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Senior Jacob Stalle learns fire safety measures with the local fire department. Safety specialist II Roosevelt Easley shows the proper way of how to use a fire extinguisher.

CAMPUS

YCT plan to press charges after sign vandalism

By Ashley Liu
News Reporter

The Young Conservatives of Texas is planning to press charges against non-registered student group Revolutionary Student Front (RSF) after numerous incidents of vandalism on their sign in West Mall.

The first incident occurred on Tuesday, when YCT's wooden board was turned over and marked with propaganda for the RSF. An Adolf Hitler-inspired mustache was drawn onto Uncle Sam, the sign's main subject. Thursday morning, the sign had the word

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Kendrex White trial progresses

By Reagan Ritterbush
News Reporter

The judge in the UT stabbing case pretrial denied the prosecutors' second request for a mental health evaluation of murder defendant Kendrex White on Thursday.

In July, White was indicted on first-degree murder charges and three counts of aggravated assault by a Travis County grand jury in connection with the May 1 UT campus stabbing attack. UT student Harrison Brown was killed, and three others were injured in the incident.

White's defense team said in a statement prosecutors do not have any grounds to evaluate White since they have not raised a sanity defense yet. Two doctors found White competent to stand trial in June. His motion to be tested for insanity was denied in June as well.

According to state law, if the defense counsel plans to raise sanity as a defense, they must notify the prosecution within 20 days of trial. No trial date has been set.

Harrison Brown's mother,

“I want to do something more about it in the future and his remembrance. For me right now it's just living and being there for Harrison.”

—Stuart Bayliss,
Stabbing victim

Lori Brown, and one of the stabbing victims, Stuart Bayliss, attended the hearing.

“I want to do something more about it in the future and his remembrance. For me right now it's just living and being there for Harrison and representing his life,” Bayliss said in an interview with TCWNNews.

Alejandrina Guzman, UT student body president, said in an interview with KXAN that in an effort to make sure another attack like this does not happen again, progress has been

made for better communication and mental health resources for students.

“We've done a lot of good work, and the collaboration hasn't stopped,” Guzman said in the interview with KXAN. “The administration has been working very closely with us to make sure that all students feel welcome and safe on campus.”

Guzman said later in the interview with KXAN that the goal is if better resources are

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UT professor heads Brownsville project

By Stephanie Adeline
News Reporter

At seven years old, Edna Ledesma immigrated to Brownsville, Texas, from Monterrey, Mexico. Last weekend, she took 15 UT students to Brownsville to show them the realities of living in a border city.

Architecture professor Ledesma and students from her class, “Empowerment by Design: Brownsville West Rail Trail Studio/Practicum,” are making plans to potentially convert a historic freight line in Brownsville into a new city area. As the first UT architecture class project centered in Brownsville, Ledesma divided her 15 graduate and undergraduate students into four teams

to propose designs over the course of the semester.

“Many of them had never been to the border, so it was extremely eye-opening,” Ledesma said.

The project is a collaboration between UT students, Texas Southmost College architecture students, Cameron County and the Friends of the West Rail. At the end of the semester, students will present their design proposals to Brownsville residents, which will be economically assessed by students from UT Rio Grande Valley.

“The planners are incredible at researching and investigating possibilities, and (the architects) are really good at thinking spatially

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SURE Walk expands staff, volunteers to improve service, lessen wait times

By Allyson Waller
News Reporter

In order to meet the growing demand of their service, SURE Walk has restructured their leadership for this semester to address complaints about wait times and quality of service.

A more comprehensive permanent staff has been implemented, consisting of two associate directors, eight employees, 11 permanent Student Government volunteers and one education and resource director. The new leadership is working to alter their communication methods and service to address efficiency

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The student service group, SURE Walk, is set to launch a new website this Monday containing the group's volunteer handbook and more.

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Students share startup proposals

By Emily O'Toole News Reporter

Students with interests in innovation, marketing and entrepreneurship had the opportunity to share their startup ideas with fellow students at UT Startup+Connect's event Thursday.

UT Startup+Connect events consist of students pitching their ideas for a company with the hope of gaining student attention and possible customers. After the short pitching session, there's an opportunity for student networking.

Luis Martins, director of the Herb Kelleher Center for Entrepreneurship, Growth, and Renewal in the McCombs School of Business, said the program caters to students, no matter their level of preparation or company status.

"I'm very heartened to see the passion of undergraduate students," Martins said. "Let's not forget that Facebook and Microsoft were started by undergraduate students."

Emanuel Ibarra, program coordinator at the Herb Kelleher Center, said the goal of the program is to encourage collaboration between students of different majors and years.

"It's kind of our way to bridge the different disciplines together and then



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Ryan McKeeman, assistant director at Blackstone LaunchPad, introduces UT Startup+Connect.

also bring exposure to the students," Ibarra said.

Ibarra said some startups pitched at an event last spring have become lucrative, including a tech company called "Desk," an iPad mathematics app.

The pitches presented Thursday included Snagaprint, a personalized

online printing service; Femto-Medical, a minimally invasive spinal treatment technology; Evo, an app to streamline campus event notifications; and Wiredove, a gift registry service.

Martins said UT is a great place for hopeful business-people in terms of resources and diversity of ideas.

"It's a huge university with excellent departments in various areas, so we're partnering with the College of Natural Sciences to do certain things, (and) we partner with (Cockrell School of) Engineering on certain things," Martins said. "So when we see these pitches, they do tend to reflect the broad diversity of strengths we have (here)."

Numerous faculty members have gotten involved with the push to involve more undergraduates in company creation and networking, said Ryan McKeeman, assistant director at Blackstone Launchpad. An interdisciplinary entrepreneurship program, Blackstone Launchpad helps mentor students who are interested in entrepreneurship.

"I'll meet with anybody for thirty minutes to talk about anything they want," McKeeman said.

Martins believes there are certain aspects of a pitch that make for success: a clear idea with the potential to grow, a good business model and passion.

