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Campus mourns loss of Harrison Brown

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Harrison Brown, 19, wasn't only a UT student — he was a musician, a son, a brother and a kind friend.

On Monday afternoon, Brown, an undeclared freshman, was killed in an on-campus stabbing outside Gregory Gymnasium. Three other students were injured in the incident.

Austin Bishop Joe Vásquez led a memorial mass for Brown, a practicing Catholic, at the University Catholic Center Tuesday night. All members of the UT community were welcome, filling the church to capacity with some standing at the back.

Radio-television-film freshman Kate Salkowitz, a close friend of Brown's, said he was always a force of positivity.



"He had the goofiest smile," Salkowitz said. "He was always the one in a room with a lot of people where you're trying to tell a story and no one was listening, (but) he would lean out and poke his head

around people and be so excited to listen to what you were saying."

Born in Graham, Texas, Brown was a passionate musician who played numerous instruments. A video of Brown singing and

playing the guitar to "I'll Be" by Edwin McCain has hit more than 500,000 views on Facebook.

Neuroscience freshman Andre Ribeiro said he met Brown on the first day of class last



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Chancellor William McRaven prays at a memorial mass for Undeclared freshman Harrison Brown held at the University Catholic Center on Tuesday night. Brown was killed in an on-campus stabbing outside of Gregory Gymnasium on Monday. Flowers were placed on the picnic tables outside of Gregory gym in memory of Brown.

semester, and the two became friends instantly.

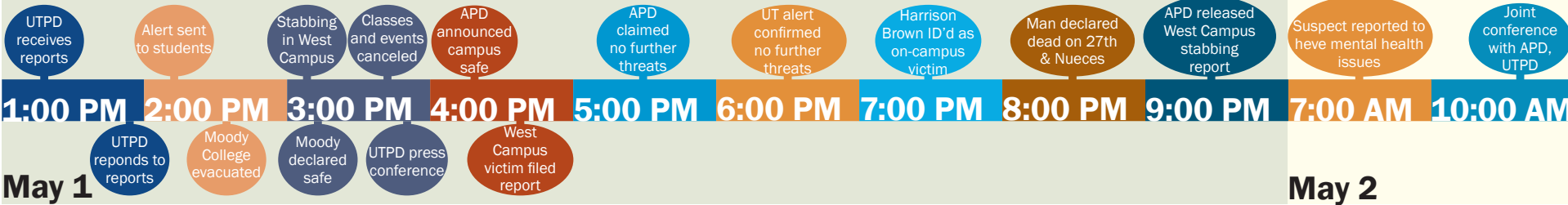
"Whenever he walked into a room, even if the mood in a room was sad, he would just turn it around completely," Ribeiro said. "I could hear his laugh from

across the room. I didn't have to know he was there. He was just like a presence that filled the room."

Physics freshman Stephen Wilhelm said Ribeiro introduced Brown to his

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May 1, 2017: Breakdown of campus tragedy

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Rumors ran rampant on social media Monday afternoon after a UT student assaulted other students in an attack that left one dead and three injured. The following is a 24-hour breakdown of events from the time the UT Police Department received the report to the University press conference Tuesday morning.

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1:46 p.m. – UTPD receives reports of an individual assaulting a student with a large, Bowie-style hunting knife in front of Gregory Gym.

1:48 p.m. – UTPD officers respond to the scene and arrest the suspect, 21-year-old biology junior Kendrex White, in

Jester Center. Of the four student victims, one was pronounced dead on the scene.

2:14 p.m. – UT sends out an official emergency alert to students almost 30 minutes after the report, which said there was "criminal activity with an injury," and that the suspect had been taken into custody.

2:50 p.m. – Students and faculty evacuate Moody College of Communication after bomb threat rumors. A sign hangs from Moody Sky Bridge reading "Tuition Pays for Bombs."

3 p.m. – Another stabbing occurs on 26th and Nueces Streets. The Austin Police Department later said the male victim, a UT student, got into a confrontation with an unknown man after he observed him threaten a woman with a

knife. The student sustained a stab wound to the leg.

3:06 p.m. – Moody College of Communication announces via Twitter that Belo Center for New Media is open and no imminent threat exists.

3:14 p.m. – Provost Maurie McInnis announces via email that all classes and events are canceled for the day.

3:30 p.m. – UTPD holds press conference regarding on-campus stabbing.

4:24 p.m. – APD announces via Twitter that the 24th and 26th Street incidents as rumored on social media were not credible and there were no ongoing threats to campus.

4:33 p.m. – The victim of 26th Street stabbing reports the incident to APD from St. David's Hospital, an hour and a half after the

incident occurred.

4:57 p.m. – School district officials in Graham, Texas, identify undergraduate studies freshman Harrison Brown as the on-campus stabbing fatality victim.

5:21 p.m. – APD announces via Twitter there are no further threats to campus and advises students to only accept information from official sources, an hour after the 26th Street stabbing was reported.

6:30 p.m. – A University safety alert says none of the prior social media rumors were credible and that there are no further threats to campus.

8:15 p.m. – APD and Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services respond to a check welfare call at an apartment building on 27th and Nueces Streets. Thirty minutes

later, paramedics declare a man presumed to be in his early 20s dead.

9:38 p.m. – APD releases incident report about 26th Street stabbing via Twitter, five hours after the initial report. APD asks for public's assistance in identifying suspect.

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7:38 a.m. – The Austin American-Statesman reports that White suffered from mental health issues and the stabbing was likely not a targeted attack.

10 a.m. – The University holds a joint press conference with UTPD and APD. UTPD Chief David Carter said White was not targeting individuals with Greek life affiliations as rumored on social media the previous day. Carter explained that the audible emergency

siren was not used, because White was taken into custody almost immediately and no ongoing threat existed on campus.

APD Chief Brian Manley said White was booked and charged with murder, and that additional assault charges are to come.

Manley said there is no link between the 26th Street stabbing and the on-campus stabbing. Manley also apologized on behalf of the department for failing to inform the community earlier that the 26th Street stabbing did occur.

Manley said the body APD responded to in West Campus on Monday evening was also unrelated to both stabbing incidents, and that there was nothing suspicious about the individual's death.

SG urges importance of mental health

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UT Student Government members, in coordination with the University, are encouraging students to prioritize their health and safety despite concerns about exams and classes following the on-campus stabbing Monday.

SG addressed students with a Facebook post Tuesday morning that provided Google documents outlining a process for requesting excused absences from professors, as well as a suggested email template to use when contacting them.

"The tragedy on our campus has shaken so many of us," SG said in a statement included in the post.

"At a time when we are mourning, many students are facing a challenging schedule this week. ... You should not have to choose between your safety and your academic standing."

The documents encourage students to explain their personal situations to professors and ask for support during an emotionally draining time. Students are also encouraged to tell professors they will make up missed assignments and return to class as soon as possible.

Eric Saldanha, SG internal financial director, said SG was compelled to post the documents online after hearing from students who were dealing with academic issues while still coping with the loss of a fellow student.

"We definitely felt like we needed to communicate



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Sonia Reagins-Lilly, center, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, extended the pass/fail deadline to May 5.

about some of the resources they have at their disposal," said Saldanha, a business honors and government senior. "We all felt like if they were uncomfortable going to class, we wanted to prioritize their mental health

and safety."

