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# Fenves announces tuition increase

By Caleb Wong @caleber96

The UT System Board of Regents voted 5-3 Monday to raise tuition at UT-Austin by 3.1 percent for the 2016-2017 academic year and by another 3 percent for 2017-2018.

This is the first tuition increase after four years of flat tuition rates at UT-Austin. Tuition was last raised by 4 percent for the 2011-2012 academic year. The increase will cost students approximately

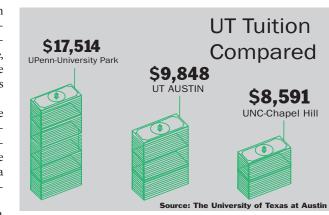
\$300 more each semester by fall 2017, although the exact cost will vary for in-state and out-of-state students, and between colleges. Student success initiatives to raise four-year graduation rates, research programs, faculty salaries and campus facilities all will be funded by the tuition increase, according to the Tuition Advisory Policy Committee.

"Our academic institutions' [tuition rates] remain well below the academic average, even with the increase in tuition and fees,"

Chancellor William McRaven said before the Board voted to increase tuition. "As the appropriated funds continue to decline, ... we need additional revenue to improve the quality across our institutions."

The increase comes at a time when UT is attempting to bolster its national reputation, despite limited funding from the legislature. McRaven said in a Feb. 10 Board of Regents meet-

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#### **CAMPUS**

# Gym closure draws issues for archery club

By Cassandra Jaramillo @cassandrajar

The UT archery club had always heard rumors Anna Hiss Gym would close down, but when the news finally arrived last spring, team members didn't expect the obstacles its closure would bring.

For decades, the archery club practiced for its indoor competitions in the basement floor of Anna Hiss. Without an indoor facility, team members said they will not be able to host tournaments to raise money and may lose members who can't afford to travel off campus to practice three times

"[RecSports] told us [the Provost's Office was officially taking away Anna Hiss, and the intramural fields were going to go into renovations, which was going to threaten our outdoor practices in the spring," said Alex Geringer, who was UT archery club president last year. "We

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Mechanical engineering junior Tiffany Kuan, archery club president stands in front of Anna Hiss Gym, which has been home to the club's practices for decades. Recent renovations to the gym have threatened the club's financial viability.

#### **CAMPUS**

# Nontraditionally aged students

Students aged 25 years and older share the unique set of challenges they face and how they balance work and school.

#### **Words by Marisa** Charpentier

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After a brief stint as an au pair in France, over a decade of exploring the stand-up comedy scene in New York City and seven years working as a word processor at an Austin law firm, journalism student Amy Botelho found herself in an auditorium surrounded by teenagers as Katy Perry and Rihanna blared through the speakers. It was freshman orientation. She was 42 years old.

Botelho's first college goaround hadn't exactly gone as planned. When she found she wasn't enjoying her history major or the quality of classes at her New York state school, she dropped out at 21 and packed her bags for New York City.

While trying her luck at acting and working as a legal secretary at a law firm, she discovered the stand-up comedy scene. As she began performing sets at comedy venues around town, she developed a love for writing and decided to return to school to hone her skills.

"I realized the world was only going to go so far for me in terms of my interest," Botelho said. "I wanted to get my degree, which would open up doors and get me some writing experience." Exchanging real-world

jobs for textbooks, essays and mid-terms isn't uncommon for people above the typical 18-22-year-old range nationally, but on the UT campus, the group makes up a small percentage of the undergraduate scene. Caught in a world of 20-somethings, these students must balance family commitments, jobs and adjusting to college life.

As of 2011, students over the age of 25 made up 38 percent of all undergraduate enrollment nationwide, according to the National Center for Education

25 and older made up 4.3 percent of the undergraduate student population, compared to 5.7 percent in 2010, according to the UT Office of Institutional Reporting, Research and Information Systems.

In 2015, The Texas Higher **Education Coordinating Board** set out to ensure that 60 percent of Texans ages 25 to 34 have a certificate or degree by 2030. To reach this goal, the board, in part, aims to make going back to school easier and cheaper for adults. David Gardner, the deputy commissioner and chief academic officer of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, said a number of factors — such as having kids or not being able to afford tuition — can prevent older individuals from earning their degrees.

"The longer it's been since you've been out of high school, there is more time for certain life factors to come in," Gardner said. "You may also lose some confidence. Part of what we have to do is encourage people and motivate people so that they have the ability."



Jesus Nazario | Daily Texan Staff

Amy Bothelo, a former stand-up comic, is returning to finish her undergraduate degree in journalism after a two-decade hiatus.

But adjusting to a student lifestyle at an older age comes with its challenges. Katherine Czar, group coordinator at the University's Counseling and Mental Health Center, said the center hosts a group for nontraditional students called "Personal Explorations 25+," during which students older than 25 can discuss problems they are encountering with a group facilitator and about six to eight peers. Czar said some common issues these students face are comparing themselves to their younger peers and feel-

ing out of place. As a reporter for KVR, the student-run TV station, Botelho is surrounded by younger students in both her classes and extracurricular pursuits. She said she rarely finds other older students like her on campus. The number of nontraditionalaged students, 25 and older, at UT has decreased by about 23 percent since 2010, according to IRRIS. With fewer students like her on campus, Botelho said she had to adjust to the

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#### **CAMPUS**

#### Self-defense classes for women held on campus

**Bv Mikaela Cannizzo** @mikaelac16

Students gathered at The University of Texas Police Department on Monday evening for the first class of a threeday course aimed at teaching women selfdefense techniques and risk-reduction strategies.

