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POLICE

Grad student's bond increased to \$1 million

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The bond for Gene Vela, a public affairs graduate student, has been increased to \$1 million after the prosecution claimed Vela was a threat to the public at a court hearing Friday.

Vela has been charged with aggravated assault against a public servant after he was involved in a stand-off with the police Nov. 10, according to UTPD. The bond was originally set at

\$100,000 last week.

Vela was represented by Adam Reposa and Edmund Davis. Reposa said he believed, without proper treatment to Vela's post traumatic stress disorder, Vela was going to deteriorate in jail. Vela is a Marine Corps veteran who served in Iraq in 2002.

"[He needs to] take the veteran treatment opportunities that are available to him," Reposa said. "He was only recently, probably within the last 69 days, properly assessed/given a

[post traumatic stress disorder] diagnosis."

Steve Brand, prosecuting attorney for the Travis County District Attorney's Office, said Vela should not be released from custody for veteran treatment because he is a danger to the community.

The judge agreed protection of the community was the most important concern and decided Vela's bond would not be lowered. Brand asked for Vela's bond to be increased to the current \$1 million dollars.

"Police are frightened by this guy, concerned by him, they feel that he poses an ongoing danger to the Travis county community," Brand said.

Vela was booked in the Travis County Jail on Nov. 11, the day after being shot in the torso by police. UTPD said Vela was shot after aiming a handgun equipped with a laser at two policemen through his apartment window in North Campus. Police were originally summoned to his apartment following a 911 call from a friend of Vela.



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Gene Vela was booked at the Travis County Jail on Nov. 11 after aiming a gun at two policemen through his apartment window.

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WE WERE SOLDIERS

Student veterans face personal challenges adjusting to campus

Words by Christine Ayala and Zachary Strain
Photos by Zachary Strain

For a small population of UT students, campus life comes with several realizations — being the oldest student in class, or that, unlike their peers, they are balancing a family life and their studies.

Student veterans share similar backgrounds, having completed their military service and returning to civilian life. But the reintegration process has proven to be an individual experience during which veterans adapt to student life outside of strict schedules and uniforms, facing a range of stereotypes and confronting personal challenges.

"It's an intersection of being [nontraditional] students, being older and being transfer students," Jeff Moe, UT's veterans affairs outreach coordinator and mental health counselor, said. "They have the same issues as other transfer students adjusting to this campus, but many also have families and are trying to balance family life with being a full-time student and, sometimes, trying to maintain a job as well."

UT's student veterans are typically older than the

average student. Only 11 percent are between the ages of 21 and 24, while more than half are between 25 and 30 years old, according to Student Veterans Services.

For Adam Wagner, a health promotion sophomore and student veteran, interactions with other students are limited because of the few things they have in common.

"Adapting to student life is still difficult because of the disconnect," Wagner said. "There is a decade of age between me and other students. I'm 32. I am older, and I have a family, and I'm sure they don't want to hear about my six-year-old's soccer game."

The little time Wagner spends on campus outside of class is consumed by working in the Student Veteran Services office.

"I look at [school] differently, I don't live on campus or around here, so, to me, it's a job," Wagner said.

Aside from the age difference, most student veterans also have previous



Zachary Strain / Daily Texan Staff
UT students and student veterans (from left) Bernard Hayman, John Marchi, Adam Wagner, Gabrielle Evans and Robert Reed. Student veterans face similar challenges adjusting to campus as transfer students, as many of them tend to be older than most other UT students in their classes.

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Traditions of protesting mark West Mall history

By Nicole Cobler
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What started out as a single, dirt path students would walk across on their way to class has transformed into the pulse of the University for students to table and to protest.

The West Mall, located west of the UT Tower, is known for its tree lined walkways that stretch to the Texas Union, where many student organizations

rent tables to distribute flyers and information. The space has become an area for students to express varied and even controversial opinions. Last week the Young Conservatives of Texas, commonly known as YCT, scheduled a heavily disputed mock immigration "sting" in which the group offered \$25 gift cards to students who "returned" individuals walking

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Student opinions differ on free condoms

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Though University Health Services distributes more than 47,000 free condoms every year, some students think that access to contraceptives on campus is insufficient.

Junho Ahn, the College of Natural Sciences' Student Government representative, has spoken publicly about his planned resolution calling

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A UT student takes a couple of condoms from the University Health Services Center on Friday afternoon.

Caleb Kuntz
Daily Texan Staff

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Juanito Cazorla, Tania Pena and Gabe Lopez-Mobilla of Kunitan play Andean music at the Women & Fair Trade Festival on Saturday.

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around campus with “illegal immigrant” labels to the organization’s table in the West Mall. Subsequent rallies protesting the event were also held in the West Mall. But before the ‘60s, the area was not known as a space for student protests, according to historian Jim Nicar.

Nicar said in the ‘30s the University, which had about 11,000 students, had horse-drawn trolleys to transport students to class and drop them off in front of Guadalupe. This path from Guadalupe up to the west wing of the Main Building became known as the “West Walk.” Nicar runs

a blog called “The UT History Corner” including history about the University.

“Stores started popping up around the trolley stop which became an active part of campus,” Nicar said. “In fact, it’s almost like a second main entrance to campus.”

In 1933, a French architect named Paul Kret designed the campus master plan of the University. Kret — the architect of the Tower, the Union and Goldsmith Hall — and designed the layout of the West Mall.

Nicar said Kret designed the two square towers of Goldsmith Hall and the Union to frame the west entrance.

In the ‘50s and ‘60s the West Mall became an important

place for student elections, football rallies and a center of social life on campus, Nicar said. Protests did not start until the ‘60s with the Vietnam War. In 1970, planters were put in the middle of the sidewalks by former UT System Regent Frank Erwin to discourage large gatherings of students.

While some universities may have designated locations for free speech, UT allows free speech across campus, said Mary Beth Mercatoris, assistant dean of students.

