three games in three days against top-15 teams in order to make the NCAA tournament. Only five teams have won the Big 12 Conference tournament, with Kansas taking eight of the 15 titles, including five of the last six. Texas has made the finals of the conference championship six times, and has lost every time, four times to Kansas. Texas has been eliminated by Kansas in four of the last six Big 12 Conference Championships. The other two losses were to Baylor.

TOURNEY

continues from **PAGE 7**

Northridge whom the Longhorns have played a total of seven times in their history. Texas leads this series 4-3. The Longhorn’s second game of the day is against San Diego State, with whom they are deadlocked in a 1-1 tie in their series history. Friday’s game promises to be a particularly difficult test for the Longhorns and perhaps their toughest game of the season when they face the No. 1 team in the nation, the Florida Gators. Texas is 3-4 against the Gators in their all-time record, and a less than stellar 1-3 when playing at a neutral site. The last time these two teams met was last season in the Cathedral City Classic where Florida took the 4-3 victory

after nine innings. For the rest of the weekend the Longhorns will face No. 7 UCLA on Saturday and No. 22 Nebraska on Sunday. Overall, Texas is 4-8 against UCLA and 19-18 against Nebraska. While they have won their last five straight against the Cornhuskers, the last time Texas played UCLA they were handily defeated 9-1 in six innings. While Texas has been dominant at home, the games in California will be the first time this season the Longhorns are playing away. The Longhorns need to bring the same competitive spirit and maturity that has kept them undefeated on the road to Palm Springs in order to win the Cathedral City Classic.

LUNA

continues from **PAGE 7**

which has not been often, the Longhorns exhibit the necessary maturity and motivation to come up with the win. Last Sunday, against the University of Tennessee, Texas struggled to come from behind and maintain a lead for the first time all season. During the bottom of the ninth and trailing by one, the Texas offense stepped out of the dugout with a fighter’s mindset. Off an in-the-park home run by sophomore center fielder Brejae Washington, the Longhorns won the game 3-2. “After they scored and went up by one run, from there we just said. ‘Ladies, let’s go. Let’s get this thing back. Let’s keep on fighting and

finish,” Washington said. “We are fighters. We are not going to finish until the last pitch is thrown.” No longer considered a young team, the juniors and seniors who have experienced several years of early season-ending disappointment bring experience and motivation that has this year’s squad playing like the World Series is tomorrow. “It has to be the captains and the veterans,” said freshman Gabby Smith about what is significant about this year’s team. “They are our leaders on the team, and they will hopefully lead us to go further in the post-season than the team has gone in the last few years.”



2012 UTMOST “BEST OF” SURVEY

Deadline To Submit: March 16

BEST FOOD & DRINK

- Happy Hour _____
- Sandwich Shop _____
- Vegetarian _____
- Coffeehouse _____
- Late-night Food _____
- Dessert _____
- Neighborhood Bar _____
- Downtown Bar _____
- Sports Bar _____
- Trailer Food _____
- BBQ _____
- Breakfast _____
- Breakfast Taco _____
- Campus Food _____
- Mexican _____
- Chinese/Asian _____
- Burger _____

BEST SHOPPING & SERVICES

- Boutique _____
- Grocery Store _____
- Liquor Store _____
- Textbooks _____
- Thrift/Resale Shop _____
- UT Gear/Souvenirs/T-Shirts _____
- Hair/Nail Salon _____
- Spa _____
- Bike Shop _____
- Tattoo/Piercing _____
- Computer + Repair _____
- Autocare _____
- Barbershop _____
- Apartment Locator _____
- Pet Services _____

BEST CAMPUS LIFE

- Student Organization _____
- Event on Campus _____
- Campus Coffee _____
- West Campus Housing _____
- Off-Campus Housing _____

Your Name

Your E-mail

Your Classification (circle one)