University policy does not require faculty and staff to honor these requests for excused absences. However,

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SG fast-tracks Brown memorial resolution

By Chase Karacostas
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The Student Government Assembly unanimously passed a resolution in memory of undergraduate studies freshman Harrison Brown Tuesday evening.

On Monday afternoon, an attacker killed Brown in an on-campus stabbing near Gregory Gymnasium.

Four alumni who worked with Brown’s older brother John Brown during their shared time in SG raced to submit Assembly Resolution 11 before SG’s final meeting of the semester last night. SG fast-tracked the resolution, which was submitted less than two hours before the assembly meeting began, so it could be approved and sent to Brown’s family as soon as possible.

The authors of AR 11 reached out to University-Wide Representative Charlie Bonner to have the resolution placed before SG that night.

“I was honored that they asked me to be a part of this for Harrison’s family,” said Bonner, a Plan II and government junior. “It made the situation a lot closer to home the more I got to learn about him and what a vital part of this campus community that he was.”

Bonner said this resolution is one small tribute SG can give to Brown’s family and the student body before they break for the summer.

“One of the most important roles that the student assembly has is speaking for the student body, especially when we have tragedies like the one

that occurred (Monday),” Bonner said.

Student Body President Alejandrina Guzman said she wants this resolution to show the student body and Brown’s family, friends and loved ones they are not alone.

“(AR 11) leaves a legacy of a life that was tragically taken away from us,” said Guzman, Mexican-American studies, government and Plan II honors senior. “I think this really serves as a light for everyone on campus.”

In the coming weeks, Guzman said SG will be working on more tangible ways to honor Brown’s legacy and reassure students of their safety.

The SG assembly also passed AR 10, which supports forming a Methane Emissions Working Group to work with UT System administrators.



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Rep. Charles Bonner spoke for campus stabbing victim Harrison Brown’s family Tuesday night in the last SG meeting.

The authors said this resolution serves as a follow-up to a resolution last semester that asked Chancellor William McRaven to reduce methane emissions on System-owned lands.

“It’s a problem every

single day that emissions are still rising,” said nursing representative Kelsey Mumford, a nursing and biology senior. “We want to give this committee the chance to research this problem.”

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friend group, and they became close friends this past semester.

“If you had to give him a spirit animal, it would be a golden retriever puppy,” Wilhelm said. “He was just always excited about literally everything ... (and) he was genuinely one of the nicest people I’ve ever met.”

Radio-television-film freshman Ryan Wright said Brown consistently cared about how his friends were doing and how their days went.

“Harrison was the most caring, positive and optimistic guy I have probably ever met,” Wright said. “It’s just such a shame because he did not deserve anything like this. What he stood

for is just pure love and pure care.”

Wright said he and Brown had similar interests in music and clothing.

“I’m going to miss (him singing) the most,” Wright said. “He would just go on random tangents of him singing ... He was definitely going to make it big one day.”

A GoFundMe account created Monday for the Brown family surpassed its goal of \$100,000 on Tuesday, reaching \$112,180 from 3,584 donors at press time.

Both Ribeiro and Wright said Brown always seemed to have bad luck, but he remained optimistic about everything.

“He was always wrecking his moped and losing his wallet or keys,” Wright said.

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Soncia Reagins-Lilly, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, said the Provost Office has asked faculty members to be flexible and understanding of student needs.

“We ask students to work with their faculty and their advisors if they are in need of accommodations,” Reagins-Lilly said in an email.

Following Monday’s incidents, Saldanha said academic advisers have sent student concerns directly to deans of individual colleges. According to University procedures, academic problems are usually addressed by the course instructor and department chair before

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—Eric Saldanha,
SG internal financial director

being sent to the dean.

“Rather than having to kind of go through the bureaucracy that is typical in a situation like this, we really tried to work with the Provost’s office to streamline the process,” Saldanha said.

SG leaders met Tuesday morning with the Provost and Dean of Students Offices to further provide academic support to students. Reagins-Lilly sent an email to students Tuesday afternoon extending the pass/

fail deadline for a class to May 5. According to the spring 2017 academic calendar, the previous date for this was April 3.

“We really pushed them to take more action and we’re really glad they did in that message to students today,” Saldanha said. “(The extension is) the kind of action that will give students the environment that they need to navigate the academic situation that some of them may be in right now.”

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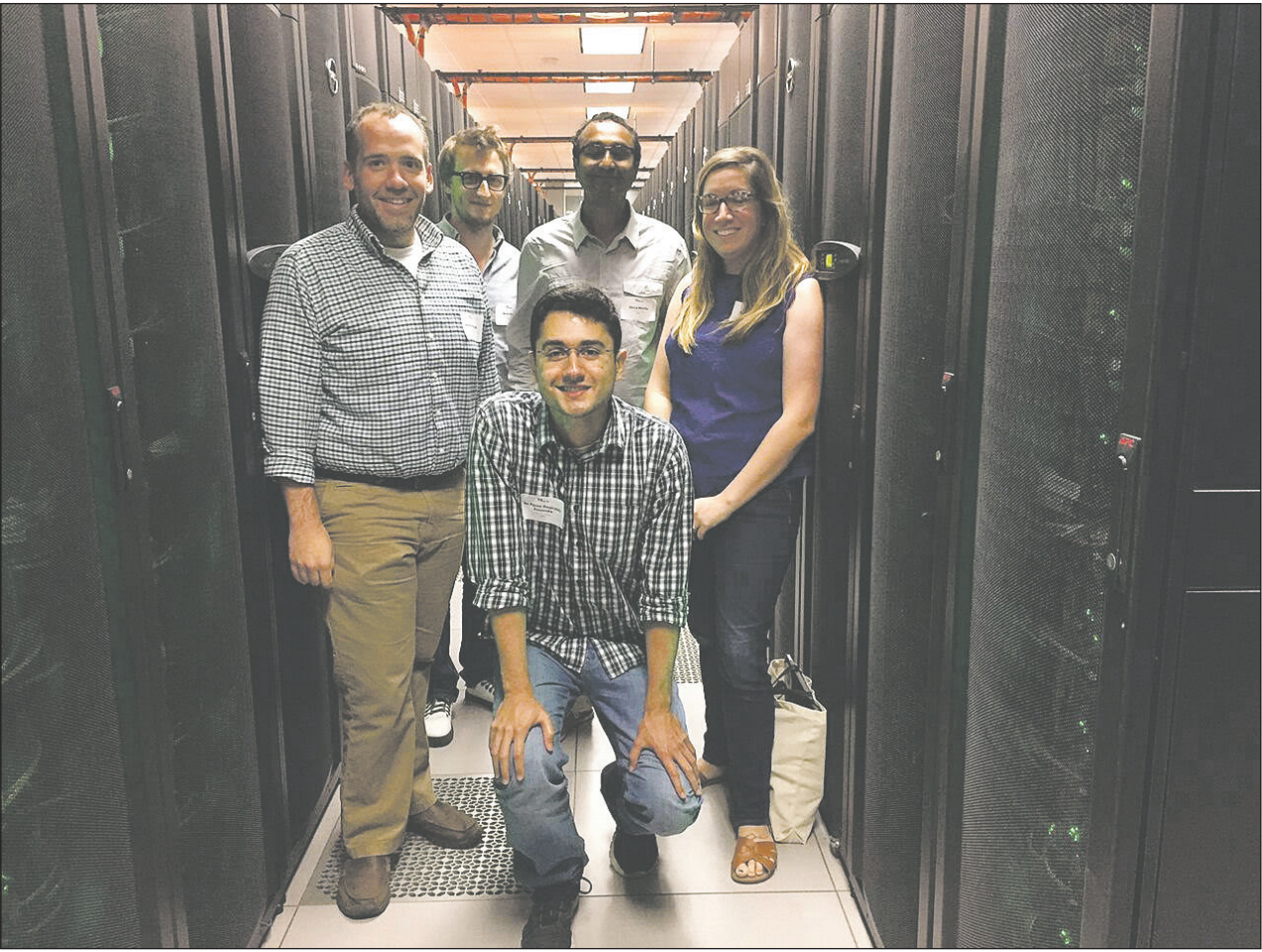
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Courtesy of Dhiraj Murthy
Members of the Computational Media Lab tour the Texas Advanced Computer Center, which they use to process data from social media platforms.

