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## Violent crimes rate stays low at UT

By Zainab Calcuttawala @zainabroo96

The amount of violent crimes on UT campus stayed about the same in 2014, whereas violent crimes in the Austin area rose by 15 percent, according to the FBI's violent

crimes report. Although the official number of violent crimes on campus jumped from

four instances to eight instances, the increase is attributed to the higher number of reported rapes on campus, from one instance in 2013 to six instances in 2014. UTPD Lieutenant Charles Bonnett said this increase would partially be attributed to an expansion of the federal definition of rape that occurred in 2014. Without factoring in the reported rapes, the number

of violent crimes did not change significantly, according to the report.

"What they have done is take out the parts that say physical force has to be used because sexual assault does not necessarily mean that someone is using physical force or threatening you with a weapon," Bonnet said. "It can be a chemical or alcohol manipulation or threats or any number of ways that someone can coerce another person into have a sexual interaction that is unwanted. The definition has been expanded to better capture what sexual assault really is."

The increase in reported rapes can also be attributed to the success of sexual assault awareness campaigns led by students organizations and Voices Against campus, Violence on

according to Paul Liebman, University Compliance Services officer.

UTPD's crime prevention department has worked closely with the community over the past year to educate students and faculty about measures to prevent violent crimes on campus, Bonnet said.

"UTPD has really tried

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## New UT shuttles may include fare boxes

**By Lauren Florence** @laurenreneeflo

Students may have to start swiping their student IDs every time they ride on a UT shuttle bus route after Capital Metro phases out the older bus models for city buses.

Capital Metro plans to gradually trade out the orange and white UT shuttle buses for the city-style models in part to standardize the look of the bus system, Amy Peck, communications specialist at Capital Metro, told The Daily Texan in late September.

While the current UT shuttle buses don't have fare boxes for students to swipe their student IDs, the city buses have fare boxes at the front of the bus which require students to swipe their ID card to serve as their fare. UT students are able to access any Capital Metro service for free with their stu-

dent IDs. Melissa Ayala, communications specialist at Capital Metro, said the UT shuttle buses have been scheduled to be phased out for nearly five vears.

"If changes are made, Capital Metro and the University will work closely to communicate the transition to students," Ayala said in



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an email. "We understand it would be a change for students, but believe the transition will roll out smoothly operationally as we have extensive experience in ID/ fare swiping at the fareboxes

on our mainline fleet." Peck said the transition is also occurring because the UT shuttle buses are reaching the end of their lifespan.

Based on the fact that those UT shuttle buses date back to 1997, and they've lived out their lives, and so, as we can, we're replacing them with Capital Metro-branded or Capital Metro-looking vehicles,"

Peck said.

Civil engineering freshman Juan Aguirre said he rides the shuttle buses almost every day to get across campus from his dorm to work and said that the pay boxes would be a little in-

convenient for him. "I know it's just a little

effort just to swipe a card, but it's just more of an inconvenience than anything," Aguirre said. "It's easy just to hop on the bus and just get off within five to 10 minutes rather than swiping the card and having

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### University to file brief regarding Fisher case

**By Caleb Wong** @caleber96

UT will file a brief to the Supreme Court regarding the Abigail Fisher v. University of Texas case on Monday, according to University spokesperson Gary Susswein.

The brief will respond to a brief filed by plaintiff Abigail Fisher in September. Susswein said Fisher's party will also have a chance to respond to UT's brief.

The case challenges the constitutionality of UT's affirmative action policies. UT denied admission to Fisher — who is white in 2008, who then sued the University on charges of racial and ethnic discrimination. The Supreme Court heard the case in 2013 and sent it back to the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals for further review. The 5th Circuit ruled that UT did not discriminate against Fisher based on race. On June 29, 2015, the Supreme Court agreed to hear the case for a second time. Oral argument is scheduled for Dec. 9, 2015.

President Gregory Fenves said he believes the University's admission policies are constitutional, according to an official statement.

"Under the Supreme Court's existing precedent, the University's commitment to using race as one factor in an individualized, holistic admissions policy allows us to assemble a student body that brings with it the educational benefits of diversity for all students," the statement read. "Our admissions policy is narrowly-tailored,

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### **FOOTBALL | TEXAS 23-KANSAS STATE 9**

## Texas defeats Kansas State with physical running game

By Ezra Siegel @SiegelEzra

Redshirt freshman quarterback Jerrod Heard said Tuesday that Texas wants to be a "run-first, nasty, get-in-yourface offense." He wasn't lying.

Texas ran the ball on 76 percent of its plays in its 23-9 win against Kansas State. Senior running back Johnathan Gray ran for his best game this season with 103 yards, while junior quarterback Tyrone Swoopes rumbled for all three of Texas' touchdowns. In total, the Longhorns racked up 274 yards on the ground.

"We've always wanted to run the ball," said Jay Norvell, wide receivers coach and offensive play-caller. "We've been patient with it, we've stayed with it and that's a big



Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff

Junior quarterback Tyrone Swoopes ran for all three of Texas' touchdowns Saturday. The Longhorns defeated Kansas State behind its running game, racking up 274 rush yards.

part of the running game. ... Our kids love to run the football."

Texas came out pounding the ball from the get-go. The Longhorns ran the ball on 19

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of their 21 plays in the first quarter. They followed up with two rushing touchdowns from junior quarterback

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### **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

### Grant gives \$15 million for sustainable biofuel research

**By Jameson Pitts** @jamesonpitts

The light-brown prairie grass that fills the greenhouse on the roof of Welch Hall might look plain, but undergraduate dents analyzing samples in the adjacent laboratory are working to maximize its full potential.