Freshman	Grad Student
Sophomore	Faculty/Staff
Junior	Other/non-student
Senior	

3 WAYS TO SUBMIT YOUR PICKS

PRINT

1. Turn in this survey to the Business Office in the Hearst Student Media Bldg (HSM) at 2500 Whitis Ave.

ONLINE

2. Take the survey online at: surveymonkey.com/s/utmost2012

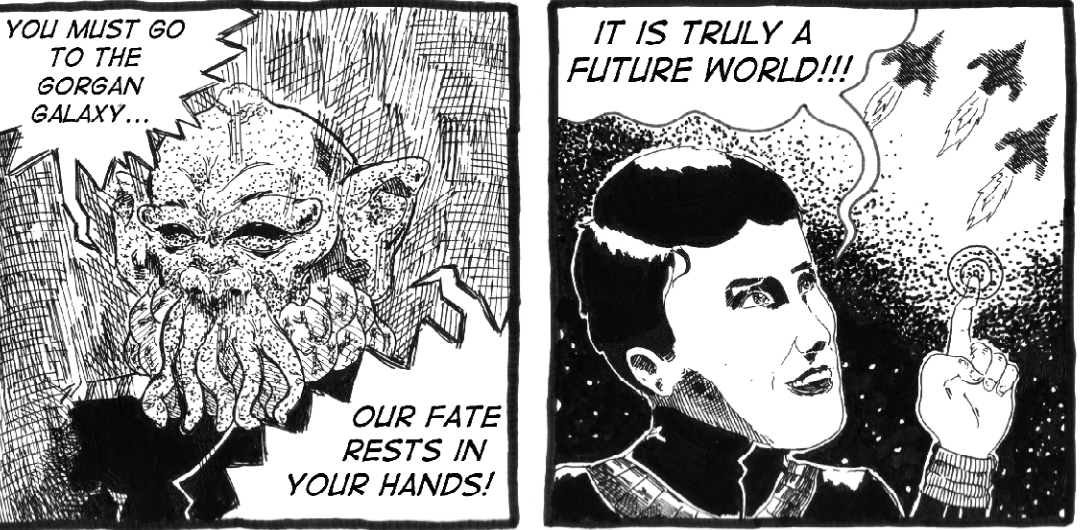
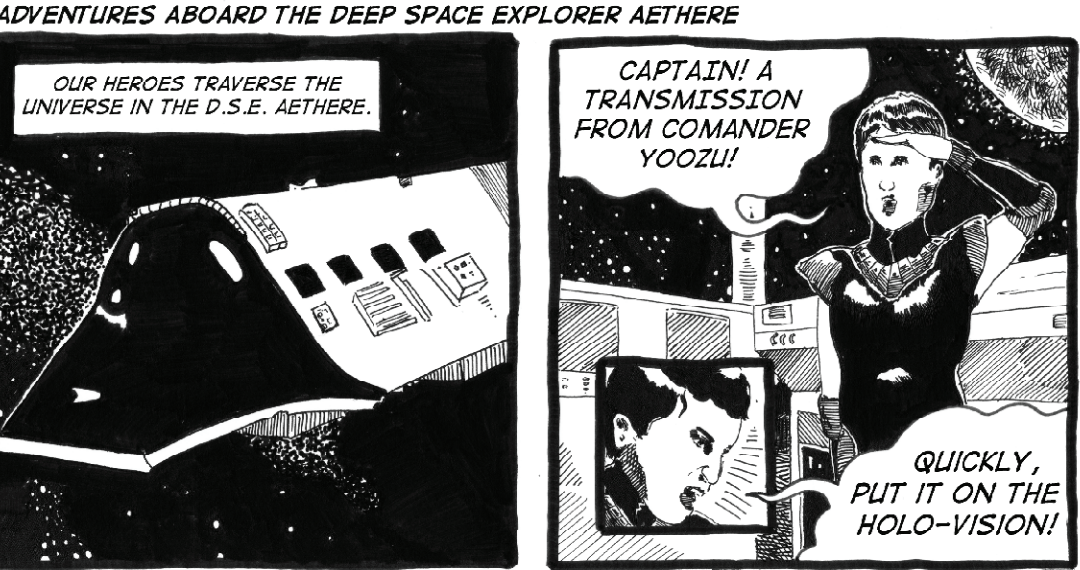
QR CODE

3. Scan this QR Code to go directly to the survey!



RULES/REGULATIONS

NO BALLOT STUFFING: Do not do it and do not let others do it on your behalf; if there is obvious ballot stuffing, your group or business could be taken out of the running for something you may have otherwise won.
COMPLETELY FILL OUT THE BALLOT and provide a valid e-mail address to be entered into a raffle!

