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## LBJ School's new leader takes office

By Audrey White  
Daily Texan Staff

Today marks the finale of a three-day celebration honoring the arrival of a new dean at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs and the rededication of an LBJ school building completed in January.

Robert Hutchings assumed the role of dean Monday from Admiral Bob Inman, who had served on an interim basis. Inman stood in for former dean James Steinberg, who left the LBJ School to serve as the principal deputy to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Hutchings is a retired ambassador who has worked in different areas of public service and academia, most recently as an associate dean at Princeton University.

The three-day celebration included a building dedication Wednesday night, a Hispanic Leadership Summit on Thursday, and will con-

clude today with a series of "homecoming" events for alumni.

"This is to celebrate everything about the LBJ School, and most importantly, it's the people," said Susan Binford, the LBJ School's assistant dean for communication.

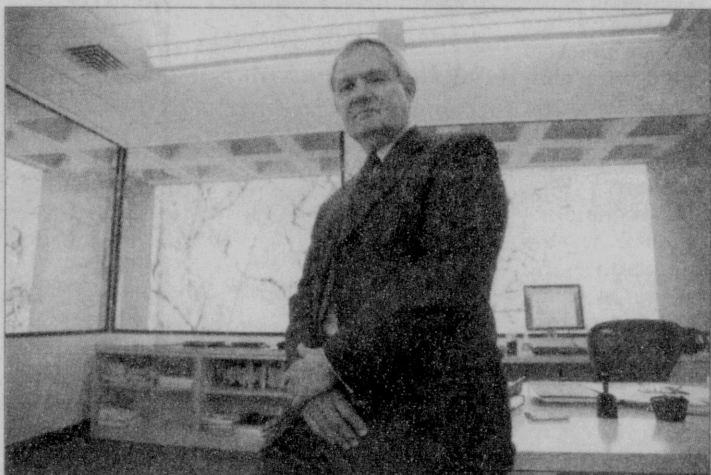
"We have so many new beginnings, and we wanted to bring faculty, staff, current students, admitted students and alumni together to welcome the new dean and mark his arrival in this magnificent new building."

It is an exciting time to lead a school of public affairs, especially one as acclaimed as UT's, Hutchings said. He emphasized the im-

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Robert Hutchings assumed the role of interim dean for the LBJ School of Public Affairs on Monday.

## Students usher in spring



Daniela Trujillo | Daily Texan Staff

Turkish folk dancers from the Harmony Science Academy of Austin await their performance during Thursday's Nowruz festival at UT. The festival celebrates the Iranian New Year and brings awareness to UT's Turkic Cultures Student Association.

## Cultural organization celebrates New Year, promotes association

By Shamoyita DasGupta  
Daily Texan Staff

More than 100 students, faculty and community members watched Turkish folkloric dancers, listened to Kazakh musicians and enjoyed Turkish food during the Turkic Cultures Student Association's third annual Nowruz festival Thursday.

Members from the association hosted the festival on the Main Mall to commemorate the Iranian New Year and the coming of spring.

The festival is also meant to educate students about Turkey, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Azerbai-

jan — the five different countries represented within the association. Tents corresponding to each country displayed mementos, flags and images from the various countries.

Nowruz is typically celebrated throughout central Asia on March 21, said Ahmed Atik, a spokesman for the association. The festival's traditions vary from bonfires, to Kazakh wrestling, to an assortment of traditional games.

"What it is all about is the music, traditional music, traditional food," association president Bauyrzhan Zhaxybekov said. "[It's about] sharing with people [and] coming together

with people you know."

The association also hopes to use events like Nowruz to keep students more informed about the organization.

"We are celebrating the festival not just to celebrate it, but also to promote our student organization," said Metin Eroglu, the assistant secretary for the group. "[It's to] let the people know more about the countries in our student association."

The organization was formed in 2007 and strives to connect students from the different countries that it represents. Each semester, it holds events like film screenings

and picnics.

"We try to introduce our culture to people who want to learn more about it," Atik said. "We try to bring people from our cultures together so they know they're not alone at UT."

Although the festival was hosted by students from Turkic countries, several students of varying ethnicities attended.

"It's fun to see the different cultures," said Evan Wayne, a history junior currently enrolled in a Turkish class. "All these people go here and are related to UT somehow, so why not learn about it?"

## Construction starts on media center

Communication school celebrates building of anticipated Belo Center

By Aziza Musa  
Daily Texan Staff

Orange confetti burst into the air while the Longhorn Band played "The Eyes of Texas" on Thursday, to celebrate the ground breaking of the Belo Center for New Media.

The new center, an addition to the College of Communication and KUT — a Central Texas radio station that operates within the University and is a member of National Public Radio — will be located on Dean Keeton and Guadalupe streets. The five-story building will feature a student activity center, a 300-seat auditorium, a multimedia newsroom for journalism students and professors, an agency-grade creative room for advertising students and professors, and a 75-seat briefing room for guest speakers.

Donors, alumni, students, faculty and KUT members gathered at the construction site. The ceremony featured eight speakers, including President William Powers Jr.; Robert Decherd, president and CEO of the Belo Corporation; Roderick Hart, dean of the College of Communication. The projected completion date for the center is June 2012.

"The idea is to pull back into our own space," Hart said. "The CMA originally had a very open feel to it and has been chopped up into small pockets in order to house faculty."

The new center will also



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UT President William Powers, Jr. poses in front of shovels and helmets during the groundbreaking ceremony of the Belo Center for New Media on Thursday.

make more space available to students, Hart said. He said this is especially important because the three-building complex that currently serves as the College of Communication was only meant to house 1,000 students, and there are currently 4,000 students enrolled in the college. Its faculty and graduate students are spread out in the Lake Austin Center, Walter Webb Hall and UA9 buildings.

"Graduate students aren't housed near the faculty that teach them, even though they're working with each other," Hart said. "As far as undergraduates, we have so little space for

informal interactions that are part of getting a real education. We want to build in that sort of informal area."

Construction for the Belo Center begins today, and the estimated cost is \$50 million. The college has received \$15 million in grants from the Belo Foundation of Dallas, Robert and Maureen Decherd, and the estate of James Moroney Jr. and the Jim and Lynn Moroney Family Foundation. Another \$15 million will be generated from College of Communication students' tuition plus legislative appropriations, Hart said. He said KUT will pay for their share and the rest

will come from the University's central administration.

While allowing for additional room, the new center will also include a two-story building that is to become KUT's new home.

"[This space] will give us the opportunity to involve both the community and the campus more directly in the operation of the station," KUT director Stewart Vanderwilt said.

Vanderwilt said the station plans to have a community room, in which the public can discuss whatever is important to them, and a performance area where the public can watch daily concerts.

## UT professor wins award for his work in number theory

By Aziza Musa  
Daily Texan Staff

UT professor emeritus John Tate received 10 messages on his cell phone before the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters finally reached him at home to inform him that he had been awarded the Abel Prize.

"[Wednesday] at 7 in the morning, I got a call," Tate said. "I was about to take a shower, but the phone rang and my wife picked it up and handed it to me. There was this very Norwegian-sounding voice telling me about [the prize]."

The Abel Prize was named after Niels Henrik Abel, a Norwegian man who studied pure mathematics — the study of math without any specific purpose. It began as early as 1902 when a famous mathematician realized the Nobel Prize would not include an award in this field, but various setbacks postponed the creation of a prize until the establishment of the Abel Memorial Fund in early 2002. The fund has granted a \$1 million cash award to laureates since 2003.

Tate is the 2010 recipient of the

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## Police officials working to cut Riverside crime

Editor's note: This is the final part of a four-part series analyzing crime trends in major neighborhoods around the UT campus.

By Bobby Longoria  
Daily Texan Staff

Austin Police Department officials are knuckling down on violent street crime and robberies in the neighborhoods of Riverside after an increase in offenses raised concern during the latter part of 2009.

To quell criminal activity in the "problem area," APD launched Operation Nitro, a December initiative increasing APD's pres-

ence by placing more officers on patrol, as well as using more unmarked police vehicles and mobile command centers, said APD South Bureau Commander Charles Johnson. Since then, violent crime has been reduced in the area, he said.

Although there are vacancies in the South Bureau patrol, along with the rest of the city, Johnson said it does not impact APD's ability to ensure safety in the area.

Violence in Riverside does

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CORRECTIONS

The estimated number of passengers who rode the Capital MetroRail on Monday was incorrectly reported in Tuesday's front-page story. Capital Metro spokeswoman Misty Whited confirmed that actually 2,942 passengers rode the rail Monday. The Texan regrets the error.

The Daily Texan misreported its own centennial in Tuesday's front-page story about Liz Carpenter. The correct year is 1999. The Texan regrets this rather embarrassing error.

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THE MEDICINE MAN



Lee Cantu, owner of the "hierberia" located on South First Street, stands behind the counter of his store Thursday afternoon.

Daniela Trujillo  
Daily Texan Staff

AWARD: Tate is deserving, colleagues say

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award for his work in number theory, or the study of properties of whole numbers. He will receive the award during a ceremony in Oslo on May 25.

"I never imagined they would choose me, but I was just lucky," Tate said. "I hope I deserve it, but I know there are many other people that could equally or more deserve it."

Fellow UT colleagues, like senior mathematics lecturer Leslie Vaaler, believed Tate's contributions to math deserved recognition of this caliber.

"One thing about John is he's a very modest man," Vaaler said. "He's certainly very deserving. He has made contributions for 60 years. This is the 60th anniversary of his Ph.D. thesis,

which is still referred to."

Vaaler first met Tate as an undergraduate student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She talked to Tate, a Harvard University professor at the time, about applying to graduate schools.

"I had a couple of conversations with him during my last year as an undergraduate," she said. "He was very generous with his time as John always is with anyone who comes to his door. I really didn't know much about his accomplishments then."

Though Vaaler did not learn directly from Tate, she still identified herself as his "grand-student" because her Ph.D. adviser was his student. Like Tate, Vaaler went on to study number theory.

Tate concentrated his number theory studies on prime numbers — or numbers divisible only by

one and themselves — and the connection between whole numbers and geometry. His work has led mathematicians to name certain theories after him and has been applied to other fields such as cryptography, the encoding and decoding of messages, and communications.

While Tate learns about the new applications of his theory, his passion still lies in mathematics.

"I think about math and review papers in math and carry on a little bit of activity in math and enjoy it very much," he said. "For a mathematician my age, mathematics is sort of like athletics, so I'm not doing anything very exciting."

In spite of the lull, Tate will visit the University on March 31 for a private celebration hosted by the math department, said mathematics professor Felipe Voloch.

DEAN: Hutchings stresses political awareness

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portance of embracing the rapidly increasing technology that has spurred the development of a global society.

"I love the world of public policy, and I've spent my whole life thinking, writing and teaching about these issues," he said. "But technology is turning over every 18 months, and part of the challenge is to be agile enough to cope with that. I encourage students to learn to lead, because they will have to start exercising leadership in their 20s — they can't wait until later."

Hutchings stressed the importance of being aware of how local and global politics and economics influence each other, and

cited the current health care debate as a prime example of when policy should take influence from successful models and look at failed programs as a warning. The school's Master of Global Policy Studies program, started by Steinberg, is an innovative way the LBJ School is teaching students these skills, Hutchings said. He plans to continue developing the program so it can produce successful, internationally mindful students.

This approach will become a more significant part of the school's mission, Hutchings said.

"We are here to train young men and women for public service and to produce policy-relevant academic research that informs the world of public af-

airs," he said. "That world has changed — it is becoming more simultaneously local and global. We have to encourage students, even if they are going to be in state and local government, to do so with global awareness and perspective."

Since he has been in the job for less than a week, Hutchings said he is still working to get a feel for the student population and academic and administrative structure of the school.

"People have an anticipation of a new era beginning, and not just because of me personally," he said. "We have a new building and a new dean, and it's a new occasion to rethink the mission of the school and move forward."

Riverside Crime Reports

Source: Austin Police Department

• Unfounded, incomplete and 311 canceled calls were not included.  
• Riverside (defined by The Daily Texan): S. Pleasant Valley Rd. to Montopolis Dr., and E. Oltorf St. to the lake line north of Riverside.  
• About 29.9 percent of all off-campus crimes in the past five years occurred in Riverside.

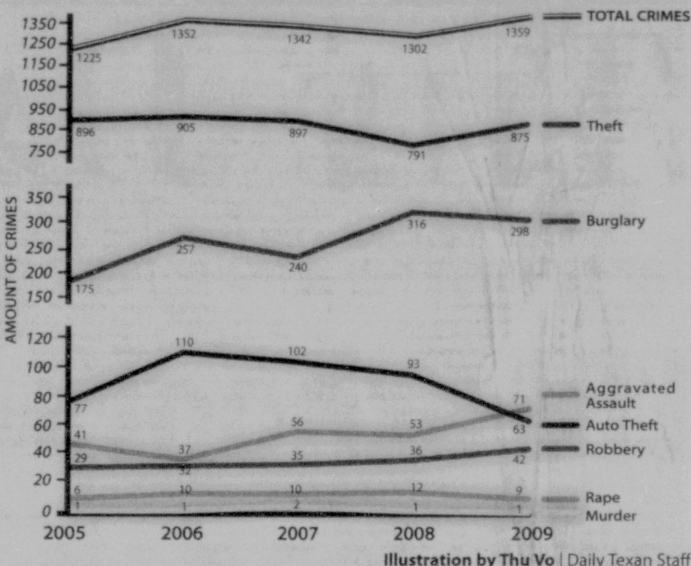


Illustration by Thu Vo | Daily Texan Staff

APD: Cops declare efforts to contain violence a success

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not specifically target students. Rather, there are more cases concerning the victimization of the Hispanic community, Johnson said. He said the typical victims of violent crimes are Hispanic males, bar patrons and gang members.

"It's difficult to go about your day-to-day life if you have to do it in fear — fear that you will be assaulted, or worse yet, killed," said Delwin Goss, president of the Montopolis Neighborhood Association. "This modern world requires that we do our best, and it's hard to do our best when we are preoccupied with worrying about our safety and the safety of our families."

Goss said violence in his neighborhood seems to be on the upswing, but he said he believes APD is responding as best they can. He said much of the violence is based upon complex social problems, which requires preventive measures to avoid the crime altogether.

"The easiest thing is to make sure we don't unintentionally make it easier on thieves and other criminals to target us and our property," Goss said. "Always report crime. I'd rather make several suspicious person reports that turned out to be false alarms than to fail and to call in that one time my neighbor is being robbed or assaulted."

The Riverside area is bound by South Pleasant Valley Road to the west, Montopolis Drive to the east, East Oltorf Street to the south and the lake-line north of East Riverside Drive. Out of the five off-campus student residential areas including West Campus, North Campus, Hyde Park and East

Campus, the Riverside area experienced the most significant rise in aggravated assaults, burglaries and robberies.

There were 29 cases of robbery — the seizing of property through violence — in 2005, but that number has since increased to 42 cases in 2009. Burglaries rose from 175 in 2005 to 298 in 2009, and aggravated assaults experienced the most dramatic rise from 41 in 2005 to 71 in 2009.

In November 2009, a confrontation between two groups at a

flea market near the intersection of South Pleasant Valley Road and East Riverside Drive led to a shooting that wounded a 16-year-old boy involved in the incident. APD gang detectives investigated the altercation to determine if it stemmed from a gang clash.

"We have a higher incidence of violent crimes at times related to alcohol abuse with the nightclubs that are in

the Riverside area," said APD Assistant Chief Sean Mannix. "I would characterize it as being similar to downtown in that you have large numbers of people, and an influx of people at night, and a very dense residency."

Thefts have occurred in "hotspots" spread across the length of Riverside, particularly around the intersection of Burton Drive and Oltorf Boulevard at the H-E-B shopping center off of Pleasant Valley Road, Johnson said.

Apartment complexes off Riverside are attractive for thieves since they have a dense student population that may not realize the vulnerability of property left visible in cars, he said.

"We have had some incidents, but for the most part, they are crimes of opportunity involving unlocked cars and windows," said Linda Watkins, a member of the Riverside Farms Road Neighborhood Association. "[Students] can take a more adult position, now that they are away from home, and take their belongings inside instead of leaving them in the car."

Among all five of the off-campus residential areas, aggravated assaults are at a five-year high of 158 in 2009 and theft is at a five-year high of 3,425, but auto thefts are at a five-year low of 164.

Law enforcement tends to see increases in property crimes when the economy begins to slump, Mannix said. He said violent crime may be attributed to the use of controlled substances and alcohol.

"In those five areas, you got young people stacked on top of each other," Mannix said. "There is the issue of alcohol abuse, and drugs tend to be experimented with in the college-age youth. The use of controlled substances tends to impair the judgment of the user and can sometimes lead to activity that they wouldn't otherwise engage in, which could be violence perpetrated toward another person."

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Supporters of Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki chant anti-Baathist slogans at a protest in Karbala, Iraq, on Wednesday. Hundreds of residents protested and demanded a manual recount of the elections.

## Election predictions stir protest

**Anticipated tie in Iraq threatens violent protest among Sunnis, Shiites**

By Adam Schreck  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi election results Friday will likely show a virtual tie between the two top vote-getting blocs led by the prime minister and his chief rival, a political equation that could add up to bitter political wrangling and risk reigniting violence.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shiite who enjoys wide support with the Shiite majority, is neck and neck with former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, who's popular with Iraq's Sunni minority.