University researchers will receive \$15 million in government grant funding to lead a national study on the biofuel potential of the switchgrass and panicgrass crops, housed in the rooftop greenhouse. Portions of the funding are earmarked for a Freshman Research Initiative course and undergraduate lab internships. Large-scale production of



Matt Robertson | Daily Texan Staff

Thomas Juenger, a researcher with UT's biology department, stands among samples of switchgrass in the Welch roof greenhouse.

biofuels can reduce the climate change effects of fossil fuels, according to University researchers.

Thomas Juenger, a UT researcher who runs an

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integrative biology lab, will direct the research across the country. To rapidly develop a biofuel candidate,

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"He's got pictures of himself naked covered in donuts.'

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Nico Rosberg, left, and Lewis Hamilton lead the pack at the 2015 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix at the Circuit of The Americas on Sunday afternoon.

### **NEWS BRIEFLY**

### Austin can expect sun after rainy weekend

Austin residents should expect sunshine Monday morning and through the rest of the work week after a weekend of persistent rain, according to UT's incident meteorologist Troy Kimmel. The rain will most likely return by next weekend, Kimmel said.

Rainfall in the Central Texas region broke the Oct. 24 calendar day record for inches of rainfall in the Austin Bergstrom International Airport area and the Austin City and Camp Mabry

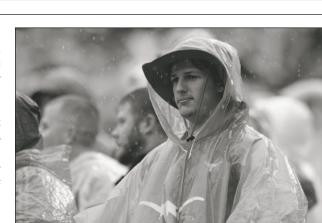
area, according to the University's inclement weather report. 4.79 inches of rain fell in the Austin City and Camp Mabry areas, and 5.16 inches of rain fell in the airport area. The previous records were set Oct. 24, 1949, when 1.94 inches of rain fell in the Austin City and Camp Mabry areas and 1.62 inches of rain fell in the airport area.

As the area begins to settle into a rainy El Niño pattern this fall, Austin residents should continue using caution when leaving their homes when flash flood warnings are issued, Kimmel said. El Niño is a weather

phenomenon characterized by unusually warm temperatures in the Pacific Ocean that lead to harsher weather conditions.

Kimmel said on the inclement weather report that only about .10 inches of the rain over the weekend could be attributed to moisture coming into the area from Hurricane Patricia, which made landfall in Mexico on Friday. The rest of the moisture came in from a separate storm system from the Gulf of Mexico.

"Between us and [Mexico] are two huge mountain chains ... so yeah, the remnants come overhead, but



Graeme Hamilton | Daily Texan Staff

A Texas fan wearing a poncho watches the football game against Kansas State on Saturday afternoon.

there is little Pacific contribution to the region," Kimmel said. "It hasn't been the media portraying this, it's

been other folks mostly, but we need to think about this if we want to be a scientifically literate country."

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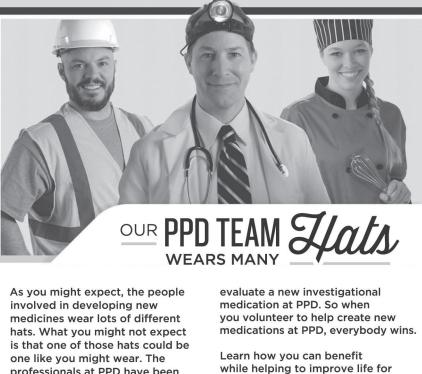
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to get it out - and you could forget it."

Linguistics junior Noli Chew said she likes to take the Intramural Fields shuttle bus instead of the Woodrow/South Fifth bus, even though they follow a similar route, because the shuttle bus is easier to get on.

"I can live with [the pay boxes], but the huge scramble to get here all the way from North Campus - when there's already so many people piling on to the point where sometimes the buses have to stop picking people up," Chew said.

Chew said although she wouldn't find the implementation of pay boxes to be too much of an inconvenience for herself, she said she thinks it would definitely affect non-UT students who use the shuttle buses.

"Personally, it doesn't affect me too much, but it would affect non-UT people who use the [shuttle buses]," Chew said. "It would be sad to see that they wouldn't be able to have the same kind of transportation - even though it's not meant for them."

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constitutional and has been upheld by the courts multiple times." In a statement to The

New York Times, Fisher said she hopes the judges will rule in favor of admissions not based on race or ethnicity. "I hope the justices will

rule that UT is not allowed to treat undergraduate applicants differently because of their race or ethnicity," Fisher said.

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to partner with the University campus to use a community policing program to combat crime," Bonnet said. "We have done a good part to educate the community and surrounding area on what we are doing and why we are here. There are programs on how to walk to and from places on and off campus, rape aggression defense, what to do if someone comes in and there is an active shooter in your workplace or classroom."

Linguistics junior Mackenzie Summers said she did not feel less safe in Austin over the past year, although she does feel safer on campus than in other areas of the city.

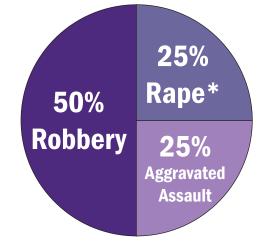
"I didn't feel less safe than previous years," Summers said. "But I definitely feel more safe on campus than elsewhere in Austin. Campus is very welllit, and there is usually a stronger police presence on campus."

