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## A mysterious case

*A year later, questions linger surrounding a UT student's death*

By Bobby Longoria & Pierre Bertrand  
Daily Texan Staff

The details of the last night of UT sophomore Jeffrey Weng's life remain a mystery to his grieving friends, family and puzzled police investigators a year after he was found lying face down, 20 miles from home in Kyle, struggling for his life on Interstate Highway 35.

Weng, 19, entered a Yellow Cab at about 3:30 a.m. Saturday Feb. 14, 2009 in the company of an unidentified person and headed to San Marcos after leaving downtown, where he was last seen by friends at 2 a.m.

As the taxi was moving at 70 miles per hour, the taxi driver heard Weng open the door and say, "Where are you taking me?" before he exited the vehicle. Once the driver realized that Weng was not in the taxi, he called 911, alerted an officer of the incident and eventually continued his fare, according to interviews between the driver and The Daily Texan.

Weng suffered severe head injuries and died Sunday Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at University Medical Center at Brackenridge.

The driver, the only known person present at the incident, was interviewed by the Kyle Police Department during the investigation. He said he didn't immediately realize that Weng had exited the taxi and continued driving on for two more exits.

"First thing I did, I whiplashed back to see where he was. I looked behind to see if he was there, and I started screaming to [the stranger] in Spanish 'Where's your friend, Where's your friend?' and he said 'He jumped! He jumped!'" said the taxi driver, who wishes to remain anonymous in order to ensure his privacy. "I started shaking when he jumped. I was shook up."

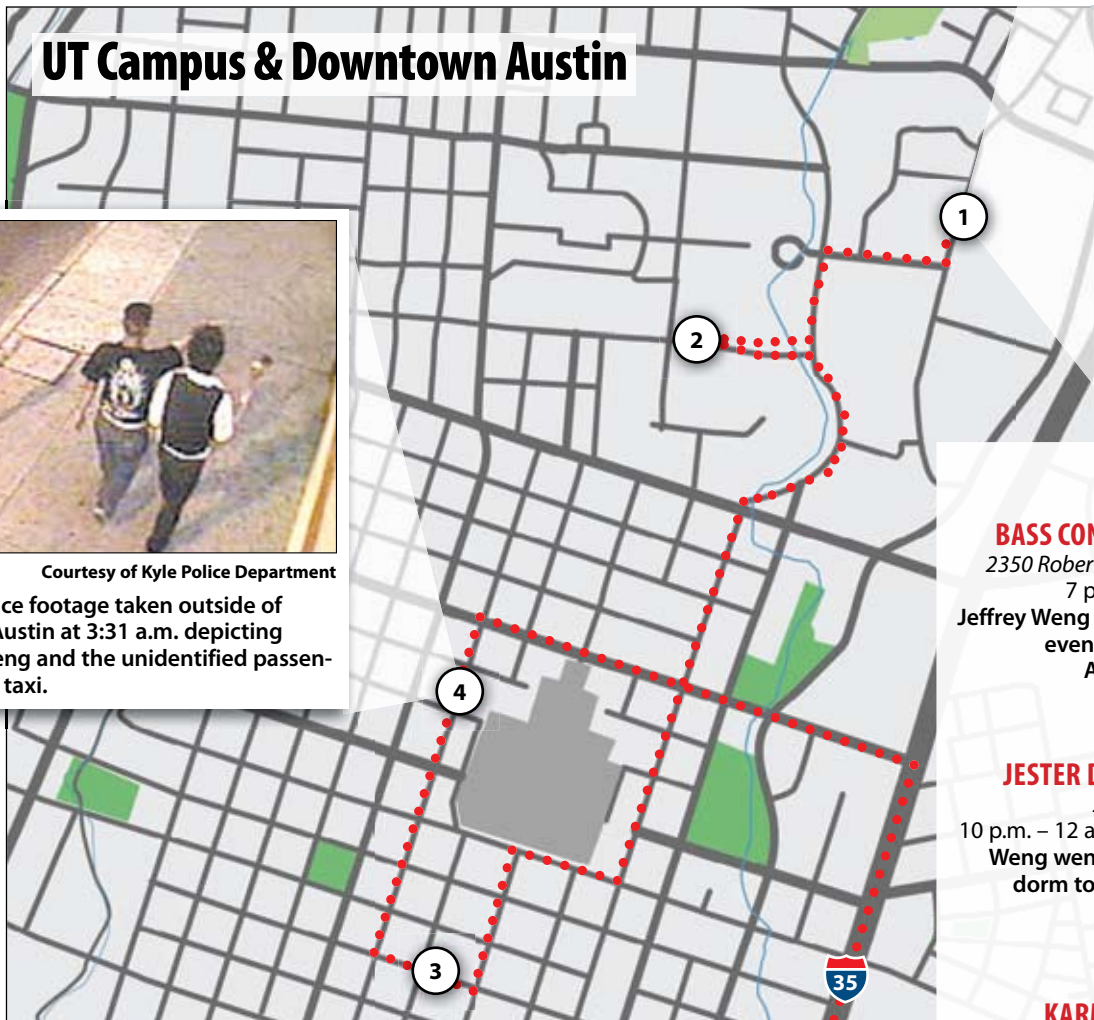
A year later, police officials are no closer to understanding what happened that night. The Kyle Police Department, which spearheaded the investigation, turned up no conclusive leads since last summer when it was deemed inactive.