The rally space in front of the steps facing the West Mall is also equipped with plugs where amplified sound may be used from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Many students con-

sider the rally space the University’s “free speech” zone.

“The entire campus is a free speech zone, but what people get confused about is amplified sound,” Mercatoris said. “In their minds they replace amplified sound zone with a free speech zone.”

Mercatoris said UT has 1,148 student organizations this year, who all have the right to use the West Mall.

Economics senior Jocelyn Matyas tables for Colleges Against Cancer in the West Mall.

“[West Mall] is a high traffic area where people expect student organizations to advertise and engage with the community,” Matyas said.

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for an increase in condom availability.

“Considering the amount of students on campus, it just doesn’t seem like [47,000 condoms] would be enough,” Ahn said. “One of the problems, I think, is that people don’t have access to them during the appropriate times and students off campus have a harder time getting them.”

Jessica Wagner, health

services health promotion manager, said students are allowed to pick up three free condoms a day from bowls located at the Health Promotion Resource Center on Dean Keaton during regular business hours. Wagner said every “Healthy Horns Play Safe Condom” comes with a package of lubricant and an informational sheet on how to use condoms and make healthy sexual choices.

“We offer three free condoms a day, so, if students come in on a Friday, that means they would have condoms for the weekend as well,” Wagner said. “We do that so it won’t be a barrier that we’re not open 24 hours a day. Generally, our mornings are slower for our condom bowl.”

According to health services spokeswoman Sherry Bell, condoms were first made available to students in the mid to late ‘80s, following the outbreak of HIV/AIDS.

Wagner said health services places two large con-

dom orders to a vendor every year, once before the fall semester and once before the spring. According to Wagner, the condoms are not purchased using state or federal funds or tuition fees.

Wagner said health services takes student feedback into consideration when selecting the appropriate brand to distribute. Currently, health services distributes Crown brand condoms.

“There are three main things that dictate [which brand] we select,” Wagner said. “Cost is certainly one of them — availability is another. Because we order in such a huge quantity, we have to go to a distributor or vendor who can accommodate the big orders. Also, importantly, we go on student feedback.”

Management senior Jesus Cortes is among students who do not approve of the University’s distribution of condoms. Cortes said he believes by handing out condoms, the University actively promotes sexual promiscuity and what he

considers to be other negative behavior within the student body.

“As a Catholic, I am against condom distribution,” Cortes said. “The Catholic teaching says that one’s sexuality should be living a chaste life until marrying, that way the purpose of sex would be within the realm of marriage. Unfortunately, when condom distribution happens, it’s sort of promoting an active sexual lifestyle that isn’t necessarily within a relationship that’s a marriage.”

Wagner said there are varying viewpoints when it comes to sex, but health services tries to provide students with the opportunity to make healthy decisions.

“We value everyone’s opinion on the subject and, when you’re talking about sex, there are lots of opinions,” Wagner said. “We’re aware that some people choose not to have sex or that some people might not be fully supportive [of condom distribution], but, for us, we think it is an important health promotion tool.”

NEWS BRIEFLY

Bicyclist hits vehicle, recovering in hospital

A female student on a bicycle crashed into the back of a stopped vehicle on 24th Street in front of Welch Hall on Friday morning.

A witness called Emergency Medical Services, which transferred the student to Brackenridge Hospital for multiple non-life threatening injuries, according to University Operations spokeswoman Cindy Posey.

“She shattered the rear windshield, which must have taken a considerable amount of force,” said biology sophomore Francie Herriage-Wilson, who witnessed the accident on her way to class. “The girl was half inside the car, half out and not moving.”

Herriage-Wilson said she rushed to help the student, who she said was conscious, missing several teeth and bleeding from her nose. She said the student was not wearing a helmet.

“After I called 911, they transferred me, and I sort of had to wait through a voicemail system, which was seriously unnerving, as the poor girl was bleeding all over the car with her teeth laying on the backseat,” Herriage-Wilson said.

Posey confirmed the student suffered facial injuries. Herriage-Wilson said the driver, also a student, immediately got out of the car in shock.

“The driver was really panicked,” Herriage-Wilson said.

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Daily quizzes improve grades

By Wynne Davis
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Psychology professors Samuel Gosling and James Pennebaker have found that students perform better in an online classroom with daily “benchmark” quizzes rather than a traditional classroom with monumental midterms.

UT has transitioned some courses to an online platform, developed by the two professors, named Texas Online World of Educational Research, in which students can participate online through broadcasted lectures that are formatted much like a television show. This is their third semester teaching with the new method.

“We started daily testing people, and we thought maybe it improves performance, and we found that it does improve performance in students, especially in students with low socioeconomic backgrounds,” Gosling said. “The idea is that if they bring their laptops in, we can give them personalized feedback based on their responses ... to integrate many of those things that work well in an intimate class and try to scale those up for the big classes.”

After using the new



Photo Courtesy of Marsha Miller

Psychology professors James Pennebaker (left) and Samuel Gosling deliver a video lecture for an online psychology course.

program, the professors compared the students’ performances to years past and saw a few major differences, Pennebaker said.

“First, students did better on the tests than in previous years when we used a conventional teaching approach,” Pennebaker said. “Second, our students made high grades in their other courses both that same semester and the semester afterwards. Third, our new method reduced the traditional achievement gap between those from upper middle and lower middle class students.”

Portuguese sophomore Helena Delimaverde said she adapted quickly to the unconventional course structure.

“I feel like this class really gives the chance for

students get involved in class,” Delimaverde said. “We have chats during class with other students, so you are able to discuss problems with other students.”

Students have a benchmark in each class that covers the previous class. These assessments make up 88 percent of the total grade.

Currently, Pennebaker’s and Gosling’s psychology class and a government class are the only two courses using this online platform, but Gosling said the University has been supportive of the idea and helping to implement it.

“It’s not exaggeration to say that thanks to the University’s support of what we’ve done that The University of Texas is at the very forefront of this,” Gosling said.