The Rape Aggression Defense System is a national program taught at UT by trained officers since 2001. Lt. Laura Davis said the program is held free of charge twice a semester. Following Monday's session, the program will continue with classes held Tuesday and Wednesday night at 5 p.m.

"We consider this as just one program of many, but overall, it gives you a good basis," Davis said. "You don't have to get different level belts or anything to be able to do it; they're very basic moves, so anybody can do them."

Other than physical techniques such as escaping attackers and understanding defensive postures, Davis said the class teaches students about crime prevention and staying safe in a wide range of situations, including walking on campus, traveling and participating in social media.

While the RAD classes offered this week are for women only, Davis said the University has held RAD for men in the past. She said these classes are not offered as frequently because of a lack of requests and interest among the male

population on campus. Davis said women who participate in the course gain self-awareness and empowerment. optional simulation is offered on the last day of the program, which puts women in situations to real-life practice the techniques they have learned.

"You'll see the difference between a female who takes the class on Monday and when they come out on Wednesday and what they realize they can do," Davis said.

Erin Burrows, Voices Against Violence prevention and outreach specialist, said the organization helped UTPD implement the RAD program at UT by using grant funds from the Department of Justice to purchase equipment and provide funding for officer training.

Burrows said VAV promotes the idea that selfdefense is not prevention. "Prevention for us is

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#### TOMORROW'S WEATHER



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National Trench contruction worker Elbin Moreno loads boards onto a flatbed on Monday afternoon.

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were really, really concerned after that."

Anna Hiss closed for the Provost's Office to decide how to use the space. The Provost's Office now manages room reservations for the building instead of RecSports. The building's future is undetermined.

"No decisions have been made yet about how the Anna Hiss space will be repurposed," Joey Williams, spokesperson for the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, said in an email. "It is currently being evaluated to meet the needs of the campus, and the campus will be updated once that process is complete."

Randall Ford, associate director in programs for UT RecSports, said the organization had to reshuffle several sport programs that used Whitaker Fields and Anna Hiss Gym. Clubs that have been displaced include archery, men's and women's rugby, soccer, ultimate Frisbee club and quidditch.

Ford said many programs that called Anna Hiss home have moved to Bellmont Hall, but there is no space for an indoor range for archery. Outdoor sports clubs that once practiced on Whitaker, including archery, will return to

the fields in fall 2016. However, archery will not

be returning to an indoor facility on campus, Ford said. When Geringer graduated,

mechanical engineering junior Tiffany Kuan took over as club president. Kuan said a major concern she's had is trying to manage finances. "We are not taking new

members right now, so we are not getting new membership dues," Kuan said. "Traditionally we have been a low-maintenance, low-cost club. We make money running tournaments, so when we lose space for us to host tournaments, we lose income."

Volunteer head coach James

Corral said the club spent nearly \$10,000 a year in equipment, facility upkeep and traveling expenses. Most of its expenses were offset by revenue from archery tournaments. The club used to host three tournaments — two indoor and one outdoor - each semester and brought in an average of \$5,000 per tournament.

Now the club pays \$600 a month in rent for Archery Country, an archery shop with an indoor range about 15 minutes away. Ford said UT RecSports is providing financial assistance for rental expenses. Meanwhile, Kuan is trying to schedule carpools for practices.

"I guess change is good, but this is definitely not a change for the better for the club," Kuan said.

Ford said UT RecSports does not have plans for an archery indoor facility on campus, but the organization would look into it if interest within the club grew.

Corral signed up for archery as a UT freshman in 1984 and never left. He said he has postponed his retirement until further notice.

"Things look a little bleak for us, but there's a part of me that thinks things will be OK," Corral said. "My retirement plan is to retire when I see the club is stable."

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ing that a tuition increase would help UT rise from 52nd place in the national rankings to match its peer universities. The University of California has five schools in the top 50 nationally ranked schools, according to the U.S. News and World Report's rankings. The University of North

Carolina at Chapel Hill is ranked 30th nationally, and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor is ranked 29th.

"This is really about staying competitive," McRaven said at the February meeting. McRaven's comments did not

come without backlash, however. Regent Alex Cranberg said the tuition increase would not increase proportionally for students who receive financial aid. "[A student is] going to work

an extra ten hours a month to cover the tuition increase," Cranberg, who voted against the tuition increase, said at a board meeting in February. "Maybe it's Starbucks for some students, and it's a couple weeks or a month of groceries for another student."

English freshman Eden Tesfaslassie, who receives financial aid, said paying more in tuition may jeopardize her ability to attend UT next semester, depending on how much aid she remains eligible for next semester.

"With tuition, with housing, it already seems like going to school is expensive," Tesfaslassie said. "I might not be able to afford it next year."

UT President Gregory Fenves said in a letter released to the UT community Monday the tuition increase would help UT remain a quality university.

"I know that for many students and their families, this tuition increase is not welcome news," Fenves wrote, "But it is vital for the university to fulfill our mission of achieving excellence in undergraduate education, graduate education, research and public service."

UT Student Body President Xavier Rotnofsky said he "begrudgingly" supported the tuition increase but said the legislature needs to fund tuition at a higher level.

"At this point, it would either be academic programs being cut and cool university programs getting cut [if tuition were not increased]," said Rotnofsky, who is a Plan II and linguistics senior. "The state has continued to decrease appropriations to us, so definitely the best avenue would be to increase state funding to public universities."