"What the audience finds most engaging is when the entrepreneur who's pitching the idea shows clear passion for the idea," Martins said. "I think that draws in people's interest."

HEALTH

Study finds strong personal relationships help spouses

By Eric Vela
News Reporter

A recent UT study shows that strong relationships with friends and family members may help alleviate the physiological issues that can be brought on by conflict in married couples.

The study, led by researcher Lisa Neff, an associate professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Science, monitored the day-to-day lives of 107 married couples, while frequently measuring their cortisol levels. The study was published last week in the online edition of Social Psychological and Personality Science.

Neff said cortisol, a steroid hormone that helps the body respond to stress, is supposed to start high in the morning and decrease throughout the day in a process called a diurnal rhythm. The disruption in this process brought on by a stressor like marital conflict can lead to serious health issues.

Co-author and UT alumna Liz Keneski said these health issues can include cardiovascular problems

and mortality.

"It's important for social science researchers to attempt to uncover how people can protect themselves from the potential negative effects of relationship stress, which is what we were able to do in this study," Keneski said.

Neff said they asked the subjects about their social net-

work and longer a link between marital conflict and cortisol levels," Neff said. "Not just a decrease in it."

According to Neff, the number of relationships did not matter nearly as much as their strength.

"The quality of support in the network is what matters more," Neff said. "Having a large network doesn't matter. Even if you have a few solid relationships outside of your marriage, the link is gone."

Graduate student Krystan Farnish said she plans to implement the study's findings in her relationships.

"I'm engaged," Farnish said. "(The study) shows that it's important to have a strong network of friends to support you and not just rely on your spouse."

In addition to having a network of quality relationships, Neff advised developing more realistic expectations of spousal relationships.

"Don't expect your spouse to be your everything," Neff said. "Marital conflict is inevitable. ... Everybody has it. What matters is how we respond to it."

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—Lisa Neff,
Associate Human Development and Family Sciences professor

works, including the number of family members and close friends and the strength of those relationships.

The team discovered subjects with a high quality social network of friends and family experienced less of a physiological effect from the marital conflicts.

"For people that are highly satisfied with their outer relationships, there was no



COURTESY OF EDNA LEDESMA

Architecture professor Edna Ledesma took 15 UT students to Brownsville to show them life in a border city. The student's project centers on converting a historic freight line into a new city area.

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about what makes quality of place," Ledesma said. "But in the middle we have to remember that we're working towards a specific demographic that has needs and disadvantages and deserves to have opportunities."

The project idea started when Cameron County announced a toll road would be built in the West Rail Trail, which was a freight line connecting Brownsville and Mexico. Brownsville residents united to fight back against the toll road, and county officials decided to make a community decision regarding use of the space.

"There was a lot of community fight," Ledesma said. "(The community wants) a rails to trails project, a cycling infrastructure, running tracks (and) green corridors."

Ledesma's students are working to create a master plan for the rail corridor while taking into account multiple perspectives, said Jessica Sadasivan, one of Ledesma's students.

"Our task is to kind of figure out how do we brand the trail to be what's best for Brownsville," architecture senior Sadasivan said. "It's so interesting to hear so many of them have different opinions on whether they want a road or a biking trail."

Hilary Andersen, a community and regional planning graduate student in Ledesma's class, said working on this project has expanded her professional connections and her knowledge on the U.S.-Mexico border.

"I am interested in regional planning, and I think borders are an arbitrary thing," Andersen said. "It's ... a clear sign of separation that federal entities who clearly have never been to the border have been planning."

SURE WALK

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issues, according to Alexandra Mulconery, associate director of Sure Walk.

SURE Walk is set to launch a new website this Monday with the group's volunteer handbook, specific policies and revised boundary maps.

"Our mission is not, 'We are your fastest ride home,'" business honors junior Mulconery said. "SURE Walk is about safety and comfort on your way home."

International relations freshman Avery Little said she experienced challenges last Thursday night when she requested a ride from Jester to Duren Residence Hall located near Dean Keeton Street.

According to Little, employees said they were not permitted to cross Dean Keeton that night due to a hit-and-run incident last week where a SURE Walk cart was hit by an oncoming vehicle — no one was injured. Little said after driving her to the corner of Dean Keeton, SURE Walk employees denied her request for them to walk the rest of the way to her dorm.

Blanca Gamez, assistant director of UT's Parking and

Transportation Services, said it is policy to tie up the cart and walk students the rest of the way home.

Though Little has used SURE Walk since the incident and has had better experiences with the service, she said she is still skeptical of their reliability.

"Now I'm definitely afraid to go anywhere at night off campus because I don't feel like SURE Walk is reliable," Little said. "I'm not sure they're going to take me home and make sure I get there."

Student Government addressed Little's complaint in a meeting Tuesday by emphasizing to volunteers and employees how important it is to follow policy protocol and make sure to walk students to their final destination and prioritize student safety.

Students like Cassandra Villarreal feel the use of student volunteers hinders the quality of SURE Walk's service.

"Sometimes I feel like because they're students and they're volunteering mostly that they're not really motivated," said Villarreal, speech and language pathology sophomore.

As of publication, there is no definite date as to when SURE Walk carts will be able to cross Dean Keeton.

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available, future tragedies will be prevented.

"Harrison Brown won't be forgotten. He lives in our hearts. He lives in my heart," Guzman said in the interview with KXAN. "We're all Longhorns together. We're here. We're not alone, in that if anybody has anything that they're going through, a situation, (we want them) to reach out."

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—Alejandrina Guzman,
Student body president

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Students consider Title IX, honor Harrison Brown

By Janhavi Nemawarkar
and Vik Shirvaikar
Forum Editors

The prevalence of sexual violence is a major problem for the University. Under the Obama administration, the 2011 “Dear Colleague” letter clarified guidelines for universities handling cases of sexual assault, instructing schools and colleges to investigate all complaints more thoroughly. But on Sept. 7, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced the rollback of some

of those guidelines, claiming that the definition of sexual assault and harassment imposed by the “Dear Colleague” letter is unclear and too broad. Today, we feature perspectives from student leaders who argue that DeVos’ remarks represent a troubling shift that will actively hurt survivors of sexual assault, both here at UT and across the nation.