Bonnett said UT-PD's strength lies in the university community's perception of the department's officers.

"It comes down to some of the partnerships that we have put in place," Bonnett said. "One of our main concerns is to be visible and to be approachable and that is what our officers strive to because when people see us and feel comfortable talking to us, that leads to people reporting more crime to us."

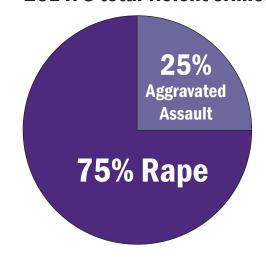
### Violent crimes reported on campus

**2013: 4 total violent crimes** 



\*Indicates that the statistic is based on the legacy definition of rape.

### 2014: 8 total violent crimes



Source: 2013 and 2014 FBI Violent Crimes Report Infographic by Kelly Smith | Daily Texan Staff

### FOOD

Nutrition seniors, Lucy Lengfelder, left, and Helen Yuan, right, pose for a picture with nutrition faculty member Diane Pappillion, cemter. Pappillion was one of many who tried samples of crickets Friday afternoon as part of a Food Day event hosted by Texas Nutrition.

> **Gabriel Lopez** Daily Texan Staff



## Food Day explores nutritional benefits of insect-based food

By Selah Maya Zighelboim @SelahMaya

When people hear the chirp of a cricket, many think of calling an exterminator, but others may think of calling someone else — a chef.

Throughout the country, the edible-insect movement is growing, and at a Food Day event hosted by Texas Nutrition on Friday, students tried samples of roasted crickets, cricket granola, cricket crackers and cookies flavored with cricket spice packets.

The event overlapped with Campus Sustainability Week and aimed to show students the environmental and nutritional benefits of eating crickets, according to Helen Yuan, Texas Nutrition president and nutrition senior.

Three vendors — Hopper, Crickers and Cramen — gave out samples of food made from crickets at the event.

"Crickers are a sustainable form of protein,"

Yuan said. "They use less resources than beef and chicken, but they have a comparable amount of protein. We want to get rid of the stigma that bugs are icky because they're very good nutritionally."

According to the Hopper website, crickets use 1,000 times less water for the same amount of protein as beef, while producing 80 times less methane for the same mass. Crickets are also rich in different vitamins and minerals, such as iron and calcium.

Hopper co-founder Marta Hudecova said there are many different ways to eat crickets, such as by roasting them with lime or dipping them in chocolate. According to Hudecova, cricket flour is the most popular way of eating crickets in the western world because it doesn't look like bugs or have the same texture.

"The flour is a stepping stone to get you to eat crickets, so hopefully people won't be scared to eat crickets and other types of insects," Hudecova said.

According to Crickers co-founder Leah Jones, crickets are farmed for consumption in the United States. Austinbased edible cricket companies get cricket flour from Aspire Food Group, where the crickets are fed an organic, gluten-free grain diet to mesh with a healthy lifestyle.

Nutrition sophomore Christian Nguyen, who tried the roasted crickets, said they tasted OK.

"I won't say I liked it, but I didn't dislike it," Nguyen said. "It was an interesting experience."

Economics freshman Jacques Pelletier, who tried crackers from Crickers, said that while this was not his first time trying crickets, he had never eaten crackers made from cricket flour before.

"It tasted just like a normal cracker," Pelletier said. "If you hadn't told me it had crickets in it, I never would have known."

### **CAMPUS**

## Video game panel discusses industry careers, innovation

By Claire Allbright

@claireallbright

A panel of guest speakers discussed current developments and careers in the video game industry Thursday.

The panel, hosted by UT's Electronic Gamers Development Society, consisted of five industry professionals and game makers who spoke about the evolution of gaming software, app development, sound and music in games and game making as a career.

Autumn Taylor, the group's event officer and public relations senior, said she coordinated the event to bring a game conference environment to students on campus.

"I hope that [students] get excited about the game industry and about making games, and maybe they will come back to [our group] and make a game," Taylor said. "We are really just hoping that people are inspired and get the opportunity to network with our speakers."

John Nagle, chief technical

officer of virtual reality development studio Phaser Lock Interactive, discussed the past, present and future of video game development.

"It's an exciting time right now because there are no rules," Nagle said during his presentation regarding new visual reality technology. "That's the fun thing about it for us: We are creating content that no one has ever done before."

Fellow panel member Pat-

veloper Unity, gave students advice for making themselves marketable and pursuing video game development as a career. "I would hope that students would realize that video game

development is a career that is

accessible," Curry said.

rick Curry, of middleware de-

Curry said he thinks video games are a creative outlet for developers to impact society. "I don't think, as a medium,

video games have an impact themselves so much as it's a place for people to express themselves in ways that are either productive or nonproductive," Curry said.

Thomas Matlock Plan II

Thomas Matlock, Plan II and American studies senior and audience member, said his interest in video games development came after his freshman year when he began to play video games again.

"I had been in liberal arts

not really knowing what I was doing," Matlock said. "It just kind of struck me that all of my different interests are combined [in video game development] and thought I should look into this more seriously. I also had been reading that a lot of my favorite designers who I really respected had liberal arts backgrounds."



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John Nagle, chief technical Officer of Phaser Lock Interactive, speaks to students Friday night about the past, present and future of game development.

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Juenger said his team will use genomic selection to reduce the time it takes to breed traits into the crop.