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about changing the behavior, the attitudes and the beliefs of people who are causing harm," Burrows said. "Self-defense is about increasing someone's skill set and what they can do to decrease their vulnerability of experiencing violence."

While Burrows said these classes have the ability to increase self-awareness and improve methods of attack, but the training will not necessarily decrease the likelihood of sexual assault or rape.

Psychology junior Anissa Garcia said she completed the course during a previous session and is considering signing up again to improve her skills and knowledge.

She said she wants other students to be proactive about their safety, too.

"I have and will continue to encourage people to take the RAD class," Garcia said. "Any person can be the victim of an attack and everyone has the right to be prepared."

According to the UTPD website, another opportunity to attend the RAD course will be available in May. Registration is currently open and students can sign up on the website.

Davis said she encourages students to attend the two remaining classes this week even if they did not participate last night. She said no registration is required at this point, for the remainder of the week. Comfortable clothing and athletic shoes are recommended for



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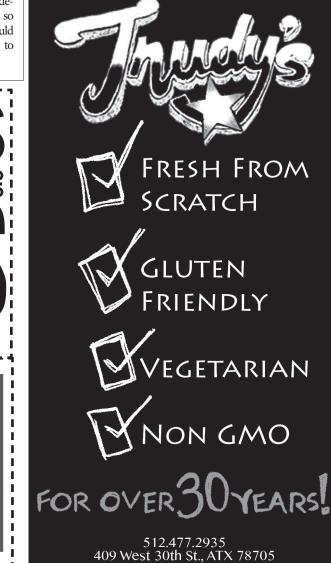
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"This is past my time technically," Botelho said. "I'm more used to socializing and being around the age range of professors, but it's not appropriate for me to strike up friendships with them, even though I can relate to them and their phase of life more than the students."

For 35-year-old anthropology student Joseph Leggett, the hardest part of his decision to attend UT has been the workload. In addition to being a full-time student, Leggett has a wife, two kids, ages 6 and 8, and maintains a part-time job as a youth director at First United Methodist Church of Bastrop.

"It's really hard because I don't have a day off," Leggett said.

Leggett chose to attend UT after his corporate employer began downsizing. When the company gave him the option to either take a severance or work in a lower-level position, he saw it as his opportunity to go to school and improve his career.

"I'm not the type who can just get a degree online," Leggett said. "I had to get something that I felt was worth the time and had some of my passion

Since joining the UT community in spring 2015, Leggett said he's enjoyed the challenging coursework but wishes he could be more involved by attending Anthropology Society meetings in the evenings. His packed schedule, however, doesn't allow it.

One issue Botelho came across after coming back to school was making the transition to using more technology. She said a separate orientation geared toward older students that addressed things like how to use a computer and register for classes would have been helpful.

"It would be great if [the University] could adapt more or have more thought to the older students," Botelho said. "If you start to cater [to them], I think you could get an influx of more people."

The Texas Extended Campus is one way the University can be helpful to older students because it provides flexible class options. The Extended Campus — open to all students as well as individuals not admitted to the University — houses various programs that range from University Extension,



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Anthropology junior Joseph Leggett, 35, is a non-traditional student who balances his academic life with his role as a father of two and his position as a youth director. One of his favorite study spots is the Life and Science Library in the Main Building.

which provides online and evening college credit courses, to the Center for Professional Education, which has noncredit courses and certificate programs for people seeking to advance their careers.

higher education evolves, the Texas Extended Campus is a place to try new things," Extended Campus marketing director Kathleen Mabley said.

Although the transition

to a full-time student has been challenging as an adult, Leggett said he feels he made the right decision.

"I'm in the right place," Leggett said. "This is what I should've done maybe a lot sooner, but I'm glad I got the opportunity to get out of a company that I hated and get redirected. Here, it's wonderful, and hopefully it'll turn into a career that's fulfilling."

**NATIONAL** 

# Super Tuesday cheat sheet: what to look out for

**By Forrest Milburn** @forrestmilburn

Lines are expected to be excruciatingly long at the Flawn Academic Center, the only polling site on campus, as voters in Texas head to the polls to cast votes for not only the presidential election but also several other contested races lower down the ballot.

#### What is Super Tuesday?

Super Tuesday has the largest number of delegates (595 for Republicans, 1,004 for Democrats) up for grabs in the primaries, offering minor candidates a lifeline or solidifying one candidate over the others as the frontrunner.

#### Who will be up to vote? In both parties:

Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Okla-Tennessee, homa, Texas, Vermont, Virginia

Republicans only: Alaska, Wyoming **Democrats only:** 

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When results finalized, here's you should look for:

House District 49

Who's on the ballot:

Attorney Aspen Dunaway, Former legislative aide and 2014, UT graduate Huey Rey Fischer, Austin ISD school board member Gina Hinojosa, Attorney Kenton D. Johnson, Former NARAL Pro-Choice Texas legislative counsel Blake Rocap, Attorney Matt Shrum, UT law professor Heather Way

#### How does this affect me?

A field of seven Democrats are competing to replace longtime State Rep. Elliott Naishtat (D-Austin), who has served West Campus and UT in HD 49 for 25 years.

"Who we choose in this election for state [representative] could be there for sevAlcantara, a Plan II and government junior and member of University Democrats.