First, we interview Mia Goldstein, the president of the student organization affiliated with Voices Against Violence. Goldstein argues that the Department of Education’s proposed rollbacks might prevent survivors of sexual assault

from coming forward because they perceive that the administration will not be sufficiently supportive, even if the University’s policies will stay the same in reality.

Next, we feature guest columnist Rajya Atluri, the director of Student Government’s Women’s Resource Agency, who argues that DeVos’ focus on the accused portrays a false sense of reality. She states that this is a step back for sexual assault prevention, clearly sending the message that survivors are not a priority under the new administration.

For our final column, guest columnist Colton

Becker reflects on the legacy of Harrison Brown, soon after what would have been his 20th birthday. He remembers Harrison as a friend who lived with purpose and highlights three uplifting lessons from Harrison’s life that we can all learn from.

As always, we want to hear your thoughts about this or anything else. Email us anytime at editor@dailytexanonline.com.

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GUEST COLUMN

University will continue to support survivors

By Mia Goldstein
Forum Contributor

Editor’s note: This interview has been lightly edited for brevity.

The Daily Texan: Can you tell me about Voices Against Violence?

Mia Goldstein: Voices Against Violence is a program of the Counseling and Mental Health Center that works to prevent interpersonal violence and support survivors, and there is a student org that is a part of that. VAV has prevention and education as well as support and response to instances of interpersonal violence.

DT: What are your biggest priorities, this year (and in general)?

MG: Our priority is always preventing interpersonal violence in any way we possibly can, so whether that’s bystander intervention in small ways or structural violence prevention in larger ways. Supporting survivors is key to what we do. The student org puts on Survivors Speak Out events and connects survivors to resources and provides a community of support. The VAV program, through CMHC, offers group counseling, individual counseling and advocacy services.

DT: Can you comment on UT’s current process for reporting or dealing with cases of reported abuse or assault?

MG: The process is definitely fair. Betsy DeVos is not thinking about (Title IX) properly. The Title IX process as it is works well and provides due process for all parties involved. If you’re accused of something, you have every right to defend yourself. You’re not just accused and then expelled — that doesn’t happen.

DT: Do you know how this process has evolved, or do you have any insights into what the administration is trying to prioritize going forward?

MG: I think the administration’s priority is decreasing those statistics. The number of instances (of sexual assaults on campus) is too high for any university. UT is not alone in that we have a sexual violence problem on campus, but I think they want to encourage reports so that we are getting the real numbers so that we can move forward and address the cause. From what I can gather from the administration, they don’t want to silence students, they want students to come forward if they experience something; they want students to get the resources they need. I can’t really comment on the administration’s perspective; that’s just my perspective on it. They want to address the issue, and that looks like knowing the full scope of (the problem).

DT: What specific initiatives do you want the administration to undertake?

MG: I would like for consent education to be mandatory and not just something that

is done at orientation and forgotten about. I would like for there to be some one-hour class that everyone has to take one semester that covers interpersonal violence and consent and what healthy relationships look like. It can even look like something as informal as a FIG, but I do think there needs to be some sort of baseline, because if we have students graduating from the University of Texas without knowing what consent is, we’re doing a disservice to everybody.

DT: How do you anticipate the Department of Education’s push to rollback Obama-era regulations on campus sexual assault will impact the process?

MG: My prediction for this is that it will make people feel like they can’t come forward. It will silence people. It’ll make them feel as though their stories won’t be heard. Now, I’ve been assured by the Title IX coordinator at UT that we’re going to keep going about business as usual and that these federal guidelines aren’t going to change the way we do things. We’re still going to care about prevention and care about supporting survivors. But I think for most students, they don’t know that Title IX won’t change, so they’ll see the national news and then think, “Okay, I guess I can’t go to Title IX now, because it’s just protecting perpetrators.” So it would be great to make that clear: Title IX is not changing the way we do business. The Obama-era protections are going to remain at UT. But the way students perceive the way we do things is going to change, and that is a bigger issue. It doesn’t matter what the institutions do if the students have a poor perception of it.

DT: How can students get involved?

MG: You can get involved in big and little ways. It’s intervening when you see something that seems harmful at a party. You can get involved in various organizations on campus like Voices Against Violence. You can get involved in the tiniest of ways, and it can look like saying, “Hey, that rape joke isn’t funny,” or spending a few hours after school every day planning events or tabling. You can start anywhere. It’s about speaking out. Make your voice heard.

Goldstein is a Plan II junior.

GUEST COLUMN

DeVos changes fail to combat sexual assault

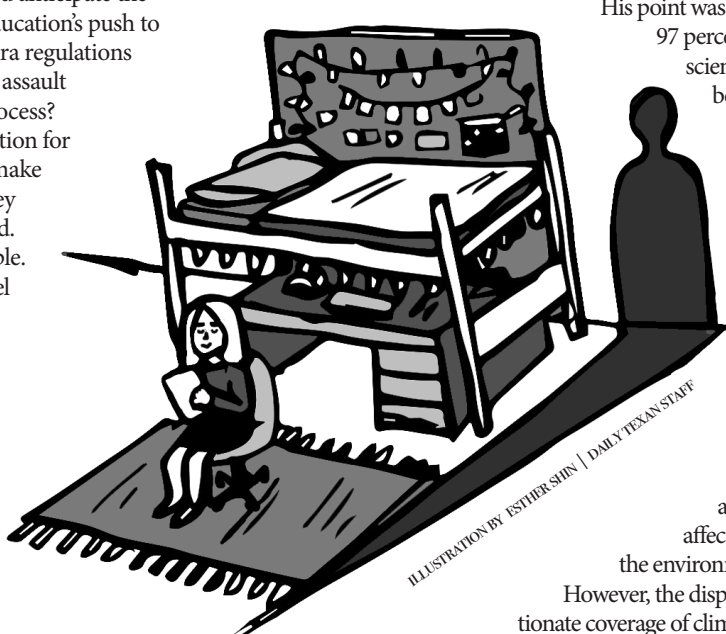
By Rajya Atluri
Forum Contributor

Editor’s note: Atluri previously worked at The Daily Texan as a reporter.