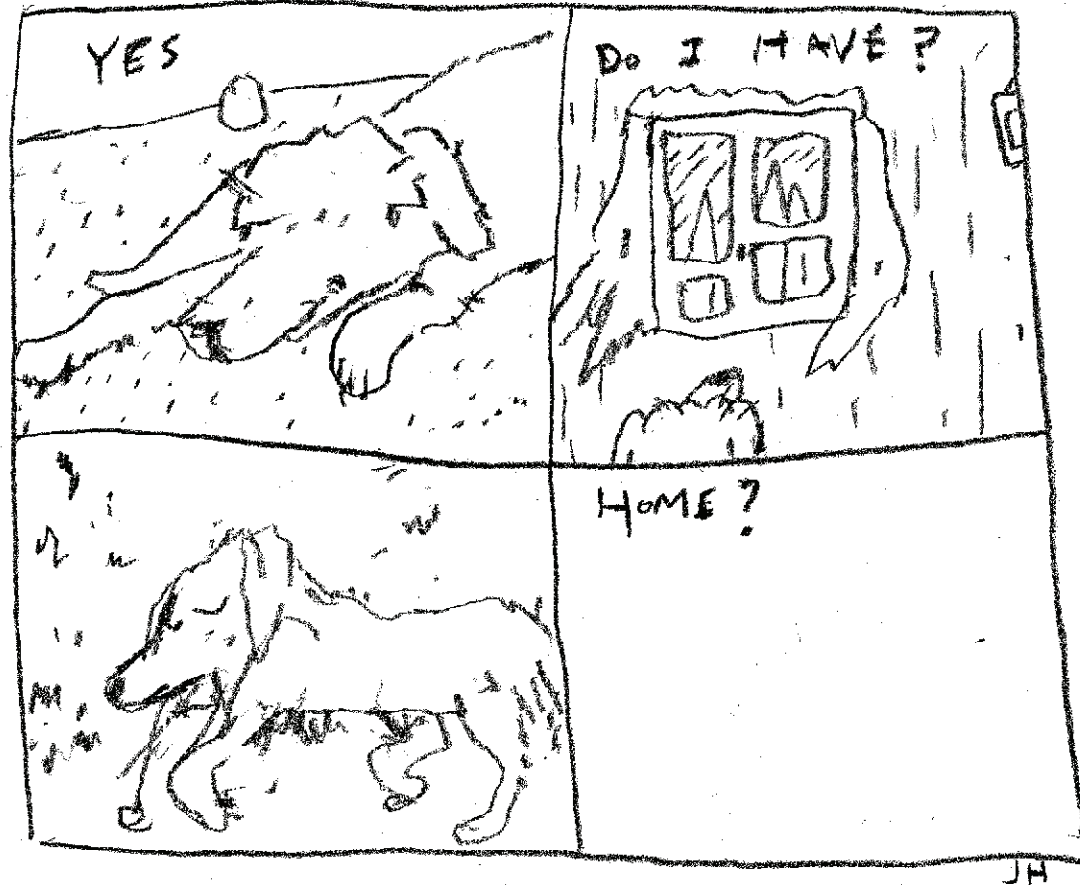


The Silence of Our Friends.

Liar Game.

New on the DT Comics Blog.

bit.ly/dtcomics



Daily Texan Comics.

SUDOKU FOR YOU

			8		4					2
3				9	1			6	8	
	4								9	
			2		9				3	
5	7							2	8	
	3			2				5		
	6							4		
	2	9		6	8					3
7				5		2				

Yesterday's solution

7	5	1	8	6	3	9	2	4
8	3	2	4	1	9	6	5	7
5	2	8	1	9	7	4	3	6
5	2	8	1	9	7	4	3	6
3	6	7	2	8	4	1	9	5
1	9	4	6	3	5	2	7	8
4	8	5	9	2	1	7	6	3
2	1	3	5	7	6	8	4	9
6	7	9	3	4	8	5	1	2

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0119

Across

1 *Rumpus

9 Spanning

15 Some

16 *Excitement

17 Like the maximum-height New York City apartment building that's not required to have a fire evacuation plan

18 Suave

19 Santa ____

20 Encyclopedia units: Abbr.

21 World financial grp.

22 Footnote abbr.

23 Stallone and Stone

24 Bridge seats

28 Inits. on many uniforms since 2002

29 "Pful!"