Because the eventual nominee will face no opposition in the November general election, the Democratic primary is the race for who will represent UT students when the legislature reconvenes in January.

With a high number of contenders, it's quite possible one of the candidates will not get above 50 percent, resulting in a runoff between the top two

#### candidates on May 24. **Presidential primary**

Polls currently show Sanders with a clear advantage only while Clinton leads almost everywhere else. The races remain competitive (within 10 points) in Oklahoma, Colorado, Minnesota and Massachusetts, so keep a look out for margins in those states.

"It would be a huge blow for the Bernie campaign if [Sanders] doesn't hold on to a few other states," said Maliha Mazhar, international business and government senior and University Democrats communications director.

For the Republican primary, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) has only won state of Iowa, while Donald Trump has won in New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada. The remaining Republicans, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL), Gov. John Kasich (R-OH) and retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson, have yet to win any states.

Polls show a tight race between the top three candidates, with Cruz leading in Texas and Trump leading in most other states.

"[After Tuesday], does [Cruz] have enough delegates conceivably to secure the nomination?" said Robert Guerra, a finance junior and College Repubcommunications director. "If not, it will be interesting to see how his campaign responds."



#### **Candidates for** The University Co-op **Board of Directors**



#### Alexa Lewis, Mathematics, College of Natural Sciences

eadership experience: Texas Leadership Summit - Student Advisory Board Member; Leadership Ethics And Progress (LEAP) -Mentor; The Project - Team Lead

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#### Madison McDonald, Economics, College of Liberal Arts

Leadership Experience: Kappa Delta -, Vice President of Community Service; Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity - Member; Austin Center for Child Protection - Volunteer



I would love to be a part of the University Co-operative Society Board of Directors in order to make a difference within The University of Texas. I would like to increase funding for student worthy causes and voice the popular opinion for my fellow peers. In addition, I would like to create a more unified approach between student-run organizations in all their attempts toward a bigger picture. My innate drive to serve the community, along with my past experiences would allow me to undertake this position and work it to new heights.



#### W. Travis Monteleone, Business Administration, Accounting, McCombs School of Business

Leadership Experience: Senate of College Councils - McCombs Representative; Undergraduate Business Council; Sigma Chi Fraternity - Elected Tribune, Chapter Editor

Running for the Co-op Board of Directors is something that I've been excited to do since finding out about the position last fall. Throughout my time at UT, I have strived to have a major impact on this campus. Through various organizations that I have had the fortune of joining, I believe that I have begun to complete my goal. With this position I hope to help improve the lives of UT students by voicing student concerns and input to the other Board members when making important decisions

#### J. Dylan Adkins, Business Administration, Business Honors, Accounting, McCombs School of Business

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# Hinojosa is ideal choice for HD 49

By Daily Texan Editorial Board The Daily Texan @TexanEditorial

Last December, longtime Democrat and Texas Rep. Elliott Naishtat (D-Austin) announced he was retiring from his post in House District 49. Today, voters will cast their ballots to determine his replacement. The Democratic primary field to replace him is crowded, but two candidates have distinguished themselves from the field as the leading choices for students. While Huey Rey Fischer has made a strong case for himself as a representative of student interests, Gina Hinojosa's experience in local education politics makes her the best choice for HD 49.

On some level, this election is a referendum on how to attack education policy goals in a staunchly conservative state legislature. In the past year, the Texas state legislature passed campus carry legislation without acting to correct its unconstitutional school funding system. With Fisher v. University of Texas looming on the horizon, this district needs a champion who can effectively fight to ensure that students from every background have the opportunity to attend this University and that they have the resources to succeed

OPINION

While the Texas Tribune ranked Naishtat the fourth most liberal member of this past year's legislature, abortion restrictions and campus carry passed while he was in office. Whoever fills his shoes must come in with a proven record of fighting for Texans.

when they get here.

While HD 49 is among the most progressive districts in the state, the voters in this district cannot influence statewide policy on their own. While the Texas Tribune ranked Naishtat the fourth most liberal member of this past year's legislature, abortion restrictions and campus carry passed while he was in office. Whoever fills his shoes must come in with a proven record of fighting for Texans, lest we make it easier for bills like these to pass.

The question, then, is how to go about inspiring change. Fischer brings with him experience working for three different



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progressive representatives in the Texas House and Senate and is undoubtedly in touch with the issues that UT students face, having graduated from the University in 2014. While he may have a bright future in politics, this post is too much for an individual who has never held any elected office before.

Given the severity of the issues the next representative will face, Gina Hinojosa's experience fighting for the changes that Fischer calls for makes her the clear choice. During her time as an attorney, she fought illegal campaign contributions

by Republican members of the Texas House, and as AISD board president, she helped secure more funding for public schools. All the while, she has continued to use her positions to defend workers' rights and protections.

No matter who wins, the next representative will fight an uphill battle to better the state. It is the opinion of The Daily Texan editorial board that Gina Hinojosa has the experience and values to make a difference in this legislature. When you make your way to the polls, we urge you to give your strongest consideration to Hinojosa.