In 2014, John Oliver invited dozens of scientists on his show to illustrate the statistics that overwhelmingly support climate change rather than sticking to the traditional “one for, one against” model that news programming commonly featured.

His point was that 97 percent of scientists believe humans are affecting the environment. However, the disproportionate coverage of climate change deniers in the media conceals this statistic. I couldn’t help thinking about this episode when reading Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos’ recent comments regarding Title IX.

DeVos addressed several of the issues related to sexual assault and harassment on college campuses. While DeVos clearly affirmed the need to confront campus sexual violence head-on, with each point about prevention and seeking justice for survivors she also added a point about those who have been accused. Don’t get me wrong — no one should face a false accusation, and universities should do everything in their power to ensure students aren’t wrongfully punished. Yet, when DeVos gives undue focus to the accused, particularly to those who have been falsely accused, it depicts sexual violence on campuses in a different light and portrays a false sense of reality. College students are less likely to even report sexual assault in the first place compared to their non-college attending peers. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, about 80 percent of college student sexual assault incidences go unreported to the police. The percentage of false accusations, though fiercely debated in the media, is said to range between 2-10 percent. These numbers paint a very different picture than the one that showcases a falsely accused student next to every victim.



GUEST COLUMN

Friend remembers Harrison Brown’s legacy

By Colton Becker
Forum Contributor

This Sunday was Harrison’s 20th birthday. Despite his absence, which, of course, prompted a range of emotions, I found comfort in the conviction that Harry’s spirit is alive with the Lord and wrapped in the embrace of his father, Kurt, in heaven. And I found assurance in the transcendence of his legacy, for it allows us to honor and model the uplifting way in which he lived his life.

When I reflect on his legacy within the context of our relationship, I realize that Harrison fully understood “the big picture” of life. Rarely did he seek to rationalize it with words, rather, his wisdom mostly shone through the consistency of his behavior. There are lessons to be learned from Harry, three of which I believe to be particularly important as they uplift our humanity: Lead with the heart, love intentionally

and lend your talent(s) to others.

“Leaders who lead with their heart”, Harrison once wrote, “are true believers in what they do, and do it full throttle.” What does it mean to lead with the heart, though? I never had a chance to ask him, so I’ve sought to interpret the meaning through mine and other’s interactions with him. In doing so, I’ve surmised that to lead with the heart is to submit ourselves completely to a higher cause or purpose — well beyond the narrow realm of self-gain — and exalt our belief(s) through our actions. Essentially, it means to seek inspiration over motivation. That, in turn, “will not only bring (us) success, but also joy and happiness.” Harrison indeed led from the heart, and that helps explain why he loved others so truthfully, too.

Almost everyone who knew Harrison recalls how genuinely kind-hearted he was. In fact, that goofy (I say that with fondness) ol’ smile of his is what first comes to mind when

I think of him. Sure, it was partly a manifestation of the gratitude he harbored within, but it was also a choice. A choice to love others — intentionally. And when I say he loved intentionally, I don’t mean to imply that there were either “good” or “bad” intentions — I mean that his decision to love others was guided by purpose. If I were to guess, I’d say his firmly rooted faith in God had something to do with it. He also just enjoyed making people feel good, not just by loving intentionally, but by lending his talent to others.

The video of Harrison singing “I’ll Be” by Edwin McCain went viral after news spread of his passing. It was shown on TV stations around the country, and when the original version of the song was played at his vigil, attendees — numbering over 3,000 — all put their horns up in a powerful display of solidarity. Harrison, by sharing his musical talent with us, left an indelible mark on the world. Now

whenever I hear that song the words take on a new meaning; it feels like Harry is singing them to me instead. There are many other videos that have circulated of Harrison singing and playing the guitar or piano, and they are cherished both as a living memorial and as a gift that Harrison continues to give us.

A common theme is weaved through the lessons of Harrison’s legacy: living with purpose. Many of us currently live to satisfy our needs — a career, a sense of achievement, etc. — but not to serve something (or someone) greater. As a result, we are motivated, but not inspired. Harry, though, lived to fulfill a purpose; he wasn’t just motivated — he was inspired. And we, in turn, are inspired by him. In remembering and celebrating the life of Harry, let us as Longhorns strive to lead with the heart, love intentionally and lend our talent(s) to others.

Happy 20th, Harrison.

Becker is a nutrition senior.

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ECOLOGY

Scientists create periodic table of ecological niches

By Areeba Khwaja
Texan Position

Using the metaphor of the periodic table of elements, ecologists have started to create a table to organize ecological niches that shows the relationships between lizards and their environment.

Ecologist Robert H. MacArthur came up with the idea in the early 1970s and Eric Pianka, a UT professor of integrative biology, conceptualized it as a table. According to Pianka, at the time, many ecologists did not think this would ever be possible since ecological niches are so complex and encompass too many unique characteristics for each organism.

“A periodic table of niches is a scheme that organizes species or organisms based on their similarity as defined by a set of offunctional traits associated with various niche dimensions,” Texas A&M professor Kirk Winemiller said.

Recently, ecologists have become interested in organizing and developing classification systems for the relationships between a species’ functional traits and how they influence that species’ response to its environment, according to Winemiller.

For this table, five main niche dimensions were used: habitat, position on the food chain, life history, physiology and defense. Each dimension had its own subcomponents, according to Pianka.

“Scientists always search for generalizations and even ‘rules’ if they appear to exist — we do this by testing hypotheses,” said Laurie Vitt, professor emeritus at the University of Oklahoma.

The niches are defined by ecological data, life history, structure and size of the organism. The data was collected over a period of 50 years by Pianka and Vitt from

fieldwork in Australia, North America and the Kalahari Desert in Africa. During this time, the researchers collected data from approximately 134 lizard species, according to Pianka.