New lab uses data to analyze social media

By Rachel Cooper
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The Computational Media Lab, a new project from the School of Journalism, is combining computer science and social media to analyze millions of tweets, Facebook comments and more. The lab is currently working on three projects including one analyzing 3 million tweets with the word “Trump” from President Donald Trump’s first 30 days in office. The other two projects will explore Facebook comments on Trump and Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton’s pages during the election, and analyze tweets with the hashtag

#WomenCanStopTrump. Director Dhiraj Murthy said the lab uses data from social platforms to analyze social, political and economic issues. “By collaborating across all those different disciplinary perspectives, we can look at really big questions that we wouldn’t be able to do from one little perspective,” Murthy said. “I think the big picture (of the lab) is a platform for us to use advanced computational methods to be able to analyze pressing social issues of our time.” The lab was founded in the Belo Center for New Media this January by Murthy, an associate professor of journalism and sociology. The lab is

composed of a team of faculty and graduate students from the Moody College of Communication who work with the Texas Advanced Computer Center to process the large amounts of data. Journalism graduate student Jeremy Shermak, a lab researcher, said he thinks it will become one of the top research centers for computational media in the country. “Being part of journalism is kind of interesting because it gives us the power to look at all this big data through the lens of journalism,” Shermak said. “Considering all the issues that are occurring right now in journalism, like fake news and a lot

of hostility toward the press, being able to mine this data allows us to tell a much broader view of the story.” Project manager Kelsey Whipple, a journalism graduate student, said the team is already getting results from their data processing, but the time it will take to analyze the results is unpredictable. Whipple said she is excited to work with a collaborative team and learn from Murthy. “I think the most exciting thing to me is not only do I get to work with a really fantastic professor who is an expert in these things, but later on I’ll be prepared to do this by myself without him,” Whipple said.

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Racist flyers appear on campus Tuesday

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Flyers containing a racist message and image were found on campus yesterday, according to posts on social media.

The flyers depicted a caricature of a black man holding a knife alongside the words “Around blacks ... never relax.” The flyers also contained the web address for the Daily Stormer, a neo-Nazi website.

Erica Saenz, associate vice president for community and external relations, said the University has been notified about the flyers and is currently in the process of responding to the issue and removing them from campus. Saenz said the flyers have been reported to the Office of the Dean of Students for further investigation in accordance with the University’s Hate and Bias Incidents Policy enacted in March.

“The words and ideas contained on the flyers were hateful, divisive and run counter to the values of our university,” Saenz said in an email. “They will be taken down.”

A Facebook post by a UT student said a flyer was found on an emergency call box near the Littlefield Fountain, although the exact number and locations of the flyers around campus is unknown.

Education senior Denise Zamora said the flyers are a misguided response to yesterday’s events.

“I think they took it too far,” Zamora said. “I think people should just face up and talk about their problems instead of doing things to threaten

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—Erica Saenz,
Associate VP for community and external relations

other people.” After flyers targeting Muslim and immigrant minorities were found in February, President Gregory Fennes responded by calling a town hall meeting to address the issue. However, at the meeting no plans were solidified to combat on-campus hate crimes.

English junior Emily Varvel said there are issues regarding intolerance on campus, especially considering the anti-immigrant, anti-Muslim flyers from earlier in the semester. The University should take action in response to the postings, Varvel said.

“It doesn’t need to be swept under the rug,” Varvel said. “There needs to be policies that form more cohesion between everyone on campus.”

Physics junior Ahmad Al Sulami said this response is to be expected given the violent nature of yesterday’s incident, but that it still can’t be justified. Al Sulami said he hopes the University will promote tolerance on campus.

“It’s very important to address the issue and kind of give the clear fact that generalization is not really appropriate,” Al Sulami said.



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Texas must implement factual science standards

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The great battle of the teaching of science in Texas schools — one that has been long-fought and has recurred nearly every year often just over the wording of a single section — comes down to a single issue: to teach creationism or to teach evolution. These standards are set to decide the quality of children's education throughout the state, so choosing science-backed evolution should be easy. But this being Texas, and the Texas Education Board being run by conservatives, this isn't always the case. This year, the battle ended with the decision of a single word, "evaluate," being excluded from the curriculum. The debate over this word, and others similar to it, was over the connotation it brought. Critics of the term believe it allows for students to question the validity of the evolutionary theories taught in biology classes, giving way for the teaching of creationism. Proponents of it argue that the language allows students to consider all sides of evolution science, as if fiction, otherwise known as creationism, should be revered as fact. Either way, the fact is that the Texas Education Board has spent an entire year on this battle. An entire year has been spent

debating what comes down to a few words in curriculum standards, the inability to use a single word when discussing evolution. Those committed to the teaching of empirical truths could've spent this year tackling larger issues within the Texas science curriculum. Celebration on the part of liberals who believe that by striking a single word from curriculum standards they've won a battle over creationism is unfounded. Nothing tangible has been gained. It's still far too easy for Texas educators to stray from science and teach creationism or religious-based information to students as fact in science classrooms. Within the Texas science standards provided by the Texas Education Agency, the teaching of "biological evolution" is listed in the high school biology section. But this is never fully defined or fleshed out. Without a full definition of what this means, it could allow for the argument that multiple sides to evolutionary science exist, one of them being creationism, and that they should all be taught in the classroom. And while within the biology standards, "Students should be able to distinguish between scientific decision-making methods ... and ethical and social decisions that involve science," the issue of religion is danced around. Without fully discussing religion, which for many is the backbone

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of ethics in our society, these standards allow for the possibility of the teaching of creationism and the origin of life in nonscientific ways. The refusal to explicitly ban the word "religion" in the science standards allows for it to be brought into biology classrooms and presented as on par with science. Instead of celebrating a victory over the striking of a single word from the science standards, Texas state legislators and those on the Texas Education Board should be

fighting to make actual change to the standards. They should include a passage about religion and resolve that it has no place in a classroom discussion on biology. They should fully define the term "biological evolution," giving it only the grounds to cover actual evolution. Religion and creationism have no place in a science classroom, and we need to do more to prevent them from being taught as fact in Texas. Berdanier is a philosophy junior from Boulder, Colorado.