COLUMN

# Abstinence-only education needs to change

By Leah Kashar

Daily Texan Senior Columnist @leahkashar

In Mean Girls fashion, a Texas high school recently suffered a chlamydia outbreak. They may not have been told, "Don't have sex, or you'll get pregnant and die," but as their sex education curriculum is entirely abstinence-only, it is not out of the question. Over 20 students got chlamydia, further demonstrating that preaching abstinence to a group of horny teenagers is ineffective. In 2008, Texas had the third-highest teenage pregnancy rate in the United States. Perhaps unsurprisingly, 94 percent of Texas public school districts teach abstinence-only sex education, and over 50 percent of Texas high school students lose their virginity during their teen years. For this reason, abstinence-only

The abstinence-only movement began in 1981 during the Reagan administration with the idea that if teenagers don't have sex, they won't have to deal with STIs or other consequences. But this is not the case. Teens in abstinence-only programs are more likely to have unsafe sex or contract STIs because they were never educated on prevention in

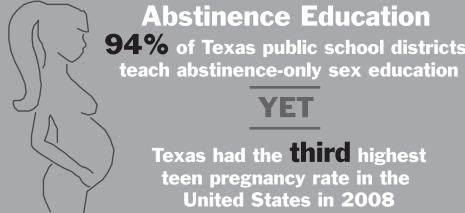
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the first place. Therefore, it is ridiculous that more than \$2 million of the alreadyswollen federal budget went to funding an ineffective program.

Furthermore, the United Nations has declared that it is a human right to "seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, including information about their health." It also declared that both children and adults have the right to an appropriate education on HIV/AIDS. It is the government's responsibility to provide these materials. However, in Texas, most information about contraceptives and condoms are laughably missing from textbooks.

Therefore, Obama's budgetary chang-



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es in regard to national sex education were entirely justified. His choice to defund a completely nonsensical burden to the United States and to increase funding for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative will ultimately shift the ignorant teaching culture regarding teenage sex. Classrooms will be forced to recognize the reality of dangers surrounding sex and how to appropriately prepare students for them. More teenagers will be well informed, driving down teen pregnancy and infection rates as a result. Finally, the United States will align with the much-needed

moral standards set by the United Na-

Abstinence-only sex education is selfish. Many teenagers are going to have sex regardless of whether or not they receive such education. Giving them inaccurate information about their health is both harmful and immoral. Time and time again, abstinence-only education has proven to be ineffective. In fact, the states with the most right-wing sex education programs have the highest teen

pregnancy rates. Kashar is an English freshman from

Scarsdale, NY.

COLUMN

# Even one gun is too many when on campus

By Adam Humphrey Daily Texan Columnist @Humphrinator

Campus carry has been a dominant topic of conversation around the 40 Acres ever since Gov. Abbott signed it into law on June 1, 2015. The dean of architecture has left the school, many faculty members — including President Fenves have spoken out against it and dildo demonstrations — odd as they may sound - have even been set in motion to protest the new danger being unnecessarily brought to public universities across the state.

One concealed handgun in a classroom setting is too many. Even the thought that one's fellow students could be carrying is unsettling and will detract from learning environments. However, given the relatively low

number of concealed handgun licenses issued throughout the state, the amount of carriers on campuses, including the University of Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech, will likely be much lower

than the public seems to imagine. According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, first-time licenses are valid for four years, while renewal li-

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censes are valid for a five-year period. That means that the majority of currently valid licenses were issued between 2012 and today. During that time period, the state issued 846,372 licenses. That is, admittedly, a large number, but it shrinks quickly as one narrows their focus.

In the three counties in which Texas, A&M and Tech are located, the number of licenses issued over the past four years is fairly small. Travis county, which is home to over one million people, has issued 23,832 concealed handgun licenses since 2012. Brazos and

#### Concealed Handgun Licenses Issued

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County	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Travis	4,546	6,754	6,233	5,849	23,382
Brazos	1,177	1,818	1,778	1,583	6,356
Lubbock	1,944	3,692	3,036	2,719	11,391

Lubbock county combine for another 17,747 licenses, which brings the total of the three to 41,579 licenses.

It's important to note that in order to receive a handgun license an applicant must be 21 years old (unless they are active duty military personnel) and meet requirements laid out by the federal government. These requirements are a wafer-thin barrier, though, as only 0.8 percent of applications were denied or revoked across the entire state between the years of 2012 and 2015.

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It's also important to acknowledge that handgun license owners don't just stay wherever their license was issued. Even considering that mobility, it is still difficult to see a numerically significant influx of license holders to any of these college campuses.

Don't get me wrong: It is ridiculous that this law will be put into effect. But, its consequences should not be blown out of proportion. Let's hope that holds true before any catastrophes occur.

Humphrey is a journalism senior from Round Rock.

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# Offense looks for consistency before tough March slate

By Daniel Clay @dclay567

The Longhorn offense has been a bit of an anomaly in this young season.

Head coach Augie Garrido proudly touted his plan to emulate the 2015 Kansas City Royals by making contact, taking smart at-bats and not striking out.

At times, the Longhorns have looked just like the team Garrido was hoping for. Texas plated 18 runs in its two wins in the season-opening series against UNLV and added 13 more in a pair of wins against Stanford including a 9-0 shellacking on Saturday.

The losses, though, have been a different story.

In three losses on the season, the Longhorns have scored just four combined runs and averaged just under ten strikeouts per nine innings. In Sunday's 11-1 loss to Stanford, the team struck out six times and stranded runners in scoring position in the first four innings.

"There's been a lot of

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> -Zane Gurwitz. Junior center fielder

unexpected," Garrido said of his offense's habits on

Texas junior center fielder and leadoff hitter Zane Gurwitz expressed a similar disappointed optimism.

"It's early in the year," Gurwitz said. "No one is concerned. You just got to learn from it and get better. That's all."