"The grant is a large collaborative project," Juenger said in an email. "UT will act as a hub for interaction, data sharing and integration."

Brandon Campitelli, who

Brandon Campitelli, who teaches the Biology of Biofuels course in the initiative, said the new grant funding will allow researchers to grow switchgrass at test plots across the country in order to study the genes responsible for traits that are beneficial in certain regions.

"If this is going to become a major biofuel candidate, then we want to know how it's going to perform at all these different locations," Campitelli said.

Public health junior Nicole Carrabba, who began working with the Juenger Laboratory after taking the Biology of Biofuels course, is currently studying variation in switchgrass seed size.

"I saw biofuels, and I was like, 'it'd be really cool to contribute to something so important," Carrabba said.
"I can be a little, small part to the puzzle."

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In addition to supporting the biofuels course, the funding also 44

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–Nicole Carraba,Public health junior

includes "Research Experiences," undergraduate research internships.

"One of our ideas in the future ... will be to hire students using these Research Experience grants to send them to some of these locations and actually do research with [collaborating institutions] there," Campitelli said.

The Freshman Research Initiative allows students gain experience that can lead to future laboratory positions, according to Erin Dolan, executive director of the program that oversees the freshman research initiative.

"FRI is really our gem, a major program that involves students in doing the work of science," Dolan said.





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## Affirmative action likely to be struck down

**By Daniel Hung** 

Daily Texan Columnist @TexanEditorial

With the Supreme Court hearing oral arguments on Fisher v. Texas this December, UT's affirmative action policy is likely to be struck down as early as next year.

The U.S. Supreme Court has nine justices and a majority opinion will require at least five votes. In Fisher v. Texas, however, instead of nine justices, only eight justices will vote, as Justice Elena Kagan has recused herself. In a 4-4 split, the ruling from the Court of Appeals would stand and UT would prevail. But a 4-4 split is less likely than a 5-3 decision against UT, based on the justices' past voting records.

For a case to be heard by the Supreme Court, at least four justices need to agree to hear it. Justices supporting affirmative action would not agree to take up the case, because current precedent already permits affirmative action. Therefore, at least four justices on the Supreme Court could rule against Texas. Three of those four justices are almost certainly to be the solidly conservative Justices Thomas, Scalia and Alito.

Some might question whether Chief Justice Roberts will once again vote with the liberal justices like he did in NFIB v. Sebelius — the Obamacare case — but his past

voting records indicate that this is extremely unlikely. Roberts famously wrote in a 2007 opinion that "the way to stop discrimination on the basis of race is to stop discriminating on the basis of race." Government lecturer Alan Sager said his "guess is that Roberts has not moved permanently farther toward the left side of the court." Thus, though there is a minuscule possibility that Roberts will vote with the liberals.

Law professor Lino Graglia, the A.W. Walker Centennial Chair in Law, said he believes the decision will turn on Justice Kennedy.

Kennedy is conservative on some issues and liberal on others. His past voting records indicate that he is against affirmative action. In Grutter v. Bollinger, which allows affirmative action for diversity, Kennedy voted with the conservative dissent. Graglia pointed out that in Ricci v. DeStefano, which concerned workplace affirmative action, "Kennedy wrote a very strong opinion holding that the New Haven Fire Department cannot invalidate the promotion test because none of the black firefighters scored high enough to be promoted."

Additionally, it has been reported that Kennedy and the four conservative justices were ready to rule against UT in 2013, but compromised in sending the case down to the Court of Appeals to apply strict scrutiny. That the Supreme Court took the case up



Charlie Pearce | Daily Texan File Photo

Abigail Fisher addresses the press outside the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals on Nov. 13, 2013. Fisher v. University of Texas, filed in 2008, will be reheard by the Supreme Court in December.

again indicates they did not agree with the ruling of the Court of Appeals. Graglia said he believes the probability of striking down affirmative action is "better than 50-50, but the ruling might not be clear-cut."

If the justices rule consistently with their prior voting records, affirmative action will be struck down.

Hung is a second year law student from Brownsville.

# WHAT TO WATCH FOR THIS WEEK

### **TUESDAY**

Check out the Daily Texan Editorial Board's voting recommendations in this year's election, taking place on Nov. 3.

### **WEDNESDAY**

Flip to Columnist David Bordelon's column on switching majors and its effect on registration and degree completion.

### FRIDAY

Read a point-counterpoint on cultural appropriation and Halloween costumes by Columnists William Hutson and Maria Kroeger.

Join us in the Texas Union Theatre on Thursday, Oct. 29 at 4 p.m. for an interview with President Greg Fenves.

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Briana Vargas | Daily Texan Staff

Karen Blaney, program coordinator for the Office of Sustainability, addressed students about the

## Legislature hurts campus sustainability efforts

By Mubarrat Choudhury

Daily Texan Columnist @MubarratC

Last week, the UT Office of Sustainability held its annual Campus Sustainability Week, which promoted and educated students about different green programs around campus. This included informational tabling about the Green Fee to promote discussion for the policy's renewal, which has been stagnant in the State Legislature for no apparent reason.

"Right now we need to get a coordinated effort and create a cohesive movement," said Jaclyn Kachelmeyer, former director of the Campus Environmental Center. "The loss of the bill would be a loss for sustainability on campus."

The Green Fee is an allocation of \$5 from every student's tuition each semester and \$2.50 for the summer semester designed to promote eco-friendly projects on campus. Passed in 2009, the Green Fee was implemented on campus in 2011 and was set to expire after five years.