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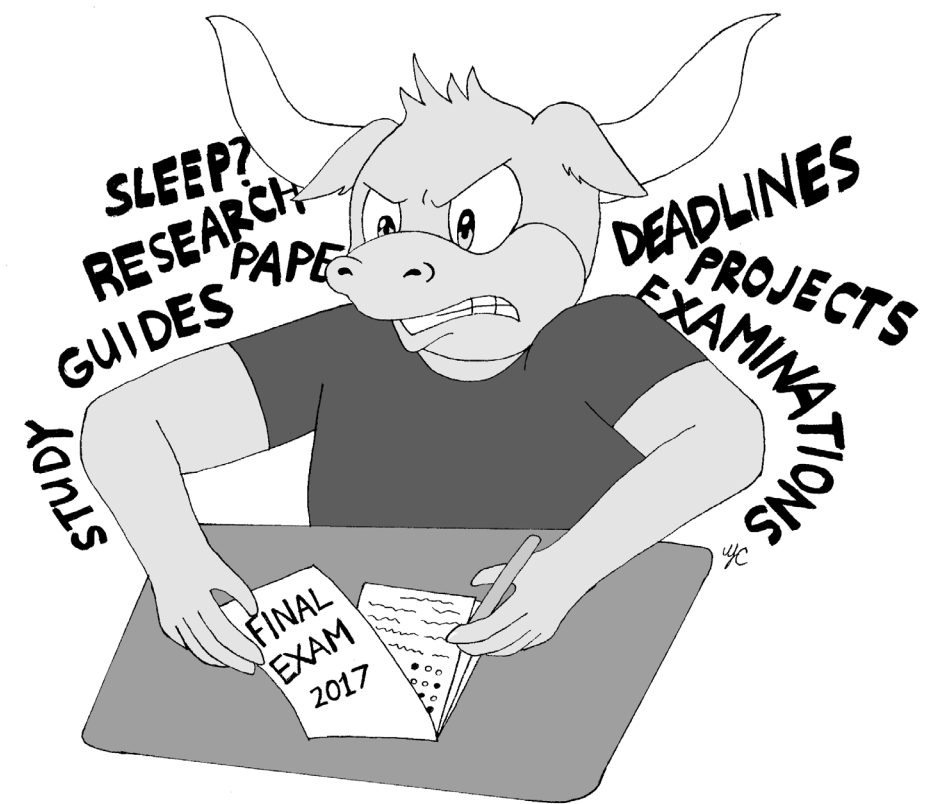
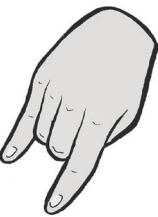


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HORNS DOWN: FINAL PUSH



Following one of most traumatic weeks in our university's history, the upperclassmen in our office have had to answer more than a few questions. While we don't have answers to most of them, we can safely respond to queries about whether this is normal with a "no." Those of us who are finishing their third or fourth year on the 40 Acres can attest to the fact that things have been somehow different recently, at least since the start of 2016. As difficult as it is for many of us, we have no choice but to dig in during these last few days of class. Seldom are finals comforting, but they may now be able to provide a sort of escape from the gravity of the semester for those who can immerse themselves fully in studying. Sometimes there's nothing like a book, a problem set or a paper to take your mind off the world. It may be stressful, but it's a stress with an expiration date, and the potential for some benefit down the road. We encourage you all to do what's best for you this week. Don't place yourselves in compromising situations, and care for yourselves and your friends. Reach out to CMHC, if you feel the need. But do take care to not abandon all the work you've put into your coursework, and if possible, use finishing it as an escape. A break before finals is just around the corner.

HORNS UP: SEIZE THE DAY



As you may expect, writing a horns up for this segment was a little more difficult than usual this week. But that search itself was immensely helpful for us. We owe it to ourselves to spend that extra moment to find the good in the world, whatever it may be. So as you steel yourselves for the last few weeks on campus, we encourage you to take mind to enjoy the little things. Some of those can be easier than other to find. Watching Rihanna solidify her status as the reigning queen of the Met Gala in her crazy, beautiful, avant-garde outfit was truly a spiritual experience. Sometimes, gawking at pictures of your favorite celebrities in absurd haute couture is exactly what you need. Elsewhere, you may have to create your own joy. If you enjoy the hotter weather we're finally getting, make plans with friends to go to McKinney Falls, Jacob's Well or even Hippie Hollow if you're feeling extra adventurous. If not, enjoy some coffee while thunderstorms role in. Pick up groceries and cook your favorite meal. The semester winding to an end still means you'll only have a few more opportunities to enjoy our campus and our city. Take advantage of them when they will mean the most.

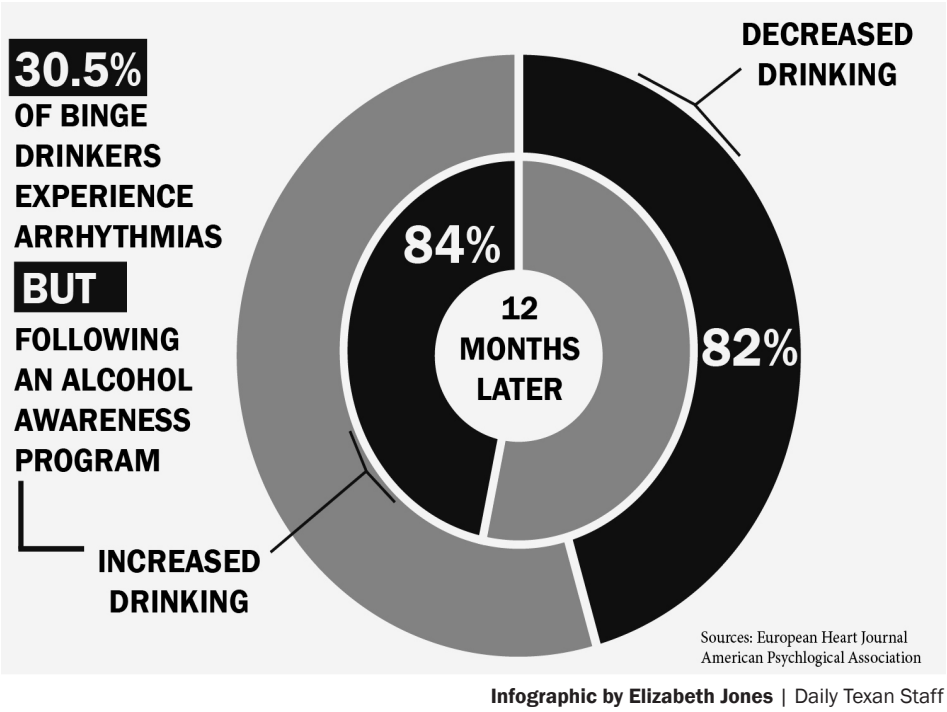
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University needs to increase awareness of binge drinking