“Each cell in the table represents a set of ecological traits that would allow individuals of a species to live in that particular place at a particular time,” Vitt said.

The concept behind the table applies globally and to all climate types and biomes, Vitt said. There is also a temporal component to table.

“I’m really excited about the reception we have gotten on this research. We hope that the table will only grow from here.”

—Eric Pianka,
Integrative biology professor

“For example, a niche that is now filled by a particular lizard species could have been filled by an extinct dinosaur species historically,” Vitt said.

The paper also included research analyses in multidimensional graphs, 3-D plots and cross-species comparisons displaying the complexities of the relationships

between niches and the way they overlap.

Pianka, Vitt and Winemiller all said they hope more ecologists will collect data to add species to similar tables so that future tables encompass species within more diverse groups from vertebrates to microbes.

Pianka also said he hopes that data can be collected from lizards in Southeast Asia soon — an area that often ends up neglected by ecologists — before the habitats there completely disappear.

“(In the future), I hope to see innovative applications of periodic tables of niches to address issues such as invasive species, biocontrol, ecological restoration and environmental impact assessment using bioindicators,” Winemiller said.

“I’m really excited about the reception we have gotten on this research,” Pianka said. “We hope that the table will only grow from here.”

ASTRONOMY

Spacecraft ends 13-year mission with death dive

By Jennifer Liu
Texan Position

On Sept. 15, NASA’s Cassini spacecraft ended its 13-year mission with a “death dive” into Saturn. But this wasn’t a suicide mission: Cassini was actually following planetary protection protocol, said G. Fritz Benedict, a senior research scientist at UT’s McDonald Observatory.

Ultimately, this death dive was also the mission’s most prudent possible ending. Destroying the Cassini orbiter would avoid potentially contaminating Saturn’s satellites such as the moon Enceladus, which potentially has life-friendly conditions, with Earth’s microbes. This way, if life is discovered in Saturn’s system in the future, researchers may be certain that it is truly alien, said Laurence Trafton, a senior research scientist in UT’s astronomy department.

“Had Cassini crashed on, say, Enceladus, it might have contaminated a pristine, completely alien environment,” Benedict said. “What if our microbes are stronger, faster, more aggressive than any living (organism) in the oceans of Enceladus? Bye-bye to the natives and an opportunity to answer those questions about life.”

The satellite was immediately destroyed upon entering Saturn’s atmosphere.

“Like for a meteor on Earth, the main destructive factor is the energy (and) high speed of the falling spacecraft and the increasing drag of the atmosphere, which frictionally heats up and forcefully destroys the spacecraft,” Trafton said.

Space shuttles are able to protect themselves against this via ceramic heat shields that prevent the outer metal body from melting, but Cassini had no shield, Trafton said.

Cassini was just half of a joint mission; its other half was the European Space Agency’s Huygens probe that landed on Titan, one of Saturn’s moons, in 2005. Huygens survived on Titan for approximately four hours on built-in batteries.

“Any tears shed on (Huygens’) demise were shed long ago,” Benedict said.

According to NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory website, the international Cassini-Huygens mission was not only the first to orbit Saturn and its system, but also the most distant planetary orbiter ever launched.

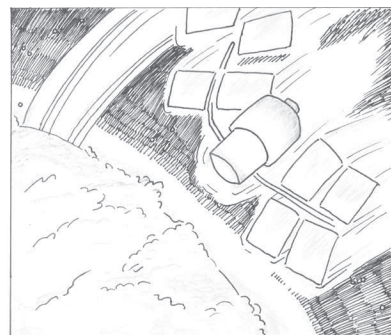


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Cassini had the task of collecting and relaying information about the density and pressure of Saturn’s upper atmosphere, Trafton said. Details about a planet’s atmosphere — such as its composition, structure and energy balance — can give clues to its formation and early evolution.

Probes and modules are able to gather data from their target systems by using cameras that can detect visible and infrared regions of the electromagnetic spectrum, Benedict said.

“Cassini did some imaging of Saturn’s moon, Titan, in near-infrared (light) since that could see below the methane haze that covers (it),” said Lara Eakins, program coordinator of UT’s department of astronomy.

The technology that drove Cassini, although extremely crucial, was not as advanced as people may think, Benedict said.

“Computer technology is always five to ten years ahead of what is on a spacecraft,” Benedict said. “My iPhone has many times the computing power of what was on Cassini.”

Even with its outdated technology, Cassini managed to show one of the most Earth-like worlds ever encountered through its exploration of Titan, according to NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory website. It also acted as a time machine, making it possible to see physical processes that may have shaped the solar system.

Before executing its final death dive, Cassini underwent a series of dives in between Saturn’s rings as part of its “Grand Finale.” Although risky, this allowed for a close-up study of inner ring space, Trafton said. Because of the chance that Cassini could have been destroyed or damaged by a ring body, it was too risky to do this earlier in the mission.

“(Cassini) was ... a long and successful mission that was going out in a blaze of glory,” Eakins said.

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FOOTBALL

Running back position at crossroads

By Trenton Daeschner Associate Sports Editor

A year removed from Foreman, Texas still seeking answers in the backfield

There was a time when the Texas backfield flourished with production and possessed no depth chart uncertainty.

That time was as early as last season, when the Longhorns had future third-round draft pick D'Onta Foreman carrying the entire load. There was zero question as to who the Longhorns should give the ball. No. 33 was their guy, and he brought with him plenty of production.

Foreman rushed for 2,028 yards last season — the second-most in school history in a single season — and 15 touchdowns. It all culminated in Foreman winning the Doak Walker Award which recognizes the nation's best running back.

"D'Onta's a great back. Obviously, as you can see, he's doing his thing in the NFL," junior running back Chris Warren III said a week before the USC game. Warren suffered a season-ending knee injury against Oklahoma State last season and missed the final eight games, forcing Texas to utilize Foreman even more than they previously planned. "I can't take anything away



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Junior running back Chris Warren III prepares to stiff-arm Maryland defensive back RaVon Davis in the Longhorns' season opener. Warren's production has underwhelmed this season.

from him," Warren said. "He's my brother, and I still talk to him to this day."