If neither camp emerges with a clear mandate, many fear a drawn-out political debate to form a government could spill over into violence.

Interior Minister Jawad al-Bolani, himself a candidate, called on Iraq's electoral commission to hold off releasing the tally Friday because he fears the political rivalries could erupt into violence. That concern has been echoed by many members of al-Maliki's

State of Law coalition, who say they fear the Shiite majority could react in outrage if they feel the results aren't what they expect.

Such pronouncements likely reflect political posturing. Election officials have dismissed calls for a further delay or a recount of the results from the March 7 vote.

Many Iraqis fear a return to vi-

Saddam Hussein's regime.

The Sunnis largely threw their support behind Allawi's Iraqiya bloc, which while headed by a Shiite has billed itself as secular.

Iraq's Kurdish faction sees itself as a key electoral kingmaker, though followers of radical anti-U.S. Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr could also play a pivotal

then another unstable four years," he said.

Friday's announcement will have the full results — and more importantly, the number of parliamentary seats per bloc.

"The difference between the leader and the second place will be one to two seats," Independent High Electoral Commission chief Faraj al-Haidari told The Associated Press, although he would not say who was ahead.

In the overall tally, with 95 percent of the votes counted, al-Maliki's coalition narrowly trails Allawi's bloc. But al-Maliki's coalition is ahead in seven of Iraq's 18 provinces, compared to Allawi's five. The allocation of parliament's seats is based on votes counted per province.

The results must then be ratified by the Supreme Court after which they become final.

Whoever succeeds in forming a government — a process that could take months — will be able to reward allies with control of government ministries and the jobs that go with them. He will also preside over a pivotal moment in Iraq's postwar history: the withdrawal of U.S. forces.

*"We fear the violent acts and then another unstable four years."*

— Amir Taher al-Kinani  
Senior Sadrist official

olence between the Sunni and Shiite factions amid the horse-trading that will ramp up in earnest once all results are made public.

Al-Maliki's coalition has drawn much of its support from the Shiite majority, and his attempts to appeal to Sunnis were undercut by his support for a ban on many Sunni candidates for alleged ties to

role after garnering a significant number of seats.

A senior Sadrist official, Amir Taher al-Kinani, warned Thursday that it is important Allawi's Iraqiya coalition not be sidelined because it represents the Sunni spectrum and excluding the bloc could lead to conflict.

"We fear the violent acts and

## Obama dares foes of health care bill to pursue repeal

By Darlene Superville  
The Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — President Barack Obama dared Republicans to try to repeal his new health care law, telling them Thursday to "Go for it" and see how well they do with voters in November.

"Be my guest," Obama said in the first of many planned appearances to sell the revamp before fall congressional elections. "If they want to have that fight, we can have it. Because I don't believe the American people are going to put the insurance industry back in the driver's seat."

With emotions raw around the nation over this week's Democrats-only vote to approve the nearly \$1 trillion redesign of the health care system, Obama took the opposition to task for "plenty of fear-mongering, plenty of overheated rhetoric."

"If you turn on the news, you'll see that those same folks are still shouting about how it's going to be the end of the world because this bill passed," said Obama, returning to the college town where, as a presidential candidate three years ago, he unveiled his plan to provide health care for all.

No Republican lawmakers voted for the 10-year, sweeping package that Obama signed Tuesday. Many in the GOP are predicting it will prove devastating in November for the Democrats who voted for it.

Senate Republican leader Mitch

McConnell of Kentucky said the GOP won't give up "until this bill is repealed and replaced with common-sense ideas" that won't dismantle the current system and increase the debt.

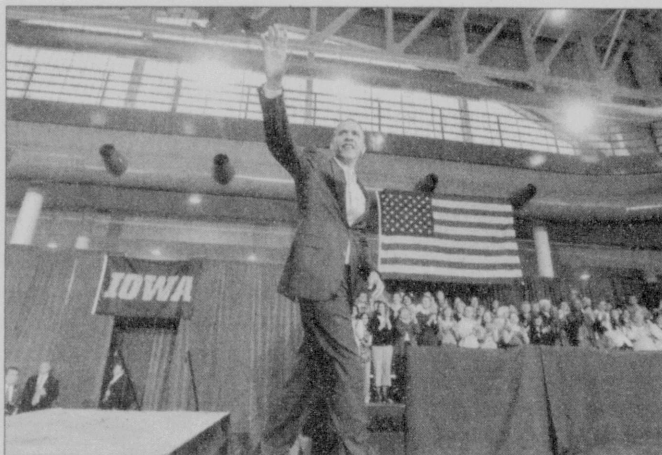
The president stressed the notion of a promise kept. As the crowd broke into a chant of "Yes we can!", Obama corrected them: "Yes we did!"

Challenged by a young man in the audience who shouted several times, "What about the public option," a liberal-backed proposal for the creation of a government-sponsored plan to compete with private insurers, Obama said: "We couldn't get it through Congress."

"This legislation is not perfect, as you just heard," the president said. "But what this is, is a historic step to enshrine the principle that everybody gets health care coverage in this country, every single person."

The White House suggests it has the upper hand on the issue politically, arguing the GOP risks a voter backlash because a repeal would take away many benefits. Obama spoke as Democrats in Washington raced to complete the overhaul with a separate package of fixes to the main bill.

Senate leaders finished work Thursday on the fix-it legislation, already approved in the House. But Republican attempts to derail the bill resulting in minor changes, meaning the House must vote on it again before Obama can sign it.



Charles Dharapak | Associated Press

President Barack Obama arrives to speak about health care reform at the University of Iowa on Thursday.

## Chavez silences media opponent

**Free-speech proponent's arrest ignites debate over Venezuelan government**

By Fabiola Sanchez  
The Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — The owner of Venezuela's only remaining TV channel that takes a critical line against President Hugo Chavez was arrested Thursday, raising concerns the government is carrying out a widening crackdown aimed at silencing opponents.

Guillermo Zuloaga, owner of Globovision, was arrested on a warrant for remarks that were deemed "offensive" to the president, Attorney General Luisa Ortega said.

The arrest could be a decisive development in Chavez's drive to rein in a channel that he has accused of trying to undermine his government. Globovision has been the only stridently anti-Chavez channel left on the air since another opposition-aligned channel, RCTV, was forced off cable and satellite TV in January.

Ortega said prosecutors are investigating Zuloaga for remarks he made during a recent Inter American Press Association meeting on the Dutch Caribbean island of Aruba, where he joined other media executives in criticizing Chavez's government for limiting free speech and cracking down on critics.


Pro-Chavez lawmaker Man-

uel Villalba urged prosecutors Wednesday to investigate Zuloaga for allegedly saying that Venezuela's government is cracking down on its critics and purportedly commenting that it was a shame that a short-lived 2002 coup against Chavez failed.

"He must assume his responsibility," Villalba told state-run Radio Nacional.

Miguel Henrique Otero, editor of the Venezuelan newspaper El Nacional, said Zuloaga's arrest shows Chavez's government is growing more authoritarian and starting to "look more like a traditional dictatorship."

"That's what dictatorships do: arrest and take people away, jail them and convict them for crimes of opinion," Otero said.



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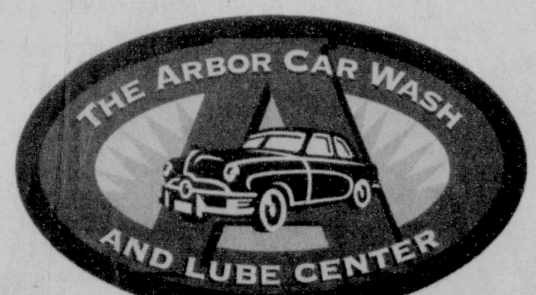
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## VIEWPOINT

## Congress lends students a helping hand

The U.S. Senate voted Thursday to overhaul the federal student loan program by ending the current bank-backed loan program in favor of direct lending.

Although the bill, included in the health care reform package, was significantly reduced in scope from an original proposal that would have dedicated \$8 billion to early-childhood education and \$10 billion to community colleges, it will still revolutionize student loans in a way that will benefit students.

The simplest and most beneficial provision for students is a measure raising the maximum Pell Grant from \$5,550 to \$5,900 — a tiny step toward addressing a huge program. Without the new law, it would have dropped to \$2,150 next year.

When the Pell Grant originated in the 1970s, the maximum amount covered approximately three-fourths of the cost of higher education at a public university. Now, they cover about one-third of the cost. This law will slightly increase that percentage and will require the maximum amount to increase automatically based on inflation.

But the real change is a change in the system. For four decades, commercial banks like Sallie Mae and Nelnet have received guaranteed subsidies from the federal government to loan money to students. The federal government pays these banks to make loans, but banks don't assume any risk, as the government covers their losses when students default on loans.

According to the bill, private corporations will no longer be able to originate student loans, leaving the Department of Education as the only provider of student loans through a government-backed program.

Republicans have argued that this amounts to nationalizing the student-lending industry — which is essentially true. But in a system in which the federal government already provides the funding and assumes all the risk, cutting out the middle man will save both taxpayers and students money.

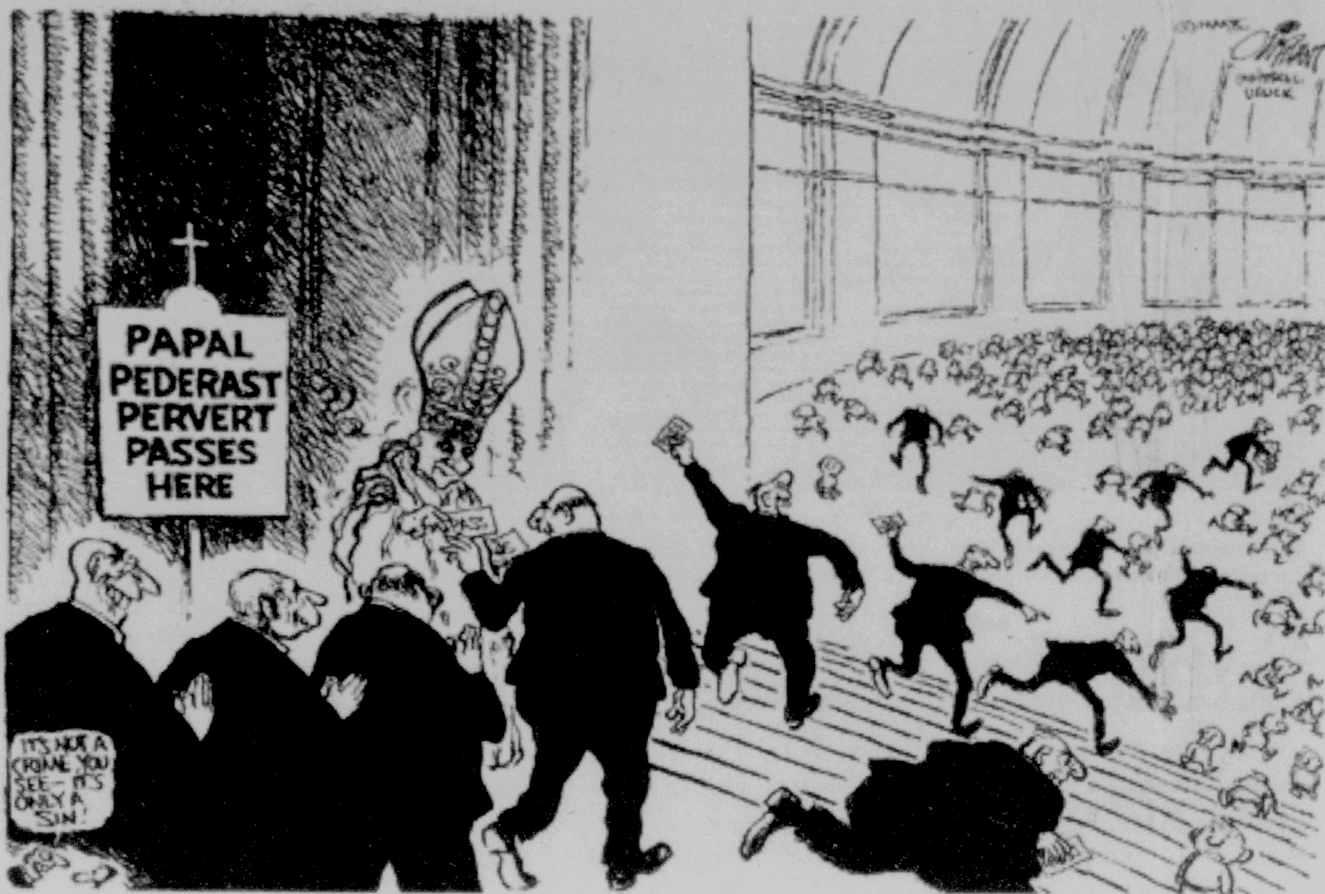
While we are not convinced that the Department of Education will process Pell Grants any more efficiently than private corporations (inefficiency has been a major problem with the current system, forcing many students to take out emergency loans to survive while they wait on grants), we are optimistic about changes to the student loan program — especially one exciting provision that will allow students to pay back their loans more slowly. Borrowers will only have to pay up to 10 percent of their income on loan repayment, down from 15 percent.

The most positive aspect of this legislation, though, is its focus on helping students afford a college education. This is a crucial issue now, as universities across the nation are slashing their budgets, resulting in higher tuition rates and fewer opportunities for financial aid while the job market shrinks, leaving students without a way to pay back loans.

It is encouraging to see lawmakers taking time to address the problem in the midst of a national preoccupation with health care.

— Jillian Sheridan for the editorial board

## GALLERY



## Students must focus the noise for effective protesting



By Dave Player  
Daily Texan Columnist

Passersby at the South Mall on Wednesday evening were greeted with the sounds of rhythmic drumbeats and singing as a group of approximately 20 students watched a Danza, a traditional Aztec group dance. The performance came as part of an event hosted by the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (also known as MEChA) and Jella Pelea!, a political group that claims to represent "women, queer folks, and people of color."

However, the event was not billed as a cultural celebration. The rally was part of Immigration Reform Week, a weeklong series of protests and meetings. Flyers advertising the meeting prominently featured pictures of angry protesters with the tagline "It's Time To Defeat White Supremacy!" MEChA and Jella Pelea! are specifically charging that recent budget cuts and other university policies, such as the closing of the Cactus Cafe and a recently proposed 10-semester limit, are actions of the white supremacist agenda. According to the group, the diabolical UT administration is conspiring to deprive women, GLBT individuals and ethnic minorities of access to higher education.

However, the logic behind said argument is innately flawed. The groups charge that since the Chicano demographic has lower income than other ethnicities, recent tu-

ition hikes were enacted specifically to target their community. The flawed logic confuses correlation with causation — simply because one group will suffer from a piece of legislation does not mean that legislation was written specifically to "keep them down." Plenty of white students who will suffer from the tuition hikes would take exception to the idea that they are promoting "white supremacy."

The same applies to claims that recent changes to the infamous top 10 percent rule are racially motivated. Students in the eighth to 10th percentiles at predominately white high schools will be denied automatic admission to UT, just as those at any other high school in the state.

Minority representation at UT has continued to increase: A report released Wednesday by the Office of Information and Management Analysis showed that Hispanic enrollment has increased by 40.2 percent over the last 10 years. If the UT administration actually is pushing a white supremacist agenda, it's not doing a very good job at it.

However, those gains do not seem to be a specific sign of progress for MEChA and Jella Pelea! Instead, the groups are demanding revolution at the expense of evolution.

Taking specific political issues and attributing them to sweeping generalizations of race-based politics is not just faulty rhetoric — it's counterproductive. Earlier this month a broad coalition of student groups, including University Democrats, the An-

thropology Graduate Student Association and Student Friends of the Cactus Cafe, rallied on the West Mall in protest of tuition increases as part of a National Day of Action. Speeches were made, chants were shouted. But when Jella Pelea! took the microphone, the focus quickly shifted. The group claimed that Texas was "stolen from Mexicans" and repeated claims that recent actions by the UT administration target racial minorities. The group demanded democratic control over tuition and curriculum and open enrollment, saying, "Everyone who wants to come to UT should be admitted."

By assigning racial connotations to an issue like tuition regulation, around which student organizations are striving to form a cohesive coalition, these two groups are shooting themselves and everyone around them in the collective foot. They have the effect of polarizing an issue at the expense of a united front.

On issues like tuition, admissions standards, or the Cactus Cafe, the only chance students have to make a significant political impact is to present a united front. Student advocacy groups like Student Government are empowered solely because they are perceived to represent the collective interests of the student body. Now more than ever, students need a strong, unified voice to take their concerns to the administration and Legislature. Instead, MEChA and Jella Pelea! just want to make noise.

Player is a Plan II junior.

## THE FIRING LINE

### Come discuss the Cactus Cafe

I feel that I should let my Longhorn friends and classmates know that I am part of a committee (composed of two community members, one Texas Performing Arts representative, one grad student and one undergraduate — me) that has been in a series of meetings with Dean of Students Soncia Reagins-Lilly and Vice President for Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez to discuss the future of the Cactus Cafe. Reagins-Lilly and Gonzalez are trying to get input on some future ideas, business models, proposals and student initiatives for the Cactus Cafe, and they are consulting with this committee to develop a final proposal for the future of the Cactus.