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Drinking and partying are significant parts of our culture here at UT. You'll never find Sixth Street quiet on a Thursday night, and you're sure to hear the sounds of music and parties throughout West Campus on any given weekend. And while it's all part of the fun experience of a big state school, students are quick to ignore the consequences of consistent binge drinking. The proverb "you're not an alcoholic until you graduate" perpetuates this ignorance, but it's something that needs to be addressed. Whether it's freshmen in their dorms or upperclassmen attending Greek events off campus, binge drinking, defined as the consumption of copious amounts of alcohol in a short period of time, is a nationwide epidemic. Studies show that the number of college students who binge drink has remained around the 40 percent mark for last two decades, and shows no signs of lowering. And the consequences are very tangible. A recent study showed that immediate effects of binge drinking included abnormally high heart rates, something normally found in people who have experienced heart attacks or congestive heart failure. While these effects were not permanent, it is important to note that repetition of this behavior could eventually result in permanent arrhythmia, and possibly other complications such as other cardiovascular diseases, unintentional injuries and neurological damage. What's more is that alcohol doesn't just affect physical health, it also impacts relationships and interactions between students. A recent study about the prevalence of sexual assault at UT showed that a significant amount of those involved — victim or perpetrator — were under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of cyber and psychological abuse and physical violence. Moreover, 84 percent of perpetrators and 69

percent of victims were under the influence at the time of sexual assault incidents. This is not to say that alcohol is the sole reason behind this, and that stopping students from binge drinking is the solution. But that being said, the correlation between assault and alcohol and drug use must be acknowledged and addressed in order for change to take place. It is part of the bigger picture of the binge drinking culture at UT as is the prevalence of assault, which must be addressed by not just the university but also students themselves. While programs like AlcoholEdu and Haven — courses about the risks of drug and alcohol use and sexual assault that incoming students are required to take — aim to do this, it seems that these programs have little impact. A study looking at the effectiveness of such programs showed that initially, a majority of students reduce their drinking after taking these awareness courses, but a year later a majority of these students went back to their previous drinking habits — or worse. The fact that these awareness programs have a minimal impact is important to realize and discuss. Students are only required to complete these courses once at the beginning of their time at UT, and most students forget about them immediately after. The university must address this problem and attempt to improve alcohol awareness by implementing more expansive programs in the curriculum, and requiring students to complete them more often throughout the year, rather than just once at the beginning of their freshman year. Students should also take initiative on their own part to address the risks of alcohol and drug use on campus. As much as the university tries to ensure that students are educated and taking care of themselves, in the end students are the ones affected by the consequences of binge drinking and should be empowered to ensure their own well-being and that of their fellow students. Agha is a public relations junior from Karachi, Pakistan.



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THEATER & DANCE

The Hideout Theatre offers unique improv experience

By Chris Boyd Peck
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The name may imply otherwise, but comedy at the Hideout Theatre is out in the open.

The Hideout Theatre was founded in 1999 by Sean Hill to provide Austin with a space for improvisational theater. Current co-owner Kareem Badr said the Hideout has thrived due to the variety of shows, the low ticket prices of \$5-\$15 and because of the improv itself.

“(Improv is) the theatrical equivalent of a high wire act,” Badr said. “You’re watching something happen that at any moment could just fall to pieces, and that creates this inherent risk and tension that when it does pay off the audience loves it even more.”

On Thursday nights, the theater offers their most experimental improv show, the Free Fringe. Badr said the show is free to remove the pressure on artists feeling as though they have to give the audience their money’s worth. Hideout Stage Manager

Caeriel Crestin said the low cost of attendance gives audience members low expectations that are often exceeded by the performers.

“(The Free Fringe is) the one space where we can really say ‘Yes And’ to anything,” Hideout Stage Manager Crestin said. “Any ridiculous, crazy, far-fetched, untenable idea that will break improv we give it a go.”

When designing the stage for a Free Fringe show, Crestin said it is important for the stage to be as freeing as possible in order to give the performers space to experiment. Performers are also allowed to make use of the upstairs stage, which consists of a door and window for entrances and exits.

“I’ve seen (Free Fringe) improv shows where I really could see all those details because the performers were able to bring them to life in a very vivid way and that was actually much more compelling and much more realistic in my eyes than even a well-painted set of

that stuff would have been,” Crestin said.

While it is standard to keep stages simple, the Hideout breaks from tradition in that they often have a variety of props, sets and costumes. Badr said these productions, though still improvised, have a director to guide scenes and put actors back on track. A couple years ago they did an improvised version of Anton Chekhov, but instead of going in blind, the performers knew the style of the story they wanted to tell.

“The Hideout’s reputation and audience is built off and anchored by these high-concept shows that we do that are still improvised but are more easily understandable and marketable to audiences,” said Badr.

While improv is very much about the present and being in the moment, the Hideout Theatre is looking to the future. Hideout co-owner and youth director Jessica Arjet said the theater offers a variety of at-risk youth programs and programs for kids with special needs or on the



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Performing in an act called the “Dueling Desmonds,” Suzanne Link’s character shares a scheme with her husband, played by Ryan Austin. The scheme was to sabotage her former silent-film rival who had threatened to steal her part as a mom in a movie.

autism spectrum. “Improv is fantastic for helping kids grow because it really teaches them that their voice is important (and) other people’s voices are also important,” Arjet said. Improv encourages kids,

as well as adults, to engage with others and see risks as opportunities. Arjet said the Hideout has acted as a base from which the Austin improv scene has grown out of over the past two decades and will continue to

grow into the future. “Before I did improv, ‘no’ was my default,” Crestin said. “Improv made ‘yes’ my default. I would’ve said ‘no’ to this interview right off the bat, but now it’s like ‘yeah, I’ll try it.’”

FASHION

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By January 2016, Ong and Margetis started on the journey to building their company, Kit and Port. The pair got the name for the company from the Paul Bowles novel “The Sheltering Sky,” a story following a couple experiencing marital strife and traveling in North Africa.

After months of prep and design, a unique opportunity arose when Ong and Margetis went to their manufacturer for prototyping. During the prototyping process, the manufacturer utilized women who had previously lost their husbands or

sons and provided them an opportunity to weave the shoes’ leather lace. It was an opportunity that prompted Margetis to notify their manufacturer to seek more local opportunities for shoe makers in unfortunate situations.

“We don’t look at our company as a one-to-one pairing with TOMS,” Margetis said. “We feel it’s important to have a social impact.”

However, Ong and Margetis have experienced their fair share of road bumps. When their designer left the project the weekend before designs had to be sent to their manufacturer, Ong said he managed to complete

the designs in less than 72 hours. On another occasion, they lost contact with their Mexican manufacturer, and Margetis personally traveled down to the facility to re-establish communication. But to Ong and Margetis, these inconveniences have only strengthened their bond.

“Most of the time, we are running full speed with blindfolds on,” Ong said. “You don’t have to know where you are going (because) you’ll learn along the way.”

Daniel Garza, a communication senior at UT who modeled for the company, said he senses the direction for Kit and Port will be defined by its unique style. “The unique thing

about Kit and Port is that they’re tailoring their apparel towards the weekend lifestyle,” Garza said. “There’s not many, if any, brands that I know are doing this. I think K&P is pioneering a new direction for men’s fashion.”

Ong and Margetis said the future of Kit and Port will continue to center around a man’s weekend style that is both versatile and unique. This June, the official launch of Kit and Port will feature their first product — a weekend shoe called the ‘Lazy Saturday.’

As for their success and journey so far, Margetis and Ong are thankful for the entrepreneurial support networks the university



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Erik Margetis and Jonathan Ong, both McCombs seniors, began their shoe startup last year. Now their business is almost ready to take off as they will soon make the shoe available online.

has provided. “Personally, I can’t thank UT enough for everything it’s given me,” Margetis said. “UT has really

helped me develop into the person that I am today. I’m so proud to be a Longhorn and I wouldn’t have it any other way.”