WEST CAMPUS

Firm dominates student housing

By Christina Breitbeil
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Major real estate developer Austin Campus Communities has dominated management of several West Campus apartment complexes and will be likely expanding in the future, realtors say.

With the establishment of The Callaway House this summer in West Campus, Austin Campus Communities, which manages and owns the new property, pursued and gained ownership over The Castilian, 26 West, The Block, The Penthouse at Callaway and The Texan, as well as Vintage West Campus.

Joe Yager, real estate agent for Uptown Realty LLC and founder of Active Property Management & MR+D, said that the expansion of American Campus Communities should be something for potential buyers to look out for in West Campus.

“I think their overall play is to acquire more assets,” Yager said. “Although, I am not sure of any specific properties they are currently targeting in the West Campus market.”

According to Yager, there is a significant aspect of danger in the prospect of American Campus Communities acquiring so many properties in such a condensed area of real estate.

“I think they want to dominate the market, if you will,” Yager said. “This would allow them to control the prices of real estate.”

Bill Bayless, CEO of American Campus Communities, said in the fall 2013 leasing update that despite adding so many properties and taking ownership of two additional portfolios, the company still has room for improvement in the upcoming 2014-15 year.

“We are generally pleased with the overall 2013 leasing progress on the heels of integrating \$2.2 billion in assets into our portfolio,” Bayless said. “Our leasing results put us near the midpoint of our FFOM guidance range of \$2.20 to \$2.26 per share and offer opportunity for improvement in the 2014–2015 academic year.”

Gina Cowart, vice president of marketing and investor relations at American Campus Communities, said that as of right now, expansion is not the company’s focus.

“We have no immediate plans to expand our footprint in West Campus, but we are focused on delivering the best living experience to our current residents,” Cowart said. “We are so thrilled to have a presence in our hometown and be actively engaged in the community.”

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Campus Communities may decide to hold off on expansion because of their current large number of assets, the significant portion of apartment complexes under their ownership in West Campus already gives the company some control over prices in the neighborhood, said Richie Gill, real estate broker and principal of Longhorn Central Realty.

“The properties owned by American Campus Communities are Class A properties, which means that they get leased very easily giving the company current pricing control,” Gill said. “West Campus has a high barrier to breach with new properties, so ACC’s ownership cuts out the little guys.”

NEWS BRIEFLY

ZBT paints over mural with similar depictions

A mural painted by members of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity, commonly known as ZBT, was painted over last week with other provocative images.

The new depictions were displayed at the fraternity’s annual “Pat O’Brien’s” party hosted Saturday. The images included a woman clothed in a bra and jeans bending over with an armed gunman firing a missile toward the woman to the words “REP ANAL.” Other depictions involved an illuminated “Kazi Osbourne” sign advertising a bar serving kamikaze shots and a graffitied wall with the words “Chinese Whore House” next to a door leading to an unknown room.

The office of the dean of students is currently investigating ZBT members for the production of the original murals. The office was not available for comment.

The murals are a part of the many decorations on wooden platforms placed in the ZBT yard, which were designed and created by newly inducted members of ZBT. Fraternity officials declined to comment.

The ZBT members responsible for the mural’s previous depictions are currently going through hearings conducted by the chapter judicial board, with a sentence to be delivered soon.

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Hall should take responsibility for keeping struggle alive

On Tuesday of last week, Student Government passed a joint resolution with the Senate of College Councils approving a vote of “no confidence” against Regent Wallace Hall, who is currently under investigation by the House Transparency Committee for abusing his powers as a regent. The resolution proclaimed to pass no judgement on Hall’s guilt in “whatever actions and crimes are alleged against him.” Ultimately, it is little more than a student government assembly-approved proclamation that students, too, are fed up with Hall’s behavior.

But the resolution is yet another indicator that the long-simmering tensions between the Board of Regents and UT are now being kept on the burner by the actions of a single man: Hall himself. If that’s the case, we’d just as soon that Hall resign and take the drama with him, though given his past behavior, we’d expect nothing less than his stubbornly standing his ground to the detriment of the entire UT System.

Initially, the conflict over Hall’s massive open records requests was viewed as an extension of the board and System’s alleged attempt to oust President William Powers Jr. In response, the legislature, particularly Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, called for articles of impeachment to be brought against Hall. But as the initial exploratory investigation of the Committee has progressed, the idea of a board and System united in conflict with UT-

Austin and Powers appears to be cracking.

Last month, the committee heard from Barry Burgdorf, previously a UT System vice chancellor and general counsel. Burgdorf testified to conflict between the board and the System, particularly where Chairman Powell’s hands-off style of leadership, which gave Hall free range to pursue individual investigation, was concerned. Burgdorf also spoke of Hall’s treatment of System staff, which he characterized as “like hired help.”

More recently, the committee also heard from current UT System general counsel Dan Sharporn, who said that he was “sympathetic” to the enormous workload Hall’s requests had caused among UT-Austin employees and that he thought that some of Hall’s requests were unreasonable.

The Board of Regents itself seems to be shifting toward a similar stance. Testimony from Francie Frederick, legal counsel to the board, seemed to mirror that of Sharporn, purporting that a regent needed a “legitimate educational purpose” to request FERPA-protected documents, as Hall has done. Frederick said she thought Hall, while a “principled man” who was “good at heart,” did not have such a legitimate educational purpose. She added that “distractions over the last several years are beginning to detract from the best interests of the UT System.”

The Daily Texan’s interview with Student Re-

gent Nash Horne — while otherwise filled with so much dodging and weaving that Horne is rumored to be considering a bid for UT’s next star kick returner — seems to confirm this sentiment. In an otherwise vacuous set of answers, Horne called the impeachment hearings a “great thing,” and stated that document requests have taken valuable resources and focus away from other campuses in the UT System.