31 George of "Star Trek"

32 The Wildcats of the N.C.A.A.

34 Figure on Scotland's coat of arms

36 Innovator

40 Quick check

41 Unprincipled

42 Run after K

43 "Good ____!"

44 Singer Sumac

46 Check the box (for)

49 Plays matchmaker for

51 Web site that includes the heading "Dolls & Bears"

54 Social

55 Calgary Stampaders' grp.

56 Ready for shipping

57 Bit of Highlands attire

58 Attack from above

61 Something to settle

63 *Foofaraw

64 They may be painted in a bathroom

65 Ran the show

66 Agenda ... or, together, what the seven starred clues and their answers constitute?

Down

1 Volcanic rock

2 Zoo critters

3 Southern Mexican state

4 Young ____

5 Many flat-screens

6 Make ____ of

7 *Hubbub

8 Milano of "Charmed"

9 Bret Harte/Mark Twain play

10 *Turmoil

11 Auto attachment

12 Cry of surprise

13 Perched

14 Theater admonishment

25 Match ends, briefly

26 "Just take it"

27 Trig term

30 *Ruckus

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

PEWS	GTS	AMT	OO
ONION	EEEE	NOHIT	
NILLA	TRUST	BELT	
ZAC	SPARSE	SMEET	
ICONARTISTS	ERR		
ELLO	SLIP		
FAQS	OAST	ADAI	R
ROUT	OFTHIS	WORLD	
ALIEN	MEME	IKEA	
CAMP	LAD		
IRK	EATALL	COSTS	
TEST	NORUSH	TAI	
SPARE	ITURE	OPENS	
MINOS	LAG	OJAYS	
ENDUP	ESO	SLAY	

Puzzle by Derek Bowman and Sarah Keller

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15								16						
17								18						
19								21						
22								24			25	26	27	
28								29			31			
32								33			34	35		
36	37	38	39					40						
41								42						
43								44	45			46	47	48
49								50			52	53	54	
55								56					57	
58	59	60						61			62			
63								64						
65								66						

For answers, call 1-900-285-5656, \$1.49 a minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-814-5554.

Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

AT&T users: Text NYTJX to 386 to download puzzles, or visit nytimes.com/mobileword for more information.

Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 2,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords (\$39.95 a year).

Share tips: nytimes.com/wordplay.

Crosswords for young solvers: nytimes.com/learning/xwords.

CENTRAL STORE: 609 W 29TH ST. 478-5325

SOUTH STORE: 112 W ELIZABETH 326-2629

STUDENT DISCOUNT THURS. * 2 FOR 1 TUES. & WEDS. * BEVO BUCKS @ THE CENTRAL STORE

VULCAN VIDEO*

READING BETWEEN THE LINES



Raveena Bhalara | Daily Texan Staff

Walid Khan, junior biology major, does his homework at the Norman Hackerman building Wednesday afternoon. The building opened in March 2011 with a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver rating for its sustainable design.

SAILING continues from PAGE14

“Sailing on Lake Travis, you will learn about the wind and what to do when the wind shifts and changes direction,” he said. “This is very common in inland lakes such as Lake Travis.”

Varying wind patterns seem to be the biggest difference between Austin sailing and coastal sailing along the northeast. “Lake sailors are typically more in tune with wind shifts while coastal sailors are typically more in tune with currents and the effect of the tides,” Martin-de-Nicolas said.

Rachel Loziuk, one of the students onboard Shull’s boat this past Saturday, started sailing in August of last year and has been eager

to be a part of the Austin sailing scene. She grew up spending summers at her family’s lake house with a love for the water. “Sometimes, I would see a boat out in the distance following the coastline, and I would think, ‘Gosh, I wish I could be out there on it,’” she said.

Eager to build her sailing experience, Loziuk took her turn to steer Shull’s boat and enthusiastically called out what seems to be every sailor’s rite-of-passage command, “Prepare to tack!”

“I never thought I would be able to sail without having lots of money to buy a boat or take expensive classes,” she said.

Despite the extravagant images the name, “Austin Yacht Club,” may bring to mind — 65-foot yachts, bottles of Cristal and other things P.Diddy’s party planners dream of — Shull says the sailing scene in Austin is nothing like that. “I think the biggest misconception is that most sailors are stuck-up ‘yachters,’” he said. “Most sailors are regular people who have a love for sailing.”