Fast forward to the post-Foreman era, and the Longhorns' backfield is at a crossroads.

How much should Texas run the ball? Who should the Longhorns give the ball to?

These are some of the issues the Longhorns still have to figure out. But last Saturday against then-No. 4 USC, no answers were provided.

Warren carried the ball a grand total of four times for

15 yards. His colleague, sophomore Kyle Porter, rushed just five times for nine yards. It was an outing that left many Texas fans scratching their heads and questioning the play-calling.

At his Monday press conference, head coach Tom Herman was repeatedly asked about the running back situation and why in particular Warren, who has had his fair share of shining performances at Texas so far, received such little usage in a tight game against USC.

Herman cited the stat

sheet, stating Warren averaged only 3.8 yards per carry in the game. He added that the Longhorns still need to "find a way to get him more yards."

"In the middle of a game, when you see how that is shaking out, the definition of insanity is repeatedly performing the same act, expecting different results," Herman said. "And so to keep going back to 3.8 yards per carry, I think there would be some criticism there too ... we've got to do a better job as

coaches of finding ways to get him those yards, but when he's not getting those yards, it doesn't make much sense to keep going back to the well."

But the glaring stat in all of this is that Warren only touched the ball four times, and his counterpart, Porter, touched it five. The production from both Warren and Porter this season has been mostly underwhelming.

Porter has just 102 yards on 3.5 yards per carry through three games. In Texas' second game against an inferior San Jose State team, Warren carried the ball 16 times for 166 yards and two touchdowns. But in Texas' other two games against Maryland and USC, Warren combined for just 10 rushes for 46 yards and no touchdowns.

On Wednesday, offensive coordinator Tim Beck was specifically asked if he feels that Warren is frustrated with the running game.

"I think all players want the ball," Beck said. "They want to help the team. They want to help win. After the big game he had against San Jose (State), I assume he thinks every game will be that way. Unfortunately, he becomes a marked man — that's all everybody talked about, was stopping our run game. I know he is (frustrated).

SOCCER

Longhorns eager to ride momentum into Big 12 matchups following undefeated 8-0 start

By Matthew Truty
Sports Reporter

As head coach Angela Kelly and the Longhorns emerge from non-conference play undefeated, a reminder of last year's conference struggles will certainly be a point of emphasis this year.

Last season, five of Texas' six Big 12 losses came by just a goal, exemplifying how close the Longhorns were to putting themselves in a more competitive position.

"We had so many close matches last year, and this year our young group is figuring out a way to win those matches," Kelly said. "And I think that's what we're seeing. And to be achieving the results we are right now, that's what we're here for."

Texas hopes to rectify the mistakes of 2016 with an improved level of play in its Big 12 weekend debut, which will begin against a scuffling Iowa State unit.

The Cyclones have recorded just two wins in 10 games thus far in 2017. But don't expect a poor record to alter

Texas' preparation.

"The most important game on our schedule is Friday night. I've said that since day one, and we're not going to change anything," Kelly said. "One thing you are guaranteed is that whoever our opponent is next, they're going to get our utmost respect, and they are going to get 100 percent of what the Longhorns have to bring."

Texas jumped four spots to No. 17 in the nation this week on the United Soccer Coach Rankings list while being placed at No. 3 in the NCAA Women's Soccer RPI. Those rankings are uncharted territory for the program. Texas already has eight wins in 2017 — they won eight games all of last year.

In order to maintain this year's string of success, however, Texas must be alert against all conference opponents. No. 5 West Virginia — the runner-up in the 2016 Women's College Cup — will be visiting the Longhorns this Sunday in what is sure to be an excellent test for the program.



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Junior forward Alexa Adams fights for the ball against a UT Rio Grande Valley defender on Sept. 15. Adams has contributed a goal and an assist for Texas this season in its 8-0 non-conference start.

West Virginia will look to continue its impressive play. The Mountaineers have won at least 16 games in each of the past four seasons, three of which resulted in a Big 12 title. With a 7-2 start in 2017, they appear poised to make another run at the

National Championship.

Texas knows it faces lofty expectations heading into conference play, but the team's leaders insist they are only focused on their end-of-year goals.

"I think it's great to come 8-0 out of preseason,"

junior forward Alexa Adams said, "but our main focus is to go through the season and try to keep that record and play every team to the best of our ability so that we can make the Big 12 tournament and go on to the NCAA tournament."

TENNIS

Harrison Scott rallies to avoid early round upset in Malibu

By Wills Layton
Sports Reporter

After dropping the first set of Thursday's match at the Oracle ITA Masters, things did not look good for junior Harrison Scott.

Facing Tim Handel — an unranked sophomore from Northern Arizona University — Scott dropped the first set before recovering just in time to snatch a victory in Malibu, winning the final two sets 6-1, 6-1.

As the No. 22 ranked player in the country, Scott is the only Longhorn playing in California this week. His win sets the Longhorns off to a good start for the weekend, as the rest of the team prepares for play at the Cajun Tennis Classic in Lafayette, Louisiana.

"(Scott) continues to improve his overall game," head coach Michael Center said. "I expect Harrison to continue to improve, and we'll see where it takes him. I'm excited to see what he's capable of doing this year."

The first set was a back

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I expect Harrison to continue to improve, and we'll see where it takes him. I'm excited to see what he's capable of doing this year.”

—Michael Center, Head Coach

and forth affair, with little separation between the two players. Handel, who hails from Reutlingen, Germany, earned 52 percent of the total points won, and led Scott in aces by one. The difference came in game-points won, however, where Handel led Scott 83 percent to 67 percent.

The rest of the match told a different story. Scott rebounded with the surprising first set loss by winning 64 percent and 76 percent of the total points won in the final two sets, respectively.