I'm pretty adamant on the notion that administrators need to make genuine efforts to solicit meaningful student input when it comes to big decisions like this. I appreciate the fact that my input is being sought, but I fully realize that my opinion doesn't constitute a full representation of the 40,000 undergraduates on this campus. I recently suggested that open forums be held for students to provide input and ask questions, but until that happens, please communicate to me what you want to see in regards to the Cactus so that I can take your input into the remaining meetings. You can reach me via e-mail at mattportillo\_88@hotmail.com.

Finally, you're all invited to come to my first Student Government "office hours" this Friday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the African American Culture room on the fourth level of the Union. We'll spend a few minutes talking about the Cactus Cafe, and then we'll have

an open discussion about any other campus issues that y'all would like to talk about. Hook 'em!

— Matt Portillo  
University-wide representative elect

### Go, go prior restraint!

I would like to congratulate Dr. Philip Kushner for identifying various problems with the insipid "Hump Day" column in his Firing Line, "Unhappy with 'Hump Day'" published Thursday. I completely agree that this column should be eliminated. However, while Kushner advances various excellent reasons, he misses the main one — employees are required to abide by University rules and policies, including taking and completing the unit CW121, "Sexual Harassment."

I am reasonably confident that reading "Hump Day" aloud in any University setting would violate the edicts set out in that unit. Indeed, it's not entirely clear what would happen if I accidentally left an issue of the Texan on a student's desk with the "Hump Day" piece showing.

So, we are in the Orwellian situation in which students can babble any idiotic thing they want in print, but faculty and staff presumptively cannot further communicate this twaddle. Again, the simplest solution to this is just to eliminate the column. The second simplest thing is to applaud prior restraint. And the third simplest thing is not to worry about whether budget cuts mean The Daily Texan should be issued in the summer: Just shut the Texan down completely. It's a waste.

— Andy Ellington  
Chemistry professor

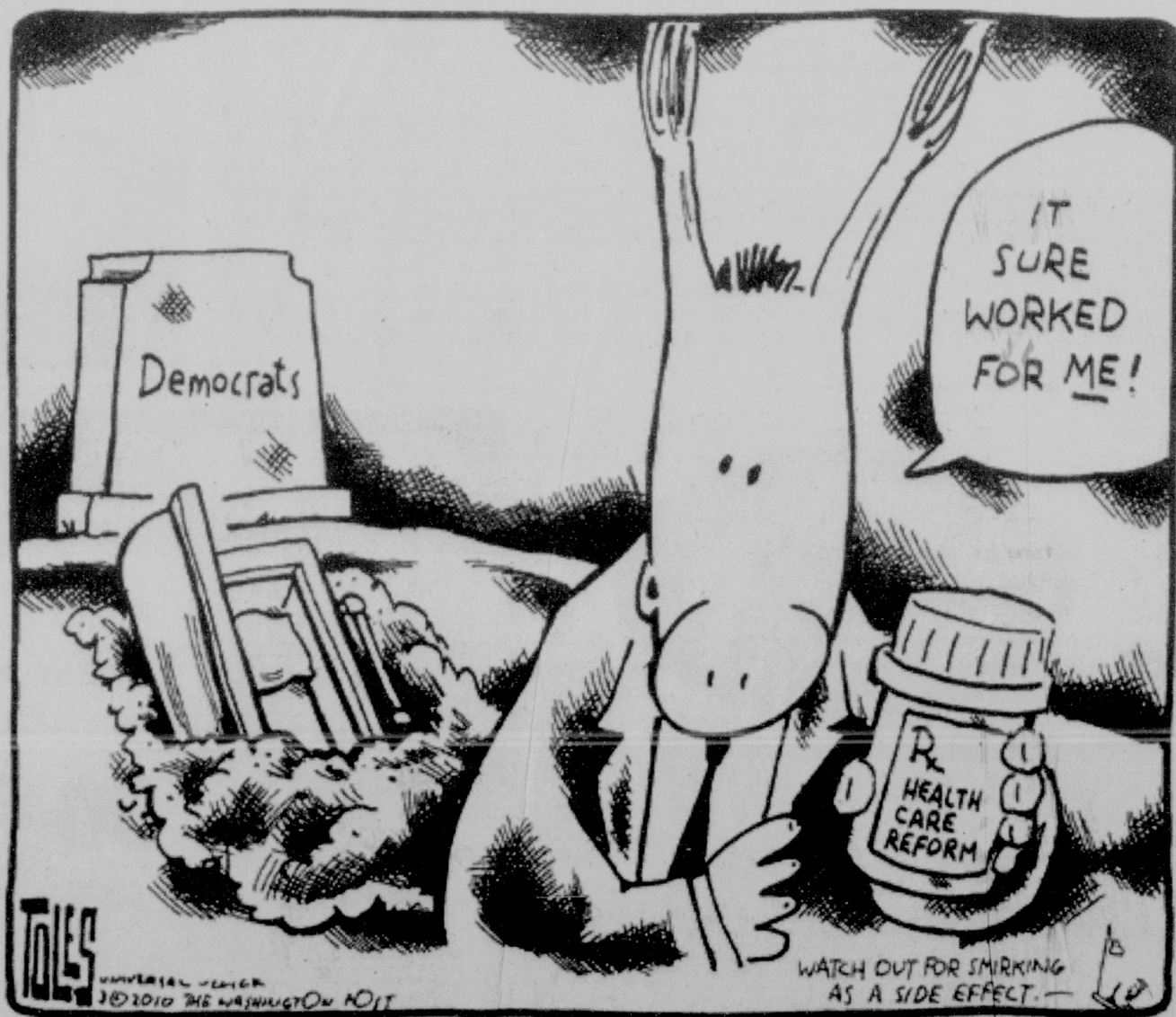
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## GALLERY







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Self-proclaimed "junk king" Vince Hannemann sits within his creation. What started as a personal project in his backyard is now an internationally recognized attraction.

## Cathedral code violation raises Austinites' interest

By Gerald Rich  
Daily Texan Staff

Vince Hannemann, founder of the Cathedral of Junk, will meet today with Mayor Lee Leffingwell and his staff to decide the fate of his famous "cathedral."

City officials analyzed Hannemann's famous three-story junkyard wonderland on March 10 and determined the structure violated certain city permitting codes, including those outlining how many people may be present in the cathedral at a given time, the overall size of the installation and the use of electrical lights in the structure. City staff have given him until March 31 to make the cathedral comply with city regulations.

Rumors started circulating Thursday that until his permits were in order, the city would require Hannemann to close the backyard installation.

"It's gotten out there that the city is about to bulldoze the ca-

thedral, but that's not the story," Hannemann said over the phone, trying to clear up the misunderstanding. He also said the city would grant the cathedral more time as needed to complete the necessary paperwork.

Nevertheless, Hannemann wants to thank whoever called the city about the violation, saying the media attention has been a blessing and has brought support from all over the community.

In the past few days, the questionable fate of the cathedral has summoned a wave of supporters rallying to help Hannemann reorganize the structure as required by the city's permitting office. Volunteers have been visiting the cathedral to assist in dismantling some of the existing structure and shifting some of the parts around to later reincorporate into the structure.

As of press time, the Facebook support group "Save the Cathedral of Junk" had nearly 4,500

members and will be holding "Junkfest" on Sunday at Spider House Cafe from 3 to 9 p.m. The event promises live music, activity tables to make "Save the Junk" shirts and ornaments, donation tables and volunteer sign-up sheets.

Hannemann said that with all the help and support the cathedral has received, his mother has lovingly renamed it "The People's Cathedral of Junk." What originally started in 1988 with a couple of hubcaps attached to a fence has steadily grown to become an eclectic piece of Austin memorabilia.

"The most interesting part of this story is that I'm not the only one who's built code-violating structures," Hannemann said. "There's a lot of other garage conversions and this, that and the other. [The city's] cleaning up a mess that they're partially responsible for. They've known [the cathedral] has been here for a long time and haven't really said anything."

## Hispanic summit heightens awareness of Latino issues

**Second annual event brings policymakers, leaders for discussions**

By Hannah Jones  
Daily Texan Staff

Although almost 90 percent of Latinos over the age of 16 think a college education is important for life success, only half plan to actually pursue a degree, according to a study by the Pew Hispanic Center. Latino leaders and policymakers discussed this and other issues facing the population at the second annual Hispanic Leadership Summit on Thursday.

The Center for Politics and Governance of the LBJ School of Public Affairs partnered with the Texas Politics project and Texas Exes to sponsor the summit. The all-day conference looked at evolving trends and current issues in Texas and across the United States and honored Hispanic alumni.

The summit was part of a three-year initiative that focuses on recognizing Hispanic leadership as an increasingly important part of public policy. The summit also invited Hispanic undergraduates to the LBJ

School for networking and mentoring opportunities.

Speakers at the conference included UT President William Powers Jr., San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro and Veronica Stidvent, director of the Center for Politics and Governance at the University.

Stidvent said the goal of the summit was to bring together public policy officials, alumni, students and community members to discuss pressing issues facing Texas and the nation as the Hispanic population grows.

"Issues such as the education gap, poverty and health are magnified while [Hispanics] become a part of the population, but opportunities are magnified, as well," Stidvent said.

Mark Hugo Lopez, associate director of the Hispanic Pew Institute, was a panelist in the "Closing the Education Gap" discussion. He conducted a national survey of 2,012 Latinos ages 16 and older with the Pew Hispanic Center from Aug. 5 to Sept. 16, 2009, and found that there was still a persistent gap between the number of college diplomas pursued by Hispanic and white students.

"The biggest reason for the gap between the high value Lati-

nos place on education and their more modest aspirations to finish college appears to come from financial pressure to support a family," Lopez said.

Seventy-four percent of all 16- to 25-year-old survey respondents who cut their education short during or right after high school say they did so because they had to support their family, Lopez said.

Panelist and state Rep. Diana Maldonado, D-Round Rock, said she thought the summit was a great opportunity for attendees to share experiences with one another.

Maldonado said the conference was very important to her, especially, because of her experiences as a Hispanic female serving on the school board as a policymaker and a single mother.

Robert Hutchings, who took over as dean of the LBJ School of Public Affairs on Monday, said the conference was a great success and that it helped forge partnerships that will aid Hispanic leadership.

He said it is a personal priority to try to expand the presence of Hispanic and Latino students and other minorities at the LBJ School.



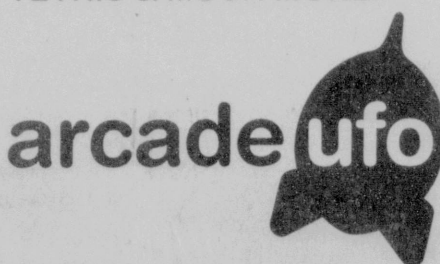
The Honorable Michael Villarreal addresses issues concerning higher education during the annual Hispanic Leadership Initiative Summit, hosted by The Center for Politics and Governance at the Etter-Harbin Alumni Center on Thursday.

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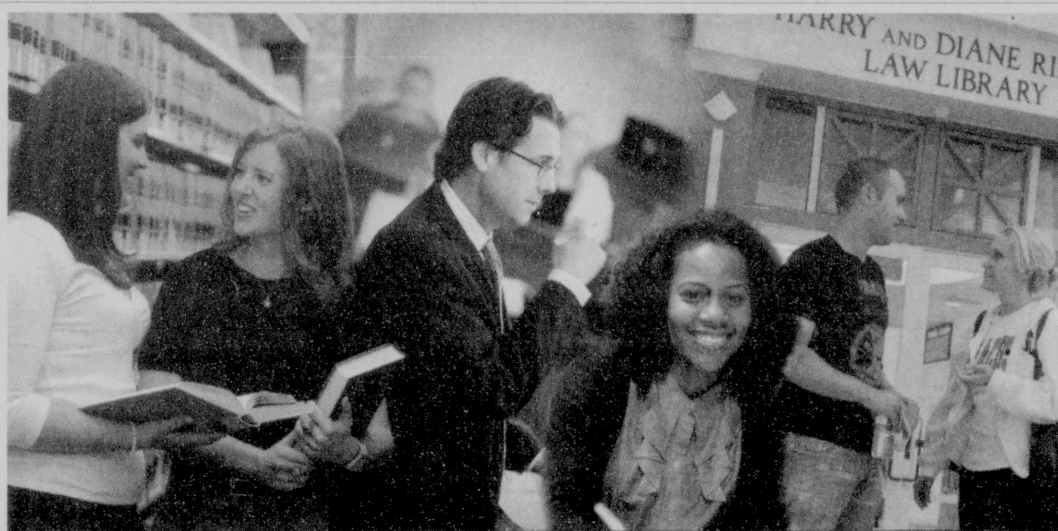
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# Catholic priest accused of molesting 200 deaf boys

By Dinesh Ramde  
& Gretchen Ehlike  
The Associated Press

ST. FRANCIS, Wis. — Arthur Budzinski says the first time the priest molested him, he was 12 years old, alone and away from home at a school for the deaf. He says he asked the Rev. Lawrence Murphy to hear his confession and instead the priest took him into a closet under the stairs and sexually assaulted him.

Budzinski, now 61, was one of about 200 deaf boys at the St. John's School for the Deaf just outside Milwaukee who say they were molested by Murphy decades ago in a case now creating a scandal for the Catholic Church, which is threatening to ensnare Pope Benedict XVI.

Some of the allegations became public years ago, but they received renewed attention this week after documents obtained by The New York Times showed Murphy was spared defrocking in the mid-1990's because he was protected by the Vatican office led by then-Car-

dinal Joseph Ratzinger — now the pope.

Thursday, the Vatican strongly defended its decision not to defrock Murphy and denounced what it called a campaign to smear Benedict and his aides.

In recent weeks, Benedict has also come under criticism over his handling of an abuse case involving a priest in Germany three decades ago, when he was a cardinal in charge of the Munich Archdiocese.

In the Milwaukee-area case, Murphy was accused of molesting boys in the confessional, in dormitories, in closets and during field trips while working at the school for the deaf from the 1950s through 1974. Murphy died in 1998 at age 72.

Budzinski, now a bicycle and furniture assembler at a department store, said Murphy preyed on him during the 1960s. The priest was fluent in sign language and often told the boys they were handsome, Budzinski said Thursday during an interview in which his daughter in-

terpreted his sign language.

He said he avoided Murphy as much as he could afterward, but when he went to Murphy's office the following year to make another confession the priest led him to an adjoining room and sexually assaulted him again.

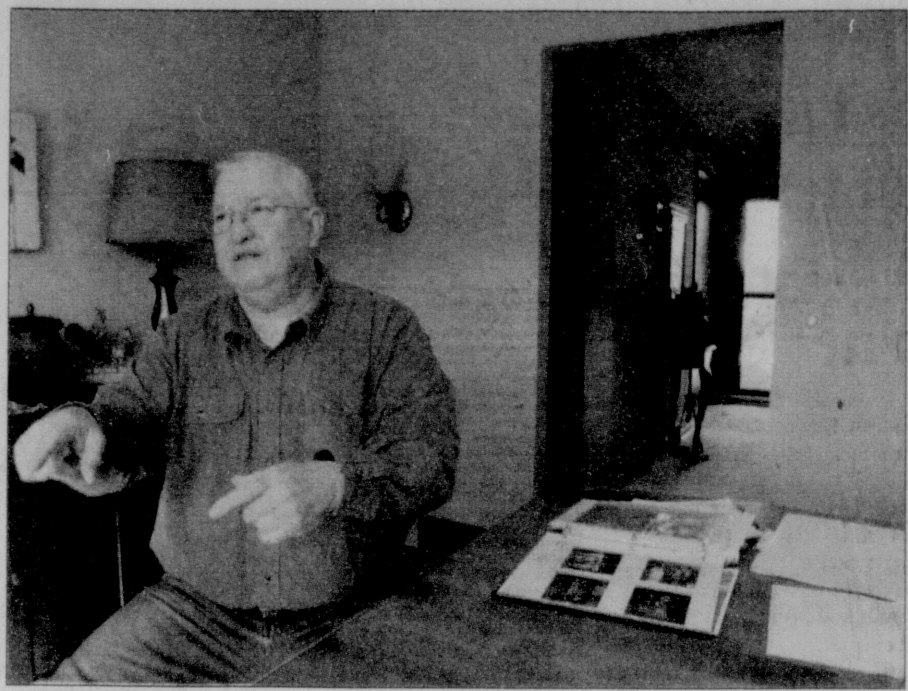
"It seemed like my father would be walking into a trap every time," said Budzinski's 26-year-old daughter, Gigi Budzinski.

He said Murphy assaulted him a third time the next year in Budzinski's bed in his dormitory room. Other boys were similarly assaulted, he said.

"They would sleep in a large open room in bunk beds," Budzinski's daughter said. "My father saw other boys being molested, too. They'd never talk about it."

Church and Vatican documents showed that in the mid-1990s, two Wisconsin bishops urged the Vatican office led by Ratzinger to let them hold a church trial against Murphy.

However, Ratzinger's deputy



Steven Geier, 59, of Madison, Wis., recalls on Thursday his days at St. John's School for the Deaf in Milwaukee in the 1960s, where he says the Rev. Lawrence Murphy sexually assaulted him four times.