In large part, the conflict at the board level now seems to center on Hall and his apparently dwindling faction on the board, headed by, or perhaps composed exclusively of, Regents Alex Cranburg and Brenda Pejovich, who abstained from a recent vote to waive attorney-client privilege claims, a move itself designed to communicate to the committee that the rest of the board, as well as the System, was willing to cooperate.

Some credit for this shift is probably due to a changing of the guard at the head of the board, as the newly-elected Chairman Paul Foster appears to have about-faced on his tie-breaking vote to restart the Law School Foundation investigation that kicked off this most recent mess. Foster has also outlined a plan to revamp the board’s way of conducting investigations, pointedly noting a need to look into “whether the information sought [in an investigation] is necessary and likely to be beneficial to the discharge of a board member’s duties.”

Of course, this picture of Hall as the last

man standing might change if his December testimony brings with it the often-rumored, but somewhat less frequently-presented, “smoking gun” against Powers, UT-Austin, the legislature, and whatever Hall feels like “investigating” that day. And the displeasure voiced by members of the Committee at the System’s request to require subpoenas for witnesses suggests that both the System and the board may have a difficult road ahead of them convincing the committee that they don’t want to be lumped into the same basket as Hall.

But all things considered, we’re glad to see that Hall’s now got his own basket, in the minds of not just the regents, but UT students as well. Of course, we know he won’t resign — putting a stop to this argument before it manages to monopolize the higher education conversation for three whole years would be all too kind — but it’s nice to see that he may not take the whole relationship between UT-Austin and its Board of Regents down with him.

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Distractions over the last several years are beginning to detract from the best interests of the UT System.

—Francie Frederick, Legal Counsel to Board of Regents

HORNS UP: BUSH PAINTINGS ARE ‘FLYING OFF THE SHELVES’



Former President George W. Bush is selling his artwork on a limited-edition Christmas ornament, which, according to a shop assistant quoted by ABC News, is “flying off the shelves” at the Bush Center’s Museum Store. The \$29.98 ornament features a painting of a red cardinal that Bush originally made for his friend Warren Tichenor, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Almost 10,000 boxes of

the ornament have already sold, and we understand why. After all, how often does one get a chance to judge, let alone buy, the artistic creation of a former president?



David Woo / Associated Press

A Christmas ornament featuring original artwork by George W. Bush

HORNS DOWN: IS BORDER SECURITY A PROBLEM, OR ISN’T IT?



In a speech given in Scottsdale, Ariz., on Nov. 20, Governor Rick Perry claimed that “immigration reform is going to be very passe,” thanks to Mexican President Pena Nieto’s work to better that country’s economy, according to an article on CNN.com. The governor said that he believed Nieto’s commitment to overhaul his country’s energy laws will help create jobs in Mexico, saying that “there might be a lot of folks

who maybe are U.S. citizens going to Mexico looking for jobs in the energy industry” someday soon. At the same time, Perry mocked the Democratic effort to pass an immigration reform bill without increasing security on the Texas-Mexico border first. What exactly is Perry trying to say? If the Mexican economy improves to the point that immigration reform will become “passe,” as Perry claims, border security should no longer be an issue. If border security is no longer an issue, why on earth should an immigration reform bill focus on enhancing border security?

HORNS UP: PROGRAM ENCOURAGES LOCAL GIRLS TO STUDY STEM



The Austin school district and Girlstart — a local organization focused on increasing girls’ interest and engagement in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields — have announced a new program to promote computer science education for girls, according to a Sunday article in the Austin American-Statesman. The program has been made possible by a \$100,000 Google grant. Gender equality

in STEM subjects has recently been a much-publicized challenge. According to a 2012 report from the U.S. Department of Education, women represent a mere 24 percent of the STEM workforce, though they have more than 33 percent more average earning potential in these high-growth fields. In the face of such challenges, we find partnerships such as the one between AISD and Girlstart to be encouraging and hope such efforts will help bring about tangible change.

COLUMN

Immigration reform should be more than an economic effort



By Travis Knoll
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Last week, University student group Young Conservatives of Texas proposed a controversial “immigration sting” activity, launching the Dream Act, which would provide a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as kids, into the national debate. The activity, which was later canceled, asked students to “track down” group members wearing T-shirts saying “illegal immigrant” and catch them in exchange for gift cards.

Because of the publicity over the game, I joined a march led by the University Leadership Initiative, a student organization pushing the Dream Act. We delivered a petition supporting House Resolution 15 to the office of U.S. Rep. Roger Williams, R-Austin. The legislation attempts, among other things, to balance border security needs with the concerns of those who were brought as kids to the United States by undocumented parents. “DREAMers,” as they are known, still lack vital paperwork, leaving them one step away from deportation.

Williams, who represents Austin’s 25th district, was away from the office that day, but if he is serious about supporting families, he should support this bill or the bipartisan Senate bill approved earlier this year.

The political lines on immigration reform are clearly drawn. Liberals argue that conservatives need to get with the times and approve the Dream Act or some type of comprehensive immigration reform to court the growing Latino population.

Conservative politicians who oppose reform believe it will only encourage immigrants to flood the border before reform is passed so that they can reap the benefits of a more lenient system. According to a Washington Post article published in July, border crossings have increased. UT sociology professor Nestor Rodriguez attributes the increase to instability in the countries of origin, not impending immigration reform.

Both side’s arguments miss a larger issue: The debate over HR 15 should not be about

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justice for lawbreakers but rather about stability for families and basic human dignity for all. As Hirokazu Yoshikawa, the academic dean at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and Carola Suarez-Orozco, co-director of immigration studies at New York University, pointed out in 2012, the deportation of 400,000 immigrants annually causes economic hardships through lost parental income and psychological harm to the children of those deported. How much more unjust is deporting a student who was brought here by his or her parents? For conservatives, who lecture the public on the sanctity of life, traditional family and marriage, not to support the reform bill is not just politically tone-deaf but also an affront to every American’s conscience.