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BASEBALL

Texas defense stifles UT-Arlington Mavericks

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UFCU Disch-Falk Field froze as both the crowd and teams alike took a moment of silence for the victims of Monday’s horrific day on campus.

The Longhorns also sported a black patch right above the burnt orange brim of their hats in remembrance of the tragic attack that took the life of freshman Harrison Brown and injured three others on campus Monday afternoon.

“Harrison Brown did not deserve to die the way he did,” head coach David Pierce said. “It was just a remembrance from our team and an understanding of their family and our thoughts and prayers with them ... It was just something to take a step back and understand how precious life is and to just be thankful for it.”

Pierce and his ballclub took the field just 24 hours after the incident, and once the moment of silence concluded, the No. 24 Longhorns got to work on their 4-1 victory over

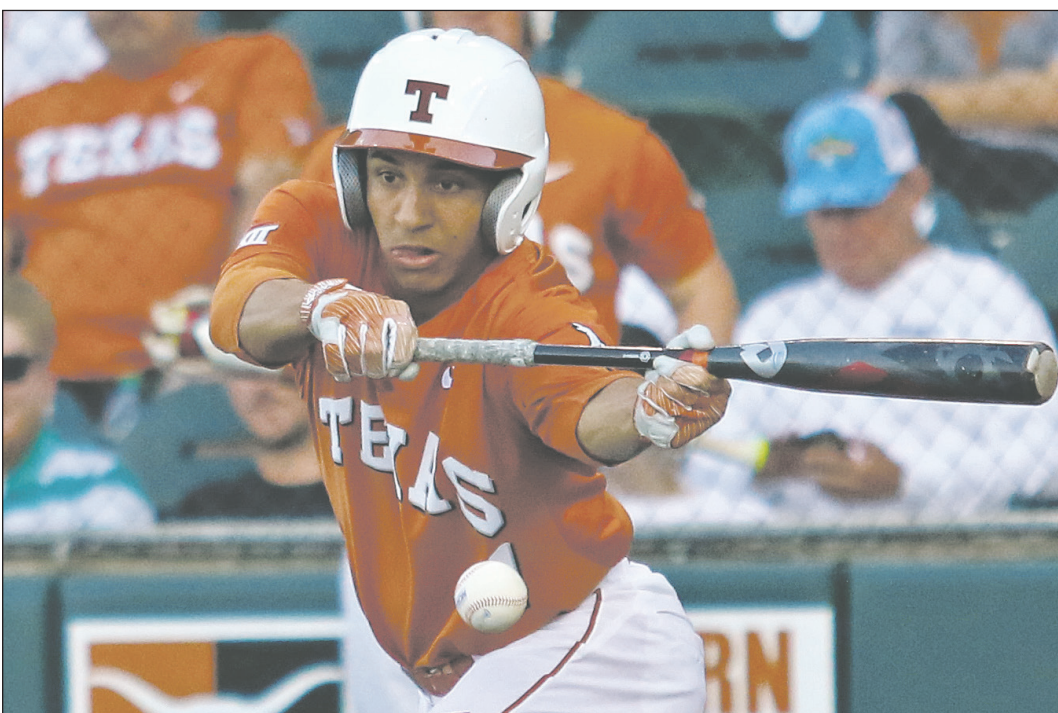
UT-Arlington Tuesday night. However, Texas’ Tuesday night win at home isn’t anything new. After the 4-1 win, the Longhorns improve to 9-0 in midweek games at UFCU Disch-Falk Field.

“It’s unbelievable,” Pierce said. “It’s one of the things that I brought in here knowing that we have to be good on these types of ball games. You’ve got quality people coming in that want to beat you, but when you start adding those wins up it starts building your résumé and we’re seeing the results of that right now.”

Junior right-hander Kyle Johnston got the start on the mound and found himself in a bases loaded jam with no outs — the Longhorns defense responded.

Freshman third baseman Ryan Reynolds fumbled a ground ball, but he managed to recover and throw the third base runner out at home to prevent a run from scoring. Then, freshman David Hamilton made a 6-4-3 double play to get the Longhorns out of the inning.

It was defensive innings



Freshman infielder David Hamilton attempts a bunt at UFCU Disch-Falk Field. Hamilton, a defensive standout, has tallied 24 runs and 17 RBIs this season.

Joshua Guerra
Daily Texan Staff

like this which allowed the Longhorns to win despite being outhit 8-7. And they gave up only one run.

“It was one of those deals where we were solid – we weren’t great, but we were very consistent,” Pierce said. “And that’s what I appreciated is the ability to go out there and pitch and play defense

every night to give us a chance to win.”

Although Texas only mustered seven hits, junior left fielder Travis Jones was the one who made a difference at the plate.

“Offensively, not a lot of hits,” Pierce said. “But we had some (high) slugging percentage tonight, had a long ball

and a couple of extra base hits and that was the difference.”

Jones got off to a quick start by sending a double to right field in the first inning, which allowed sophomore designated hitter Kody Clemens to score after a throwing error from the UT-Arlington right fielder.

Jones wasn’t done. The

left fielder sent a solo shot to right field in the fifth inning en route to Texas’ 4-1 victory.

The No. 24 Longhorns are riding a three game winning-streak, but now they face arguably their toughest challenge of the season this weekend: a three-game series with No. 9 TCU.

SOFTBALL

Longhorns face Islanders in last midweek of season

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In a season full of plenty of positives and a handful of negatives, the end of the schedule nears as the Longhorns clash with the Islanders of Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Wednesday afternoon.

The Longhorns enter the matchup boasting a record of 28-20, clinching a spot in the Big 12 Tournament after sweeping Kansas last weekend in a rain-shortened series. Additionally, the team is on the heels of a three-game win streak that dates back to last Wednesday’s triumph over the North Texas Mean Green.

“I think we need to just keep having fun,” sophomore outfielder Bekah Alcozer said. “We just need to keep doing what we know how to do.”

One of the more effective parts of the roster in the past couple games is the pitching rotation. Redshirt sophomore Erica Wright tossed a one-hit shutout in the first game of Friday’s doubleheader against Kansas, two days after a strong outing against North Texas — both games resulted in victories. Wright received a boost from the offense in these contests, solidifying a 6-0 win over the Mean Green and a 10-0 win over the Jayhawks.

Wright was not the only University of Texas pitcher to toss a shutout complete game in



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Redshirt sophomore pitcher Erica Wright winds up on the mound at Red and Charline McCombs Field.

the Kansas series. Senior Tiarra Davis threw a seven-inning, nine-strikeout performance during the second game of the doubleheader, lifting Texas to a 2-0 victory.

“I think the pitchers are phenomenal,” Alcozer said. “I think they’re going to be doing great things going forward. They’ve been doing really good in practice and everything.”

Offensively, the team is finally living up to its potential, scoring an average of six runs per game during the three-game win streak. By contrast, the Longhorns scored an average of three runs per game during the previous series loss to Iowa State.

The power returned to the Longhorns’ bats as well. Before the win streak, the team had not hit a home run since the Texas Tech series over two weeks ago.

But since the streak initiated, Alcozer has hit two home runs, while senior Celina Felix also added one of her own. Additionally, the team is not struggling to collect hits during this successful run.