Todd Richmond  
Associated Press

at the time decided the alleged molestation occurred too long ago and said Murphy — then ailing and elderly — should instead repent and be restrict-

ed from celebrating Mass outside of his diocese, according to the documents.

"Murphy's actions were criminal and we sincerely apologize to

those who have been harmed," the Milwaukee Archdiocese said in a statement Thursday.

The archdiocese has paid compensation to Murphy's victims.

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## Financial aid gets boost as Congress makes overhaul

By Jim Kuhnhehn  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More needy college students will have access to bigger Pell Grants, and future borrowers of government loans will have an easier time repaying them under a vast overhaul of higher education aid on its way to President Barack Obama's desk.

Under the measure, private banks would no longer get fees for acting as middlemen in federal student loans.

The government would use the savings to boost Pell Grants and make it easier for some workers to repay their student loans. In addition, some borrowers could see lower interest rates and higher approval rates on student loans.

The legislation, an Obama domestic priority overshadowed by his health care victory, has widespread reach. About 8.5 million students are going to college with the help of Pell Grants.

The measure was part of a package of fixes to the health care legislation Obama signed earlier this week. The Senate approved the fixes Thursday, and the House planned to vote on them later in the day.

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, praised the bill as a victory for middle-class families.

"Now they'll have the assurance that their kids will be able to afford to go to college. And again, when they get out, they won't be burdened with a huge debt," he said.

The changes do not go as far as Obama and House Democrats wanted. That is because ending fees for private lenders would save less money than they anticipated, according to budget scorekeepers. The bill is now expected to save \$61 billion over 10 years.

As a result, the Pell Grant increase is modest and still doesn't keep up with rising tuition costs. Advocates had sought bigger increases.

"The increases in the Pell Grant are better than nothing, but they are still quite anemic," said analyst Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of the student assis-

tance Web site [FinAid.org](http://FinAid.org).

When Pell Grants were created in 1972, the maximum grant covered nearly three-quarters of the average cost of attending a public four-year college. In 2008, the latest year for which figures are available, the maximum grant covered about a third of the cost. And debt affects the careers graduates choose.

"We're seeing students being squeezed out of socially valuable jobs like teaching and social work because of their debts," said Rich Williams, who has worked on the bill for the Public Interest Research Group, a consumer advocacy organization.

Private lenders will still make student loans that are not backed by the government, and they still will have contracts to service some federal loans. The change represents a significant loss to what has been a \$70 billion business for the industry.

Key features of the measure include:

—Pell Grants would rise from \$5,550 for the coming school year to \$5,975 by 2017. Lawmakers had initially hoped to reach a \$6,900 cap.

—More eligible students could get a full Pell Grant. Most grants go to students with family income below \$20,000, but students with family income of up to \$50,000 may also be eligible.

—Some college graduates will have an easier time repaying loans. The government will essentially guarantee that workers in low-paying jobs will be able to reduce their payments. Current law caps monthly payments at 15 percent of these workers' incomes; the new law will lower the cap to 10 percent.

Savings from the measure will also go toward reducing the deficit and helping to pay for expanded health care.

The loan program caused a hitch in Democrats' plan to send the health care fixes promptly to Obama.

Republicans forced the Senate to make a slight change to the Pell Grant portion of the bill, which requires the bill to return to the House for a final vote.

## NEWS BRIEFLY

### Second apparent pipe bomb found in East Texas mailbox

TROUP, Texas — An object resembling a pipe bomb was found in a mailbox in front of a small East Texas post office Thursday, the second such incident in three days, authorities said.

Federal officials have acknowledged that they are investigating a series of apparent incendiary devices placed in East Texas mailboxes in the past month.

Authorities said the device found Thursday in Troup, about 100 miles east of Dallas, appeared similar to one found Tuesday in a collection box in front of a post office in Laird Hill, 20 miles to the northeast. The Laird Hill device was explosive before bomb-

disposal experts rendered it safe, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives spokesman Tom Crowley said.

A postal employee found the Troup device at about 1 p.m. Thursday, Police Chief Pat Hendrix said.

"The employee went to collect the mail and found the device," Hendrix told the Tyler Morning Telegraph. "They then notified us. We secured a perimeter and called the ATF."

Postal inspectors and ATF agents summoned a bomb-disposal team.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the ATF have said \$5,000 would be offered for information leading to convictions after bottles were found in Henderson, Kilgore and Tyler, about 90 miles east of Dallas.

— The Associated Press



## MEN'S TENNIS

### Texas faces tough test from Big 12 opponents

By Rishi Daulat  
Daily Texan Staff

Big 12 play begins after a lengthy nonconference season in which the Texas tennis team only lost twice while playing some of the best teams in the country — and the road doesn't get any easier.

The Big 12 currently features an unparalleled five teams in the top 20 of the ITA rankings: No. 4 Texas, No. 8 Baylor, No. 13 Texas Tech, No. 17 Texas A&M and No. 19 Oklahoma.

After an unimpressive showing by his top three singles in their past match against Pepperdine, Texas assistant coach Ricardo Rubio will be looking for better results this weekend against Oklahoma as well as No. 44 Oklahoma State.

"The conditions were pretty tough on Sunday since it was really windy," Rubio said. "Dimi [Kutrovsky] had a bad serving day, [Kellen] Damico struggled and just got beat up, and [Ed] Corrie couldn't close out his match after winning the first set. Fortunately, our four, five and six singles stepped up and won the match for us."

The Horns face Oklahoma State on Friday in Austin at 6 p.m. The Cowboys have been inconsistent all season long and are 6-6 this year but have lost their past two match-

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**WHAT:** No. 4 Texas vs. Oklahoma State, No. 19 Oklahoma

**WHERE:** Penick-Allison Tennis Center, Austin

**WHEN:** Friday 6 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m.

## SOFTBALL

TEXAS 13, TEXAS A&M CORPUS CHRISTI 4; TEXAS A&M CORPUS CHRISTI 8, TEXAS 4

### Horns split high-scoring series



Maxx Scholten | Daily Texan Staff

Third baseman Nadia Taylor rounds the bases for Texas after another Longhorn home run in game one of the doubleheader against A&M Corpus Christi. Texas scored 13 runs in game one but could muster only four in a game two loss.

Matt Hohner  
Daily Texan Staff

Texas softball seems to live a tale of two teams.

One night, they might look like one of the top softball teams in the country, while the next, they might look average and sluggish.

Or in cases like Thursday, they can do both in one night.

The Longhorns blew out Texas A&M-Corpus Christi in a run-rule shorted game one but then

fell to the Islanders later in the night in the second game of the doubleheader.

Texas jumped out of the gate quickly. Leadoff hitter right fielder Taylor Hoagland blasted a home run to begin the top of the first inning, extending her hit streak to 19 games.

After Hoagland's home run, the floodgates busted wide open.

Lexy Bennett, Nadia Taylor, Raygan Feight and Britta-

ny Chalk all doubled to give the team a 5-0 lead. Left fielder Courtney Craig sent a two-run bomb over the fence to give the Longhorns a 7-0 advantage after just one inning.

But some defensive faux pas by Texas let the Islanders creep back into the game with a four-run streak at the top of the second.

"I'm disappointed," head coach Connie Clark said. "We wanted to play hard,

but we need to sew up the mental mistakes."

But Craig put the nail in the coffin, delivering a triple to center field to cap off a 13-4 win after a big Texas fourth inning.

Craig dominated the game at the plate with six RBI and two runs off of three hits. She was a double shy of hitting for the cycle and an RBI short of tying a school record for

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## BASEBALL

### Inconsistent offense finding ways to score

By Austin Ries  
Daily Texan Staff

Through all the ups and downs in Texas' offense that account for a .263 team batting average, one thing has remained steady this season — the Horns find a way to somehow score runs and win games with or without base hits.

There was the game earlier this month against Texas-Pan American, where the Horns needed two balks from starting pitcher Kyle Kotchie with the bases loaded to beat the Broncos 3-2.

Then, in game one against Nebraska, Texas came down to their final out before Cameron Rupp delivered with a three-run home run to right field to make up for a night of cold Texas bats.

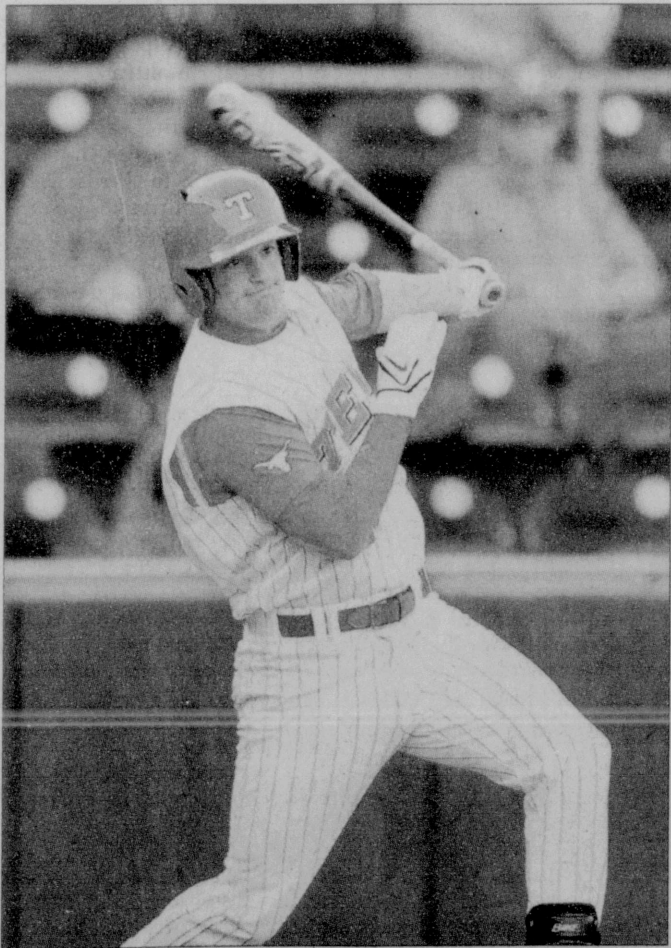
Their latest addition to that re-

sume was Tuesday night against No. 25 Rice, where the Horns (16-5) capitalized on errors and walks to score four runs on no hits against the Owls that eventually led to Texas' 5-1 win.

"You are gonna have trouble scoring runs on Texas unless you do a lot of things right," Rice head coach Wayne Graham said after Tuesday's loss. "We started with an error, then we walked them. Anatomy of disaster."

The inning started with Brandon Loy getting to second when the Rice shortstop threw the ball into the stands above the Longhorn dugout. Rupp walked before Kevin Keyes was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Kevin Lussion then

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Eric Ou | Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore shortstop Brandon Loy started the four-run rally against Rice on Tuesday, reaching on an error, as Texas won 5-1.

## WOMEN'S TRACK

### Reserves get chance to shine in Houston

By Ryan Betori  
Daily Texan Staff

After a disappointing 42nd-place finish at the NCAA Indoor National Championships on March 13, the women's track and field team bounced back with a solid showing at the USC Trojan Invitational last weekend to kick off the much-anticipated outdoor season. At the invite, the team picked up three individual wins and saw several record-book-worthy performances.

The Longhorns are hoping such a showing is an indicator of things to come. They look to pick up more momentum at this weekend's 27th Annual Victor Lopez Bayou Classic, hosted by Rice in Houston.

"We're just taking each meet and embracing the things we do well while working on the things we don't," head coach Beverly Kearney said about the early season strategy.

Although the Longhorns are always looking for a win, the team is more concerned with preparation than accolades at beginning season meets like the Bayou Classic.

"Right now, we're not even



Lauren Gerson | Daily Texan Staff

Katie Hoaldrige, shown here at an indoor meet in College Station, could be one of the freshmen to feature in the Bayou Classic.

keeping score. We're just measuring if we're improving," Kearney said.

This emphasis on getting better was evident at last year's Bayou Classic. Although the team picked up three regional marks at the meet, they also gave less-seasoned athletes a chance to shine in the process. Last year, the Longhorns competed a bevy of untested freshmen, including current

standout Victoria Lucas.

In addition to putting in some new faces, the team will also have to manage to stay focused despite the upcoming Texas Relays. The annual relays, which are a huge track and social draw, will begin Wednesday.

Until then, the team will be busy at the Victor Lopez Bayou Classic — hoping to improve every step of the way.

## WOMEN'S GOLF

### Freshman Dubreuil leads charge at rare home match

By Shabab Siddiqui  
Daily Texan Staff

A few months ago, freshman Desiree Dubreuil fell short of qualifying for the Stanford Intercollegiate Tournament and was left home as her teammates finished a then-season-best fourth place. A few weeks ago, Dubreuil fired three straight even rounds at the UNLV Spring Rebel Invitational to lead the Longhorns to a new season-best second-place finish.

While hard work, fitness and practice all contributed to the drastic turnaround, sometimes it's the little overlooked details

that matter most.

"Getting sleep helps a bit," Dubreuil said. "Time management has allowed me to work more on my golf game and become more comfortable with my routine."

The Santa Ana, Calif., native will lead the team as it hosts the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational at the UT Golf Club this weekend. The three-day, 54-hole tournament boasts the strongest field of teams the Longhorns have faced this spring, as seven out of the 16 teams are ranked in the top 25, including UCLA, Arizona, Stanford, Texas A&M

and New Mexico.

Coming off their best showing of the season, head coach Martha Richards said the momentum should help the team as they prepare for the weekend.

"We're excited to be playing at home and want the kids to have a relaxed week and really compete like crazy," Richards said. "We don't even have to win the tournament to get some wins over some quality teams."

The Longhorns' second-place finish earlier this month did not

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## SIDELINE

### NCAA Men's Tournament

5 Butler 63  
1 Syracuse 59

11 Washington 56  
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## SPORTS BRIEFLY

### Illness delays start of NCAA Swimming Championships

A rampant suspected gastrointestinal illness that sent 18 student-athletes and one coach to the hospital delayed the start of the NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships until today. The competition, held at Ohio State's campus in Columbus, Ohio, was supposed to start preliminary-round action on Thursday but was officially postponed late Wednesday night after teams were affected by the illness. There is no indication of which teams or swimmers were taken to the hospital.

The Longhorns are shooting for their 10th national championship — their first since 2002 — after claiming their 31st consecutive Big 12 title last month in College Station.

—Michael Sherfield

### Jeter wants to follow Jordan in team ownership

Derek Jeter wants to eventually be like Mike.

The New York Yankees shortstop tells The Associated Press that once his career is over, he envisions himself pursuing ownership of a professional sports franchise — like Michael Jordan has done.

Jeter, one of several athletes who endorses the Jordan Brand, was in Tampa on Thursday at an event celebrating the launch of his ninth signature shoe, the Jordan Jeter Throwback.

Like Jordan, who recently purchased majority ownership of the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats, Jeter says he would have to call the shots if he bought a Major League Baseball team.

But don't look for Jeter to hang up his new cleats anytime soon. The 10-time All-Star reiterated that he intends to continue playing for a "long time."

—The Associated Press



## SPLIT: Craig powers Texas offense to game one win

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most in a game.

"It was a long slump for me," Craig said. "It felt good to get back to the fundamentals, think and just have fun."

Craig's offense spurred some spectacular defense in the Longhorn's second game, as she gunned down a base runner at the plate to deny the Islanders a run.

However, Texas could not deny the Islanders a win, as the Longhorns suffered an 8-4 loss, their first home defeat of the season.

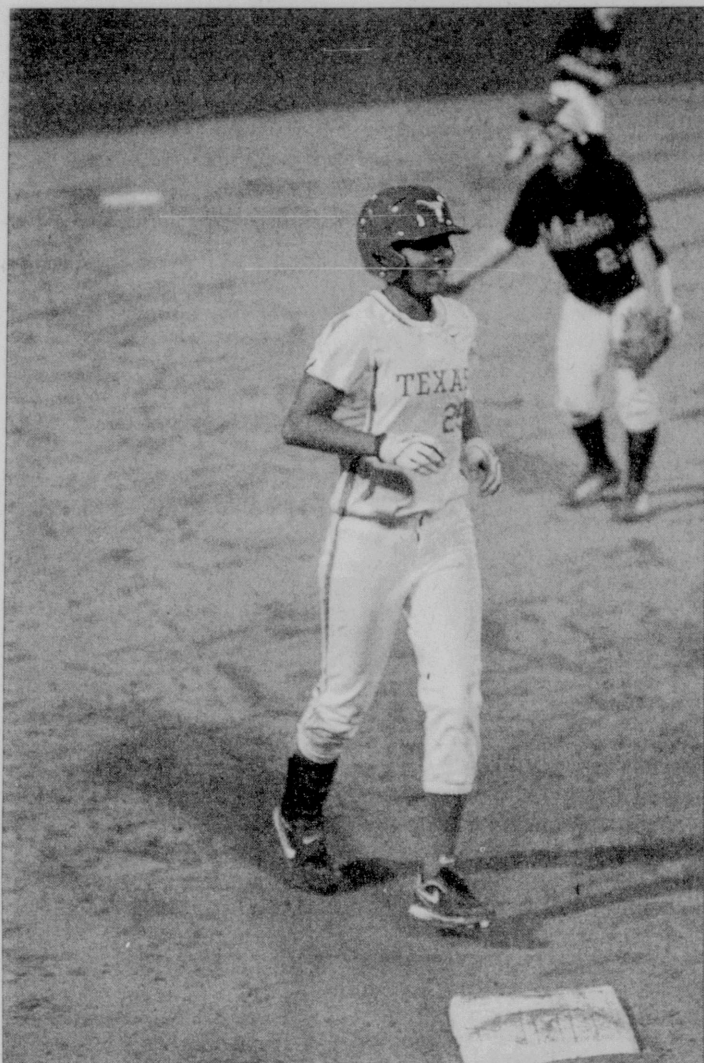
"We tried to put some things

in motion to get better for the bigger picture," Clark said.