The Longhorns will have a chance to for an offensive rebound with a road matchup Tuesday night at 6 p.m. against Texas State, but a win in San Marcos is far from a sure thing for Garrido's club.

The Bobcats enter Tuesday's contest sporting a .278 team batting average, 24 points higher than Texas' mark, and enough offensive firepower to overcome any missed pitches by the young Longhorn staff.

Catcher Tanner Hill, who hit nine home runs while maintaining a .319 average in 2015, leads the Bobcat attack, but this season, the senior is joined by three other regulars with averages above .300.

Regardless of how good the Longhorns actually are, the intimidation factor of playing against Texas, led by the winningest coach in college baseball history is sometimes enough to pull out a win against a nervous opponent. The Bobcats though, have

no reason to be intimidated by the Longhorns. Texas State has already played well in close road losses against the postseason regulars Rice Owls and the undefeated Michigan State Spartans and has proven that



Junior center fielder Zane Gurwitz squares up on a pitch against Stanford on Saturday. Texas took that game 9-0, but the bats fell silent in an 11-1 loss to close out the series on Sunday.

it can score runs against the best teams in the country.

An early offensive outburst by Texas State could be enough to dishearten the young Longhorns. Texas has yet to pull off a come from behind win this season, and a loss would hand the club a .500 record heading into a stretch of eight out of nine games against ranked opponents.

The veterans, though, are confident the team will be battle hardened enough to overcome the impending adversity this month.

"We have a young team," Gurwitz said. "As the season goes on and we get down more in games, because it's going to happen, our guys will be able to build from it and be able to get momentum some way or another."

#### AUGUSTIN

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Augustin has seen at this role was during his tenure with the Bulls, where he averaged 14.9 points and five assists per game.

A reserve point guard who provides a decent scoring ability, Augustin is a popular trade asset. The Pistons used him to acquire their current leading scorer, Reggie Jackson, from the Thunder, who sent him to Denver to acquire shooting guard Randy Foye.

Although a playoff appearance is not likely for Augustin after departing from Oklahoma City, he has attained individual success with increased minutes

in Denver. Through five games with the Nuggets, he is averaging 10.8 points and 3.8 assists.

"What I do like about D.J. is he's been around the NBA long enough where I think he has a [good] IQ and will pick things up fairly quickly," first-year Denver coach Mike Malone told The Denver Post. "We do a lot of the same things that he did in Chicago with Tom Thibodeau."

Coming off season-highs of 36 minutes and 20 points in the Nuggets' latest defeat, Augustin has already adjusted to playing with his seventh team. The 28-year old will be a free agent at the conclusion of the season, so the future remains unpredictable for Augustin.

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SPORTS

# Texas rocked, chalked by No. 1 Kansas

By Akshay Mirchandani @amirchandani41

This night was from normal.

Just for tonight, the lines to enter the Frank Erwin Center were so long that people had to enter in waves. Just for tonight, Colt McCoy, Tony Romo and Jason Witten sat courtside. And just for tonight, the numbers of six seniors hung in the rafters.

The only thing that was normal was the one thing that no one wanted — the outcome. No. 23 Texas had no answer for the No. 1 Kansas Jayhawks, falling 86-56 on senior night, dropping to 8-27 all time against Kansas and 0-for-9 against AP No. 1 teams.

"I've seen senior nights go both ways; tonight it went the wrong way," head coach Shaka Smart said. "And I'm not talking about the result — I'm talking about in terms of what it did for us psychologically."

After the senior night pageantry and the pregame pyrotechnics were through, the sellout Erwin Center crowd had an electricity about it. But when the game tipped off, it wasn't what the seniors, or anyone, hoped.



the final home game of his collegiate career. dropped 13 points and was one of the few brightsnots for the Longhorns on senior night.

Longhorn guard Javan Felix at-

tempts a shot in

Joshua Guerra Daily Texan Staff

Texas began the game 0-of-14 from the field as the Jayhawks ran out to 15-0 lead. A floater from senior guard Javan Felix finally got the Longhorns on the board more than six minutes into the contest.

The other seniors answered the call as well, combining for 16 first-half points, but the Jayhawks shot 63.3 percent in the first half and bombed two 3-pointers in the closing minutes to take a 47-23

lead into the break.

"We didn't come out and guard tonight," Felix said. "Just plain and simple."

The seniors attempted to spark something and scored the first six points of the second half to pump some much-needed life into an otherwise dead arena.

But it was evident who was Big 12 champion and No. 1 team in the land. the Jayhawks shot a sizzling 64 percent from the field for the game and had three players in double figures.

In cruel irony, it was Kansas' senior star that stole the show. Forward Perry Ellis, the man who has been the nemesis of Texas' seniors for four years, had 20 points and consistently sucked the life out of the Erwin Center crowd.

Once the Jayhawks went up 65-34 with 13:08 remaining, the fans started making their way to the exits.

The seniors have a chance to make postseason noise, but the chance to beat Kansas on the Erwin Center floor on senior night won't return.

"It's very tough. For me, the most important thing is not to dwell on it," senior center Prince Ibeh said. "Realize it's not the end of the season."

But as history suggests, it was just a normal outcome against Kansas on an abnormal night.