The Green Fee's benefits are clear to those on campus, but not to the State Legislature. Although Student Government and the Green Fee Committee tried lobbying for the law's renewal, it ultimately failed in the Senate. This is problematic, as many ongoing and potential projects could lose a source of funding, according to a Daily

Texan interview with UT Director of Sustainability Jim Walker.

"They would have a challenge to figure out how to keep their operations going," Walker said. "Now we would help them with that, but there's not more money lying around the university, so it would be a challenge."

The Green Fee provides research and project grants to various University organizations, including the solar power charging stations, microfarms, greenhouses, recycling initiatives and the Organic Bike Project. These projects have made tremendous impacts across campus, such as rerouting over 27,000 pounds of UT's compost from landfills, planting over 75,000 seedlings, and growing 250 pounds of produce. Since its implementation, the Green Fee has issued 103 grants and 67 distinct projects and has employed over 100 students.

Almost 6,800 students across 20 student organizations submitted a letter to the State Legislature in support of the Green Fee's renewal. Yet the 84th Texas State Legislature, like those of other states such as Florida, sees environmental policy as too "liberal" or a luxury, instead of objective and a necessity.

The inability for the Senate to pass the renewal shows its disregard for student voices, and it divides an issue as big as sustainability across partisan lines.

Choudhury is an economics freshman from Dallas.

COLUMN

## Social media may instill apathy through exposure

By Benroy Chan
Daily Texan Columnist
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When tragedy strikes, communities come together to comfort each other and restore a sense of stability and compassion. However, although the advent of social media fosters global connectedness, people are ironically becoming more and more apathetic towards tragedy and, in some cases, disrespectful.

Two weeks ago, a forest fire began in Bastrop County, burning down several homes and mandating the evacuation of many residents. Smoke from the fire drifted into Austin and sparked curiosity from students at UT.

When a freshman posted on the UT Class of 2019 Facebook page to ask about the smoke, one person accurately informed others of the fire while many were quick to use the situation as the butt of a joke, oblivious to the severity of the problem.

PACE freshman Elena Cole responded to the distasteful comments by asking other students to be mindful of others on the page who may be directly affected by the fires but received backlash.

"I knew that none of the people posting harsh comments would be saying those things had they known the smoke caused such devastation," Cole said. "I knew that there were people personally affected by the fires that would have been hurt to see people making such rude jokes about their situation."

This incident is a pertinent example of how social media reduces empathy in individuals. A 2010 study found that almost 75 percent of students rated themselves as less empathetic than the average student

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We're inundated with violent situations all of the time. This is a pretty violent society where we're more worried about partial nudity than we are showing someone getting

—Robert Quigley, Senior lecturer, School of Journalism

in 1980, 30 years prior, with a particularly steep decrease between 2000 and 2010.

While one cannot attribute this drop in empathy solely to social media, the ability to scroll away from depressing posts or situations likely plays a role in it. When the news media shows graphic images from events such as the Boston bombing, these types of events attain a sense of normalcy. According to Robert Quigley, senior lecturer in the School of Journalism, when people are surrounded by tragedy, they can tune out infor-

mation they don't want or care to hear.

"We're inundated with violent situations all of the time," Quigley said. "This is a pretty violent society where we're more worried about partial nudity than we are showing

someone getting shot in the head."

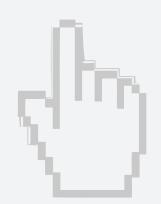
Social media exists to connect people, but in a lot of ways, it leads to social isolation. It would be unreasonable to ask individuals to dwell on every misfortune that happens in the world, but asking for sensitivity and consideration is more

than justified.

Chan is a journalism freshman from Sugar Land.

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**OFFBEAT** 

## Local dog seeks mayoral position

**By Thomas Boswell** @thomasboswell11

Sid the beagle is running for Austin dog mayor, and his canine platform isn't something to wag your tail at.

The beagle mix, donning his \$250 tailor-made mayor suit, and his owner of five years, Alex Hopes, launched a campaign to elect Sid to office earlier this month. The symbolic position is the first of its kind for the city of Austin and will provide a new outlet for the community to address animal rights issues. The two hope this position will provide adequate representation for dogs in Austin and raise awareness for adoption shelters such as Austin Pets Alive!

When Sid's former family could no longer take care of him, Hopes adopted the six-month-old puppy, and the two moved from Omaha, Nebraska to Austin a year later in 2011.

"I went down to look at this dog and paid 50 dollars for him," Hopes said. "I tucked him inside of my jacket at the time because it was snowing. He's been the best decision of

There are currently four other dog mayors around the United States, including an actual city mayor that was elected in Cormorant, Minnesota, after taking a majority of the 12 eligible votes casted. Hopes said the humane societies and animal shelters in their respective cities have benefited from the creation of these mayoral positions.

"I think Sid could be the face for a lot of fundraising efforts for these non-profits," Hopes said. "Sid already has a pretty big following, and, if he can funnel that attention to those causes, then I think that's a win-win all around."

International relations senior Dylan Snoddy owns a Jack Russell terrier named Reiley that he adopted from Austin Pets Alive!

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after coming to college. He said the position of dog mayor would improve the relations between the community and city government.

"I think dogs currently have representation because of the people who live here," Snoddy said. "Having a figurehead for the community to channel initiatives would be a 'paws'itive development for animal rights policies in Austin."