"I was actually expecting the police to [solve the case], but apparently they didn't," said Stephanie Weng, Jeffrey Weng's sister. "Even though it has been a year already, we need some kind of closure."

Kyle police requested public help Feb. 24, 2009 by sending out a sketch of the unknown passenger. It was sent to the San Marcos, Austin and UT Police Departments, but authorities have yet to locate the second passenger, who may be the only person who knows exactly what happened in the cab.

"We exhausted everything we had to find the person we are looking for," said Jerry Hendrix, spokesman for the city of Kyle. "We followed up on all leads we had, and if we get any more we will follow up on those as well. We are at a loss of places to look at this point."

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Courtesy of Kyle Police Department  
Surveillance footage taken outside of Charlie's Austin at 3:31 a.m. depicting Jeffrey Weng and the unidentified passenger of the taxi.

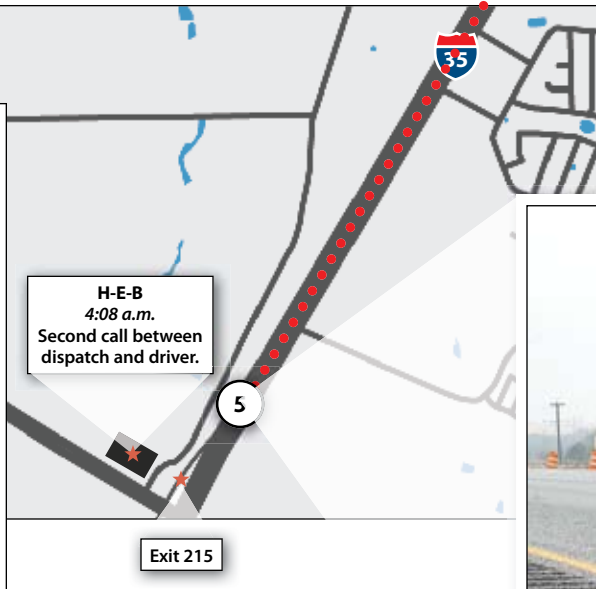
### ON THE WEB:

Interactive map of Jeffrey Weng's estimated route

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Courtesy of Kyle Police Department  
Police sketch of the unidentified passenger.



### 1 BASS CONCERT HALL

2350 Robert Dedman Dr.  
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Jeffrey Weng attended an event with friend Angela Chen.

### 2 JESTER DORMITORY

201 E. 21st St.  
10 p.m. – 12 a.m. (roughly)  
Weng went back to his dorm to shower and change.

### 3 KARMA LOUNGE

119 W. 8th St.  
12 a.m. – 2 a.m. (roughly)  
Weng was here for a Taiwanese International Student Association party.

### 4 NEAR CHARLIE'S

1300 Lavaca St.  
3:31 a.m.  
A taxi cab picked up Weng and an unidentified passenger on this block.

### 5 KYLE PARKWAY EXIT

Emergency phone call 4:15 a.m.  
Jeffrey is found on IH-35, just north of exit 215, by Joshua Van Alstine, who was driving to San Antonio.