Sophomore

guard Brooke

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### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Longhorns collapse in regular season finale

By Jasmine C. Johnson @AllThatJasss

Midway through the first quarter, Baylor junior guard Alexis Jones picked up her second foul. Three seconds later, sophomore guard Brooke McCarty scored a la-

lead, its first lead of the game. Instead of building on that lead with Jones sitting on the bench, Texas went ice cold in the second quarter.

yup to give No. 6 Texas a 6-5

The drought happened right after sophomore Ariel Atkins made a jumper to give Texas 19 points. From that point on, the Longhorns closed the half on 1-of-13 shooting, totaling seven points for the quarter. And just when it couldn't get any worse, Jones checked in for the last play and knocked buzzer-beater down a three to give No. 4 Baylor a 30-20 lead.

Texas followed the sevenpoint second quarter with a 10-point third quarter. What was once a 10-point deficit quickly blossomed into a 30-point deficit, en route to a 74-48 Baylor victory in Waco.

McCarty led the Longhorns' struggling offense with 12 points on 5-of-14 shooting. Senior center Imani Boyette added eight points and eight rebounds. Texas (26-3, 15-3 Big 12) shot 29 percent from the field, including 1-of-9 from beyond the arc. McCarty knocked down the team's only three of the night at the 3:58 mark in the fourth quarter.

Baylor (30–1, 17–1 Big 12), on the other hand, was clicking on all cylinders. They shot 52.8 percent from the field and were led by sophomore guard Kristy Wallace's 23 points off the bench. Wallace shot 8-of-13 from the field, including 3-of-5 from the three-point line. Wallace alone outscored Texas' bench 23-15.

Junior forward Nina Davis



added 16 points and six rebounds, while senior guard Niya Johnson tallied 10 points and 12 assists.

While Texas never got it going offensively, it finished with 10 steals and four blocks. But head coach Karen Aston said they weren't able capitalize on fast break opportunities.

"We need to slow down a bit and concentrate on finishing," Aston said to Fox Sports 1 at halftime. "It looks like we're shooting to get fouled

instead of shooting to finish." Baylor's size might have affected Texas' ability to finish. Baylor's bigs were a factor all night, despite Aston starting Boyette and junior center Kelsey Lang to give Texas more size. Baylor finished with 10 blocks and altered many other shots in the paint.

Daily Texan Staff With the regular seasonfinale loss, Texas has dropped 13-straight games against

Baylor dating back to 2011. A Longhorn win would've put Texas in a tie with Baylor for first place of the Big 12. The Longhorns will look

to regroup for the 2016 Phillips 66 Big 12 Women's Basketball Championship in Oklahoma City beginning Saturday night.

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#### SPORTS **BRIEFLY**

#### **Culbreth wins Big 12** Pitcher of the Week Award

Senior Ty Culbreth was named Big 12 Pitcher of the Week on Monday for his eight-inning gem against the Stanford Cardinal over the weekend.

The award is the first such accolade in Culbreth's career and the first of the season for the Longhorn team.

On Saturday, the southpaw used pinpoint command of his fastball, slider and changeup to end the afternoon with eight shutout innings and a careerhigh twelve strikeouts. Culbreth took a no-hitter through six and a third frames before surrendering an infield hit on a weak dribbler to short.

The award-winning start was the senior's second quality outing on the young campaign and his season total of 16 strikeouts qualifies for the best mark in the conference.

Culbreth's strong performances have set the table for what could be a resurgent season for the senior. The lefty finished last season with a mediocre 3.95 ERA in five starts but has allowed just one earned run in 13 innings of work in 2016.

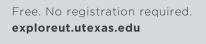
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### Journeyman Augustin settling into new role



By Steve Helwick @naqwerty3

Nothing is permanent. D.J. Augustin has learned this lesson in his eight-year

When Augustin was traded from the Oklahoma City Thunder to the Denver Nuggets on Feb. 18, he switched teams in the middle of the year for the third-consecutive NBA season. The Nug-

"It's been rough, but it's part of the game," Augustin told The Denver Post after

The Charlotte Bobcats

Charlotte after two seasons, averaging 10.9 points per game during his four-year tenure with the team. This has been his longest tenure with any team in Augustin began to test free agency, landing a year in

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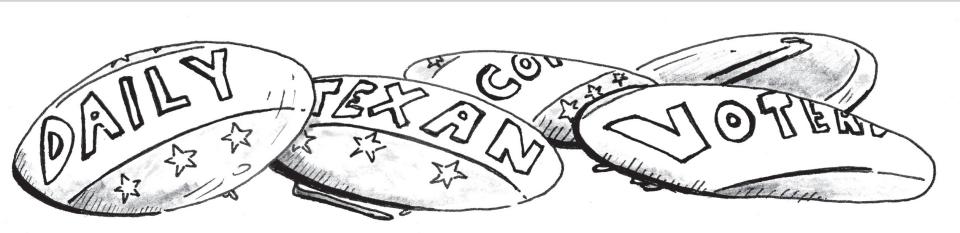
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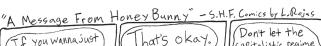
Indiana in 2012. He signed with the Toronto Raptors in 2013 after a down-year featuring reduced statistical averages in points, rebounds and assists. Five months later, in the middle of the season, he was waived and continued his career as a Chicago Bull.