Martin-de-Nicolas agreed with Shull. “On a typical Saturday morning we have two choices: mow the lawn or go sailing. So the choice is really pretty easy,” he said.

“

On a typical Saturday morning we have two choices: mow the lawn or go sailing.”

— Jorge Martin-de-Nicolas, instructor

”

SCIENCE continues from PAGE 14

would present the idea that climate change is real and caused by humans as an area of major controversy in the scientific community, despite the fact that polls of scientists repeatedly demonstrate that there’s little to no disagreement on the subject.

Mercury does not cause autism

Scientists have published the results of a study that shows no difference between the levels of mercury in children with or without autism. The study compared mercury levels in the urine of autistic children to that of their non-autistic siblings as well as a control group of unrelated children. The experiment was performed to test the claim of many associated with the anti-vaccination movement who believe that mercury compounds in vaccines have caused an increase in autism rates. Other studies have strongly suggested that there is no correlation between vaccines and autism, though this one directly shows that mercury isn’t likely to be the culprit, either.

Drunk flies

Not only are fruit flies tolerant to low levels of alcohol, but that’s where they thrive, using it as a way to defend their larvae against wasp parasites. Scientists placed fly larvae in 6 percent alcohol solution (approximately the alcoholic content of an average beer) and found that wasps had trouble laying eggs in the larvae. Additionally, the eggs that they did lay were more likely to die. While it may seem difficult for insects in the wild to make beer runs, the larvae live near and feed off of the fungi and yeast from fermenting fruit, so their environment re-

mains well stocked. Further experimentation by the researchers demonstrated that infected larvae are more likely to feed on more alcoholic foods, given the choice, in order to fight off the intruders.

A guide to safe fracking

A method for mining natural gas called “fracking,” which involves pumping large amount of water and/or sand underground, has been under fire for potentially contaminating groundwater. However, a recent study has come to the conclusion that, at least in this respect, it’s no more likely to cause problems than any other current mining technique. Still, the authors of the study note that, as with other methods, proper precautions need to be in place along with strict regulation and enforcement. Additionally, while fracking does not seem to threaten groundwater supplies, there are other untested concerns that the study didn’t address, including the possibility that it may trigger small earthquakes.

Do we serve white wine with a red planet?

One of the many obstacles to landing a person on Mars is figuring out what to feed him once he gets there. Researchers from Cornell University and the University of Hawaii at Manoa are looking for some volunteers who want to go on a four-month simulated trip to Mars specifically designed to figure out how to provide astronauts healthy meals they won’t get sick from over the course of a three-year mission. The volunteers will live in HAZMAT suits, similar to the spacesuits of astronauts, and be given traditional space foods in addition to flour, sugar and freeze-dried meats for them to cook themselves.



a real world job
to jump-start a real world career



The largest college media agency in the nation, Texas Student Media, is looking for a few goal-driven college students to work in our Advertising department!

We have the following positions available:

- The Buys of Texas Representative
- Marketing Intern

Benefits:

- Full training
- Flexible schedule
- Fun environment
- Internship credit
- Located on campus

Do you have what it takes?
Apply today!

Email your resume to:
advertise@texasstudentmedia.com
and call 512.471.1865 for more information





Illustration
by Raquel
Bernertiz
Daily Texan Staff

ROMANCE continues from PAGE 14

of college that I lacked even the basic fundamentals to pass a course I once made As in, I changed schools and went into a merchandising/marketing degree, forgetting all about the writing bug.”

Then, her grandmother got her thinking about writing again. A distant relative of famed author Willa Cather, Leonard’s grandmother was determined that there would be another writer in her family, and she pushed Leonard to look into it.

“I was astonished,” Leonard said. “I remember asking her, ‘Write? What would I write? A children’s book?’”

Eventually, Leonard took her grandmother’s advice, but the words she put on the page were far from G-rated children’s material. Leonard had now been out of college for about five years, and she had not written anything creative in a long time.

Leonard wrote eight books before her first book was published in 1996. She has been publishing since 1998 through Harlequin, one of the leading publishers of books for women.