Clark felt her team wasn't patient enough at the plate and was too anxious to make things happen, but the past three games serve as a learning experience as Texas heads into conference play.

"We have to be able to be open-minded and make those adjustments," Clark said. "It's about playing chess and not checkers. We have to play pitch-to-pitch."

Texas will begin Big 12 play this weekend, hosting Nebraska on Saturday and Sunday.



Maxx Scholten | Daily Texan Staff

Courtney Craig had three hits and six RBI in Thursday's game one win.

## GOLF: Time management key to freshman's recent success

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come without challenges. The team stood at a dismal 14th out of 18 teams at the end of the first day on a cold and wet Las Vegas course. The team called a group meeting and discussed what being a Longhorn means to each one of them and made a no-whining pact in regard to the chilly air.

Two rounds later, only the host team — UNLV — finished ahead of them.

"We just talked about how [their] youth could no longer be an excuse," Richards said. "They needed to choose as a group in what direction they wanted to go in, independent of us coaches."

Dubreuil — a component of the team's freshmen foursome — may be the Longhorn's most improved player since the fall season. After getting off to a slower start than her freshmen counterparts and then battling a thumb injury until early January, Dubreuil has led the team in two of their three spring outings.

She said while the competitiveness of college golf called for an adjustment, it was the addition of leaving home and balancing schoolwork that added to the challenge.

*"She stays calm, cool and collected and goes about her business of playing golf."*

— **Martha Richards**  
Coach

"I always thought of myself as being mentally tough," Dubreuil said. "There were points last semester that I was feeling overwhelmed with everything. I think reminding myself that it only gets better and the [assistance of the] medical staff and trainer, everybody helped me get back

to the swing of things."

As a high school student, Dubreuil led her Mater Dei Monarchs to five tournament championships and garnered first-team all-league honors every year. Ollie Martin, Mater Dei's coach, said Dubreuil possesses a never-give-up attitude.

"Desiree is very talented and handles pressure well," Martin said. "Her work ethic is exceptional, and she tirelessly practices on her fundamentals."

Richards said Dubreuil's consistency of late has helped the Longhorns greatly.

"She stays calm, cool and collected and goes about her business of playing golf," Richards said. "She's very composed and she's done a great job of handling things."

While Dubreuil's mind will be on the golf course this weekend, the future sports management major also knows that one uninviting aspect of the college life awaits her as soon as she's finished.

"Math homework," Dubreuil said. "I think I'm always doing math homework."

## HITS: Horns key on errors to score runs

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drew a walk to score Loy, followed by consecutive wild pitches to score both Rupp and Keyes. Finally, Jonathan Walsh drove in Kevin Lussion with a sacrifice fly.

"We capitalized on opportunities, and college baseball isn't about perfection. It's about imperfection," Texas head coach Augie Garrido said. "Anything can happen on any moment, and that's part of the excitement."

Texas continues that excitement this weekend for their second Big 12 Conference series against Texas Tech on the road in Lubbock, where the Horns are 97-34 all-time against the Red Raiders.

The unranked Red Raiders are 11-12 on the season after winning their last three games, one against Texas A&M and two against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. The Horns plan on showcasing their brilliant pitching staff, which ranks third in the nation with a combined ERA of 2.34.

And after Tuesday's win, Texas added another pitcher to its already-loaded rotation in sophomore Sam Stafford, who pitched three perfect innings in his first start against the Owls.

Chance Ruffin has also stepped into his role as the closer. Since blowing his first save opportunity in Texas' opening series against New Mexico, Ruffin hasn't allowed a run in his last 10 appearances, racking up four wins, five saves and a team-leading 0.41 ERA.

"He's been brilliant, absolutely brilliant," Garrido said. "He is that University of Texas closer we've been blessed with in the past. He would kill to win the game."

**WHAT:** No. 8 Texas at Texas Tech

**WHERE:** Lubbock

**WHEN:** Friday 6:30 p.m., Saturday 6:30 p.m., Sunday 6:05 p.m.

## TENNIS: Sooners pose big challenge

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es to No. 13 Texas Tech and No. 27 Fresno State in the Blue Gray National Tennis Classic in Montgomery, Ala.

Their lone bright star has been top singles player, Ukrainian senior No. 19 Oleksandr Nedovyesov, who is 10-2 on the season playing at No. 1 singles. Nedovyesov also combines with teammate Aleksey Bessonov to form the No. 12 doubles tandem in the country. The Cowboys' team consists of all international players except for two players from

Tulsa, Okla.

"Oklahoma State's top player has been great all season long, and he is going to be a tough test for Dimi [Kutrovsky]," Rubio said. "Oklahoma State, as a team, is down compared to years past, but they still have some dangerous players in their lineup."

Oklahoma is led by their senior from Romania, No. 20 Andrei Daescu. Daescu reached the finals of the ITA All-American Singles Championships earlier this season and has consistently been one of the top

players in the country throughout his four years at OU.

The Sooners won 10 straight matches before falling this past weekend in the finals of the Blue Gray Tennis Classic to No. 13 Texas Tech, 4-3. The Sooners also feature two other ranked singles players; No. 70 Costin Paval and No. 83 Ionut Beleleu. Their top doubles team is Daescu and Beleleu, and the duo is ranked No. 71. The Sooners will take on Texas A&M on Friday before heading to Austin to take on the Horns on Sunday at 1 p.m.

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ALONE: Production creates 'synergistic experience'

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hearing one of their recordings last summer. Since the dance company takes most of their performances on tour, they do not often get to use live music, which Hamrick said makes this a special occasion.

"There's nothing more exciting than dancing to live music," she said. "The energy — you can't match that with canned music."

The band members, none of whom had ever played for a dance performance, eagerly agreed and are excited to

see how the audience reacts to their music.

"It's important for us to see how our music affects people. Our music, combined with Kathy's dance, is going to be powerful," said Brandon Denton, a band member and botany senior. "That's what makes it worth it to me. Seeing the expression on their faces that says, 'This is really hitting me right now' — it's amazing."

The band ended up playing a large part in the artistic direction of the show, as well as composing a majority of the music for "Alone, Alone." They

collaborated to produce postcards, T-shirts and posters for the performance.

Working on the show inspired the band to consider the concept further, and they took a silent camping trip together.

"We got along a lot better when we hadn't been talking," said Ayham T. Ghraoui, band member and design senior. "A lot of times, we communicated better without words."

Some of the band members were able to form their own opinions about being alone.

"We are alone, but we are all alone, so we are together

in it," Denton said. "It doesn't have emptiness to it in my interpretation."

While camping, the boys explored their surroundings and took photographs of their environment that will be on display this weekend in the gallery installation, located inside the theatre.

"I had this idea that if you are going to do art, go all out. Why just stop at one thing?" said Jacob Hamrick, band member and studio art junior. "'Alone, Alone' is like this big synergistic experience with music, dance and art."

PRESS: Publishing companies sell blend of writing, music

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American Nonrequired Reading."

Meyers attributes such successes to independent press' search for genuine and unique stories, rather than the most marketable authors.

"We're similar to indie record labels," Meyers said. "We like to take risks and work closely with the artists."

Monofonus Press curator Jess Sauer agrees with this sentiment.

"Bigger publishing companies describe their authors in one-sentence bios. They look for a shittick," Sauer said. "Small presses are usually nonprofit, so we have more flexibility."

As a multimedia label, Monofonus Press sells cross-genre "IF Packages" that feature a novel, an album and visual artwork.

"It's like a positive version of

slipping a pill in someone's apple sauce," Sauer said. "You may just want to buy a metal album, but you could also get a book that you end up loving."

The freedom to create a multidisciplinary organization was also realized by American Short Fiction, whose mother company, Badgerdog, offers creative writing courses in addition to its publishing services.

"We want to support a literary community and help students find their voice," Meyers said. "We have a strong focus on emerging writers."

Both Meyers and Sauer find that a multifaceted approach gives their respective companies a unique edge in a time when the publishing industry is at a crossroads.

"Technological advance-

ments have our entire field feeling embattled," Meyers said. "Small presses especially are studying hard to make our products accessible."

For most presses this means e-books and iPhone applications. Monofonus Press, however, takes accessibility to the next level, offering a series of readings that feature live music, local authors and broadcasted out-of-town writers. This series, entitled "Teleportal," allows authors to read in other cities without the financial hassle of traveling.

"People fall in love with reading by being read to, but traditional readings can be so stuffy and academic," Sauer said. "We want to make it fun."

Monofonus Press' broadcasted readings will be accompanied Saturday by a quirky blend

of poetry, fiction and a solo set from Seth Woods. In addition to attending "Peer Pressure," Meyers suggests that Austin residents support small presses by purchasing books by local writers such as Amelia Gray, her personal favorite.

"I enjoy collaborating with writers and bringing out the finer points in their work," Meyers said. "But the most rewarding thing about small press is the joy of falling in love with a story."

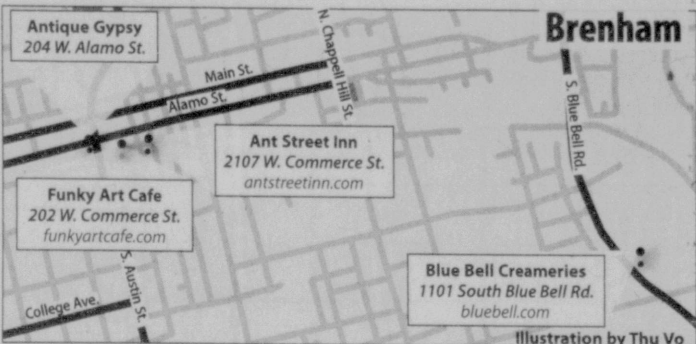
WHAT: Peer Pressure

WHERE: Club de Ville

WHEN: Saturday at 7 p.m.

TICKETS: FREE

FUN: Town has picturesque scenery, historic buildings



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traditional and modern art.

Nestled in the corner of the restaurant, the store's gigantic Christmas tree never comes down, instead bearing decorations according to each season. The tree somehow works with the portrait of the monkey wearing a floral headpiece and holding a baby bottle and small puppy.

The owner, Connie Smith, inherited the building — originally a blacksmith shop — through her family lineage and turned the store into a restaurant.

"We change up the menu every four months, and I always try to make comfort food for not only the residents of the town, but anyone who is just passing through," Smith said. "It's a chance to grab a

bite to eat and take in the art."

Not too far down from the cafe is the Ant Street Inn, a historic hotel that, even if you aren't staying the night, is a beautiful place to tour.

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Across

- 1 Male gopher
- 10 People travel only one way on them
- 15 "The Broken Tower" poet
- 16 The senior Saarinen
- 17 "Beautiful" things in a 1951 hit song
- 18 See 7-Down
- 19 Orlando's Arena
- 20 Capital largely surrounded by high clay walls
- 22 Sportscenter Collinsworth
- 23 Uncle
- 24 City at the mouth of the Fox River
- 26 They make cents
- 27 Cards
- 31 Homage

Down

- 32 Dress down
- 33 Cat's-eye relatives
- 34 Metaphor for a middle-class American
- 37 Host of a self-titled 1990s talk show
- 38 Las \_\_\_\_\_ Filipinas
- 39 Ancient Macedonian capital
- 40 Abbr. at the top of a memo
- 41 Abbr. for the Prince of Wales
- 44 Hair salon activity
- 46 New range rover?
- 47 Freedom fighter, for short?
- 48 Their faces have spots
- 51 Secretary on "Hogan's Heroes"

52 Weapon for Wonder Woman

54 When women may get in for less

56 Put through the system?

57 Rush hour, to radio programmers

58 Some flying saucers

59 Fleet type

Down

- 1 "Man alive!"
- 2 One with growing concerns
- 3 Displays displeasure
- 4 "\_\_\_\_\_ my pleasure"
- 5 Big Apple sch.
- 6 Ahead of, in verse
- 7 Parts of planes in which to put 18-Across
- 8 First to be called up
- 9 Answerable with a nod or a shake
- 10 Sherlock
- 11 They have chocolate relatives
- 12 Overhead corridor
- 13 Need for checking people out
- 14 Applies carelessly
- 21 Blitzkrieg
- 25 Ewing player
- 27 Twist alternative

Puzzle by Victor Fleming

28 Oregon Shakespeare Festival locale

29 Former AT&T rival

30 Crayola color in a 64-crayon box

32 Encouraging statement start

34 Kind of appointment

35 Like most bars

36 U.S.N. craft

37 Downgrades, e.g.

41 "Whoa!"

42 "\_\_\_\_\_ Sans-Gene" (Sardou play)

43 Offer?

45 Brightens

46 Sock deliverers

49 Complaint

50 Lou Grant's ex on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"

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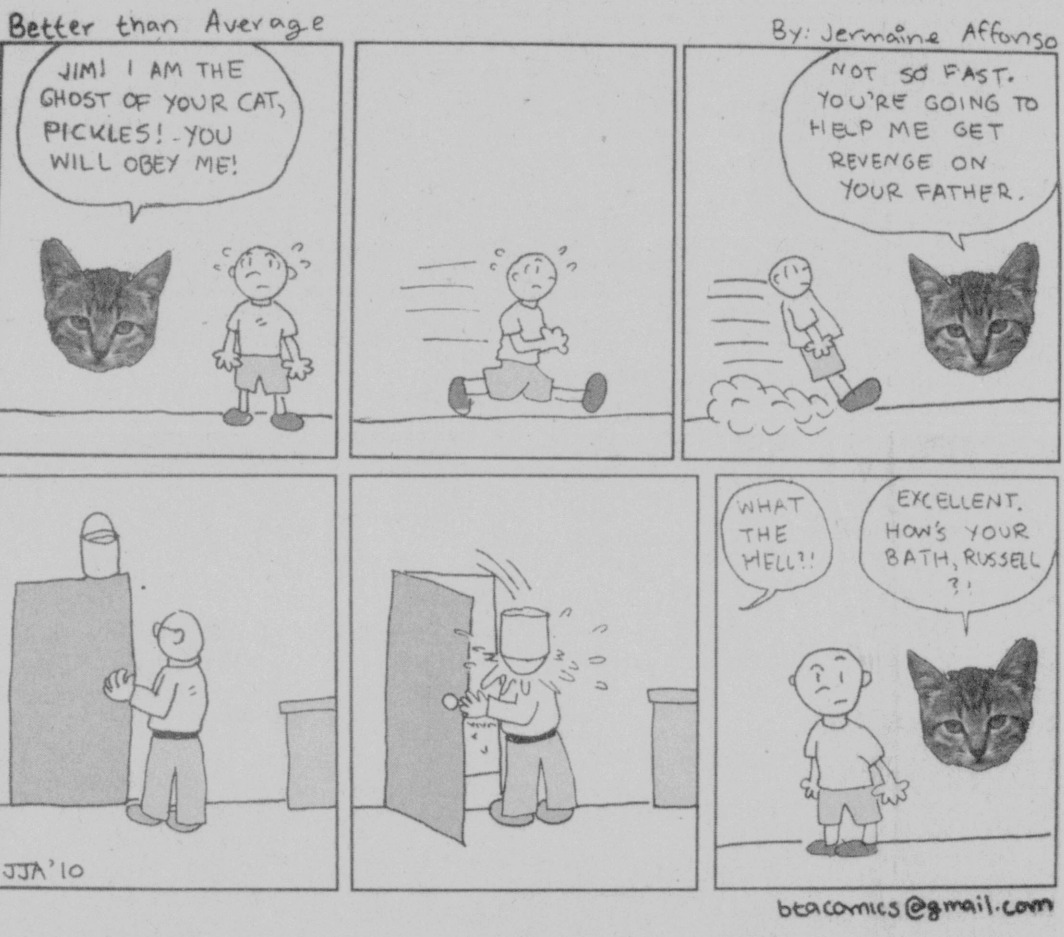
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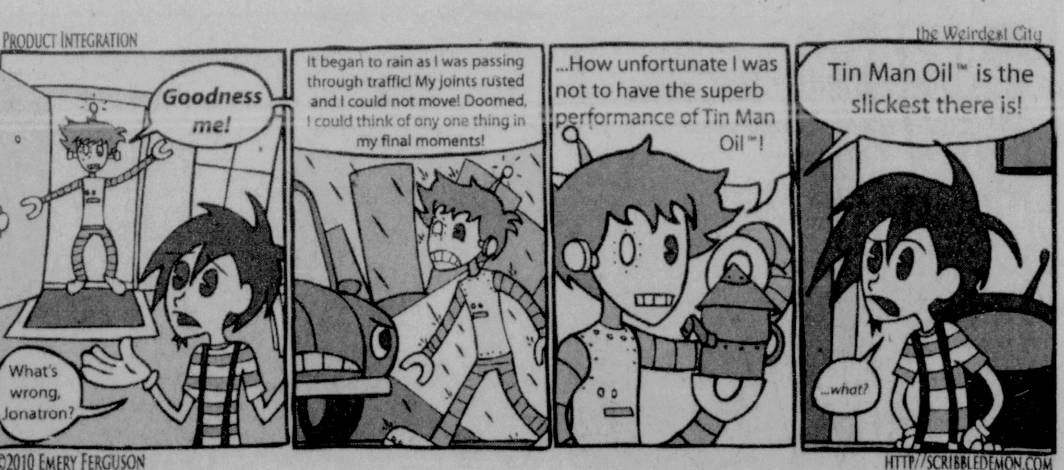
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Omaha, Nebraska, band Cursive has been around for 13 years, but bass guitarist Matt Maginn said not much has changed, including the lack of time to create new songs because of touring.