A common objection to immigration reform is that it is not meritocratic and undermines the rule of law. This is a fair point, but consider that one pathway to citizenship is to invest heavily in the American economy. That pathway is called the EB-5 program, and, under it, foreigners who invest \$1 million in a U.S. commercial enterprise — or \$500,000 in high-risk and rural areas — may gain U.S. citizenship. Theoretically, the venture has to create 10 jobs, but in reality, follow-ups are rarely conducted to see if that goal is achieved. Basically, the investor just has to put up the money. It would seem, then, that U.S. citizenship is not just a matter of sanctimonious birthright or meritocracy but, rather, is up for sale.

We should encourage foreign investment. But if a Russian businessman or British lawyer can buy their way into the U.S. by purchasing multi-million-dollar real-estate or ski resorts in Vermont, shouldn’t hard-working students or migrant workers also have the opportunity to pursue the American Dream?

Comprehensive immigration reform may give what some see as a free pass to those who don’t deserve it, but if conservatives are serious about keeping families together, HR-15 seems like a no-brainer to me.

Furthermore, Catholics, like Paul Ryan and House Speaker John Boehner, should recognize the unjust reality facing undocumented immigrants, be they a deported child or parent in the U.S., an undocumented worker who dies crossing the southwestern deserts, or — as Pope Francis has highlighted half a world away — boatloads of immigrants who die crossing the Mediterranean to get to Italy. We all have a stake in human dignity.

Immigration is a complex and serious issue. If conservatives are sincere about educating the public about the cons of immigration reform, they should roundly reject YTC’s 21st-century version of Cowboys and Indians and hold a real discussion.

Write your congressmen, Republican Roger Williams of the 25th district, Republican Lamar Smith in the 21st district — which includes West Campus — and Democrat Lloyd Doggett of the 35th district, and propose some constructive solutions to this pressing issue.

Knoll is a first-year master’s student in Latin American studies from Dallas.

VETERANS

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college experience — 99 percent of UT’s student veterans are transfer students, and 98 percent transfer from Austin Community College. On average, student veterans have attended more than two colleges or universities before continuing their undergraduate degrees at UT and usually arrive on campus having completed nearly half their required degree hours.

Moe said a majority of the issues student veterans face while reintegrating into their communities are not uncommon issues on a college campus.

“I see a lot of depression and anxiety, but that’s not a whole lot different from other students in general,” Moe said.

Student Veterans Services director Ben Armstrong said some student veterans struggle with lack of structure outside of the military and often take some aspect of military life with them after they leave service.

“They lived a very dogmatic, structured culture, based on heavy enforcement of rules and very parsed out services,” Armstrong said. “We joke that all of us in the military wear clothes very close to drab green because that’s what our uniform was, and we’re comfortable in that.”

Wagner said the transition from a military routine left him with extra time on his hands, but the laid-back campus atmosphere can, at times, be frustrating.

“You don’t really know what to do,” Wagner said. “You’re so used to having a task that needs to be done by 6 a.m. Now, you’re here, and there is a lot of sitting around, which is unheard of there.”

Reintegration comes with additional challenges for disabled student veterans whose transition to college life includes physical recovery.

“I’m disabled so I pretty much do what I can then go home and take pain pills,” anthropology junior John Marchi said. “When my school day is over, I’m done. I’m wiped out.”

The reintegration process is different for some female veterans who make up less than one-fifth of UT’s student veteran population, though women make up almost one-third of student

veterans nationally.

Nursing sophomore Gabrielle Evans said her reintegration experience was molded by the residual effects of gender discrimination and sexual harassment she faced while in the military.

“I went through a lot of sexual harassment in the military, so I have a really hard time dealing with what happened when I was in the military,” Evans said. “Most of the men will have an easier time adjusting than any woman ... because I have a hypersensitivity [to] it, I expect that out of guys and the student population in general.”

Student veterans often encounter a variety of stereotypes, ranging from their political beliefs to mental health.

“You hear ‘sir’ a lot, and it’s out of respect,” Wagner said. “But a lot of times, sitting around in classes, I’m starting to get the impression that they think we’re all either crazy, pissed off, disabled and we’re here on benefits.”

Wagner said veterans are often portrayed as broken people who struggle in civilian life.

“I’m a veteran, I’m a strong individual, don’t portray me as weak and being taken advantage of,” Wagner said. “We’re supposed to be labeled as strong individuals to begin with, that’s why we represent the nation in the armed forces. It creates a bad public opinion of a veteran.”

There are some factors to help ease with reintegration. Texas is one of 20 states that provide in-state tuition eligibility to veterans, their spouses and their dependents, regardless of previous residency, making their education more affordable. UT also created the Student Veterans Services office in 2011 to assist students with transitional paper work, combat stress and social isolation, which veterans commonly deal with.

But UT’s student veteran population of about 600 students only makes up a little more than 1 percent of the student population while veterans make up 4 percent of undergraduates and graduates nationwide, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Armstrong said the Student Veterans Services office serves as a “safe place” on campus where student veterans can meet “like-minded”

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—Ben Armstrong,
Student Veteran Services director



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UT students and student veterans (from left) Gabrielle Evans and John Marchi. Because of their backgrounds, some student veterans struggle with the lack of structure life at the University entails.

Multimedia

See more about Student Veteran Services and their center on campus at:
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individuals, creating a space on campus similar to those for other minority groups.

“We all have similar experience of some sort — if nothing else, every vet had the experience of basic [training], so it’s something to talk about,” Marchi said.

Some veterans say their military experience helps them find areas of interest on campus. For Marchi, learning about foreign cultures in the military lead to his anthropology degree.

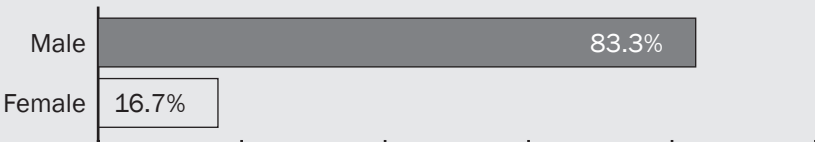
“I’m kind of a people watcher,” Marchi said. “Part of that is probably due to the military, you’re kind of taught to pay attention to things, but I’ve taken it somewhere else. I notice little things that other people don’t. When I watch people it’s amusing.”