Daniela Trujillo | Daily Texan Staff  
Jeffrey Weng was found at 4:15 a.m. near exit 215 of IH-35 laying face-down by the left median of the interstate.

## UT System can no longer subsidize cuts

### University now held accountable for total amount of budget trims

By Shabab Siddiqui  
Daily Texan Staff

UT will need to dig a little deeper in its pockets than anticipated in its original plan to cut 5 percent of the budget that is composed of state revenue.

Though the University had to create a plan for a \$29 million budget reduction, the UT System was supposed to cover about \$7 million of the potential cuts. But President William Powers Jr. said at the Faculty Council meeting Monday that the University's plan will now have to reflect the full amount.

"We got the bad news on Friday — that it's back up to \$29 million," Powers said. "We are still working to see exactly how this will work through."

Matt Flores, spokesman for the UT System, said the reason for the system's withdrawal from its initial offer has not yet been made public.

On Jan. 15, a letter signed by Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Texas Speaker of the House Joe Straus asked

all state agencies — including the UT System — to prepare a prioritized plan to cut 5 percent of their budgets containing state revenue. The letter, which asked agencies to submit their plans to the Legislative Budget Board by Monday, came as a result of lower-than-anticipated sales tax revenues from the holiday season.

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## Web site launches, attracts future engineering majors

By Gabrielle Cloudy  
Daily Texan Staff

The Cockrell School of Engineering launched its interactive Web site Monday in order to educate the public about natural resources and provide undecided students with information about the petroleum engineering field.

"The [goal of the] Web site is to attract students and show them how the school can help the community and help the world," said senior operating systems specialist Matt Mangum. "We want to reach out to potential high school, undergraduate and grad students."

The Faculty Innovation Center and the Engineering Department came together to create the Web site as a campaign to reach out and make research more accessible to the public.

"We want [the public] to be the solutions to the future," Mangum said.

Steven Bryant, associate professor of petroleum engineering, and Lauren Conrad, petroleum engineering senior, discuss the importance of natural resources and how to save them in a video on the Web site, [iamthenaturalresource.org](http://iamthenaturalresource.org).

While visiting the site, students can also watch a second video on a new technology project called carbon sequestration and even leave comments on the videos. By Monday evening, people had already begun to leave solutions in the form of comments for fixing natural resource and energy issues.

In addition to receiving feedback from the public, the campaign will help recruit students who might be interested in engineering. Erin Gandy, recruitment support specialist for the Department of Petroleum and Geosystems Engineering, said many students don't have a clear comprehension of what engineering is, but the Web site aims to help educate them.

Jason Levinson, petroleum engineering senior and president of the Petroleum Engineers Society, said that people are misguided about engineers and the petroleum engineering field. "Many people are misinformed about energy and how it's obtained," Levinson said. "The oil and gas industry get negative opinions, and people look down on them as [companies that are] holding profits and that are not interested in being green. That's not true."

Gandy said the campaign is not only for prospective students but also for students who might already be in another branch of engineering. "The more knowledgeable petroleum engineers [that are] out there searching for that resource, the better," Levinson said.

## Start of early voting inspires student support

By Collin Eaton  
Daily Texan Staff

Early voting for statewide primary elections opened at 7 a.m. today, giving Travis County voters a chance to cast their ballots at any county precinct two weeks before the March 2 election day.

Several Texas state offices and congressional seats are up for election this cycle, including all U.S. and state representative seats, the lieutenant governor's office, the governor's office and three Texas Supreme Court seats. Students can cast early ballots in person at the Flawn Academic Center.

In anticipation of the polls opening, members of University Democrats camped overnight on the West Mall from 9 p.m. Monday until 7 a.m. today to be among the first voters in Texas. "There are so many things



Catalina Padilla | Daily Texan Staff  
Melesa Rodriguez from the University Democrats speaks to the media on the West Mall Monday night about early voting.

done to disenfranchise students from the process that it's good to have a central location [to vote],"

said Jeremy Yager, University Democrats vice president and government junior. "One of the

things that make people hesitate to come out on election day is that it's so crowded, it's difficult to get through the lines. During early voting, that's not so much of a concern."

Every major election cycle, University Democrats holds an overnight campout on the West Mall. About 50 students attended the campout in 2008 when Barack Obama was running for president. Because of a city ordinance, the students are not allowed to sleep on campus overnight, so they plan to entertain themselves with a game of football, Yager said.