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## Touring forces 'Cursive' to sacrifice songwriting

By Francisco Marin  
Daily Texan Staff

Though they had been a band since 1997, it wasn't until 2003's breakout album *The Ugly Organ* that Omaha, Nebraska, band Cursive finally penetrated the collective consciousness of alternative rock fans in the U.S.

Their most recent album, *Mama, I'm Swollen*, was released in March 2009, and *Pitchfork.com* called it "a straight shot of melodramatic misery and despair from beginning to end." While that may not appeal to the mainstream audience, fans of Cursive's post-hardcore records are still seeing an evolution in the band that released 2006's *Happy Hollow*, an album that put American alternative music on the map.

And although front man Tim Kasher may be busy from time to time collaborating on albums with Bright Eyes' Conor Oberst and heading his solo project The Good Life, the band has found enough time to crisscross the nation, touring and creating new music in their downtime.

The Daily Texan spoke with bass guitarist Matt Maginn about four weeks into their North American tour, and he

said during the 13 years he has been with Cursive, some things never change.

"I think we've been very, very fortunate that we've been able to have a real supportive community and fan base that's willing to take these rides with us on different-sounding records we like to do and take the time to enjoy those," Maginn said. "I think we're in a pretty good spot ... by some measures, we're not quite successful yet, but artistically, we're still able to do what we want, which is a really good thing."

Maginn said that because of Cursive's heavy touring schedule, there hasn't been much time to write new songs, much less create them.

"We've kind of all been doing our own thing; we've been touring most of the time," he said. "We've talked about new stuff to write, but we haven't had any time to get together to do anything. [Kasher is] also working on solo stuff with his band The Good Life."

Kasher and Maginn, the co-founders of the band, released their second album, *The Storms of Early Summer: Semantics of Song*, on Saddle Creek Records in 1998.

The Omaha-based label, started by frequent collaborator Oberst, has been the foundation for Cursive's releases since then. Maginn said their loyalty to the label was originally built on the camaraderie that comes with being in a tight-knit alternative-rock community.

"The loyalty was based originally on the collective we all built together, and that's kind of changed," Maginn said. "We actually did look around last time and considered going to other places. It's no longer the collective it once was, like it was in 2000. It's just more that the bands are not as involved anymore."

Despite the downtrodden sentiments of Maginn and his fellow bandmates, there's no doubt that Cursive's live show this Sunday will be something to snap you out of your doldrums.

**WHAT:** Cursive with Alkaline Trio

**WHERE:** Emo's

**WHEN:** Sunday, 8 p.m.

**TICKETS:** \$20 door, \$18 advanced

## Prime numbers always stand alone

By Kate Ergenbright  
Daily Texan Staff

Sometime during our early childhood education we all learned about prime numbers — numbers divisible only by one and itself. Outside the confines of our math or science classes we never really gave them much additional thought.

But unlike most of us, 27-year-old Paolo Giordano, who also holds a doctorate degree in particle physics, has taken the time to reflect on "The Solitude of Prime Numbers" in his internationally acclaimed bestselling debut novel.

Released in more than 30 languages, the English translation of "The Solitude of Prime Numbers" was released in the United States on Monday to much fanfare.

"Numbers" tells the story of Alice and Mattia, from their damaging childhood experiences to their unlikely teenage friendship and eventual estrangement during adulthood.

Alice, crippled from a skiing accident as a child, spends the majority of her early teenage years struggling to fit in with the popular girls and limits her caloric intake to zero.

Mattia, riddled with guilt from the mysterious disappearance of his twin sister, spends the majority of his time in self-induced solitary confinement with the exception of one friend. A school party thrusts him and Alice together, and the unlikely pair realize they are kindred spirits, but to Mattia they are twin primes, "pairs of prime numbers that are close to each other, almost neighbors." According to Giordano, prime numbers are solitary numbers. Therefore, twin primes are two solitary beings close enough to touch but never able to close the gap between them, much like the novel's protagonists.

The story continues through Alice and Mattia's college years and into their early 30s as they come together and drift apart in cyclical motion, never quite seeming to be able to get it right and cement their relationship.

The translation of "Numbers" from Italian to English is seamless

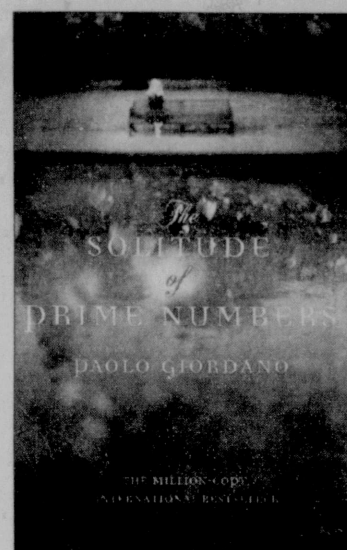
and flows effortlessly. Giordano's language and tone are fairly easy for readers to understand. The complexity of the novel lies not within Giordano's words but within the mathematical concepts he applies to life and utilizes to reflect and comment on solitude, love and loss. "Numbers" is a conceptual novel, but the reader is never lost in an intellectual web, which is one of the novel's triumphs.

Although the concept of "Numbers" is refreshing and original, the novel does have its downfalls. Giordano's characters are confronted with many difficult human conditions, including anorexia, autism, homosexuality and untimely death. With so many complex emotions connected to these issues, there is simply not enough time to fully explore them in the book's 271 pages.

As much as a prime number may want to be normal, there is nothing

it can really do to leave solidarity behind and become like all the other numbers.

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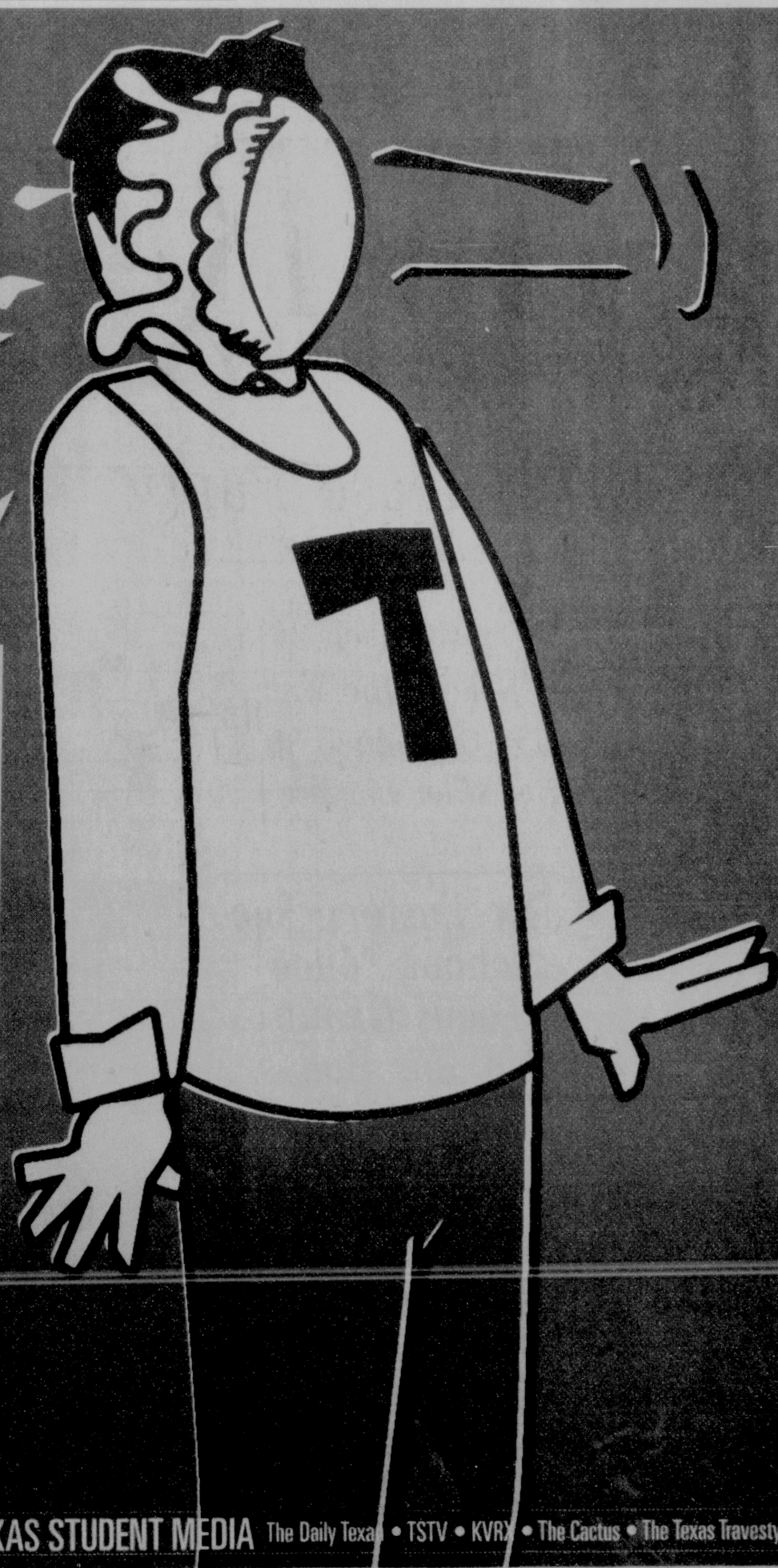
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## Choreographing tells tale of mom's search for solitude

By Sarah Pressley  
Daily Texan Staff

As the lights come up, an ensemble of dancers begins to move onto the stage. They are a group, but each dances a solo. They are all together, but they are also all alone.

This weekend, the Kathy Dunn Hamrick Dance Company will debut its new full-length production, "Alone, Alone," at the Salvage Vanguard Theatre. The dance aims to explore the concept of being alone and the emotions that come with it.

To create "Alone, Alone," artistic director Kathy Dunn Hamrick took inspiration from her own life.

"I turned 50, my kids moved out, my grandmother died. I felt this sense of loss," she said. "Your life becomes not about looking forward, but looking to the past and times when you relish being alone."

Rather than telling a story,

Hamrick wanted to base the production on the concept of being alone and then to explore the different facets of loneliness.

"It's not a narrative. It's a connection of images and moments and relationships," she said. "Being left alone and liking it, or being left alone and not liking it."

Hamrick said she decided to set the production to the music of a local band composed of UT students, Hill Ma, of which her son Jacob is a member, after

**WHAT:** "Alone, Alone" dance performance

**WHERE:** Tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m.

**WHEN:** Salvage Vanguard Theatre

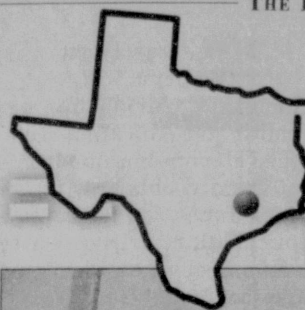
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Erica Santiago poses at the front of the stage at the Salvage Vanguard Theatre with the Kathy Dunn Hamrick Dance Company.



## Why don't we do it on the road?

### Brenham



Danielle Villasana | Daily Texan Staff

On vacation visiting family, Kimberly Dickerson and her children Sydney, 1, and Alyssa, 3, enjoy ice cream after a tour at the Blue Bell factory. The factory can have as many as 2,000 guests, with people visiting from as far away as Asia.

## 'Birthplace of Texas' offers Blue Bell ice cream on top of fun shopping

*Editor's Note: This is the third in a weekly series exploring day-and-weekend trip destinations across Texas.*

By Layne Lynch  
Daily Texan Staff

Driving down U.S. Highway 290, through the outskirts of the city of Brenham, "The Birthplace of Texas," a person could easily mistake the town as just another bathroom stop thanks to the Wal-Mart and Starbucks right off the high-

way. However, journeying beyond the outskirts of the small town and into the nucleus of the city, a tourist will discover Brenham is a buried treasure of nostalgia.

When people come to Brenham, they don't just come for antique shopping and a quick bite to eat; they also come for the beautiful landscape. About 10 minutes outside the town, the hillside begins to resemble a deep blue ocean, as if the grass is drowning in a sea of bluebonnets.

Families, girlfriends and boyfriends and even the family dog will make a trip to the town just to lay in the grass and envelop themselves in the flowers, capturing the beauty of Brenham with just the flash of their camera.

The town is relatively small, with a population under 14,000, and it isn't the place for wild antics or debauchery. Truth be told, the most risqué part of the town would probably be the R-rated movie at the local theater.

For anyone looking to get away for a day or a weekend, the experience of visiting Brenham is like jumping into a time machine and traveling back 50 years. Downtown Brenham, specifically, feels like falling into a wormhole. With the housing specialty stores and

small eateries centered around the courthouse, Brenham seems like the type of place where you would see children skipping down the street with a melting ice cream cone while Elvis plays on the radio.

The downtown district is the place to go for antiques, knickknacks, a chicken salad or pimento cheese sandwich — and a big scoop of Blue Bell ice cream.

No trip to a city is complete without visiting its Mecca, and Brenham's is the Blue Bell Creamery. The creamery, which opened in 1907, is no doubt the most popular attraction in the city.

The creamery is known for its innovative and delicious flavor creations, most recently releasing the flavors Cake and Ice Cream, Cherry Cheesecake and Nutty Chocolate this month alone.

The ice cream, popular across the country, has its home about seven minutes away from downtown. For only five dollars, Monday through Friday, tourists can stop by the facility and wander through the halls of the creamery, learning about the origins and subsequent growth of the business.

But ice cream isn't all Brenham has to offer. Among the numerous antique stores situated in the area,

Antique Gypsy is one of the best in town. The store itself is unique from all the rest in the town; it embraces a spirit of both shabby chic and eclectic collectibles. Each room of the store is themed around a room in a traditional home, such as a pristine powder room or a vintage kitchen.

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By Madeleine Crum  
Daily Texan Staff

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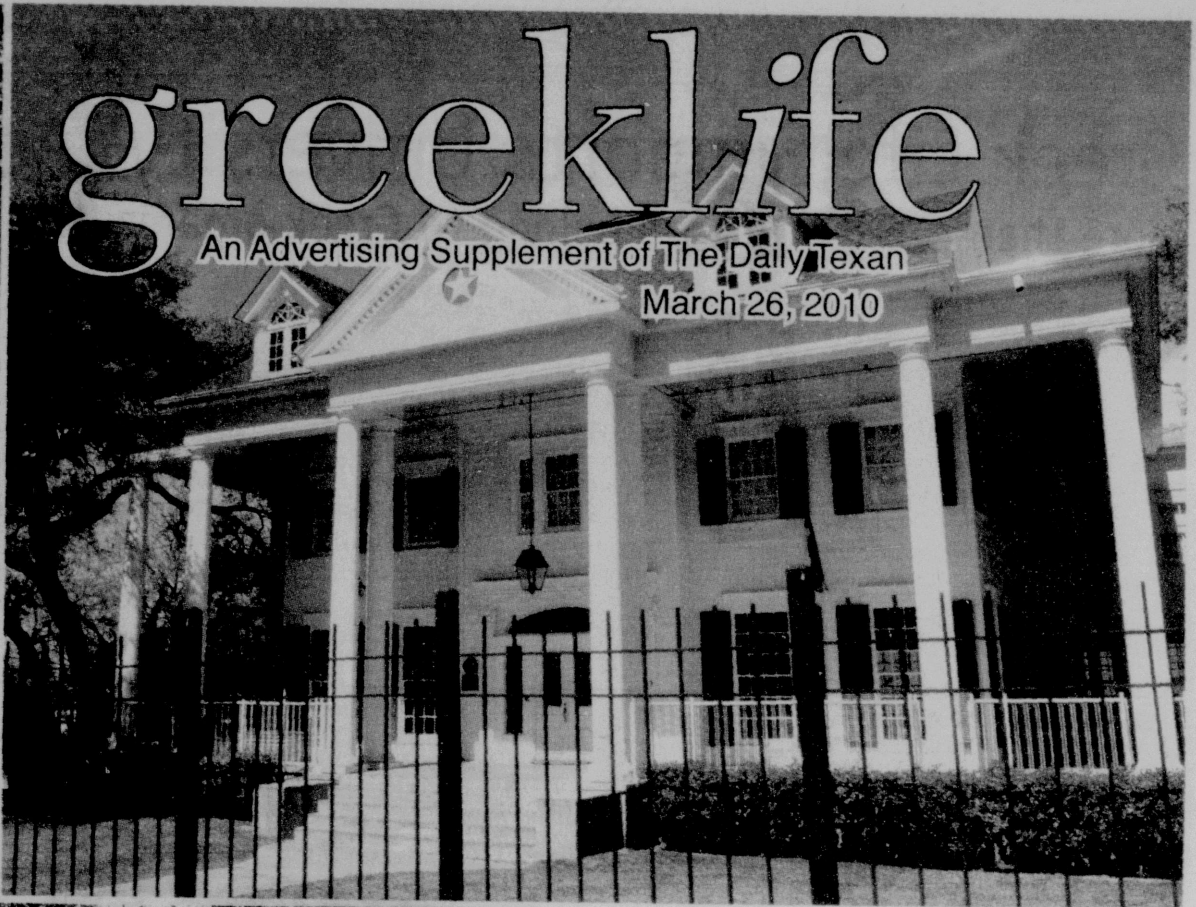
Five local, independent publishing companies will team up at Club de Ville on Saturday for a night of live music and live readings. The event, "Peer Pressure," is a celebration of March's Small Press Month.

