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CITY

Prop. 1 opponents question legality

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The group financially supporting the reversal of recent ride-hailing regulations in Proposition 1 could face a broad investigation into its campaign practices if law enforcement officials decide there is enough evidence to press charges.

Ridesharing Works for Austin — the political action committee backed by Uber and Lyft — has been locked in one of the most expensive

municipal elections in Austin history; voters are set to decide this Saturday whether recent regulations — mainly fingerprint-based background checks — approved by City Council last December should stay law.

Our City, Our Safety, Our Choice — the political action committee supporting the December regulations — held a press conference Wednesday afternoon urging local, county and state officials to look at Ridesharing Works' campaign practices and consider

their legality.

"I have never seen an election where actors have shown no regard for limits or boundaries like this," Fred Lewis, a local election law and campaign finance expert, said during the conference. "Let's be real clear: Their behavior is grossly improper and violates every norm of campaigns, whether it's limitless expenditures, constant misleading ads or hijacking the citizen initiative process with their own corporate [interests]."

Officials with Our City said

the use of corporate materials, including mailers without political disclaimers, appears to be a coordinated effort between the corporations and Ridesharing Works, which did not disclose these types of in-kind contributions on the most recent campaign finance reports.

The corporations have also offered to give users free or discounted rides to polls, an action Lewis and other officials referred to as possible "votebuying."

"We have never seen the scale of free rides offered as

[seen] here," Lewis said. "We have also never seen a situation where the person offering the free rides has a pecuniary financial interest in the outcome of the election because it would cost them less money to comply with the City's laws."

Other potentially illegal campaign practices include allegedly sending unsolicited text messages to people who have previously used the ride-hailing services provided by Uber and Lyft.

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CAMPUS

Increase of on-campus lighting to be decided

By Mikaela Cannizzo
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In response to a rise in complaints of inadequate lighting following a homicide on campus last month, University officials may increase the number of lights on campus.

Bob Harkins, associate vice president of Campus Safety and Security, said the Texas Department of Public Safety is currently assessing the efficiency and amount of lights on campus. He said while the University maintains a consistent standard of lighting across campus, factors such as vegetation and remoteness affect the perception of how well lit an area is.

"Lighting is one factor that we use, but there's also a lot of other considerations that we are looking at with DPS to ensure that people feel safe moving around the campus," Harkins said.

DPS plans to complete the review by the end of August, and Harkins said Campus Safety and Security will discuss where additional lighting is needed with the department after their assessment is complete.

Juan Ontiveros, associate vice president of Utilities and Energy Management, said the University follows certain recommended lighting standards.

"The lighting is scattered throughout all of the walkways, parking lots and area ways on campus, which consists of about 2,000 street and area light poles," Ontiveros said in an email.

Harkins said streets, build-

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BIOLOGY

Living wall set to grow on UT campus

By Kate Thackery
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Volunteers will be planting the future on May 16 when UT installs its first living wall on the north side of the architecture building.

The wall has a honeycomb structure with a steel skeleton that will hold plastic hexagonal pods with enough room for plants and their root systems.

Danelle Briscoe, an assistant professor in the School of Architecture, has led research on the wall for the past five years.

"For the most part, you're going to be seeing something like a honeycomb wall that happens to have a plant system to it," Briscoe said.

She said she hopes that the wall will make students think more about alternative ways to take care of the planet.

"Hopefully, it will let people



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CAMPUS

Pro-campus carry group against gun-free offices

By Bharath Lavendra
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A group in favor of allowing concealed handguns on campus is considering rewarding students for filing complaints against professors who ban guns from their offices.

SB 11, which goes into effect Aug. 1, allows for handguns to be carried on public Texas colleges by licensed holders. The bill allowed discretion as to which parts of campus would allow guns, and UT President Gregory Fenves decided to grant professors discretion to ban guns from their offices.

Students for Concealed Carry, a pro-campus carry group, is planning to assist students in reporting professors who do not allow firearms in their offices, according to a statement in the Dallas Morning News from



Universities ... should not have worry about how to manage a population that might be armed.

—Lisa Moore,
English professor

Antonia Okafor, Southwest Regional Director for the organization. Okafor said SCC was considering rewarding the student who could document the most cases of professors banning guns from their office, possibly with a cash reward.

SCC was not available for comment.

University spokesman Gary Susswein said UT's campus

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81% of law graduates receive full-time jobs

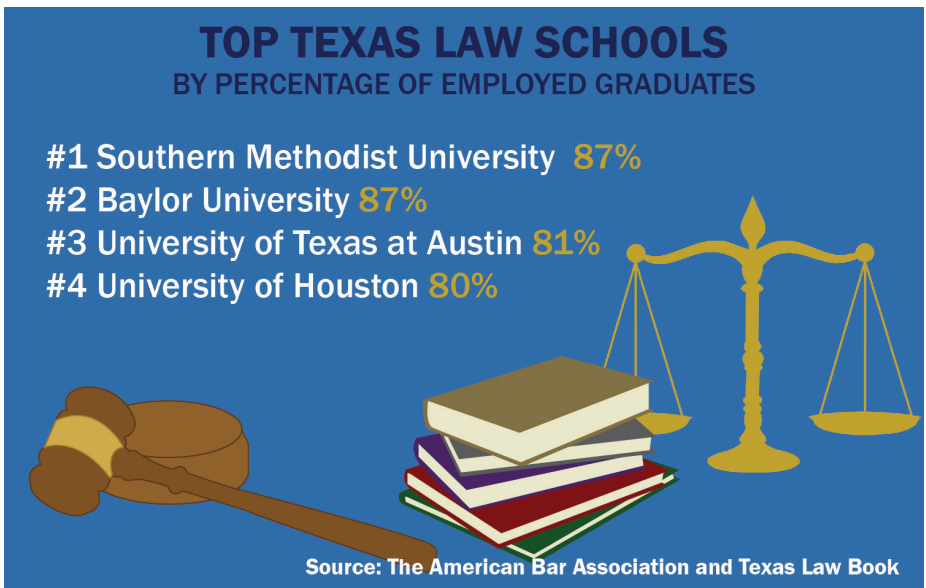
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The UT School of Law had more than 80 percent of its 2015 graduating class earn full-time jobs, a higher percentage than every other accredited law school in the state except for Southern Methodist University and Baylor University.

SMU and Baylor both tied in placing 87 percent of their graduates in full-time positions, with UT coming in third place out of the state's law schools in terms of post-graduation employment of its 2015 class.

While the numbers for some law schools may look encouraging, nearly 25 percent of the 2,072 Texas law school graduates in 2015 are currently unemployed or are underemployed, according to a recent analysis from The Texas Lawbook, a publication that analyzes issues with litigation.

"In the past, Texas has fared



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better than the nation just because Texas in the [economic] downturn has typically had a stronger economy," Lawbook staff writer Natalie Prosgate said. "But I think the information reflects that with the low oil prices, torts reform and so many people mov-

ing to Texas, the market just might be getting tighter and more desirable."

Prosgate said the analysis looked at graduates who were placed in full-time professional positions that require applicants have passed the bar exam, as well as other

unrelated professional, long-term jobs.

One of the reasons UT placed lower than both SMU and Baylor is because UT employed some of its graduates in law-school funded positions,

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A woman walks downtown near the corner of Brazos and Second Streets on Wednesday afternoon.

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carry policies were well vetted by a qualified policy team and would withstand legal action by complainants.

“It is within someone’s right to file a complaint if they feel that this policy is not compliant with the law,” Susswein said. “But our policy group was chaired by a highly regarded professor at [UT’s] law school and also included Wallace Jefferson, a former Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice.”

Lisa Moore, an English and women’s and gender studies professor, co-founded Gun-Free UT, an organization made up of various UT community members against campus carry.

“Universities are a sacred place of learning,” Moore said. “They should not have worry about how to manage a population that might be armed.”



Thalia Juarez | Daily Texan file photo

Members of the activist group Gun-Free UT protest against campus carry legislation in October 2015.

Moore said she was appalled to hear SCC is encouraging students to find professors with anti-gun policies.