Though his hostile days of military action are behind him, Marchi said his military service has since changed his perspective, including his view of campus life.

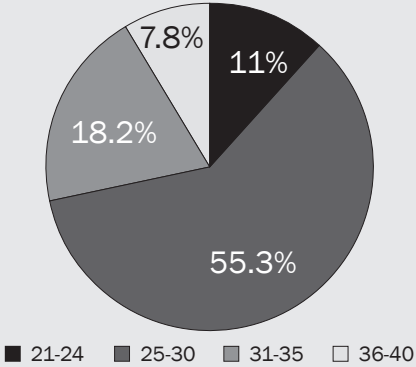
“I get bored really easily now,” Marchi said. “Everything kind of moves slower. If you could imagine colors being washed out and life being that way: [It’s] kind of like that now. I’m constantly looking for something to liven it up.”

Who are UT student veterans?

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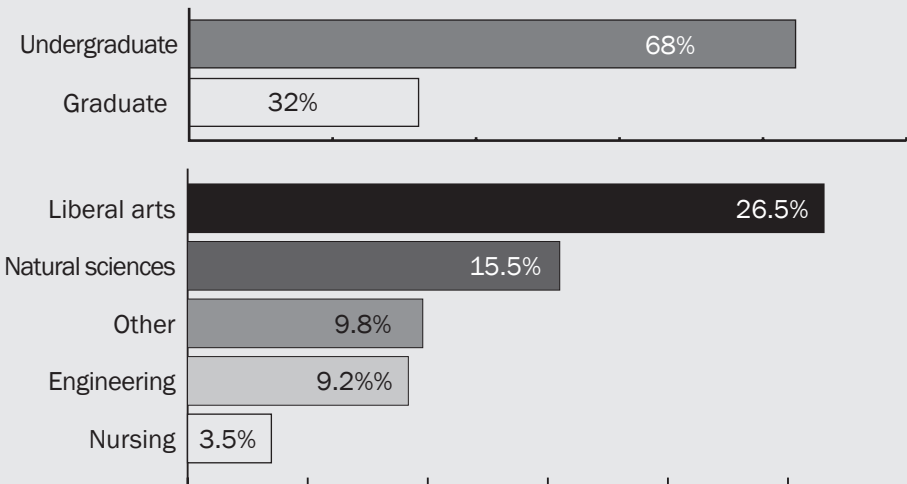
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—Adam Wagner,
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Senior Mikaela Ruef and the Stanford Cardinal used a strong second half to avoid an upset at the hands of the Longhorns in Austin on Saturday. Despite a seven-point halftime lead, the Longhorns failed to keep the energy and effort up in the second half.

Stanford foils upset attempt

By Jori Epstein
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Jogging off the court with her teammates Saturday, sophomore center Imani McGee-Stafford headed to the locker room with 10 points and 10 rebounds. The double-double wasn't anything new — she had recorded the stat 14 other times in her career. But this was only halftime, and the Longhorns were leading No. 6 Stanford.

But the Longhorns gave up the 37-30 halftime lead, falling to No. 6 Stanford 63-54 at home. The loss marked Texas' sixth straight loss to the Cardinal, the first of head coach Karen Aston's time at Texas. Aston said Texas showed a competitive

spirit in the first half that the second half didn't share.

"You'd look at our energy level and efficiency on offense, and it was completely different," Aston said. "Simple things like how hard we were cutting to the basketball and our efficiency in the paint [were] diminished in the second half."

Texas started the game with competitive play, juggling eight lead changes and five ties in the first half. The Longhorn defense denied all inside shooting, as the team outscored the Cardinal 10-0 in the paint and snatched a dominant 28 first-half rebounds to Stanford's 17.

While senior guard Chasidy Fussell led Texas in scoring with 11 first-half points,

McGee-Stafford formed a defensive core. Blocking senior forward Chiney Ogumike's first shot, McGee-Stafford shut out the preseason unanimous All-American through the half with the exception of a single 3-point shot.

"[McGee-Stafford] is athletic, she's quick, she changes people's shots," Ogumike said. "It's tough but most teams nowadays have a big girl so it poses a good challenge for us as players to expand our game."

Ogumike adjusted to the challenge in the second half, transforming four points and 2-for-11 first-half shooting to 14 points in 6-for-13 from the field. The Longhorns did not respond in stride, missing 24 of

29 shots in the half.

"It was sloppy, and our attention to detail went by the way side," Aston said. "There were no turnovers in the first half, and, all of a sudden, we got lackadaisical and soft in the second half which led to easy buckets for them."

Aston remains hopeful, describing the game as a measuring stick.

"If that's where we're at against the number six team in the country, then we've made some progress," she said. "And we will definitely continue to make more."

The Longhorns travel to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, for the Paradise Jam Tournament this weekend.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Texas ready for BYU in early season test

By Stefan Scrafield
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After playing each of its first four games at the Frank Erwin Center, the Longhorns head to Kansas City, Mo., Monday for their CBE semifinal matchup against the BYU Cougars.

Despite its youth and inexperience, Texas has started the season with an impressive four game win streak, but have yet to face the challenge of playing on the road.

"Just knowing that we're going up to Kansas City to play BYU, this is a big opportunity for us to put Texas Basketball back on the map," freshman point guard Isaiah Taylor said. "We want to get back to where we once were, so it's a big opportunity [for] the team, the coaching staff and the program in general."

Perhaps the bigger challenge for the young Longhorns will be playing on consecutive days, with a tournament championship on the line. Depending on the result of tonight's game against the Cougars, Texas will take on DePaul or Wichita State in either the championship game or third place contest Tuesday night.