Scott's victory earned him a match with California's freshman Jack Molloy in the next round of the single-elimination tournament. Molloy won his match on Thursday 6-3,



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Harrison Scott readies a backhand. The junior rallied back from down a set to earn Texas its first win of the weekend.

6-4, and will provide the next challenge for Scott to overcome.

Another storyline to look out for is a possible rematch between Scott and Kentucky junior William Bushamuka.

Last year, Scott upset the highly-ranked Bushamuka in the Cajun Tennis Classic, and the two look destined to meet again. But first Scott will need to take care of business against Molloy on Friday.

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Basketball facilities to receive the Texas treatment

Texas Athletics announced on Thursday its plans to upgrade the basketball facilities for the men's and women's programs. The upgrades will be completed prior to the start of the 2017 season. With an estimated cost of \$4.25 million, the renovations will cover both the Frank Erwin Center and Denton A. Cooley Pavilion.

The Erwin Center is receiving what is likely its last makeover before its eventual planned demolition. Fans will notice a new 9-display centerhung video system featuring a three-tiered screen set-up for maximized quality and information. The four center screens will be accompanied by four upper in-game progress displays, along with a smaller ribbon at the bottom. In addition, a 689-foot ribbon display is set to be installed around the seating fascia of the main seating bowl.

A slew of renovations will come with the technological upgrades. The courts at the Erwin Center and Cooley Pavilion are receiving new floorboards, with the Erwin court getting new gameday basketball graphics. The locker rooms in Cooley were fully remodeled to include redesigned lockers and lounge space.

—Dalton Phillips

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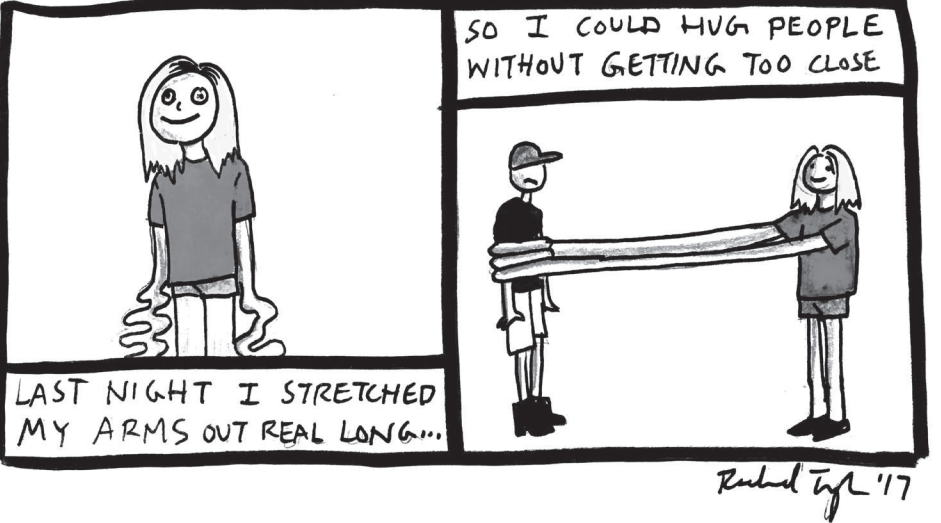
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 - 19 Frequent designation for Elizabeth Taylor
 - 20 Theologian called "The Father of English History"
 - 21 Carrier in the Star Alliance
 - 22 Jazz/samba fusion popularized in the 1960s
 - 25 Computer programmer's need
 - 28 Especially
 - 31 Spouse of Alexander Hamilton
 - 32 Home of "the bell," briefly
 - 33 Bucket of bolts
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 - 39 Stink
 - 40 Damage control org.
 - 42 Exultant cry
 - 43 Word ending many farm names
 - 45 They're just above a handlebar
 - 47 Clotheshorse
 - 48 They write many opinions
 - 50 Platform for Siri
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 - 9 Became slippery, in a way
 - 10 Take things the wrong way
 - 11 One of a pack of 20, for short
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CITY

Austinites, yoga lovers join 'goat yoga' hype

By Acacia Coronado Senior L&A Reporter

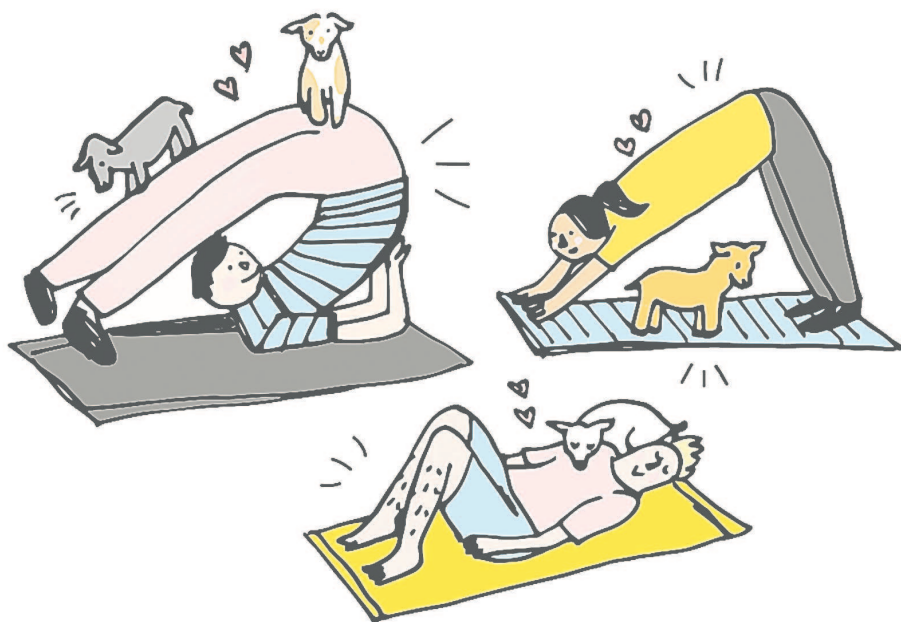


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Some yoga lovers may spend relaxing afternoons outside in the fall breeze, inhaling and exhaling as they move into their favorite poses. A new trend has them doing it with a goat on their baaa-ck.