“It’s contrary to the mission of the University to engage in that kind of witch hunting,” Moore said. “[SCC] is trying to make people nervous and afraid by making the victims of some kind of surveillance. Its cynical, anti-intellectual, dangerous and rude.”

Health promotion junior Hayden Henry said he was in favor of campus carry but opposed it in offices.

“I see a professor’s office as his or her personal space, similar to how I see my dorm as my residence and therefore my space,” Henry said. “I believe [guns] should be allowed in dorms, but [professors] should have the ability to designate their office as a gun-free zone.”

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including fellowships, while other schools such as SMU did not employ any, Prosgate said.

The Lawbook’s analysis showed more than 13 percent of recent Texas graduates are unemployed, which is worse than in 2010, when 9 percent of Texas law school graduates could not find jobs after graduation. 2010 was also the year that most areas of the nation were hit hard with the economic downturn stemming from the Great Recession, which spared Texas in some aspects, Prosgate said.

Around 3 percent of recent law graduates from Texas schools are currently working as lawyers in part-time jobs, according to the Lawbook’s analysis of recently released data from law schools throughout the state.

In a news release of law school employment data, the

American Bar Association said the 205 accredited law schools it examined around the country reported that around 10 months after graduation, 28,029 graduates of the class of 2015, or 70 percent, were employed in long-term, full-time positions. The new data will be used for studying ways of improving the bar exam process, the ABA wrote.

“The section also studies and makes recommendations for the improvement of the bar admission process,” the ABA wrote in a statement.

Law student David Socol said he chose to attend UT’s law school because of its status as a top-tier school and said it has opened doors to getting internships at the governor’s office, as well as other opportunities.

“Regardless of its placement, it’s one of the greatest law schools in the state and the nation,” Socol said.

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ings and gathering places such as Gregory Plaza are some of the prime locations for lighting because of high concentrations of people in these areas. He said most lights are activated when it starts to get dark outside by a photocell that senses the lack of light, and no switch is needed.

The time of year is an additional concern for implementing lights on campus, Harkins said. Leaves falling to the ground from the trees during the fall months can possibly create a brighter environment compared to spring months, when leaves and vegetation block the lights.

“It’s something that you’re constantly chasing,” Harkins said. “We don’t want to trim all the trees, but at the same time, we try to adjust the foliage on the trees to make certain we get the maximum amount of lighting that we can.”

Studio art junior Nicole Dодillet said she does not believe there is an adequate amount of lights on campus and thinks more should be added near the Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium, the Fine Arts area, the George I. Sanchez building, the Blanton Museum of Art and behind the Tower.

“Lighting for me means that should anything happen, there is a greater chance of someone else seeing the problem and being able to help or get assistance,” Dодillet said.

Harkins said finding a balance between the amount of lights and perception of how bright an area is can be a challenge.

“The lighting itself doesn’t make anybody safer, but it makes you feel safer and more comfortable,” Harkins said.

In order to make the best use of the lighting that is currently available on campus, Harkins said he encourages students to walk on well-lit and commonly traveled pathways in groups.

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Lewis said he knows of “several” people who have already filed complaints with the Federal Communications Commission over the use of cellphone numbers for political campaign messaging. The “several” filers include Travis County Commissioner Brigid Shea, who filed with the FCC once she received multiple text messages earlier this week from Uber.

“I did not give Uber permission to use my phone for political advocacy,” Shea, who filed the request Tuesday, said.

Shea said the FCC has responded to her complaint saying it has received it with no estimates on a timeline for any potential decisions.

With Saturday’s election fast approaching, 57,976 Austinites, or 9.87 percent of all registered Austin voters, cast their ballots over the nine days of early voting, which ended on Tuesday.

Former mayor Lee Leffingwell, Ridesharing Works chairman, responded to a Daily Texan inquiry about the calls for investigations with an emailed statement, saying the record turnout seen all around the city is evidence of how important the stakes of this election are for both sides.

“Our movement of ride-sharing supporters is bringing thousands of new voters into the process,” Leffingwell wrote in the statement. “This progressive and inclusive effort is something to be celebrated, not discouraged.”

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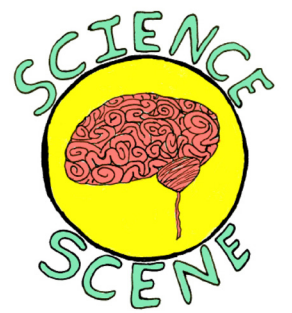
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GEOLOGY

Volcanoes play role in shifting Earth’s climate



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The history of Earth’s climate has been shaped by volcanoes. In a recent study published in Science, UT geosciences researchers found that there was more volcanic activity during Earth’s warmer time periods, or greenhouse states. The opposite is also true: Decreased volcanic activity is associated with cooler periods, or icehouse states. The connection lies in the carbon dioxide that volcanoes release when they erupt. Lead researcher Ryan McKenzie said the team drew these conclusions by measuring levels of zircon, a mineral tied to volcanic activity, in rock samples. “We knew the climatic changes occurred, we suspected they were tied to carbon emissions, and we used the mineral zircon as a proxy to track a particular aspect of the carbon fluxes [in relation] to the atmosphere,” McKenzie said. This study compiled published data on individual

mineral ages over the past 720 million years. Brian Horton, a UT geological sciences professor and co-author, said that the absence or presence of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere influences climate. Volcanic activity determines the levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere because when rocks are heated during a volcanic eruption, carbon dioxide is released. “Everyone has seemed to agree that carbon dioxide is the key,” Horton said. “Whatever is regulating carbon dioxide on planet Earth is driving these greenhouse-to-icehouse conditions, these fluctuations.” Carbon dioxide in the atmosphere creates a shielding effect that allows solar radiation to enter but not escape, which leads to a warmer climate and a greenhouse state. Horton said that previous climate researchers focused on processes that remove carbon dioxide, while this new study focuses on a mechanism that introduces it into the atmosphere. “You have these prominent greenhouse intervals, and when you transition back into icehouse, there is relatively slow removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere,” McKenzie said. “This occurs once the volcanic arcs shut down. When you’re not pumping as much carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, it allows for the