Hopes said the two are using Sid's social media following to stimulate their electoral dreams. Sid's Facebook and Instagram profiles depict pictures of him holding food in his mouth or playing with his blue bouncy ball, and his accounts enjoy over 50,000 followers. Hopes attributes his dog's popularity to his expressive face and carefree attitude.

"I get people who contact me very often who say that Sid is just the brightest part of their day," Hopes said. "It's really uplifting to see my dog can make such a large impact on people's lives."

Sid's platform calls for bigger doggy treat portions and naps for guard dogs, but his primary focus is keeping Austin a no-kill city. Sid and Hopes promote adoption from animal shelters rather than going to a breeder and buying an animal.

The mayoral candidate's

initiatives come at a contentious time for the dog-loving community as petitions circulated earlier this month to preserve the life of a dog named Neville. In September, an Austin judge ordered Austin Pets Alive! to euthanize Neville after the dog bit a small child in the face. The current order has

now been rescinded in part



Gabriel Lopez | Daily Texan Staff

Sid the beagle sports his custom-made mayor suit. Sid is running for Austin dog mayor in hopes of raising awareness of animal rights issues.

because of a petition, which received over 200,000 signatures.

"I think animals are playing a much larger role in our homes and our lives," Hopes said. "We as a society are moving more towards humane rights for animals, and it makes a lot of sense to respect the animal more than we have in

Hopes said when he and Sid first moved to Austin, he was surprised to see how dog-friendly the city was, with patio space available to dogs at local businesses and open spaces like Zilker Park and the Barton Creek Greenbelt. Today, Austin is ranked one of the top ten dog friendly cities in the United States according to DogFriendly.com.

"All the dogs seem completely happy," Hopes said. "I think that's a representation of the people who live here. We want to keep [Austin] a no-kill city because we love our dogs."

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## Offense finds identity in run game

**By Nick Castillo** @Nick\_Castillo74

SPORTS

Tyrone Swoopes sloshed his way into a rain-soaked end zone, completing a 23-9 win over Kansas State.

The tough running by the junior quarterback from Whitewright embodies the reputation Texas is trying to establish.

"We just kind of line up and run at people," Swoopes said. "Our offensive linemen have gotten real physical. We've got physical [running] backs. We found our identity, and, with that, we just kind of play with it."

Swoopes found the end zone three times against the Wildcats while running for 50 yards on seven carries. The 6-foot-4, 244-pound quarterback wasn't the only rusher who had success Saturday. Redshirt freshman quarterback Jerrod Heard and running backs senior Johnathan Gray and sophomore D'Onta Foreman rushed for a combined 207 yards Saturday, adding to the Longhorns' rugged rushing attack.

"I think we really are identifying with [being physical]," said Jay Norvell, wide receivers coach and offensive play-caller. "They take a lot of pride in it. It takes a certain kind of mentality."

Texas' physical mentality begins on the offensive line. The unit looks the most cohesive it has in years, opening up holes for its running backs



Jonathan Garza | Daily Texan File Photo

Junior offensive lineman Kent Perkins lines up against UNT in Texas' season opener last year. The Longhorn offensive line's physicality at the line of scrimmage helped lead the offensive turnaround and create opportunities for a tough running game.

and attacking defenders.

"[The offensive line] has played two straight weeks where we've been able to control the line of scrimmage," Strong said. "We just got to continue to improve there. ... They're doing a really good job. They're staying on blocks and moving people at the point of attack."

Junior offensive lineman Kent Perkins said accountability has been key in the offensive line's improvement.

"We have been getting better," Perkins said. "The key thing for the O-line and, you know, the guy next to you — you built that bond, and you are all on the same page. That's when things happen like today."

The offense is establishing a tough reputation, and the defense is following suit. The defense started the season with a rough first three games but has improved in Big 12 play. After giving up an average of 512.3 yards per game in its first three games, the defense has only given up 379.75 yards per game in conference play.

Junior defensive tackle Hassan Ridgeway said the defense has turned around because the players are out there for each other.

"Every team moves at a different pace," Ridgeway said. "Once we get our groove, we've got our groove. We got to keep it going."

With two straight wins and a new-found identity, the Longhorns are starting to prove they're tough.

"We're definitely tough," Gray said. "We got tough kids - tough, physical kids. Guys want to go out and play football. When we stay focused and mentally tough and fundamentally sound, we can be as tough as we want to be."

### Washington Senators player-

- the niece and Clark Griffith.

### KANSAS STATE

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Tyrone Swoopes in the second quarter to jump out to a 16-6 first-half lead.

"It's just kind of smashmouth football, and everybody loves that," Swoopes said. "When we go out there, everybody kind of knows what's going on. Our offensive linemen, the running backs, the tight ends do a great job of blocking. We just go out and do our thing."

After the run game shined in the first half, the defense controlled the game in the second half. The Wildcats picked up a field goal early in the third quarter, but they failed to score the rest of the contest. The Longhorns excelled at making stops on third downs, holding the Wildcats to a 28.6 percent third-down conversion rate.

Texas' defense also specialized in creating big plays — something it struggled to do early in the season. The unit collected five sacks and consistently wreaked havoc in the Wildcats' backfield. The Longhorns also forced a crucial turnover when junior safety Dylan Haines halted Kansas State's comeback attempt with an interception in the final minutes.