"Small presses are on the forefront of literary development," American Short Fiction editor Jill Meyers said. "The aim of this event is to give them the recognition that they deserve."

Indeed, Austin-based independent press companies have made a name for themselves, publishing writers whose works have appeared in "The Best American Short Stories" and McSweeney's "The Best

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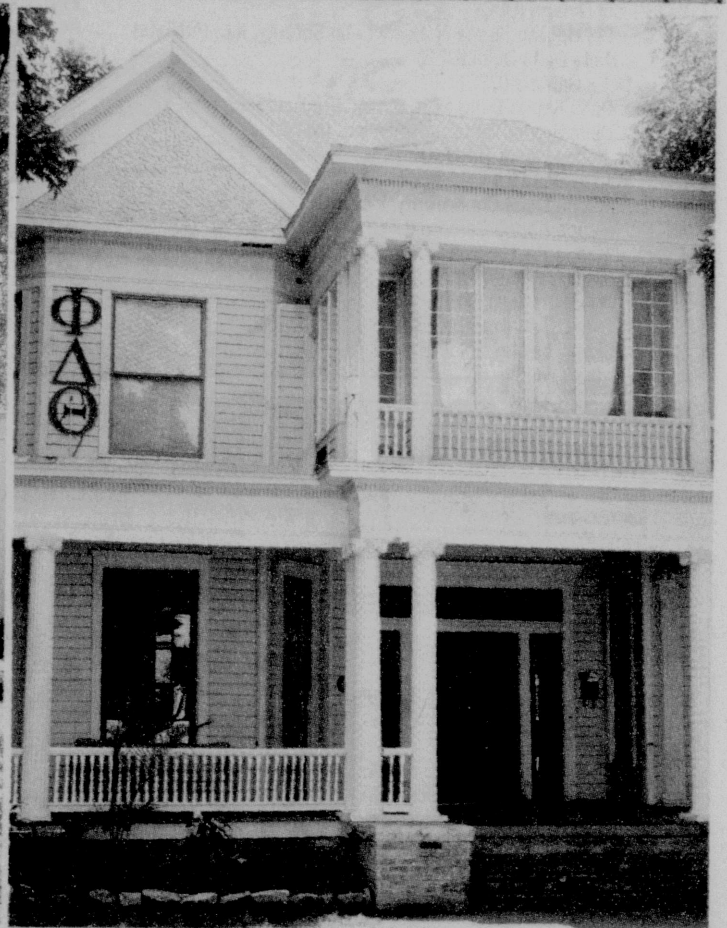




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# Greek Life Supports University, Austin Communities

## More than 4,100 students belong to Greek organizations at The University of Texas

In 1988, the Greek Life and Intercultural Education office, a division of the Office of the Dean of Students, was created in response to a report by the Presidential Commission on Fraternal Organizations. Sororities and fraternities comprise more than 60 of the 1,000 student organiza-

tions registered at UT. More than 4,100 students, or 11 percent of the undergraduate population, are members of these Greek-lettered organizations. The mission of the division is to provide support, leadership opportunities and educational programs to Greek organizations. The

division also promotes the principles of cultural appreciation, scholarship, leadership and service. GLIE serves as a liaison to affiliate groups, the sororities and fraternities, and the five councils: Interfraternity, National Pan-Hellenic, Texas Asian Pan-Hellenic, United Greek and University

Panhellenic. In addition, the Greek Life and Intercultural Education staff is responsible for facilitating leadership development programs, promoting the Greek community within UT, and developing programs that will assist students as they face the challenges of college life.

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# Weekend retreat betters UT's Greek life



By Biatrix Arreola

Every year members of the Greek community escape from campus for an overnight Greek Leadership Retreat, where they take part in games, leadership building activities and a little relaxation. Five students on the executive board, ten small group facilitators and Greek Life and Intercultural Education's Marilyn Russell and Phil Butler organized the program. Each Greek organization was asked to send one experienced and one new leader to the February event located at Camp Young Judea in Wimberley, Texas. Representation was not mandatory but was highly recommended for the organization to remain in good standing with the Greek Life office.

Since the selection of the board of executives in October, Nathan Bunch, chair of the executive board, has aimed to reconstruct and improve the event by correcting past criticisms.

"Taking the dislikes of the program from previous years into account allowed us to create a well-planned retreat," Bunch said. "No more just sitting around ... instead they were always doing something, so this way they would want to attend."

This year the program was a mixture of workshops and fun activities with visual media such as PowerPoint presentations and recorded videos. The workshops educated the attendees about the Greek experience and challenged them to not only learn new leadership skills but also to take action to better their own Greek community, said Russell. Bunch said the program allowed participants to learn outside the classroom and view the entire Greek community.

"Leading up to the retreat, the staff and I were involved in planning and gave advice to the executive board, but when the retreat

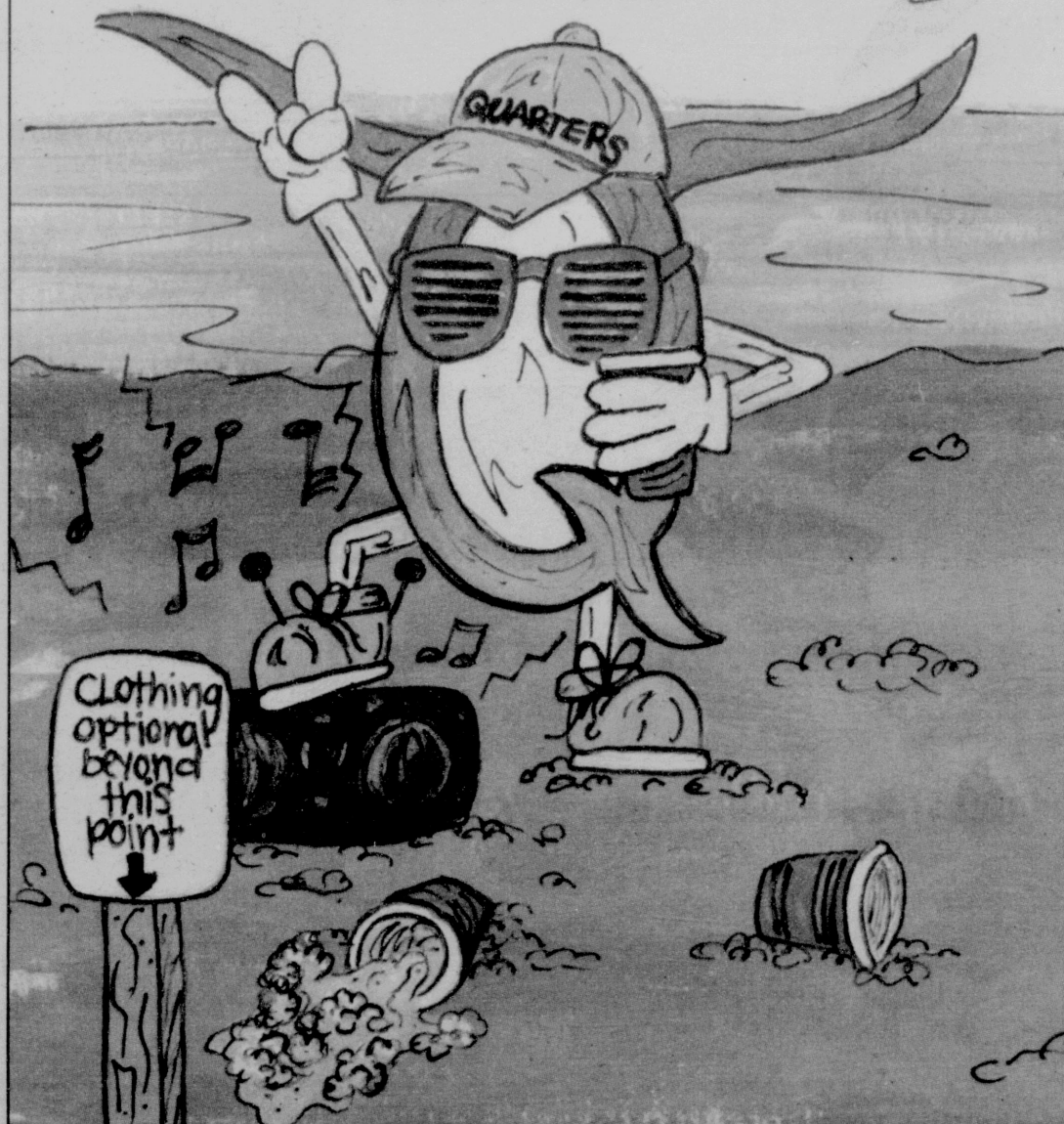
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# GREEKS organize successful fundraisers

## Philanthropic events hosted by sororities

By Maggie Gunn

There are more than 60 Greek organizations represented at UT, most of which commit significant time and fundraising efforts to local and national philanthropies. An up-close look at University Panhellenic sororities

Alpha Epsilon Phi, Delta Gamma and Kappa Kappa Gamma reveals an inspiring account of the service provided by the UT Greek community.

Alpha Epsilon Phi's main philanthropy is the Elisabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids Foundation, a charity founded by an alumna of the sorority in 1988. AEPi's Vice President of Philanthropy Taylor Lustig said, "The

charity works for pediatric HIV prevention and the eradication of pediatric AIDS through research, advocacy, and prevention and treatment programs." The AEPi's largest annual fundraising event, Pheast with This, raised \$4,000 for the foundation by bringing "100s of hungry, charitable peers together for some great food and mingling ... it was a great success,"



Lutsig said.

The women of AEPi host additional events benefitting the foun-

dation and other causes related to cancer research. This spring they are planning a trunk show with boutique LF and a tea party to benefit cancer research organizations Sharsheret and the Children's Tumor Foundation.

Kappa Kappa Gamma's philanthropic efforts benefit Reading is Fundamental, a nonprofit that focuses on children's literacy. Their Kappa Cookout raised approximately \$4,000 for the literacy organization and their Spring Powder Puff Tournament with UT's Pi Beta Phi raised \$2,690 for the Davis Moon Project, which organizes literacy missions to deliver books to Ethiopia every two years.

KKG's Philanthropy Co-chair CJ Hall noted that her sorority sisters enjoy the opportunities to be "advocates for reading in local communities and to donate to local schools in need." KKG also worked with Pie Guys Pizzeria to raise money for Haiti this March. Hall said she and her co-chairs "felt it was imperative for [our] sorority to help raise money for relief." Hall is proud of the successes and is quick to credit the individual service of each sorority member. All members of the sorority are actively committed to promoting literacy in the Austin and other communities, she said.

Blair Bradford, Vice President of Foundation for Delta Gamma, also emphasized the individual contributions of her fellow sorority sisters. She said their national philanthropy is Service for Sight and the UT chapter is particularly fortunate because they get to work alongside the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired located in Austin. This year the women of Delta Gamma hosted a Valentine's Day Party, a House Halloween party and a Thanksgiving dinner for more than 100 students from the school. They also took school of the blind students to a UT basketball game and hope to attend a UT baseball game with the students

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## Sorority Philanthropy this spring.

"Both the TSBVI students and Delta Gammas benefit from these events. The relationships that are formed at the Halloween party are sustained throughout the year and culminate when we help the TSBVI students prepare before [their] prom and assist in chaperoning," said Bradford. "Many of our women enjoy their volunteering so much that they become mentors at the school on their own time."

DG's main annual events are AnchorSplash and AnchorSlam, which raise funds for the visually impaired. Male organizations like Texas Wranglers work with DG on these events that also raise awareness. Bradford said they raised \$15,600 last year, which was donated to Service for Sight. A portion of the raised

funds also enabled DG to donate a special elliptical machine outfitted for the visually impaired to the school. It allows them to exercise in a safe manner.

Each philanthropy chair noted the importance of the larger Austin and UT communities in their fundraising success. "We depend heavily on the UT campus and the Austin community for the success of these events. We receive tons of donations from local companies and especially food vendors," Taylor Lustig of AEPHI said. "We are impressed and very appreciative of Austin's charitable spirit and their support in our fundraising efforts."

These three Greek organizations are just a few good examples of how students at UT are working together daily to change their world for the better.

## Philanthropic events hosted by fraternities

By Ann Choi

Greek fraternities across the UT campus emphasize giving back to the community. They encourage their members to raise funds for various humanitarian causes. The philanthropic chairs of Beta Chi Theta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon share their insights about planning fundraising events.

In 2004, Beta Chi Theta established a Beating Heart Disease fund that benefits the American Heart Association. This year, they

are hosting a five-daylong fundraising event across campus and the community to raise awareness about heart disease.

"This is the first Beating Heart Disease week that features an event every single day of the week; it truly is a full philanthropy week," Denny Mathew, service coordinator for Beta Chi Theta, said.

From March 22 to 26, the chapter is hosting a kickoff rally, a blood drive, informative classes on heart disease, a fundraiser at Schlotzky's and the week's main event: a talent show. Ten teams will compete in Texas' Best Dance Crew at the AT&T

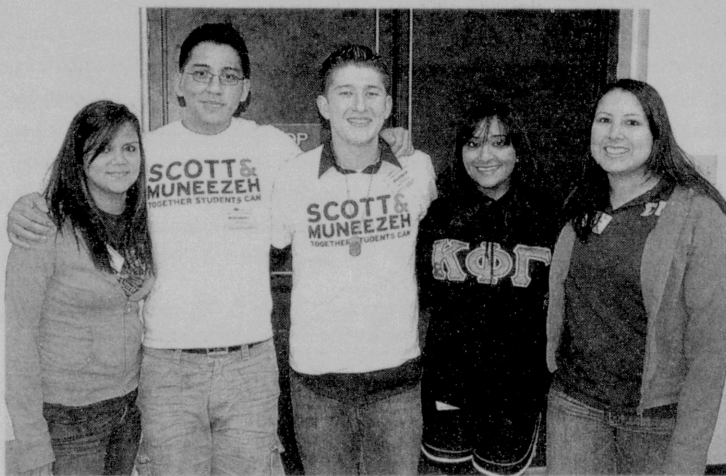
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Each member of Beta Chi Theta is required to donate a minimum of \$50 for philanthropic week. While some members come up with the required fee on their own, others get sponsorships from local businesses and restaurants.

"For their contributions, sponsors are recognized on flyers, event programs, the Web site and T-shirts," Mathew said.

Although putting on these fundraising events takes up the time of four or five active members working together the entire semester, the cost of putting up

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## Leadership Retreat

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came around we [coordinators] tried to step back," Russell said. "We were there to step-in if necessary, but the goal was to keep the program student led, peer to peer."

This program is "one of the hallmark events" where the individual Greek organizations learn and work together, Russell said.

"The retreat was a rare opportunity to gather 118 students with many different perspectives and discuss the positives and negatives that come with being Greek," Russell said.

This retreat program addressed the issues of risk management, image and stereotypes, and building unity within the entire Greek community.

"We all get criticized and stereotyped," Bunch said. "This program is the chance for all the Greeks to become more engaged and participate in workshops to improve the Greek community on campus."

Although the attendees work hard most of the day, they engage in ice-breakers and other fun team activities to break the routine. "At the end of the night, everyone, all the different organizations big or little, would get together, and there would be music," Bunch said. "Then all of a sudden some of the culture-based organizations began to do their traditional strolls and steps."

Bunch said that it is those kinds of experiences that bridge a lot of gaps between organizations and expose similarities rather than differences.

"All the attendees were working together and hanging out," Russell said. "It was just about college students doing what they are good at... networking and making friends."