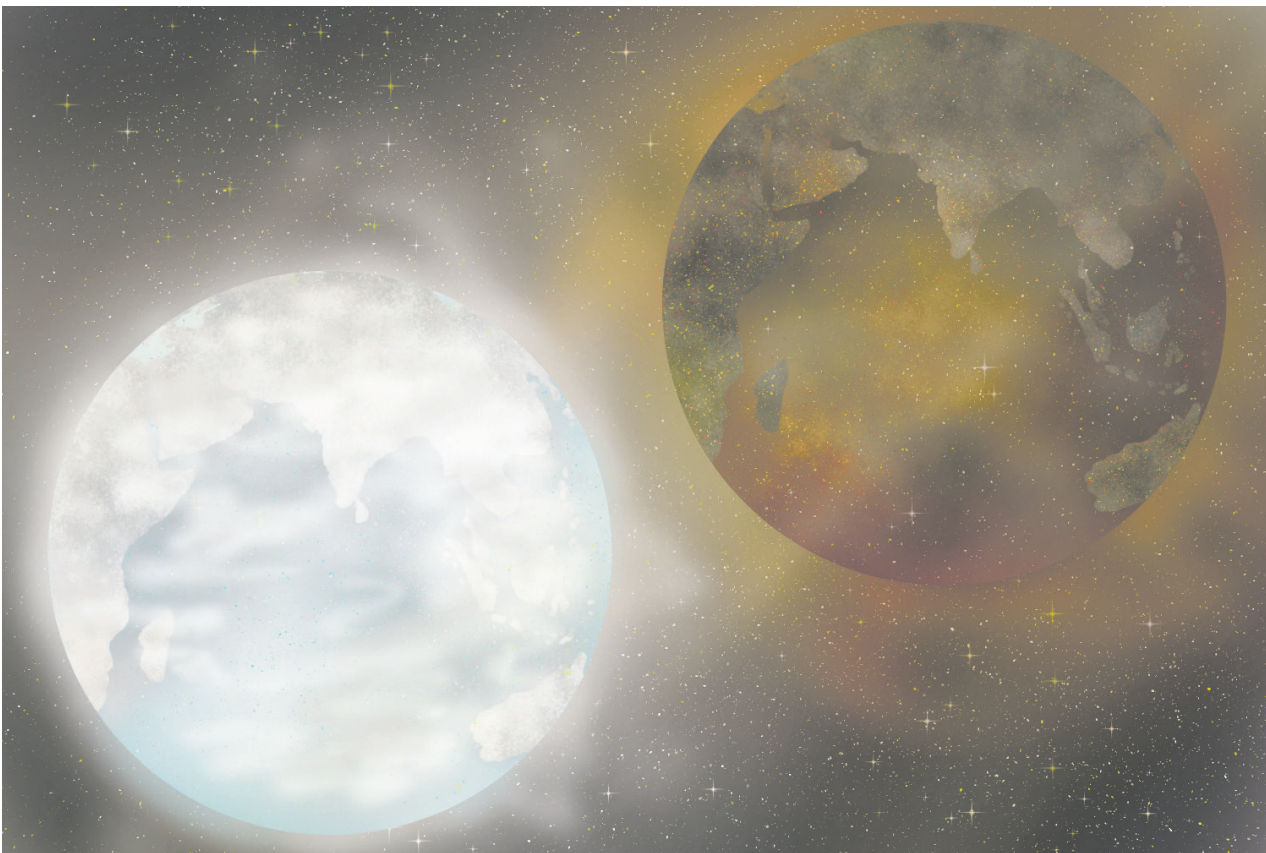


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slow cooling.” Horton and McKenzie both emphasize that this study focuses on long periods of Earth’s warming and cooling, not current, human-caused climate change. “We aren’t addressing this issue directly, but if one looks at the modern day records of how much carbon dioxide is generated by humans compared to volcanoes, it is a large discrepancy,” Horton said. “Humans, right at this moment in this period of

geologic time, are generating more atmospheric carbon dioxide than the global volcanic budget.” Horton said that in addition to focusing on long-term climate cycles, this study emphasized the location of the volcanoes. This study focused on continental arc volcanoes, which are created through the process of subduction, when an oceanic plate descends beneath a continental plate. “A volcanic arc that is on the

continent is capable of generating and emitting into the atmosphere much more carbon dioxide than the oceanic volcanic systems,” Horton said. Horton said one reason for this might be due to the greater presence of carbonate rocks, which emit more carbon dioxide after undergoing magmatism and being heated. McKenzie said this study takes a very broad perspective. He and Horton hope that in the future, they can further examine the transi-

tions between warming and cooling and narrow the focus to volcanic activity in specific locations. “An interesting next step might be to focus on a few-million-year timeframe in which the Earth goes from one time frame to another,” Horton said. “To see if we see, at that time scale, increases or decreases in volcanic activity and whether or not [shifts in climate] can be pinpointed to a particular continent.”

ASTRONOMY

UT researcher sheds light on ‘cosmic dark ages,’ re-ionization

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UT researcher Paul Shapiro is painting the universe with numbers. His research focuses on how starlight from galaxies reignited the atoms in the universe following a period of time known as the “cosmic dark ages.” Shapiro’s team is creating a massive simulation of the birth of the universe on the Titan supercomputer cluster housed at the Oak Ridge Leadership Computing Facility. The simulation spans over 300 million cubic light years on a grid made up of 4,096 cells on each axis — over 69 billion cells in total. “There’s a whole epic called the ‘dark ages,’ which probably lasted between two or three hundred thousand years,” said Karl Gebhardt, a professor of astrophysics here at UT. “And then massive stars start to form.” Scientists named this period the “cosmic dark ages” because of the way the atoms interacted with electrons during this time. Following the Big Bang, atoms in the universe went through three stages of interaction. The first stage occurred directly after the Big Bang, during which the heat of the universe ionized all the atoms, separating the electrons from the atoms’ nuclei. Following this, the universe cooled, allowing the atoms to be de-ionized — recapturing the electrons. Then, an unknown event occurred to re-ionize the atoms of the universe. Shapiro calls it the “Epic of re-ionization.” “Something ionized the universe, something lifted the fog,” Shapiro said. “We call it cosmic re-ionization.” According to Shapiro, the key to the puzzle is starlight from the galaxies.

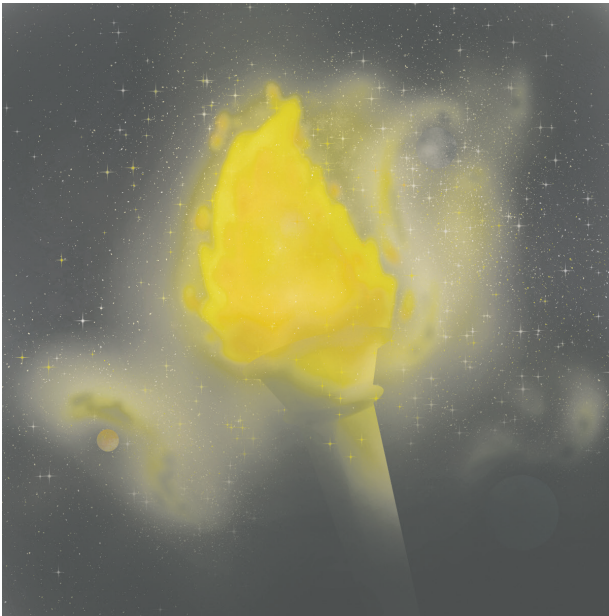


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In order to accurately create the simulation, Titan had to account for every factor in the progression of the universe, including radiation, gravity and the mysterious substance known as dark matter, a key player in the formation of the universe. “It tries to solve the problem of how the process unfolded when all of these components were traced with their evolution together,” Shapiro said. “Everything had to be done simultaneously.” No simulation can exactly replicate reality. Shapiro’s team model is not an exact replica of the universe as it currently exists, but rather a sister universe. The simulation is based off of statistical composition and has all aspects of the existing universe, simply in different places. “We roll the dice randomly and see how often it comes out a certain way. Then we use that random rolls of dices to kind of paint on the universe, like a paint by numbers,” Shapiro said. In August, Shapiro’s team was granted additional computing hours on Titan, which allowed them to create the simulation

again, building upon any improvements to the previous experiment. In addition, Shapiro hopes to run a whole new simulation with a different grid system. According to Shapiro, there are segments of the universe that condense where stars and galaxies form. Shapiro’s team wanted a clearer picture of this development. “Matter is being spread out because of the expansion of the universe, but there are areas that begin to condense in,” Gebhardt said. Rather than creating a grid with a fixed 4,096 cells on each axis, Shapiro’s team will adapt the grid to have more cells within galaxies in the simulation. This development would allow for a clearer picture of these galaxies as they grow larger. Furthermore, Shapiro and his team aims to compare these galaxies to the ones in our own cosmic neighborhood. “We really wanted to make a prediction of what our own local volume of the universe around us today experienced when they went through this process,” Shapiro said. “There are relics of that process that we can study in much more detail nearby.”

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see that when you talk about architecture, it doesn’t have to mean concrete,” Briscoe said. “This is a material that we can start to engage with as architects.” Michelle Bright, an environmental designer at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, said she used native plants from all over Texas for the wall pods. “We’re really lucky because here in Austin, we’re close to a bunch of eco-regions where we’re close to a lot of hardy plants,” Bright said. “We often take cues from the landscape around us and plants that can handle extreme conditions.” Many plants work with others to survive, so Bright said she made pods that group species together according to how they grow in nature. Bright said that volunteers will assemble the pods at the center next week and will work with student groups to install the pods on May 16. The pods aren’t just for plants; Briscoe said she’s fabricating special habitats to attract the wildlife on campus. “We’re not only provid-

“...when you talk about architecture, it doesn’t have to mean concrete.”