"This is exactly what we wanted to be," senior linebacker Peter Jinkens said. "At the beginning of the season, things weren't clicking like they were supposed to. But as the season has gone on, we

are where we want to be now." Following Haines' inter-

ception, Swoopes sealed the game with three straight runs, netting 52 yards and his third rushing touchdown. He leads the team with five rushing touchdowns this season.

The win marks the first time the Longhorns have won back-to-back games this season. It's also just the second time the team has won consecutive games under head coach Charlie Strong. The coaching staff emphasized that the team needed multiple wins to sustain confidence. After winning two in a row, the Longhorns have a foundation to build on heading into their final five games. "We're just putting games

together," Swoopes said. "All along we've understood we've got to execute and put games together. When you do that, you build confidence. Everybody is confident and excited about the rest of the season."

### **VOLLEYBALL | TEXAS 3-KANSAS 0**

## Longhorns secure top spot in Big 12 with sweep of Kansas

**By Claire Cruz** 

@claireecruz5 No. 2 Texas handed No.

7 Kansas its first loss of the season with a sweep Friday night at Gregory Gym. The match was expected

to be an intense, powerhouse battle, and it didn't disappoint. Kansas had Texas on the ropes at times, but the experience and depth of the Longhorn roster carried Texas to victory. "It's a big win when you're

in a race to win the conference," head coach Jerritt Elliott said. "More importantly, I'm so proud of the way we prepared, how well we did with the game plan and our overall focus."

Junior outside hitter Paulina Prieto Cerame dominated in Set 1. Cerame tallied seven kills behind big swings and strategically placed tips to start the match. Junior setter Nicole Dalton had several digs to keep rallies alive. Miscues from Kansas, including several missed serves and ballhandling errors, helped Texas. The Longhorns hit .517 as a team to take the first set, 25-16.

Kansas came out firing in Set 2, delivering hard hits and big blocks to fluster Texas' defense. The Jayhawks jumped out to a 5-0 lead and controlled the early half of the match behind



Junior outside hitter Paulina Prieto Cerame helped lead the Longhorns to victory with 16 total kills in a sweep of Kansas.

five blocks and quick tips that kept Longhorn passers out of sync.

But then seniors outside hitter Amy Neal and middle blocker Molly McCage took over. Neal turned in a six-kill performance, and McCage led a Texas front line that recorded six blocks. Texas rallied from a 16-12 deficit to win the set, 25-19, behind hustle plays, big blocks and great production from its veterans.

"In the second set, I just thought to keep managing my game and being smart with the ball," Neal said.

Both teams came out fast in Set 3 and treated the capacity crowd to a plethora of big swings. Each team traded points for the first half of the set until Texas went on a 10-point run to put the win away, 25-14.

"We talked a lot in the

locker room about taking [this game] like any other conference game," Neal said. "We made sure to come out with the same mentality, don't get extra hyped up because we've done that in the past. Every team is going to come out and play their best game against us." Cerame finished with a

team-high 16 kills, and junior middle blocker Chiaka Ogbogu added five blocks. Texas secured the No. 1 spot in the Big 12, and the loss put Kansas at No. 2.

"I'm very lucky to coach this group of young ladies," Elliott said. "They're very talented, they're fun to be around and they really are all about the team. It's pretty special to be a

Texas returns to action Wednesday to face TCU in Fort Worth.

### **SOCCER | TEXAS 1-BAYLOR 2**

## Texas battles late, falls short in loss to Baylor

**By Aaron Torres** 

@aaron\_torres95

Texas would have been a lock for the No. 2 seed in the Big 12 with a win Sunday.

A win over Baylor would have given the Longhorns 16 points in conference play, and no team could have caught them. Even a tie would have given Texas a point.

Instead, a crowd of 799 watched the Longhorns come up empty.

Texas lost to Baylor 2-1 at Mike A. Myers Stadium on Sunday afternoon. The hopes of finishing No. 2 in the Big 12 decreased with each goal the Bears put in the back of the net. Texas entered the game with 13 points and remain at 13 points after the loss.

"I think we really battled," redshirt freshman forward Mikayla Flores said. "Even though we were down 2-0 with about, what, 20 minutes left, we still fought our hearts out."

At the 64:45 mark, senior defender Brinkley Field was called for a handball inside the box. Baylor senior defender Katie Daigle scored on the ensuing penalty kick. Three minutes later, senior midfielder Lindsey Meyer

headed the ball out of the

box, but it went right to

Baylor freshman forward



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> -Mikayla Flores Redshirt freshman forward

Lauren Piercy. She fired from 13 yards away to give Baylor a 2-0 lead.

"Just the misfortune on a windy day," head coach Angela Kelly said.

Both goals were results of Texas errors. The ball bounced up and hit Field's arm. Meyer cleared the ball, but it went straight to Piercy. Texas answered back

with 4:53 left. Freshman forward Alexa Adams passed the ball to Flores inside the box, and Flores scored to cut the deficit to 2-1. "We just ran out of time

there at the end," Kelly said. "But to be honest, I am proud of the way we responded in the last 15 minutes." Texas sprinted and fought

for a chance to tie the game in the last five minutes. "That's the important piece to a squad," Kelly

never break."

said. "That's where we'll

### **SIDELINE**

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### **SPORTS BRIEFLY**

### Addison advances to singles ITA Semifinals

Breaunna Addison was the lone Longhorn to advance past the round of 32 in this year's ITA Texas Regional Championships.The All-American two-time notched her fourth straight win over Texas A&M freshman Domenica Gonzalez 6-2, 6-2 on Sunday afternoon to advance to the singles semifinals.