It took some convincing from an editor for Leonard to finally write lovemaking scenes, and Leonard said she only includes sex scenes when she feels it helps move the story along rather than taking up space.

“Readers know when you’re cheating and just tossing in a sex scene to be gratuitous,” Leonard said. “My mother used to say that I didn’t ‘put in enough of why ladies read these books,’ which I always thought was funny coming from my mother. But the truth is, lovemaking is a highly integral part of a couple’s relationship and falling in love.”

RECYCLE
YOUR COPY OF
THE DAILY
TEXAN



Haul of FAME local fashion discoveries

Buffalo EXCHANGE®
New & Recycled Fashion

2904 Guadalupe St. 512-480-9922
BUFFALOEXCHANGE.COM



the new '26'
NEW NAME
new upgrades

NEW EXPANDED FITNESS CENTER COMING SOON

***apply online today @
26-west.com***

UPGRADED AMENITIES COMING SOON

NEW EXPANDED 24-HR FITNESS CENTER WITH **NEW** EQUIPMENT • **NEW** PAINT THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY
NEW AESTHETIC UPGRADES • UPGRADED COMPUTER LAB WITH **NEW** COMPUTERS
NEW POOL FURNITURE • **NEW** ROOFTOP BASKETBALL COURT • **NEW** BBQ GRILLS • **NEW** TANNING BEDS



26-WEST.COM | 600 W 26TH ST | 512.477.3400



AMENITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



AN AMERICAN CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Despite drought, sailing remains smooth

By Anjali Mehta
Daily Texan Staff

For sailors of the Austin Yacht Club, comfort comes in the sound of water rhythmically lapping against the sides of a boat and looking off into the distance at a horizon of homes dotting the hills that hug Lake Travis. In a sailboat, Lake Travis, which has been troubled by an unrelenting drought, doesn't feel desolate — it feels like a haven.

Lower Colorado River Authority spokesperson Clara Tuma said Lake Travis is currently at its third lowest level in history at 36 percent full. Lake levels have remained fairly consistent this month, with each day ranging between 626 and 630 feet above mean sea level.

Mean sea level, a standard of lake elevation measurement, refers to the elevation of the ocean halfway between high and low tide. Lake Travis' highest recorded level was 710 feet above mean sea level in December 1991. The lowest recorded lake level was 614 feet above mean sea level in August 1951 amid a decade-long drought.

Though lower lake levels may pose some challenges, the sailors at Austin Yacht Club continue to raise their sails and spend hours on the water to escape the stress of land life. The club also offers free sailing classes most Saturdays.

Ray Shull, Austin Yacht Club sailing instructor, said there's still plenty of water to sail despite low lake levels.

"Most of the shallow water areas are marked or are pretty obvious," Shull said. "The best advice is don't sail into the brown water. If the bottom is so near that the typical blue water is brown, you should

turn around."

According to Tuma, another challenge declining lake levels pose are the resulting smaller lakes that boats have to share. However, Shull says one of his favorite parts of sailing in low lake levels is the low boat traffic on the water as boat ramps dry out and become unusable.

Shull has been a sailing trainer with the Austin Yacht Club for two years and has been sailing for over 30 years. He loves sharing his passion for sailing with beginners. On Saturdays, Shull takes out his J-29 sailboat and shows students the ropes of sailing, though you won't catch him calling them "ropes." In sailing, ropes are called sheets or halyards, depending on where they're located.

"Half of the difficulty of sailing isn't the actual sailing, it's learning the lingo," said Shull as he leaned back against the rails of his boat with his hand resting loosely on the tiller, the lever that steers the boat.

The sails on Shull's boat carve through Lake Travis' notoriously shifty winds while the wind meter, a skinny metal arrow atop the boat's mast, struggles to stay still. As the wind changes directions, so too must the sails. Shull's new crew of students quickly learn the essential sailing practice of tacking, or shifting the main sail from one side of the mast to the opposite.

Jorge Martin-de-Nicolas teaches the classroom portion of Austin Yacht Club's sailing class and has been sailing for over 15 years. He feels fortunate to have Lake Travis to sail on and pinpoints the surrounding hills as a reason for its variable wind patterns.

SAILING continues on PAGE 12



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

Austin Yacht Club member Kurt Carson exits the cabin of his sailboat Wednesday afternoon at Lake Travis. Lake Travis is only 36 percent full, its third lowest level in history.