—Danelle Briscoe,
Assistant professor in the School of Architecture

ing a living plant system, but we’re making provisions for birds and bees and other things to build and boost the ecology,” Briscoe said. To create the best habitats possible, Briscoe said she worked with labs on campus that specialize in bees, birds and lizards. She also coordinated with University Landscape Services to design an efficient watering system for the wall. Bright said that it’s important to incorporate native plants at UT because local insects don’t eat the St. Augustine and privet that are currently on campus. “These sorts of native habitats that you can create in urban areas will draw the native insects there, and then those are eaten by birds and other wildlife,” Bright said. Briscoe said that in addition to adding more green to campus, sensors will collect

data on water usage, temperatures and the nature of human interaction with the wall. A \$25,000 grant from the Green Fee Committee funded the wall. The committee uses \$5 in student fees per semester to fund sustainability projects. Karen Blaney, the Office of Sustainability’s program coordinator of operations, said that the living wall project was chosen because of its high visibility to students and the partnerships it created between departments. “Successful projects really engage with the institution, and they change the institution,” Blaney said. The wall will be dedicated to Mark Simmons, the former director of the Ecosystem Design Group at Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, who was heavily involved in the project but died last August.

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COLUMN

Students must take advantage of de-stress services

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The end of the semester is an immensely stressful time on campus, and the construction in front of the suddenly overpopulated Perry-Castañeda Library doesn't help much. But, every year, the University offers a variety of sources to help students cope with this stress as finals are closer than we want them to be.

A variety of activities ease students into final exams, from therapy dogs in the PCL to free food and care packages distributed around campus. However, as all-nighters inevitably become more frequent, there isn't a single coffee shop on campus that's open after 10 p.m. This is probably a sufficient closing time during a normal week and during any other time of the semester, but students in finals week need access to an extra push.

Millennial college students' stress is different — and perhaps greater — than that of past college students. Academic expectations are increasing, as are student loans and tuition costs, especially since the University has confirmed that tuition will be increased for the next two years.

In addition to having higher stress, Jane Morgan Bost, associate director of the Cen-

“The brain's ability to self-regulate and stay disciplined wanes with each exercise of self-control during the day. It's a loss of resources that must be replenished...”

ter for Counseling and Mental Health at UT-Austin, believes that students also have fewer tools to handle that stress.

“I'm not sure students have learned adequate coping skills in dealing with stress,” Bost says in an interview with KUT. “Students today tend to be more perfectionist. I think they have a harder time rebounding, being resilient and growing from mistakes and failure. Students put an enormous amount of pressure on themselves.”

Taking breaks actually enhances productive learning. Breaks may feel like running away from responsibilities, but it is actually a way to refresh and dive back into the fight more effectively. Continuous time on-task sets off strain reactions, such as stress, fatigue and worsened mood, which drain focus and physiological resources. The brain's ability to self-regulate and stay disciplined



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wanes with each exercise of self-control during the day. It's a loss of resources that must be replenished, or it becomes harder to stay on-task, be attentive and solve problems.

Every finals week, the University provides a variety of services and resources to help students cope with the stress and anxiety that fills the aura on campus during finals

week. From bringing puppies to the PCL to free food and a movie at the Alumni Center, these activities may seem like a waste of time, but actually provide a much-needed break from the stress that comes from studying for finals.

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Shaming millennials provides no constructive generational insight

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Older generations have historically accused the younger ones of being frivolous, wild and shallow individuals who are responsible for making the world worse. This is certainly true in how the baby boomers perceive millennials today. However, constantly bashing millennials as the most lazy and self-obsessed generation serves as nothing more than a complaint. Instead of repeating an outdated argument, baby boomers should provide constructive criticism or opt out of the conversation.

Millennials are loosely defined as the generation of children born between 1982 and 2002. According to the U.S. census bureau, we are the nation's most diverse, educated and largest living generation. However, there are certain characteristics that are still wrongly attributed to millennials.

The first claim is that we are lazy and unenthusiastic when it comes to the workplace, citing how we fail to comply with the rules. However, millennials simply think outside of the box, offering creative solutions. According to an infographic by urbanbound, 83 percent of millennials look for jobs where creativity is valued, while 90 percent are motivated to work harder if they know what their work is contributing to. Additionally, the long-term consequences of the 2007 recession make it increasingly difficult to secure financially stable, lifelong jobs. As a response, we might jump around here and there, but it only highlights our flexibility to adapt to various jobs that cultivate a multitude of skills.

Another mislabel is that we are narcissistic. Jeffrey Kluger, a senior writer at Time magazine and author published a book called “The Narcissist Next Door,” talking about how millennials suffer from serious self-absorption with all the selfies, Facebook and Kardashians in mainstream media today. However, consider the 1976 cover story of New York Magazine by Tom Wolfe called “The Me Decade and the Third Great Awakening.” It's not very different from the 2013 Times article “The Me, Me, Me Generation.” Self-absorption and confidence

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are qualities seen in the younger generations, so to claim millennials as the most narcissistic generation is an overstatement.

Lastly, some people think our generation is completely useless, such as Alexis Bloomer, a Texas anchor at Fox news who posted a video on Facebook last Friday listing all of the reasons why millennials suck. Before posting this anti-millennial rant that went viral with 42 million views, Bloomer claims she spotted a young man who stepped in front of a limping elderly man without bothering to hold open the door.

As a millennial herself, she said, “We're just existing. We're not really contributing anything to society. ... Nothing has value in our country because we take advantage of everything.”

Although it's frustrating when we see rude people, the action of this one young man shouldn't be a trigger to trash all millennials. Instead of fulfilling her desire to break the negative stereotypes of millennials, her fiery rant was counterproductive.

Rhetoric professor Jeffrey Walker argues that over time, repetition can persuade us to believe these characteristics about ourselves are true.

“Hitler talks about the way to make anything appear to be true is to repeat it over and over again,” Walker said. “So there is one sense that the effect of all these repetitions, and people hear it coming from all different sources in the media ... in itself makes people inclined to believe it is true.”

Our generation will shape our country for decades to come. The baby boomers need to realize that their frustration toward millennials is a natural response but useless when it's the same, outdated argument from the past.

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COLUMN

City should not punish Acevedo for transparency

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Austin city manager Marc Ott surprised everyone when documents released last week revealed he had punished Austin police chief Art Acevedo for “insubordination.” Ott has come under fire from local activists and politicians alike, and this backlash is warranted. The justifications for such a reprimand do not seem to add up.

The punishment — a loss of five days' pay, a warning that Acevedo's job could be in jeopardy and an order to obtain authorization for any work-related travel outside of Austin — stems from Ott's claims that Acevedo disobeyed orders back in February when he discussed the police shooting of an unarmed teenager, David Joseph.

Acevedo echoed comments made by Austin mayor Steve Adler for a thorough investigation in a February press conference. Later, he met with Austin Justice Coalition leaders and Black Lives Matter, drawing praises from protesters for his approach to the situation. However, the president of the Austin Police Association expressed disappointment in regards to Acevedo's actions.

According to a public memo, the Austin Police Association issued a verbal complaint when Acevedo discussed the shooting with the Austin Police Academy. In their opinion, Acevedo's comments showed that he reached a conclusion before the shooting investigation was complete. Despite being told not to by Ott, Acevedo later returned to the Police Academy to clarify any misunderstandings.

Ott's request for a review of these allegations produced no findings that Acevedo had violated Austin Police Department or City policy but did constitute the offense of insubordination. As a result, Ott wrote a letter to Acevedo explaining the reprimand.

“This personnel action is based on your

acts of insubordination, your poor judgment regarding comments made during a pending IA investigation, and the operation and judgment concerns documented in my August 11, 2011 memorandum,” Ott wrote.

Whether Acevedo's actions are worthy for such a scathing reprimand is up for question. In a written response to the city manager, Acevedo did not consider his actions to be insubordinate but declared that he would respect Ott's authority. Yet Acevedo also questioned how he could perform his duties with restrictions on what he could have done.

“The reprimand and your direction in reaction to the allegations by the police association are contrary to the interests of the men and women I lead, the City of Austin, and the diverse community we serve,” wrote Acevedo.