Since leaving Charlotte, Augustin has primarily contributed to teams as a backup point guard, coming off the bench to provide a scoring spark to the second unit. The greatest success

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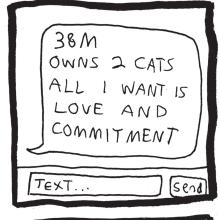
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#### By Elizabeth Hlavinka @ hlavinka\_e

While most 5-year-olds prefer picture books or cartoons, UT alumna Laura Eakins was fascinated by the newly discovered images of Mars, the rings of Saturn and Neptune's moons that lined the pages of her National Geographic issues. Captivated by the mys-

teries of space, Eakins graduated with a degree in astronomy and later got a job in the department as the astronomy outreach and instructional technology director. She now hosts stargazing parties, manages the campus

telescopes and fields phone calls from the general public — anything from a question about the night sky to conspiracy theories about the Apollo landing or the Mayan "Doomsday."

"[Astronomy] was my very first class in college," Eakins said. "It's been 25 years since my first day, sitting in Astronomy 307 in the CPE building."

Eakins' background in research translates well to her lifestyle as a self-proclaimed Anglophile. Fascinated by Tudor History, Eakins created her own website in 1998, where she documents biographies, news and transcriptions related to 16th-century England. As an amateur historian, Eakins took several trips to the United Kingdom and photographed Stonehenge and the country's royal castle.

When she returned, she began posting her photos to her website in a Picture of the Week series and has kept up with it ever since. She posted her 371st photo last week.

Eakins said the website for homework projects or



Laura Eakins, a UT alumna and instructional technology director of the astronomy department, plans to continue a second degree in computer science to better her website for Anglophiles, admirers of England.

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# Students weigh in on YA fiction

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Nearly a decade after the height of the "Twilight" frenzy, the presence of the still-volatile Team Edward/Team Jacob argument demonstrates the young adult fiction franchise's lasting impact on teen culture.

Though "Twilight" and many other young adult fiction novels received large commercial and even cult-like success, the genre remains controversial because of its teen-oriented content.

Domino Perez, English and Mexican American Studies associate professor, who teaches a class called "Young Adult: Fiction and Film," said young adult fiction puts greater emphasis on self-transformation and hopeful endings. The protagonist is often also in the age range of the intended reader, generally between ages 12 and 18.

Although the genre has captured a multitude of adult readers — 55 percent of YA fiction consumers in 2012 were over the age of 18 proud "#IreadYA" campaigns by adults on Twitter have met considerable backlash. Articles such as Slate's 2014 piece "Against YA," which shamed adult YA fiction readers for indulging in literature written for children, have circulated criticism against readers of the genre.

While bad YA fiction certainly exists, Perez said it is not a representation of the genre.

"Just because writing is classified as YA doesn't mean it can't be serious or sophisticated," Perez said. "It also doesn't mean that it's of poor quality. Bad writing, poor character development and insufficient narrative arcs are not exclusive to any one genre."

Studio art sophomore Celeste Ballien said the overwhelming number of poorly written YA novels such as "Twilight" have influenced a subsequent generation of failed attempts to imitate "Twilight's" success.

"Right away, when someone says 'YA novel,' my mind immediately jumps to vampires, werewolves and romance because the media has capitalized on those sorts of plots and characters," Ballien said.

Because of stories that often feature weak-willed protagonists and overrated supernatural tropes, Ballien said the stigma of YA fiction has drawn her instead toward classics like "Jane Eyre," which offer greater challenge and agency

to readers. English senior Haleigh Hoebener said she agrees YA fiction can tend to be formulaic, however many share a valuable journey of growth. She said the coming-of-age story remains relevant to readers past the age of 18 because people don't



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stop growing after they've fallen out of the predetermined age range.

"I've found that going back to some of the old books I read when I was very young, that they have deeper themes and messages, even if they may be aimed at young audiences," Hoebener said.

YA fiction tends to put heavy emphasis on personal growth, which, Hoebener said, allows readers to bridge the gap in what they understand about themselves and how they understand others.

"I think literature offers a lot of chance to empathize with people that aren't like you, and telling stories that you can still relate to in a sense," said Hoebener.

Ballien said this connectivity becomes a weakness when the literature fails to represent the diversity of its audience. She said at this age, young readers' sense of self esteem is

in a crucial stage of development, and representation can either support or isolate them. She hopes to see more ethnically diverse characters in the future so young readers, like her sister, can feel included and empowered.

"Everyone in the world isn't white," said Ballien. "It's important to let people know that a character doesn't have to be white to be successful and loved by an audience. Maybe an audience would love Harry Potter whether he was white or black."

When all elements of a YA fiction novel are properly executed, Perez said it has the power to briefly take the reader out of reality and place them into a safer, more ideal world.

"Some of the first traveling I did as a child was through books," Perez said. "Though the landscapes have changed over the years, the connection is still powerful."



Editor's note:

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Of the seven tattoos journalism junior Belicia Luevano has on her body, some were planned, and some were spontaneous, but they all represent the things she holds dear. From her Julian Casablancas tattoo to her colorful thigh tattoo that reads "Be the Change you wish to see in the world," Luevano said her tattoos make her feel like herself.

"They're kind of like charm bracelets," Luevano said. "Some were spur of the moment and really dumb, but I don't regret them at all. I don't take

anything too seriously."

Many of Luevano's tattoos are celebrations, marking special moments in her life she wants to remember. During her first year of college, she said she struggled to find a place where she belonged. After finding a group, she got a small alien tattoo on her ankle to commemorate her

"The first year of college, I was scrambling," Luevano said. "After a year, I found an amazing group of people, learned a lot about myself and felt at home. I went from being an alien as an outsider to realizing my alien ways made me find the amazing, eccentric people I can flourish with."

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