"The key will be playing in back-to-back games and playing a different style," head coach Rick Barnes said. "So it will be important to adapt quickly from one game to the next. That's what the early season is about. You try to get exposed to as many different styles as you can."

Thought by many to be a team in the midst of the rebuilding process, the

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—Rick Barnes,
Head coach

Longhorns have looked like a Big 12 contender in each of their first four games.

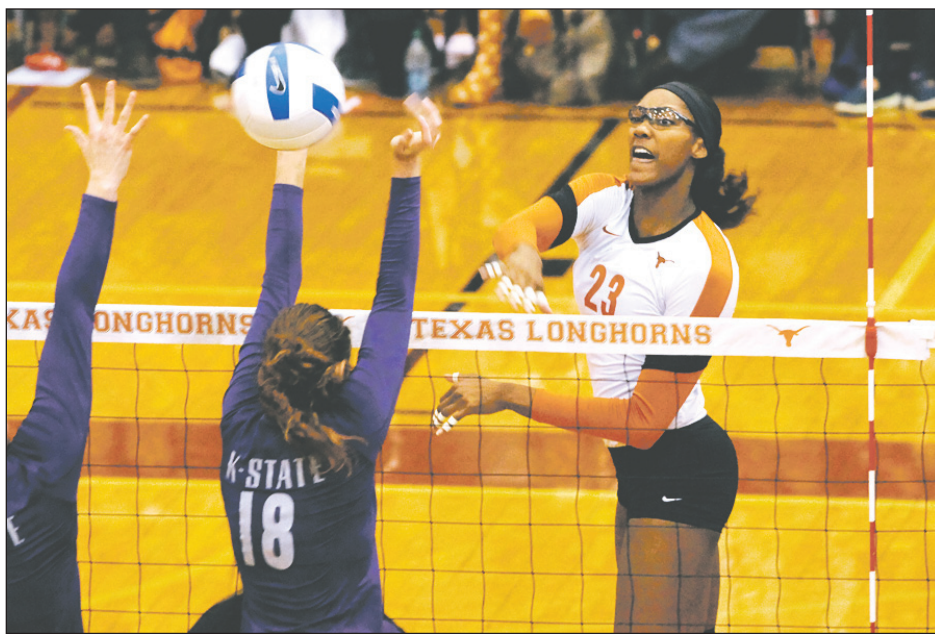
With so many unproven freshmen on the roster, it appeared as though Texas was going to need to rely heavily on its leading returning scorer from last year's team, but that has not been the case.

"When we started the season, I would have thought we'd have to rely on Javan Felix for a little bit more scoring," Barnes said. "But we don't have to rely on any one player to score. We'd like to have five or six guys in double figures."

Texas has done just that so far this year, with at least three players scoring in double figures in each of its games, including five guys with 10 or more against Stephen F. Austin. The Longhorns have also had three different leading scorers in their four contests this year, none of which have been Felix.

"I've been most surprised by our versatility on offense," said junior forward Jonathan Holmes, who leads the team with 15 points per game. "I didn't know how many guys would actually have the ability to score, but it's good to see it from a lot of them."

VOLLEYBALL



Jonathan Garza / Daily Texan Staff

Senior outside hitter Bailey Webster helped lead a potent Longhorn attack in a sweep against Kansas State on Saturday. The Longhorns' offense outhit the Wildcats .379-.180.

Texas defeats Kansas State, wins Big 12 crown outright

By Evan Berkowitz
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In front of a full and loud home crowd, the top-ranked Longhorns claimed the Big 12 championship outright Saturday afternoon with a sweep of Kansas State (25-20, 25-19, 25-15). It is Texas' third straight Big 12 title, and its sixth in the last seven years.

"I was looking for the trophy while coach was talking to the crowd," junior middle blocker Khat Bell joked.

Texas remains perfect in conference play with two games left next week to close out its schedule.

"We can win out and do something this program has never done before in the Big 12," head coach Jerrett Elliott said about being the only program other than Nebraska to win every Big 12 game. "But

winning the Big 12 outright is a special accomplishment and we don't take it for granted."

Bell paced the Longhorns with 13 kills on .667 hitting while junior outside hitter Haley Eckerman added 10 of her own. As a team, the Longhorns hit .379 while holding the Wildcats to .180.

The Longhorns took control from the get-go. Five different Longhorns accounted for the first seven points as they opened up a 7-2 lead. The Longhorns kept that comfortable cushion until a late 5-0 run for the Wildcats (17-10, 5-9) cut the lead to 24-20. But a service error by the Wildcats ended the game.

The second game was back and forth the whole way until a 6-0 Texas run took the lead to 24-19. In the third, Texas opened up a 3-0 lead and never

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—Jerrett Elliott,
Head coach

looked back, winning by 10 points.

The Longhorns have now won 17 straight games and 11 straight sets.

"We are playing some of our best volleyball of the season," Elliott said. "Our offense is getting better and we are beginning to manage our game better, too."