Remaining silent on any unarmed shooting is the exact opposite of what police chiefs around the country should be doing. With confidence in the police at its lowest in 22 years nationally, Acevedo had no choice but to inform the public. In the internal review, Acevedo's public comments did not show that he had already reached a conclusion before the investigation was completed. Much of the reprimand seems to sit on the fact that Acevedo talked to cadets about the shooting.

Trying one's best to prevent further people from being shot should never be classified as “poor judgment.” Acevedo recognized the importance of transparency on such a controversial issue. While Acevedo's interests to inform the public and protect the community may have strayed away from his instruction, this matter should not have been blown up as it was. We should instead be focusing on transparency and how to deal with the aftermath of an officer-involved shooting, and Acevedo should not have been reprimanded for that.

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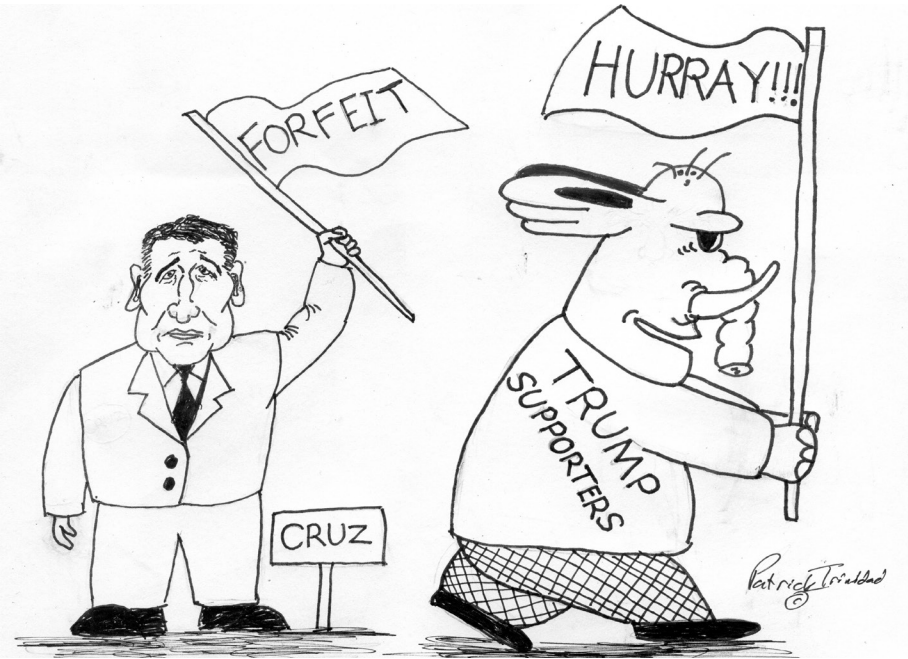


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Texas continues hot streak in pitcher’s duel

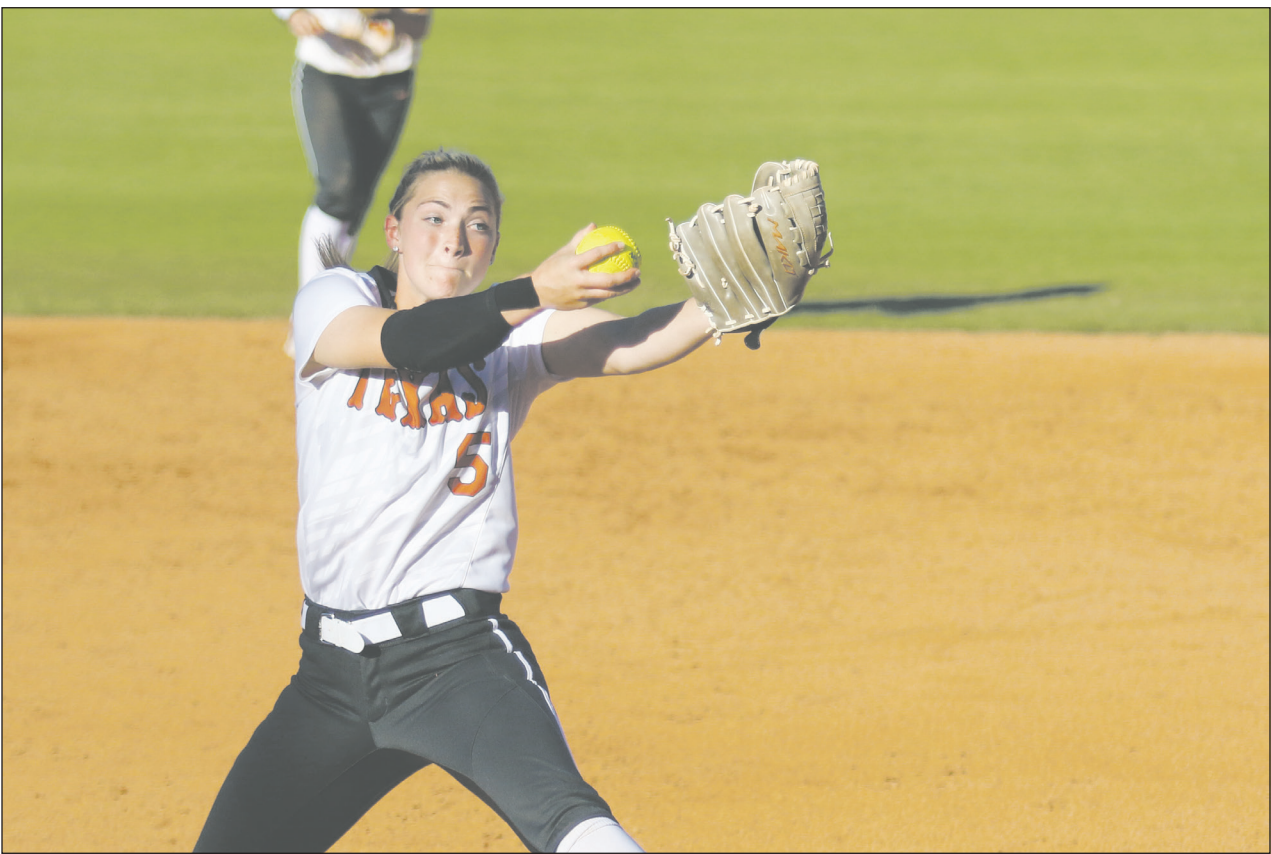
By Steve Helwick
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In their penultimate home game of the season Wednesday night, the Longhorns defeated North Texas 4-2 at Red & Charline McCombs Field. The victory continued a recent hot streak for Texas, marking its seventh win in eight games.

Texas’ defensive unit was instrumental in handing North Texas its 13th-consecutive loss. Junior starting pitcher Tiarra Davis threw four innings of shutout ball, striking out seven Mean Green batters. Davis — reaching her 20th win of the season — finished her outing with no walks but was removed by head coach Connie Clark after the fourth inning concluded.

“We talked about it before the game that we were going to get all three [pitchers] some work,” Clark said. “Potentially, we’re going to need all three of them over the long haul this weekend, and I thought all three attacked the strike zone well tonight.”

Kristen Clark, a sophomore making her 17th appearance of the season, replaced Davis in the fifth inning. On the hill, Clark ceded Texas’ lone walk and two runs of the contest. Paige von Sprecken entered the contest in the sixth inning for the Long-



Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff
Sophomore pitcher Kristen Clark prepares to throw the ball. Clark, along with pitchers Tiarra Davis and Paige Von Sprecken, combined for seven innings against North Texas, allowing just two runs. The win improved Texas’ record to 34–14.

horns. She struck out one batter and only allowed two hits in the final two innings of the game to secure the save, her second of the year.

The Longhorns and Mean Green were comparable on the offensive side of the ball. Both teams collected seven hits, but the Longhorns were able to capitalize off of them. Senior rightfielder Holly Kern smashed a ball out

to centerfield in the second inning to earn her first triple of the season, scoring two runs in the process.

“We’ve been talking about lately with our coaches about starting fast. I think we came out with that mentality,” Kern said. “We’ve been focusing so much on starting fast that sometimes I feel like we need to keep our foot on the pedal.”