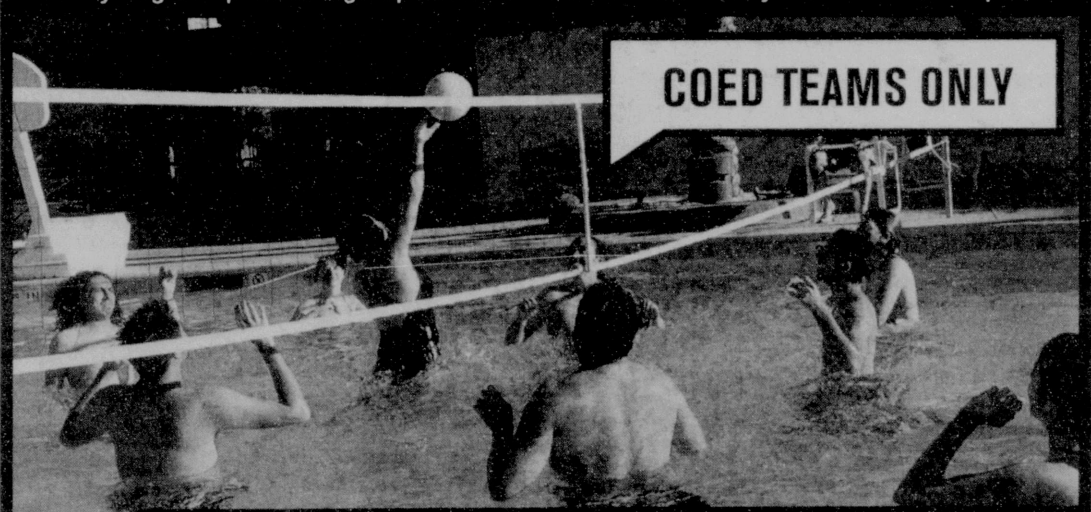
"Many relationships are formed across councils and between chapters," Russell said. "It is easy for everyone to focus on their own organization, but this retreat is the chance for them to meet others and understand the broader meaning of Greek life."

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## Retreats on Lake Travis

By Kira Taniguchi

Don Kahn, owner and founder of Don Kahn Properties, refers to his rental properties located on Lake Travis, as the "best-kept secrets" in Austin. Having been in the rental business for the past 30 years, Kahn knows what he wants and

likes, and also knows how to please his customers.

There are nine total rental properties available to students and families who need a getaway. All of the properties are on Lake Travis, which Kahn insists is the "prettiest lake in Texas." What makes Kahn's properties unique is the fact that he offers rental properties right on the water, rare finds since they are being snapped up left and right.

"Our main business is to offer a place to stay for students and we do it at a discount to students and professors connected to UT," Kahn said.

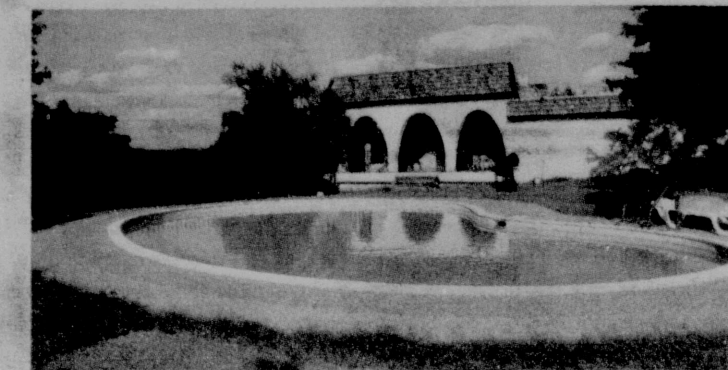
Some past uses of the rental properties have been for family reunions, weddings and people who want a place to stay when they come watch their Longhorns play. Kahn said the properties are also ideal for sorority and fraternity parties, as well as a nice place for parents to stay when they come into town.

Ryan Ford recently spent a weekend in February with five of his friends at "the Lakehouse," one of Kahn's most popular rentals. Ford said the house was incredibly spacious and featured a dock on the lake.

"The kitchen is fully decked out with all kinds of nice silverware and plates and stuff to cook with," Ford said. "A ton of books, cards, a TV, grills everywhere, a fire pit and plenty of places to sleep [are other appealing amenities]."

Ford has plans to rent from Kahn again for an upcoming birthday party.

In addition to "the Lakehouse," the




second most popular rental property is "the Pool House," which sleeps 12 people. There is an identical property next door to "the Pool House," minus the pool. Kahn said those two properties are popular for family reunions due to the large number of people they sleep.

All of Kahn's rentals are fully furnished to the last nut and bolt. They all have refrigerators and freezers. Some properties even have grills, smokers, horseshoes and ping pong tables. Rental rates start at \$125 a night. The largest house sleeps as many as 20 people, while the others sleep about 12.

Kahn leaves a book of recommendations for good, nearby restau-

rants in each of his properties. Most of them are only a 10-minute drive from the Oasis, a popular restaurant with a huge deck positioned perfectly for watching the sunset over drinks and dinner. If guests bring a boat, Kahn assists them with renting a boat slip at the marina. When guests arrive boatless, Kahn can even tell them how to rent one.

At 81 years old, the economy and even Suze Orman's advice to Americans to save money instead of splurging on vacations does not slow Kahn or his business down. Visit [www.laketravisrent.com](http://www.laketravisrent.com) for more information. Or contact Kahn at [donkahnproperties@gmail.com](mailto:donkahnproperties@gmail.com) or 512.704.6464.



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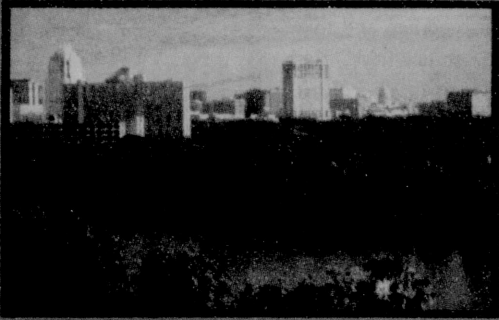
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
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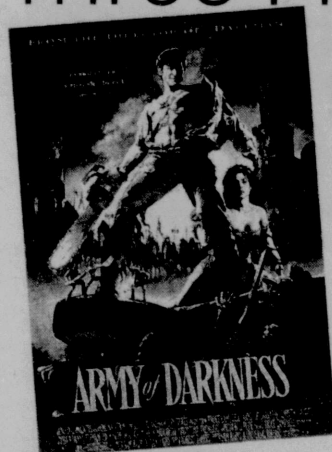
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# Three Films for Frats That Frats Don't Watch



By Zane Gordon-Bouazard

Ever since "Animal House" busted an empty keg through the windows of moviegoers' collective consciousness in 1978, studios have sought a coveted niche within their vast market: the North American frat boy. What follows in the wake of their quest is a long series of films intended to appeal to the baser sensibilities of a group of people studio execs seem to believe can be bought for the promise of bare breasts, gross out situational comedy, and onscreen boozing and toking.

Movies like "Van Wilder, Sorority Boys" and "Old School" still enjoy popularity amongst fraternities, and it's doubtful that their popularity will decrease with time. It seems that "Animal House's" estimation of the

common frat boy as the Jack Daniels chugging Bluto Blutarsky is appealing if not accurate.

But what about the films that appeal to the frat boy sensibility, but aren't necessarily about frat life? Films that play to our baser instincts, but are totally fun to watch? Common in this category of cinema are ultra-violent spectacles; campy schlock with crappy special effects and dumb horror. They all should appeal to stereotypical fraternity members on the large scale, but for some reason, they don't. I'm looking to change this unfortunate fact.

The following is a list of recommended films that would appeal to frats, that frats don't really watch. However, these films are not only for fraternities to enjoy, but also for the inner

frat boy in every man, woman and child. He's buried in there somewhere, and maybe watching just one

of these films will bring out all of his freewheeling adolescent mania.

## "Evil Dead 2 and Army of Darkness"

### Why Frats Would Love Them:

Sam Raimi's slapsticky sequels to his ultra low budget "Evil Dead" are two films that wear their cheesiness proudly on their sleeves. Bruce Campbell stars in both films as Ash, a dangerously cocky everyman who fights away the forces of the undead by wielding a chainsaw hand (yes, one of his hands is a chainsaw) and a shotgun, which he affectionately refers to as his "boomstick." Both films are replete with sub-par special effects, corny dialogue, silly physical comedy and lots of blood and gore.

### Why Frats Don't Watch Them:

While Bruce Campbell is beloved by cult audiences; he hasn't really shown up on the radar of mainstream pop culture

besides his roles as "Brisco County Jr." and on USA's "Burn Notice." Sam Raimi is better known for his direction of the Spider-man films, and people don't often look into the earlier works of big action film directors. Really, it's a matter of exposure.

## "They Live and Escape from New York"

### Why Frats Would Love Them:

"They Live and Escape From New York" are two of John Carpenter's most over-the-top action/sci-fi classics. "They Live" follows the exploits of two migrant workers (former pro wrestler "Rowdy" Roddy Piper and the perpetually pissed off Keith David) in 1980's L.A. as they attempt to uncover a hidden race of aliens hell-bent on brainwashing the public. The twosome's only tools? Their sheer brawn and a couple of pairs of magic sunglasses. "Escape From New York" is a dystopian look at the future in which New York City has been

turned into a giant prison, into which a rogue ex-soldier named Snake Plissken (played unforgettably by Kurt Russell) must be sent to rescue the president after Air Force One crashes into the middle of what used to be Manhattan.

### Why Frats Don't Watch Them:

This is a total stumper. It seems like frat boys would have long ago clued into these amazing films, but I don't believe I've ever heard one quote "They Live's" most memorable line: "I came here to kick ass and chew bubble gum ... and I'm all out of bubble gum."

## "Orgazmo"

### Why Frats Would Love It:

It's the second film by "South Park" creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone, about a young, impressionable Mormon missionary who turns to working in the porn industry during a time of financial crisis. Parker and Stone's penchant

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for pitch perfect crudity displays itself nicely as Parker's confused naïf "Joe" navigates the excessively filthy world of the L.A. porn scene to hilarious results.

Why Frats Don't Watch It:

The film was only recently given its proper release on DVD by Rogue Pictures. Also, many people don't realize that Parker and Stone had careers before creating "South Park," mainly making absurd, excellent comedies like "Orgazmo" and the hilarious "Cannibal: The Musical."

"Hot Rod"

Why Frats Would Love It:

Originally intended as a vehicle for Will Ferrell, the script for "Hot Rod" ultimately fell into the hands of the members of the Lonely Island (the guys responsible for "Lazy Sunday", amongst other SNL Digital Shorts), who put their own comedic stamp on it. The film stars Andy Samberg as Rod, an aspiring stuntman in the Evel Knievel vein who wants nothing more than to impress his stepfather by beating him in a fistfight. Problems arise when his stepfather contracts a terminal disease too expensive to fix, so Rod has to raise the money for an operation by doing the most amazing stunt ever. If he succeeds, he can save his stepfather's life, and subsequently beat him senseless. As Rod, Samberg plays a character with Will Ferrell style egomania, but adds a welcome layer of goofiness.

Why Frats Don't Watch It:

"Hot Rod" was released before Samberg and the Lonely Island really blew up on SNL. This factor, combined with limited advertising and poor reviews caused the film to flop at the box office. So it's possible that frat boys may have never heard of it. However, due to the success of the SNL Digital Shorts, people are coming around to this absurdly hilarious film.

# Five Councils Reign Over Greek Life

By Emily Pennington

Of the 60 plus Greek organizations on campus there are 31 Greeks who come together to compose the five different councils who govern over the Greek system. The five councils are separated into the Interfraternity Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Texas Asian Pan-Hellenic Council and the University Panhellenic Council and each council has their own group of fraternities and sororities to govern.

**The Interfraternity Council** governs over the fraternities on campus. Of the seven members of the council each member serves for one year and during that term focuses on one aspect of fraternity life including academics, athletics, campus involvement, community service, leadership and brotherhood. The IFC also holds general assemblies in which a representative from each chapter attends to discuss issues within the community. To be eligible for a position

on the IFC a student must: be a full time UT student not on scholastic or disciplinary probation, have a minimum GPA of 2.5, be a dues-paying member of his chapter, and not hold a comparable position in his chapter during his term on the Executive Council.

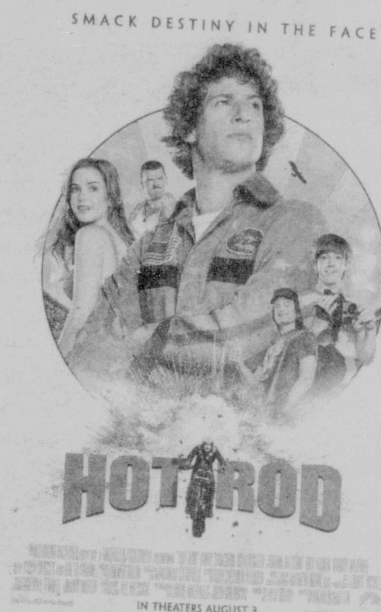
**The National Pan-Hellenic Council** is the governing body for the "divine nine" historically African American Greek organizations. Currently, six of the nine are active at The University and five members are on the council. The preamble of the Constitution for NPHC says their intent is "to bring together our organizations in the understanding that we all possess a different perspective of the very same vision." The NPHC typically works with the The Bone Marrow Foundation, Get Out the Vote, National African American Tobacco Education Network, Breast Cancer Awareness and Prostate Cancer Awareness.

Six members compose the Texas Asian Pan-Hellenic

**Council**, which represents the five Asian Greek organizations. The TAPC is most well known for co-sponsoring the Asian American Awareness Week, which educates the community on topics relating to the Asian American culture. The constitution for the TAPC states the council strives to create unity "while instilling the values of leadership, scholarship and service within strong Asian Americans." To become a member of the council, a student must have been in a registered Greek-lettered organization for at least two years, be in good standing with the University, not be in the process of de-pledging or de-activating, and have a minimum GPA of 2.0.

Established to promote unity and positive collaboration within the Latino Greek community, as well as with other fraternal organizations on campus, the **Latino Pan-Hellenic Council's** projects

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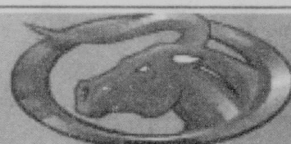
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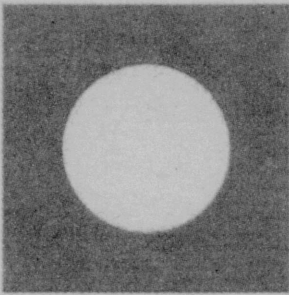
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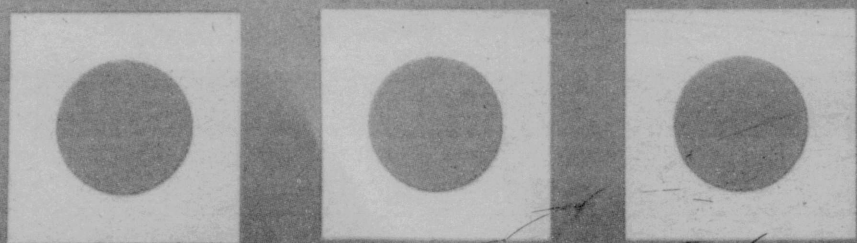
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## Greek Councils

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include volunteer work with South Austin Recreation Center and Project Hook-'Em Up benefitting Austin area high school students. To become a member of the LPHC, a student must: be in a Greek organization, be in good standing with UT and their respective national board, have chapter status granted by a national organization, have been a member of a registered organization for one full year prior to application, pay a one-time entrance fee of \$100, and submit a letter of recommendation from an active member of a fraternal organization, the UGC advisor and an outside organization.

The University Panhellenic Council represents the 14 national NPC-affiliated sororities at UT. In an attempt to promote equality, the eight members of the UPC are responsible for monitoring the rules governing membership recruitment, social activities, publicity and member responsibilities.

For more information, visit the Greek Life and Intercultural Education Web site at <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu>.



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## Frat Philanthropy

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the event is rather small with the help of the UT and Austin communities.

"The blood drive and heart your heart [informative] classes cost us next to nothing thanks to the help from the Blood Center of Central Texas and University Health Services," Mathew said. "Each year these events have helped us raise \$3,000 to \$4,000 and we hope that this amount will continue to increase substantially."

Every spring, **Sigma Alpha Epsilon** channels its philanthropic efforts into caring for children from abusive households in Austin. For the past seven years, the funds raised have gone to Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas.

"The gift is significant to supporting our efforts to expand services across the state. These funds help support that effort, again, in keeping with the goal to benefit the entire state," Carol Green,

the director of development for the center said. "Over the years Sigma Alpha Epsilon has raised \$61,000 – a significant amount."

The members raise funds not only from students, but also from the UT community, fraternity alumni and members' parents.

"It is really up to our alumni, parents, and familiar organizations to donate the money," Taylor Massey, philanthropic chair of Sigma Alpha Epsilon said. "And it falls on me to send out letters to all of these people."

In addition to these donations, Sigma Alpha Epsilon also hosts "Cooking for Kids" which generates plenty of money and provides an opportunity for students to enjoy each other's company.

The event is Sigma Alpha Epsilon's signature fundraiser. Twenty teams usually composed of students and fraternity alumni compete for best dish. The teams are allowed to cook anything they choose so long as there is enough for

the guests to walk around a sample before the actual judging. "Our cook at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house is always willing to judge. The rest of the judges are usually owners and bartenders of local bars such as Cain and Able's," Massey said. "They're pretty brutal judges and will criticize food pretty well."

There is a \$60 fee to enter a cooking team, and a \$20 fee to attend the event. Massey said they normally raise about \$10,000 from the event itself.

"Luckily, the entire UT community has seemed to be more than willing to give and attend our event," Massey said. "I see nothing but more of a positive outcome in the future of Cooking for Kids."

"We value not only what they do with the Cooking For Kids event, but also the fact that each year we speak to the chapter about the work that children's advocacy centers do and share with them our hope that as they leave college ... they will become involved at the local level with the Children's Advocacy Center in their community," Green said.

This year's Cooking For Kids will be held May 1 at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon House located at 24th and Pearl Streets and everyone is invited to attend.

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