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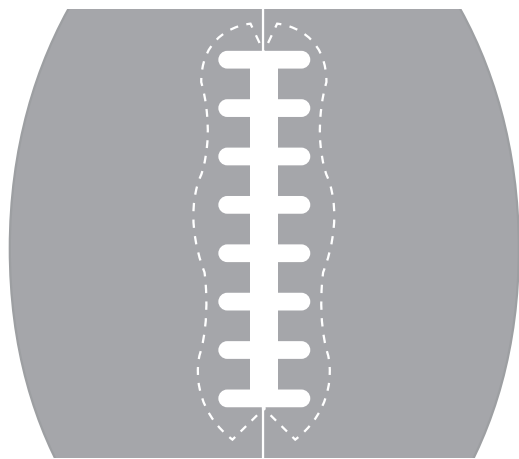
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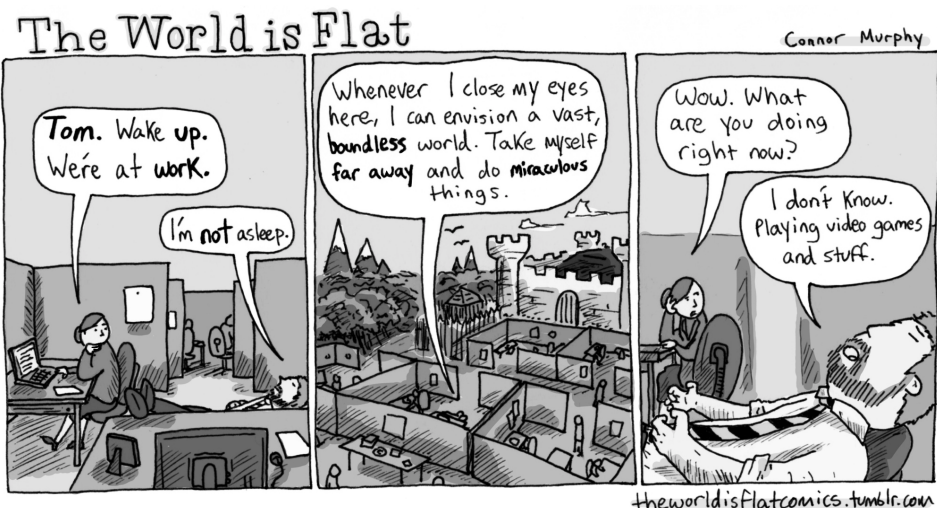
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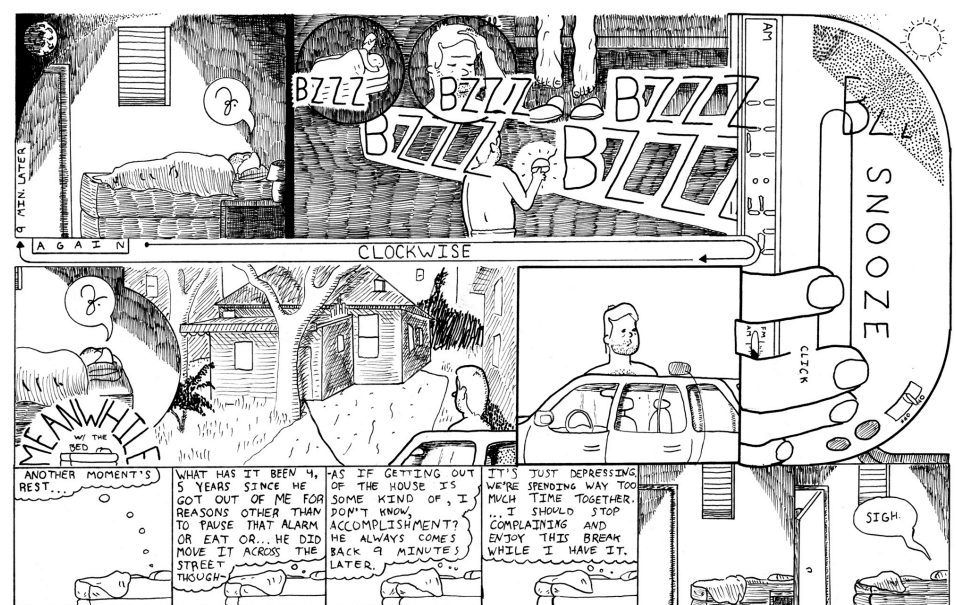


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CANDLEBOT COMICS: I HATE THIS WEATHER



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| ACROSS | 35 Tuna container | 64 Bronx ____ |
| 1 Slyly spiteful | 36 Lying on one's back | 65 Pop concert venue |
| 6 The "D" of PRNDL | 37 Conductors of impulses from nerve cells | 66 Strong, seasoned stock, in cookery |
| 11 Easy-to-chew food | 39 Grazing area | 67 Japanese money |
| 14 Mutual of ____ (insurance giant) | 41 Judicial statements | 68 Military cap |
| 15 Aid in detecting speeders | 42 Fought like the Hatfields and McCoy's | 69 Run-down, as a bar |
| 16 ____ Direction (boy band) | 44 Abbr. after a lawyer's name | DOWN |
| 17 John Cusack thriller based on a Grisham novel | 46 Lose traction | 1 Atoll composition |
| 19 "Golly!" | 47 Stipulation that frees one of liability | 2 Tell jokes, say |
| 20 Inviting | 50 Minor difficulty | 3 Oxygen suppliers for scuba divers |
| 21 "Gimme ____!" (start of an Iowa cheer) | 51 Bit of butter | 4 Spicy Southeast Asian cuisine |
| 22 Southward | 52 "He said, ____ said" | 5 Show that's bo-o-ring |
| 23 "____ Misérables" | 55 Praise | 6 Unmoist |
| 24 Santa's little helper | 57 Nautical record | 7 Indian nobleman |
| 26 Snouts | 59 Nautical unit of measure | 8 "Can't say" |
| 28 Newly famous celebrity | 61 Swiss peak | 9 Sundry |
| 32 ____ date (make some plans) | 62 Part of a ski jump just before going airborne | 10 Suffix with crock or mock |

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE: E

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12 All over again

13 Ball—
hammer

18 Shoelace end

22 Hate, hate, hate

25 "Words ____
me!"

27 Macho sort

28 Quick but
temporary fix

29 Prepare for
prayer

30 Voting against

31 What library
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PUZZLE BY GARY CEE

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| 33 Mates who've split | 48 Tight necklace | 58 Trait transmitter |
| 34 Mention in passing | 49 Fills with personnel | 60 Factual |
| 38 Aug. follower | 52 Disgrace | |
| 40 Inits. on a rush order | 53 ____ in on (got closer to) | 62 File extension? |
| 43 State openly, as for a customs official | 54 "E" on a gas gauge | |
| 45 Drink, as of ale | 55 Indolent | 63 Grain in Cheerios |
| | 56 ____ vera | |

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