After the second inning, the Longhorns were perplexed by North Texas pitcher Jessica Elder. Elder entered the game in the third inning and threw four perfect innings to complete the matchup. Texas could not produce a walk, hit or run while Elder was on the mound. She retired all 12 batters she faced.

“[Elder] was a lot slower and spinny, so we were put-

ting people in the front of the box, putting people in the back of the box,” Kern said. “We couldn’t quite put the right formula together, so it was a good thing we started fast.”

The victory completed Texas’ eight-game homestand. Now, the Longhorns will make one final road trip before postseason as they travel to Ames, Iowa to battle the Cyclones on Friday.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Twin sisters prepare to take court together after time apart

By Jasmine C. Johnson
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In 2012, Khaléann and Audrey Ann Caron-Goudreau lined up for a one-on-one drill at a Team Canada practice. The battle was rough from the beginning, but ended when Audrey hit the floor holding her neck.

“I punched her in the throat, and she couldn’t breathe,” Khaléann said. “She was on the ground, like dying. I didn’t do it on purpose.”

The competitive play would have seemed like just another day at practice, except Khaléann and Audrey Ann were not only fraternal twin sisters, but also best friends.

Since they started playing basketball at 10 years old, the one-on-one drill was one of the few instances in which the sisters faced each other.

By the time they reached their sophomore year of high school, Khaléann and Audrey’s parents decided to make a move for the girls’ basketball careers. Their mom, Myrianne Caron, was a bit more reluctant to make the move from Quebec to Florida. But their dad, Daniel Goudreau, said he doesn’t have any regrets about enrolling the girls at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida.

“I knew that they’d be best suited over there,” Daniel said. “It paid off very well.”

During their time at IMG — which Audrey Ann describes as the best years of her career — the girls made enough of an impression to earn scholarships to Vanderbilt.

But after two seasons there, the girls said it was time for a change.

Their next school came down to a decision between Kansas State and Texas. Kansas State had two scholarship offers. Texas only had one. But Texas had something Khaléann felt the Wildcats couldn’t offer.

“My goal is to win a



Courtesy of Texas Athletics

Khaléann Caron-Goudreau, pictured here, and her sister Audrey Ann will play basketball for Texas next year after a season apart.

national championship,” Khaléann said. “I know with this team, what we can accomplish. It’s not even a dream. I know we can get there.”

Once the sisters agreed on Texas, they still had to choose which one would get the scholarship. Khaléann had only played in two games her last season at Vanderbilt, so the family was hoping she’d be granted immediate eligibility and be able to play the 2015–16 season.

In the meantime, Audrey Ann played for Gulf Coast State College in Florida, where she was named Co-MVP of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I National Championship.

Audrey Ann noted the odd nature of her journey: According to her, going from a Division I school to a junior college back to a Division I was untraditional, but certainly worth it.

“I don’t regret it at all,” Au-

drey Ann said. “It was such a great experience, and I got a lot of confidence because of the shooting coach I had over there.”

After a year apart — the longest the pair has ever been separated — their dad now looks forward to the girls reuniting on the court.

“For me, it is a dream come true,” Daniel said. “I always dreamt of playing for Texas when I was a younger age. But I never got the chance or had the talent they have.”

Like their father, the girls are excited to be teammates again. But more importantly, they are happy to be together again. After a 13-hour drive from Florida to Austin on Tuesday, the twins are finally reunited.

“It was so good to see her this morning,” Audrey Ann said. “I felt complete again. Like I have my best friend back.”

BASEBALL | COLUMN

Strong staff must fuel Texas’ postseason run

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The 2016 season hasn’t been pretty for the Longhorns at the plate. Aside from their 21–24 record — along with 9–9 in the Big 12 — Texas ranks seventh in the conference in runs scored, seventh in batting average and eighth in on-base percentage.

But the other side of the ball has been far more encouraging for head coach Augie Garrido’s squad as it heads into the final seven games of the season. Texas’ pitching has hovered near the top of the conference for much of the year, currently sitting at third place in the conference in team ERA, third in walks and fourth in strikeouts.

“You see those young arms come in and do what they’ve been doing, it’s very encouraging for the future of Texas baseball,” associate head coach Skip Johnston said.

During its most recent hot streak, Texas bashed the ball, averaging nine runs per game over a seven-game stretch. The Longhorns collectively caught fire, with various players spraying extra-base hits nearly every time up.

But the well of runs quickly dried over the past weekend, as Texas scored just seven runs in a three-game sweep at the hands of Oklahoma State. The Longhorns reverted back to the offensive struggles that pained them early in the season, whiffing too often and failing to get on base with any consistency.

“We didn’t work the count enough, and it cost us,”

Garrido said. “We need to see the ball better and make more consistent contact.”

If the Longhorns lineup can’t be counted on to consistently produce, its pitching staff seems capable of filling the void. Texas boasts a quality weekend rotation, bolstered by Big 12 wins leader Ty Culbreth. The senior left hander boasts a 2.99 ERA and ranks third in the conference in innings pitched and fourth in strikeouts. In a season filled with uncertainty, Culbreth has become Texas’ unquestioned ace.

“[Culbreth] is a real steady guy, he’s the senior,” Johnson said. “He’s got good command of the plate, and he’s smart out there.”

Joining Culbreth in the weekend rotation are a pair of right-handed sophomores, Morgan Cooper and Kyle Johnston. Cooper and Johnston have displayed some inconsistencies in 2016, but matched them with numerous strong performances. Johnston has gone six-plus innings allowing just one run in two of his past four starts, while Cooper’s penchant for punch-outs places him seventh in the Big 12 in strikeouts.

Along with a bullpen that has settled into its respective roles, Texas’ pitching has become the strongest aspect of its roster. The Longhorns’ lineup has displayed blips of power throughout the year, but with minimal reliability. If Texas is to win the Big 12 Tournament and play significant postseason baseball, it will get there on the back of its pitching staff.



Gabriel Lopez | Daily Texan Staff
Freshman right hander Beau Ridgeway and the Texas pitching staff must play their best baseball as the season concludes.

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“Is there anything as underrated as an oatmeal cookie. Also, narwhals are real.”

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Women’s golf to make ninth-consecutive NCAA Regional bid

The Texas women’s golf team is gearing up for its ninth-consecutive NCAA Regional bid May 5–7 at the Traditions Club in Bryan, Texas.

The tournament includes 54 holes of stroke play with par set at 72.

Texas was chosen as the eighth seed in the tournament of 18 total teams. Three of these 18 are ranked in Golfweek’s top-10 teams in the nation, including No. 1 UCLA, No. 4 Georgia and No. 10 Arizona.