Essential Sailing Lingo

- **Bow** - Front of the boat
- **Aft** - Back of the boat
- **Starboard** - When facing the front of the boat, this is the right-hand side
- **Port** - When facing the front of the boat, this is the left-hand side
- **Skipper** - Boat leader or captain

Austin Yacht Club

- 5906 Beacon Drive
- Austin, TX 78734-1428
- Phone: (512) 266-1336
- Austinyachtclub.net



Illustration by Caitlin Zellers | Daily Texan Staff

Anti-climate change group plans to revamp curriculum



By Robert Starr

Documents from Heartland Institute, a climate change-denying think tank, have leaked and suggest that the

organization is attempting to bring their position into the public arena using the public school system. This would be similar to the approach that the intelligent design, or anti-evolution, movement has taken. The plans include a budget of \$200,000 to introduce a curriculum that

SCIENCE continues on PAGE 12

Modern literature results in success

Romance novelist hits the spot between love and lovemaking

By Jessica Lee
Daily Texan Staff

When mother of two Tina Leonard sits down at her computer in her home office, she weaves lavish tales of whirlwind romances and passionate nights of lovemaking.

Hunky southern cowboys recur in many of Leonard's novels. From Last Jefferson, a Texas boy hoping to win over the heart of a beautiful magician, to Jack Morgan, a lonesome bachelor who after a night of romance finds out he will soon be a father of triplets, Leonard's novels bring to life the sexual fantasies of a young Southern belle waiting for her "Prince Charming" to sweep her off her feet.

When Leonard was 28, she told her husband Tim she wanted to write a book. He pulled

over the car, went into a convenience store and bought a 99-cent notebook for Leonard to record her ideas.

"Little did he know that 99-cent spiral and his faith in my dream would mean 54 books and counting," Leonard said.

But it certainly was not easy. After graduating from high school, Leonard decided to pursue a degree in journalism at the University of Tennessee. She had always written as a child and had even won writing contests, so naturally, Leonard felt that writing was her strong suit.

"I made a D in my first college lit class. The professor despised my writing," Leonard said. "Having thought I had some talent, and finding out that first year

ROMANCE continues on PAGE 12

Authors revolutionize young adult genre with notable, popular works

By Rainy Schermerhorn
Daily Texan Staff

With entire sections of book stores such as Barnes & Noble dedicated exclusively to the next big teen paranormal romance, many critics and readers alike have come to criticize the genre as having grown obsolete and shallow. However, alongside recent young adult novels that challenge these negative stereotypes in an ever-changing genre, modern publishing and marketing methods are gradually changing the perceptions of these works on both a local and general level.

Rather than marketing such novels exclusively to teens and tweens, a demographic into which publishers have often tried to condense the genre, many modern-day YA novels (such as

Suzanne Collins' "The Hunger Games" and John Green's "The Fault in Our Stars") are expanding upon readers' ideas of YA literature and proving that these novels are relevant to a larger audience.

Green has recently become one of the most prominent figures in the YA lit scene, notable for both his critically-acclaimed novels and frequent interaction with his readers through social media sites such as Tumblr and Twitter. In a Q-and-A session about "The Fault in Our Stars on Green" blog, published this past January, Green was asked how he was able to incorporate so much meaning in a novel aimed towards young adults, with themes such as the inevitability of mortality (and the

YOUNG ADULT continues on PAGE 10

MODERNIZATION

ion at east end

LEASES STARTING AT \$385 PER MONTH!

888.671.8960

IonAtEastEnd.com

Home

LIVE IN IT.

THE ZONE

AT EAST END

LEASES STARTING AT \$385 PER MONTH!

866.627.6186

ZoneAtEastEnd.com

Home

LIVE ON IT.

THE EDGE

AT EAST END

LEASES STARTING AT \$385 PER MONTH!

866.627.6186

EdgeAtEastEnd.com

Home

THE BUYS OF TEXAS

DEAL OF THE DAY

Subscribe your e-mail address to our list and we will send you the opportunity to ...

Share it with your friends and save even more!

Save up to 50% off of local businesses!

\$39 for teeth whitening treatment at Beaming White!

subscribe at deals.dailytexanonline.com