Goat Yoga, or "Goga," has taken over Austin since Labor Day weekend, sending Texans into a goat yoga craze. What began as a benefit for Hurricane Harvey victims has turned into a recurring, \$35+ per person event that attracts hundreds and provides funds for recovery efforts across the country.

Rachael Phillips co-founded Goat Yoga with her boyfriend Trey Kitchen. She said everyone keeps asking her what goat yoga is.

"I'm like 'obviously it's yoga with goats,' but then I think back to when I first saw it on social media, and I think 'gosh this is so crazy,'" Phillips said.

After picking up on goat yoga via social media posts about the new fitness trend, Phillips

decided to become a "gogi" when she discovered Kitchen's mother worked with 2 Crazy Goat Ladies, a Texas Pygmy Nigerian Dwarf Goat breeding company.

"Before Hurricane Harvey even happened, I had the idea we could do a Goat Yoga fundraiser to raise money for something," Phillips said. "After Harvey happened, I wanted to find another way to give back."

Kitchen said they spoke with his mother to organize the first class on the roof of his apartment building's parking garage and to figure out all the logistics, from transporting the baby goats in an air-conditioned SUV with their mothers to dressing them in diapers and onesies.

Though the couple expected a modest gathering for the Austin debut of Goat Yoga, their event sold out in only 37 minutes.

"We created an event and invited our friends to it," Phillips said. "The next day there were hundreds of people RSVPing, and it was blowing up."

Since their first class, Kitchen said every session has sold out in less than 24 hours. They've received requests for corporate retreats, company visits and even bachelorette parties. As they grow, Kitchen said they try to continue giving to charities whenever possible.

"We come up with three different charity groups that are helping out disaster relief, and we let the people who are taking the class vote on which charity they would like to donate the money to," Kitchen said. "With Hurricane Harvey, we were able to donate a little over \$1,000 to the Houston Humane Society."

Hailley Schwartz, one of the yoga instructors, said it is especially relaxing to have baby animals walking around because their cuteness helps relieve stress.

"We in society are disconnected from animals outside of cats and dogs," Schwartz said. "Goats, bunnies, lambs and other kinds of yoga classes coming around boost the happy level so much

because animals are so adorable, innocent and make people happy on a very fundamental level. I don't think a lot of people get that in their daily life."

Schwartz said she tries to teach the class in a way that encourages interaction with the animals, and she reminds people they are welcome to take any opportunities to play, snuggle or snap pictures with the animals throughout the class.

"I try to lead a class that leads the goats toward jumping on their back or snuggling," Schwartz said. "I let everyone know the goats are first, so if a goat comes to your mat and decides to snuggle there, please take that opportunity."

Trevor said this interaction with the animals has had people raving about the class, saying it was exactly what they needed after a long week.

"Goats will be goats," Trevor said. "So we have no problem having them run around and jump and make funny noises."

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FOOD

Best food concession options in the DKR Memorial Stadium

By Stephen Acevedo Senior L&A Reporter

Cold beer, red sunburns and crippling losses are all just regular aspects of enjoying Texas football in the fall. Stadium food has never been a particularly prideful part of football season, but the impressive selection of local favorites at Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium has turned that notion upside down for Longhorn football fans. With the new clear-bag policy making it harder than ever for fans to sneak in their own snacks, now is a perfect time to explore the outstanding concession stands that DKR has to offer. Here are some of the best spots to grab a bite at during UT's home games.

Salt Lick BBQ

This newcomer to the DKR food scene has two separate locations inside the stadium, giving attendees ample opportunity to get their proper barbecue fix during the game. While barbecue may not seem like an easy meal to tackle while simultaneously jumping around and cheering in the student bleachers, the fine folks at Salt Lick have condensed their stadium menu to mostly handheld items that can easily be eaten in the stands. The pulled pork sandwich, brisket sandwich or barbecue nachos are the way to go.

Pluckers

The in-stadium Pluckers is one of the prime

spots to chow down at while the Longhorns are trailing by three possessions in the second quarter and you just want to get out of the sun for a little while. Not only does this spot conveniently serve up Austin's favorite chicken wings, but the entire area in front of it has been converted into a sports bar with TVs, tables and even some cool turf to sprawl out and rest your back on. Unfortunately, the sauce selection is significantly more limited than what Pluckers' fans would typically be used to, but that allows the employees to serve patrons quickly enough to avoid ever having too bad of a line. Chicken wings might be the best possible game day food, so Pluckers is a great move for anyone trying to stay in the true spirit of things.

Torchy's Tacos

Tacos are rarely an option when people are looking for food at a football stadium, with the closest things usually being stale stadium nachos or dried out sausage wraps. Thankfully for Longhorn fans, though, the much beloved Torchy's Tacos opened a stadium location in 2015, and no one has looked back since. Like most other local restaurants that have stadium vendors, Torchy's menu has been condensed down to two taco options: the trailer park and the green chile pork. They also

offer patrons their famous green chile queso and the always-reliable chips and salsa.

Mighty Cone

Another exciting new addition to the DKR food selection is no stranger to large Austin events. First made popular by its participation in the annual Austin City Limits Music Festival, Mighty Cone has decided to expand into the lives of screaming football fans this season. The menu features everyone's favorite hot and crunchy chicken and avocado served conveniently in a cone-shaped tortilla with mango-jalapeno slaw and ancho sauce. If these cones can be easily and comfortably devoured in the claustrophobic crowds of ACL, it only makes sense that they would make for a solid gameday meal as well.

Mama Fu's Asian House

This stand puts a great new spin on stadium food. The popular Asian restaurant offers some of its most stadium-compatible menu items like the banh mi sandwich, basil spring rolls and chicken satay. It has also added some more interesting options specifically catered to their DKR stand like Korean street tacos and crab rangoon nachos. The crab rangoon nachos alone should be enough of a reason to get anyone to check this concession out.