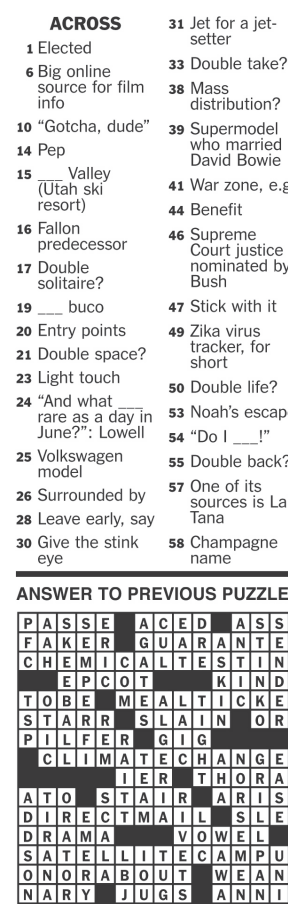
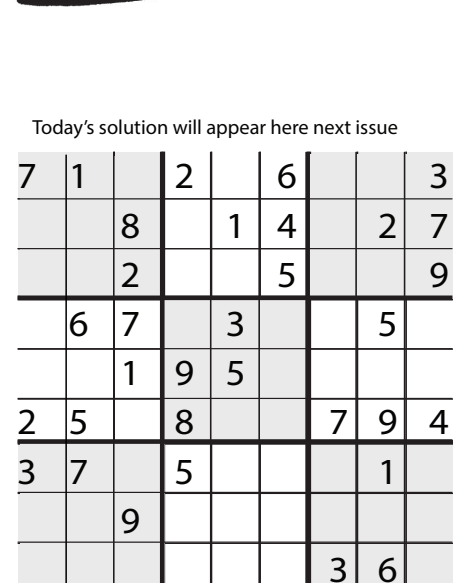
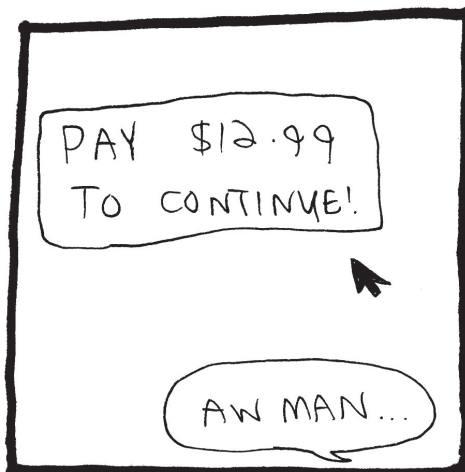
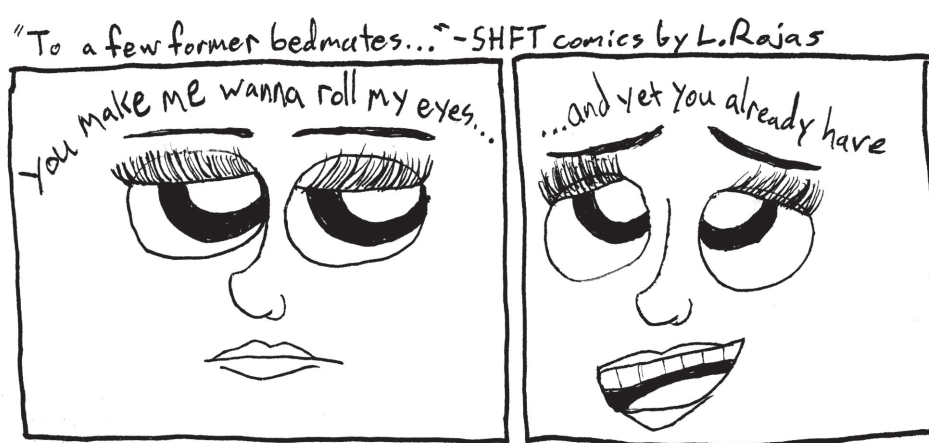
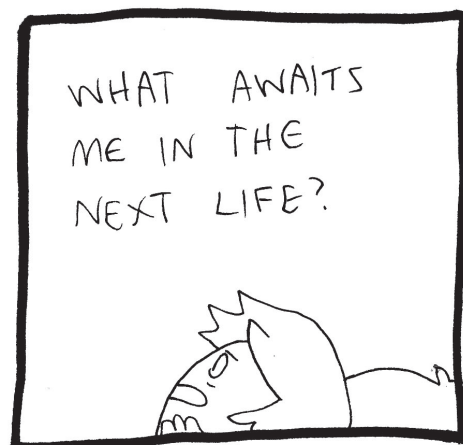
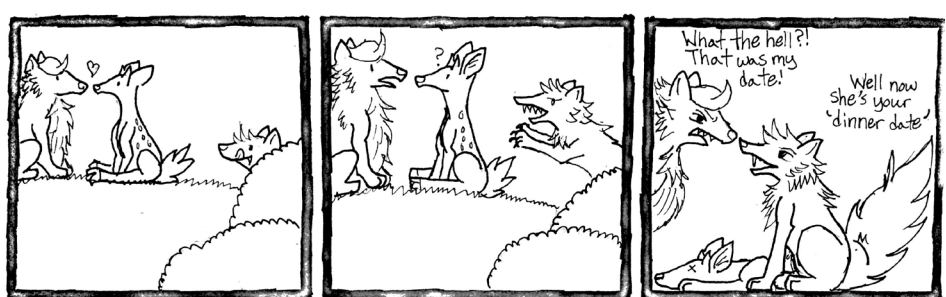
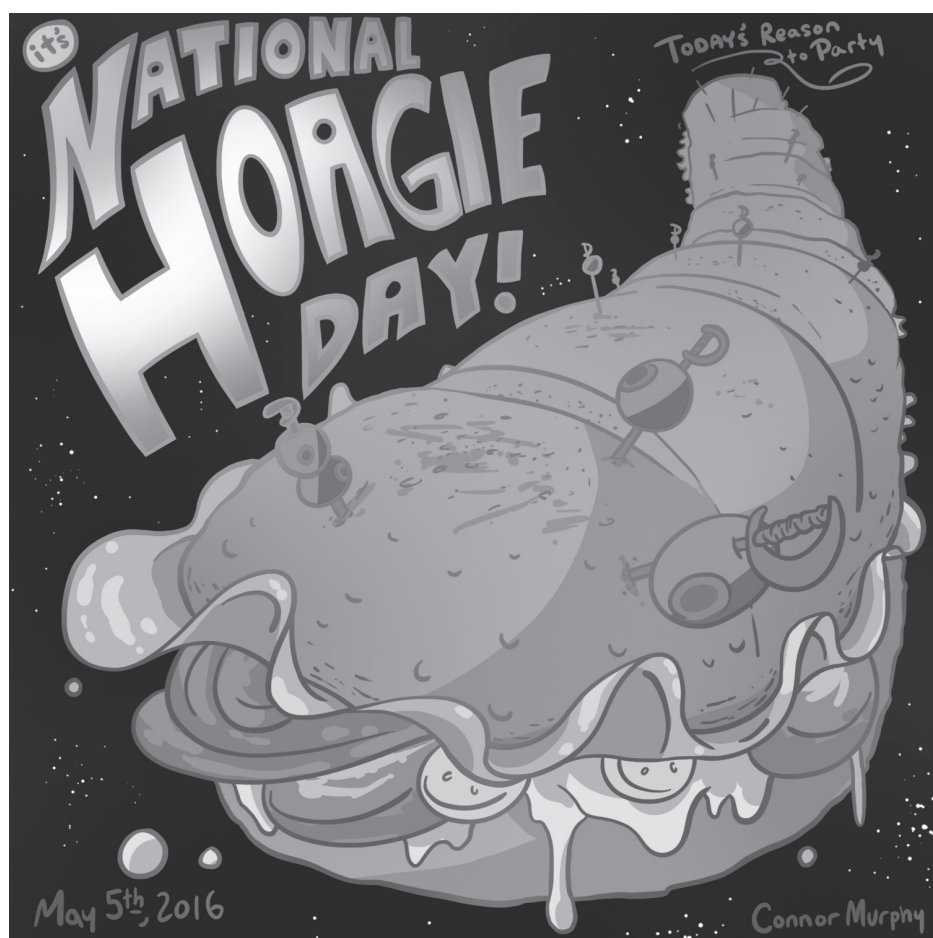
The Longhorns will look to compete with those top-10 teams in the Texas Regional after an impressive second place finish in the Big 12 Championship. Sophomore Sophia Schubert tied for second at 3-under par, and junior Julia Beck finished in fifth place at 1-under par. As a team, Texas finished 3-over par trailing only Oklahoma State, who dominated the tournament at 8-under par.

Joining Schubert and Beck will be seniors Tezira Abe and Natalie Karcher, as well as junior Haley Mills.

The six teams with the lowest scores from each region will advance to the NCAA Championships, which will be held in Eugene, Oregon on May 20–25.

Texas will look to build off of its notable Big 12 Championship performance and try to secure a spot in the NCAA Championship after finishing only one spot short of the NCAA Championship in 2015.

—Mark Skol Jr.



Humanizing HOMELESSNESS



Casey Cork founded Humanize Me, a project dedicated to sharing the reality of life led by members of Austin's homeless community. Cork focuses on these lives being more than what meets the eye and hosts frequent interviews and events.