Rain moved the tournament from College Station to indoor facilities at Baylor. Addison saw success with a win over Texas Tech freshman Alexandra Valenstein 6-4, 6-1 in the round of 16. The senior also defeated TCU junior Seda Arantekin 6-2, 6-2 on Friday in College Station and UT-El Paso junior Eduarda Nardi dos Santos in straight sets in the round of 64 on Thursday.

Addison earned a bye from the round of 128. Senior Lana Groenvynck advanced to the round of 32 with wins over Lamar junior Talisa Merchiers and UT-San Antonio junior Meredith Hopson in straight sets in the rounds of 64 and 128, respectively. Groenvynck was eliminated in straight sets to Texas Tech's Sarah Dvorak on Friday. Longhorns Dani Wagland and Chelsea Crovetti were both eliminated in the round of 64. Neda Koprcina fell in the round of 128. Addison is scheduled to

play Rice junior Katherine Ip on Monday at 10 a.m. If Addison wins, she will advance to the finals.

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## Knitted heart project raises suicide awareness

By Katie Walsh

@katiewalsh\_atx When his dinner check

arrives, UT alumnus David James slides a small, red hand-knitted heart in with his credit card. The heart reads, "The world needs you."

small The ted heart is one of thousands dispersed across 20 countries, each with a tag that reads #PeytonHeart-Project beneath a positive message. The Peyton Heart Project, created by Jill Kubin, is named after James' 13-year-old son, Peyton, who died by suicide last October. Kubin, who lives in New Jersey who found James' story online, said the project intends to increase suicide awareness and spread the message that every

life matters. "It's the little things that can make a big difference in people's lives," James said. "It doesn't have to be a grand gesture — it can be something simple, like a little knit or crocheted heart."

Followers project's Facebook page scatter the handmade hearts in public places where they can be easily found — from bookstores to gumball machines. The Facebook page, which launched this summer, is a meeting point for heart knitters and heart dispersers. Kubin manages the page with James and facilitates the exchange between heart creators

and distributors. Watkins-Benoit, Laura an active knitter and North Carolina resident, said she knits hearts by the dozen, scattering them around Fort Bragg, the military base where she works. Although

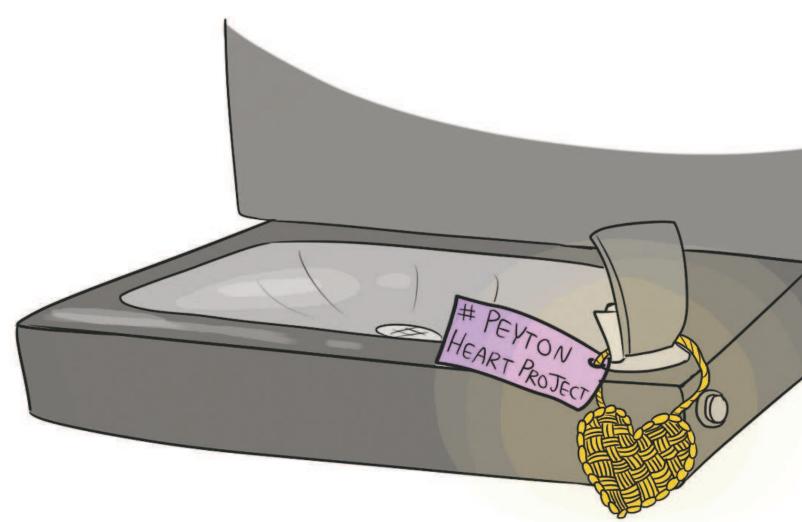


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she doesn't have a connection to James or Kubin, she said she was deeply touched after reading Peyton's story online.

"I'm honored every time I put one of my hearts somewhere," Watkins-Benoit said. "Every time I hang one of them up, I say a tiny little prayer for Peyton's family because I really cannot imagine their anguish."

People who find the hearts often visit the Facebook page and write posts detailing where they found the heart and how it made them feel.

"I found this beautiful heart yesterday at Whole Foods," reads one of the Facebook posts, accompanied by a photo of a heart. "It deeply touched my heart and soul during a difficult time in my life."

Although Kubin James have never met, James said he calls her and her daughters his "angels from New Jersey." In February, Kubin found James online because they were both involved with separate charity projects. After reading his story, Kubin

asked him if she and her eldest daughter could hold a hat drive in honor of Peyton to bring attention to the consequences of bullying. James agreed, and after the hat drive ended, Kubin presented him with The Peyton Heart Project idea.

"It is a really sad story, but it's a really important one," Kubin said. "It resonated with me like no other story had and I don't really know why. I just felt like I wanted to do something to help get his story out there."

Peyton, lover

computers, "Doctor Who," attempted who vou are." suicide on Oct. 8, 2014. He battled depression, anxiety and bullying from his peers at school. On Oct. 13, after

Hospital, Peyton died. "[Peyton] was just a bundle of energy," James said. "He was a creative, inquisitive, smart and loving kid. He was the one who always wanted to make sure you were okay. If you dropped your notebook, he was the one who was going to stop in the hall and

five days at the Dell Children's

help you pick it up, no matter

James said the day he received the phone call with the news of his son's suicide, he considered lying to his coworkers because of associated stigmas, but he said something made him come forward with the truth, details and all.

"People are uncomfortable with [discussing suicide]," James said. "It's an uncomfortable topic and people might not approach it because of that, but I was going to do it. Somebody had to."

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