“I just think we need to take the same energy we brought into this weekend’s game,” Alcozer said. “We had phenomenal energy in the dug-out. We get a lot of hits and it’s like you can barely hear yourself think because everyone is so excited.”

With one final midweek game against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and one Big 12 series against Baylor remaining on the schedule, there is plenty to play for heading into the postseason. Texas is granted several more chances to bolster its tournament résumé in the final week of the regular season.

BASEBALL

Hamilton communicates with on-field performance

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Freshman shortstop David Hamilton walked up to the batter’s box with the voice of his favorite rap artist, Kendrick Lamar, booming from the stadium speakers.

Hamilton recently changed his walkup song to his favorite track from Lamar’s new album, ‘DAMN.’

“(It is) ‘Humble,’” Hamilton said. “‘DNA’ — that one’s good, too.”

Similar to his favorite song, Hamilton has quite a humble personality, despite arguably being the best defensive player on the team this season.

Hamilton’s proficiency with the glove at shortstop played a big role in the Longhorns’ 4-1 win over UT-Arlington Tuesday. The freshman had a hand in all four of the crucial double plays that Texas turned in order to hold the Mavericks to only one run in the game.

But Hamilton lets his glove do most of the talking — he’s one of the most soft spoken players on the squad. Head coach David Pierce predicted that he could count the number of words Hamilton would say during his postgame interview on his fingers.

“I never get any words from him to me — it’s always me to

“Kacy and Mo and all the seniors have helped me out tremendously throughout the season. I haven’t been hitting that well, (but) they told me to just focus on defense.”

—David Hamilton, Freshman shortstop

him, so probably five (words),” Pierce said. “I’m serious, and that’s if I start a conversation.”

Pierce was hardly exaggerating.

“This is the most I’ve talked in a long time,” Hamilton joked during his three-and-a-half minute post-game interview.

Although Hamilton quietly goes about his business on the infield, he’s been under the spotlight in the Longhorn clubhouse all season and receives continuous encouragement from his veteran teammates.

“Kacy (Clemens) and Mo (Cooper) and all the seniors have helped me out tremendously throughout the season,” Hamilton said. “I haven’t been hitting that well, (but) they told me to just focus on defense, try to hit as much as you can.”

But as the No. 24 Longhorns charge their way to the

postseason, Hamilton will have to confront the biggest challenge he’s faced all season: improving his offensive game.

Hamilton currently holds a .213 batting average, which has improved since the beginning of the season. But the Longhorns will need higher-quality at bats from their shortstop if they expect to score enough runs against some of the best pitchers in college baseball come playoffs.

Just like anything else, Hamilton will tackle his weaknesses with the quiet confidence he carries with him. He believes he can be successful at any level of his baseball career, regardless of which stage he plays on.

“College is just like high school or any select team — it’s baseball, just a bigger stage,” Hamilton said. “I’m just trying to do my best out here to help the team win.”

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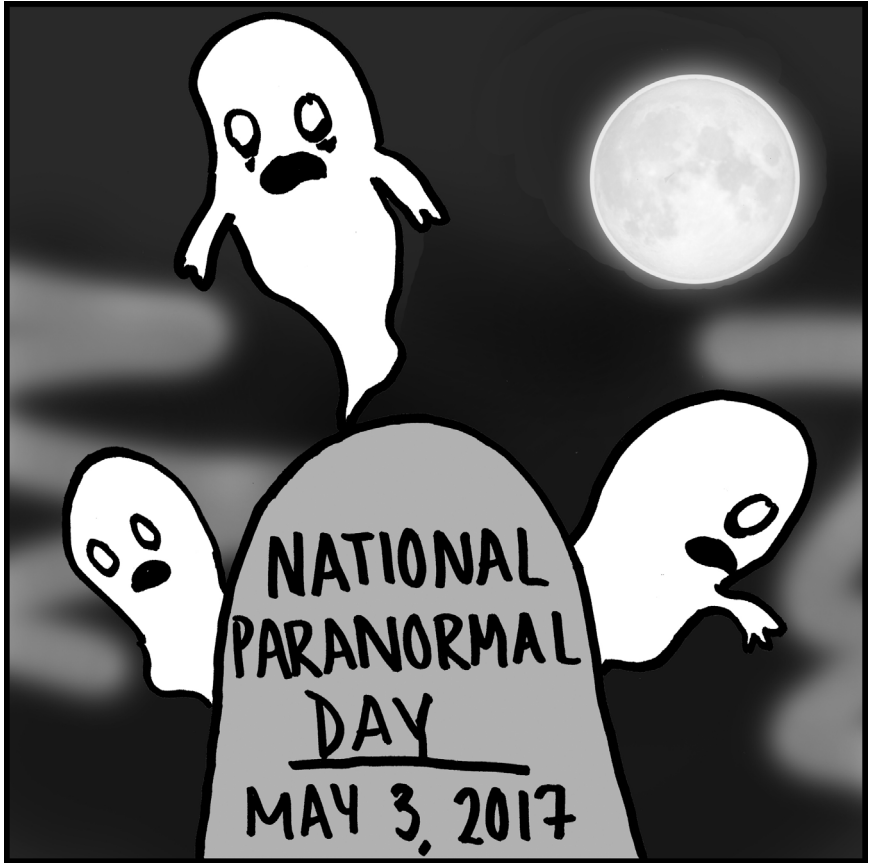
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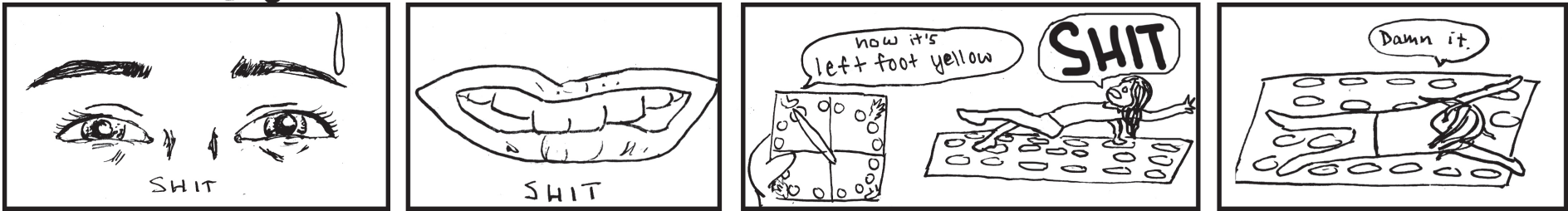
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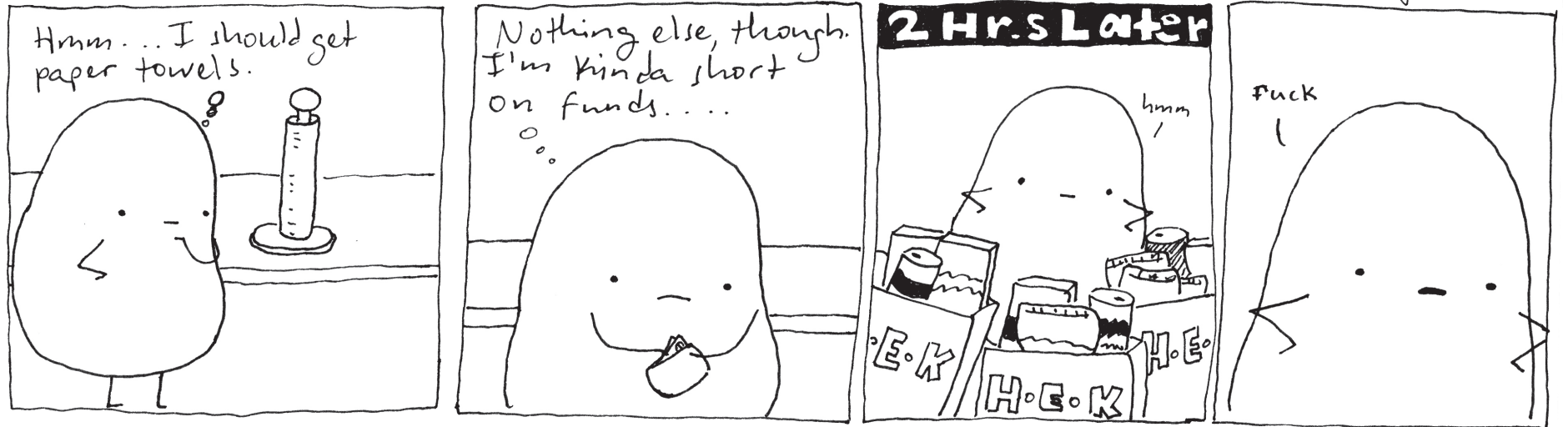
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ACROSS