Mary Pistorius
Daily Texan Staff

Alumna's project gives homelessness a voice

By Cat Cardenas
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From 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., Casey Cork put names and faces to one of the city's most misunderstood populations.

She spent her nights at the Austin Research Center for the Homeless getting to know the residents, never asking how they got there, but learning about their lives before the ARCH.

"I didn't know how they came into homelessness," Cork said. "I just knew them the way I knew anybody else."

On her off time from the ARCH, she surveyed random people on the street, asking them the same question: What is the first thing you think of when you hear the

word 'homeless'?

"The vast majority of responses were negative," Cork said. "The only folks that had realistic responses either had been homeless themselves or knew someone who had."

When Cork, a UT alumna, later left the ARCH, she missed the connection she shared with the residents. She said she just wanted people to care as much about the homeless population as she did but realized that in order for them to care, people would need to know who they are.

With that in mind, she founded Humanize Me, an advocacy project that gives the homeless community a voice by sharing their stories and hosting local events. Since 2014, Cork and Humanize Me volunteers have been posting their interviews

with homeless participants online.

In many of them, Cork said their homelessness isn't even addressed.

"I didn't want them to feel like they had to define themselves by their housing status," Cork said. "They've had whole lives leading up to this, and they'll have whole lives after this."

In an interview with Angel Santiago, he focuses on his wife Roxanna — his soulmate, his best friend and the woman he said he loved "before [he] ever knew her."

"The hardest part about staying happy is finding someone to share it with," Santiago said. "Finding someone to be happy with and get you through the hard times. I had Roxanna, and she taught me how to love. And that's all I think people should hope for."

Humanize Me partner Lex Keaton said because the interviews are so different, it makes it easier for readers to relate to them.

"I think anybody would be able to pull something out of [an interview]," Keaton said. "That's what makes each one very memorable and very unique."

Cork wants to focus on getting Humanize Me more involved in outreach, but ultimately, she said educating the public on homelessness will make the biggest difference.

"Humanize Me is not unique work, but it's important work," Cork said. "Shelter is a basic human need, and regardless of whether or not you have connections with the population, you should just care by default. You should care on a human level."

Homeless writers share stories through newspaper

By Katie Walsh
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Pirate Joe's latest poem came on like a dream. After five days of rewrites, it was published in the March issue of The Challenger, Austin's street newspaper written entirely by homeless authors.

"Writing found me; I didn't find it," Pirate Joe said. "I let the madman write down all his thoughts, and I pick out what becomes relevant."

Pirate Joe began writing for The Challenger in its early years around 2011, turning the thoughts that filled his stacks of notebooks into published works. What appeals to him about the paper is its liberal editing policy — anything goes. Unless

it's offensive or inappropriate, writers are free to publish what they want.

"This newspaper is a gem," Pirate Joe said. "You can just go straight from 'I have a passion' to being published."

Valerie Romness, the paper's founder and editor, has advocated for the homeless since the '90s. When she started The Challenger, she said she vowed to create a publication that "would let their words be their words," fragments and all.

"They give up out here because nobody is listening," Romness said. "Nobody hears them. I can't sit and talk to each one all the time, but I can put their voice out there for everybody else."

Every month, a new issue of The Challenger is printed from the basement of

St. David's Episcopal Church, where the group meets on Wednesday afternoons.

Distributors purchase copies for around 25 cents each, then sell the paper on the street for a \$2 donation and keep the profits. Writers with published work get 10 free copies.

"[The Challenger] gives them a job [where] they can make their own hours, and it's OK if they have the same shirt on as yesterday," Romness said. "At a regular job, if they find out you're homeless, they get scared. So you have to hide your backpack."

According to the City of Austin, 2,300 Austinites spend the night on the streets, in shelters or in their cars on any given night.

With its touching obituaries, poems about love and loss and personal testimonies about life on the street, Romness said The Challenger shows the larger Austin community what is happening within the city's "most under-represented" population.

"It gives [the people of Austin] a more clear view of what people in poverty are really facing," Romness said.

But for Pirate Joe, he just writes about "what appeals to the song in his heart."

"I've been through some of the most hardcore, impossible situations, and I've had to pull myself up by my bootstraps while being intimidated the whole time," Pirate Joe said. "Now I try to fight the good fight when it makes a difference."



Mary Pistorius | Daily Texan Staff

Terry Cole runs Street Youth Ministry, an organization created to meet the needs of Austin youths without a home. The ministry focuses on those living around West Campus.

Local missionary advocates for Austin youths without homes

By Elena Mejia
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Missionary Terry Cole worked with impoverished tribes in Latin America and Africa learning about the struggles of prostitutes and playing with children from villages. But eventually, Cole realized there was no need to travel to third-world nations to help society's outcasts.

"I was shocked to discover I did not need to go to Africa or a village in the middle of the mountains of Mexico because I also found looked-down-on groups right here in Austin," Cole said. "In one of the wealthiest, most influential cities in Texas."

Cole started volunteering at the University Presbyterian Church in 2003, taking time from his day job as an electrical engineer to feed the homeless community. In 2008, Cole said he felt God's calling to work full-time as a missionary and created Street Youth Ministry, an organization dedicated to street-dependent youth near West Campus.

Street Youth Ministry provides food, job training, showers and clothing for 80-100 homeless people near the West Campus area every week with support from the Covenant Presbyterian Church.

"The street youth are lovely and powerful and beautiful, strong people," Cole said. "They need acceptance, someone to talk to, and they should not feel isolated."

Cole said most of the homeless people he works with grew up in foster care, an environment that he thinks is worse than their life on the streets.

He said counseling and mental health services should be available post-foster care, citing the case of Meechaiel Creiner, the homeless man arrested in connection with Haruka Weiser's murder, as a clear example of the need for these services.

"When I think about the young man that was so confused and so damaged that he decided to take Haruka's life, I would've liked if he could've reach out for help," Cole said. "Maybe that could've made a difference."

Since Weiser's death, police cars are usually parked outside the organization's events. As a result, attendance to Bible study, food pantries and other events has decreased.

"They're afraid of being harassed, of being criminalized for being homeless," Cole said. "But there's always a human side to the 'drag rat.' We're being their much-needed adult foster parent, using faith as our resource."



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Bobby finds shelter and support through the organization Youth Street Ministry. He aspires to take courses at ACC this summer with attending UT being his ultimate goal.

Homeless man reminds public to not judge, keep open minds

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When he wakes up in his sleeping bag on a side walk between 21st and 26th Streets on Guadalupe, Bobby's first thought is where he'll get coffee. While he waits for outreach programs to open their doors, he visits the PCL, admiring the collection of books about religious studies.

"I've never really seen the students read the books over there," Bobby said. "They're usually with laptops and phones, and they have the best collection of books I've ever seen in front of them."

Three months ago, Bobby planned to travel from Florida to Portland to finish his degree in music. As he hitchhiked through the southern states to avoid the Chicago blizzards, he stopped in Austin. The vibrant culture persuaded him to stay, and he started exploring life on the West Campus streets.

Street Youth Ministry, a mission program to help homeless individuals in West Campus, holds daily events to provide food, Bible studies, job training and clothing. Currently, Bobby is putting together a series of classes to teach Hebrew studies to the program's attendees.

Bobby received a grant to take classes at ACC during the summer. Next fall, he wishes to attend UT to study biology and religious studies.

"I'll be looking at scholarships, grants and loans," he said. "I have medical issues and other things I can probably investigate scholarships for."

Cholesteatoma, an abnormal growth in Bobby's middle ear, resulted in the removal of his right-side hearing organs, making him half-deaf. The skin growth caused facial muscle paralysis, a rare side effect of the condition.

A *Change.org* petition has been circling Facebook since March calling to "Keep Guadalupe streets safe for UT Austin students" by relocating the homeless community from West Campus. As of Wednesday night, it has garnered 2,989 signatures online. Bobby said he understands the fear toward people on the street, but said there are other ways to address the issue.

"The answer is to encourage communication and positive relations between people of different lifestyles so that we can all understand each other," Bobby said. "We need to make sure we don't close our minds and continue to give people a chance. You'll find there's good people."