1 Needing scratching

6 OPEC, e.g.

10 Lay off

14 J. E. B. Stuart's superior in the Civil War

15 Indian royal

16 "Honey wine"

17 Things that power Teslas

20 Criticism, informally

21 Laudatory piece

22 In one piece

23 SEAL's org.

24 Recess game

25 Rudy's coach in "Rudy"

26 N.L. East city

27 Went bonkers

31 Teutonic turndown

32 Sharpshooter's asset

33 Snaky character

34 Crisis time, for some ... or a hint to each of the circled words

38 It's an honour: Abbr.

40 Camera named for a goddess

41 Year the Korean War began

44 Lakeside furniture item

49 +: Abbr.

50 Cock-a- (dog breed)

51 Dorm V.I.P.s

52 Board hiree, for short

53 1974 hit with Spanish lyrics

55 Joe Biden, for 36 yrs.

56 [OMG!]

57 Label rarely seen on silk garments

60 Prelude to a deal

61 Simoleon

62 Typo, e.g.

63 Crash-probing agcy.

64 Glimpse

65 Gushes

DOWN

1 Really angry

2 Gets in trouble, in a way

3 Detox, say

4 "Darn it!"

5 Thus far

6 Game for dummies?

7 Spike, as punch

8 Admit

9 Wide-screen movie format

10 Words heard in 24-Across, maybe

11 "Twasn't me" and others

12 Hamlet's killer

13 1950s autos with "horse collar" grilles

18 Leather often treated to look like morocco

19 Make a snarling sound

24 Literature Nobel Morrison

25 Female pen pal, maybe

28 Oven feature

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29 A dance, or a dip

30 Tree with triangular nuts

35 Censure publicly

36 Dim bulb

37 Sierra and Acadia vehicles

38 Aromatic additive to natural gas

39 Splits in half

42 Like many Poe tales

43 Stays under the radar

44 So-called missing link

45 -Free (contact lens solution)

46 Peanut butter choice

47 Jayhawks' home: Abbr.

48 Dogie catchers

54 Wooley who sang "The Purple People Eater"

55 Exchange

56 John Irving title hero

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Pepperbox Coffee's truck offers unique coffee from a deaf staff. The truck stands in a bright area and attracts the attention of many locals and tourists.

Pepperbox Coffee serves up jobs for local deaf community

By Stephen Acevedo
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The sounds of grinding coffee beans and espresso steam are part of a day's work at a coffee shop — unless you're an employee at Pepperbox Coffee.

Co-owner Nicholas Buchanan started Pepperbox Coffee, which is staffed entirely with deaf baristas, to serve premium Costa Rica-imported coffee in a style similar to Seattle coffee drive-thru's out of a small truck. Simply getting to the point of opening the truck was a year long process for Buchanan, whose deafness contributed to the difficulties of finding a staff, securing a location and even just communicating with the necessary people to get to where he is now.

Never one to back down from a challenge, Buchanan rolled with the punches and stayed on track to open something that was completely his own.

"I had to persevere," Buchanan said. "I just kept pushing through one goal at a time."

The name Pepperbox refers to an old revolving firearm with multiple barrels, appropriately conveying the effect of the kick that his coffee delivers to customers.

"I serve specialty drinks here," Buchanan said. "The gun metal (in the logo) is to say that our drinks have a

bang and stand out."

Now that he has his own business, Buchanan is hiring other deaf people in the Austin area to give them a similar opportunity to have a "normal" job and work toward achieving their own respective dreams.

"I want to show other deaf people in the community that they too can own a business if they work for it," Buchanan said. "I want this truck to be a symbol that anybody can do anything."

With a full staff of people who are deaf, grabbing a coffee at Pepperbox Coffee is certainly a new experience for anyone. For people who know sign language, it's a special opportunity to casually practice their conversational skills as they order and visit with the staff.

For coffee drinkers who do not know sign language, ordering is as easy as pointing things out on the menu, entering orders electronically or even writing them out with a dry-erase marker on a laminated menu.

All of the menu items have their own special twists, aside from a few familiar options like an espresso chai latte or an iced vanilla mocha.

The 'Gold Digger,' for example, is a simple iced caramel latte with the addition of homemade brown whipped cream and edible gold flakes. It's a pretty basic flavor, but the chocolaty whipped cream

adds a nice touch of additional sweetness when mixed with the latte. While the gold flakes aren't necessarily detectable to the palate, they definitely bring a cool aesthetic to this sweet beverage.

One of the more notable coffee options is 'The Fuse,' which is a 4-shot espresso latte mixed with vanilla and habanero. Much like dynamite with a lit fuse, this coffee has a brief delay before exploding with spice. The first taste that hits your mouth is coffee and vanilla, but as soon as the coffee is swallowed, the flavor of the habanero kicks in leaving a wonderfully spicy aftertaste that complements the sweetness of the coffee surprisingly well.

For non-coffee drinkers who still need a pick-me-up, there is the 'Mechanical Bull,' which is Red Bull, chai and Italian soda. The Red Bull mixes exceptionally well with the flavor of the chai and the creamy Italian soda. It's a nice modern take on classic Italian soda preparations that is sure to wake groggy customers up in the morning.

Buchanan does a fantastic job of taking the limitations of Pepperbox Coffee and turning them into special components of a coffee drinking experience like no other in the city. With great passion for his work and an exciting menu, he is sure to see plenty of success at Pepperbox Coffee in the future.

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McCombs seniors fashion own menswear company

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Building a company from scratch is no small task, especially when both partners are students. This June, UT seniors and best friends Erik Margetis and

Jonathan Ong, an MIS and finance major respectively, will be formally launching their men's apparel company Kit and Port.

In 2013, Ong and Margetis met each other in a required UGS class. The pair said they bonded over

each other's driving passion for both apparel and business. They soon realized the network of support and information capital surrounding the University could help them build a company.

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