College Republicans at Texas have not planned any events for early voting, but the organization encourages participation through

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# BUDGET: Protection of research at UT is essential, Powers says

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In 2009-10, state general revenue made up about 30 percent of the University's academic core budget. The academic core budget primarily covers faculty and staff salaries but also includes scholarships, utilities, maintenance and operation. The University received \$333 million in recurring state general revenue this school year and expects to receive a 1-percent increase for each of the next two years.

The Legislative Budget Board was closed Monday for Presidents Day, so the deadline to submit proposals has been extended to today.

All nine universities and six health institutions of the UT System were asked to make the same 5-percent cut. During the Board of Regents meeting earlier this month, Scott Kelley, the system's executive vice chancellor for business affairs, originally said the System itself would absorb some of the cost, reducing the total cut to about 3.7 percent per institution.

While the full plan has not yet been revealed, Powers said

the first area of savings the plan identifies is from overhauls in the University's Information Technology Service department in October. Due to the reorganization of the department last semester, 25 staff members were laid off. Powers said the changes in ITS are recurring savings.

The plan also dips into about \$5 million worth of cash reserves acquired from athletics revenue, and the University currently has about \$25 million of cash reserves, which is important to keep for emergency situations, Powers said. He also said that the plan identifies cuts in non-academic departments and the deferral of capital improvement.

Powers said the plans are constructed with the hope of not touching the academic core of the University but said he met with deans and department chairs to be prepared.

"Right now it's just plans, and we don't have to deliver the money for some time," Powers said. "We'll have to manage through with as much input and collaboration as thoughtfully as we can while protecting the core, which

is teaching and research."

Despite the economic circumstances, the Faculty Council passed a resolution which requests a raise in the minimum salary for teaching assistants and graduate research assistants to a level consistent with a living wage in Austin, without reducing the number of graduate students.

According to the Poverty in America Project at Pennsylvania State University, the living wage in Travis County is about \$1,590 per month for one adult. Teaching assistants at UT receive about \$1,590 per month while graduate research assistants, who also have to pay tuition from their stipend, receive \$929 per month.

Toxicology professor Andrea Gore presented the legislation on behalf of the Faculty Council's Responsibilities, Rights and Welfare of Graduate Student Academic Employee Committee. She said the committee does not have a proposal for funding the initiative.

Powers said the resolution helps establish the council's priorities to move the University forward academically.

## Celebrating a week of women



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

**Yijiao Zhuang, Nicole Masole and Carissa Huq distribute free T-shirts at a rally outside the Texas Union to begin the celebration of this year's Week of Women at UT.**

UT's annual Week of Women kicked off Monday with T-shirts and vulva-shaped lollipops to raise awareness about violence against women.

Nicole Lockhart, president of Orange Jackets, the female honorary organization that hosts the event, said the Week of Women began several years ago. The

week will include "The Vagina Monologues," a theater production portraying women's experiences through the perspectives of their vaginas, at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Recreational Sports Center.

Texas Feminists will present the film "The Line" with moderated discussion about sexual boundaries today at 7 p.m. in

the Flawn Academic Center. The Women's Resource Agency will screen "The Dildo Diaries" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Union Theatre.

The week will also feature coffee with the Texas Roller Derby Lonestar Roller girls at 9 p.m. Thursday at the Tejas house.

— Audria Choudhury

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## RACE: Early voting flexible with student schedules

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meeting announcements, e-mails and its table on West Mall, said Ryan Ellis, College Republicans at Texas president and government and communication studies senior.

"It's important that [students] know that in early voting, they can vote in any of the precincts rather than just the one that they have to vote in on Election Day," Ellis said. "You can [vote] on your own schedule rather than having to cram it into one day. It's more of an incentive for college students to vote."

There are 619,336 citizens of voting age in Travis County, 582,240 of whom are registered to

vote, according to a report from the Travis County Tax Office.

During the 2006 gubernatorial election in Travis County, 7,266 voters cast early ballots in the Democratic gubernatorial primary, while 6,065 Travis County residents made use of early voting in the Republican gubernatorial primary.

Gov. Rick Perry holds 45 percent of Republican support, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison holds 29 percent and Debra Medina holds 17 percent, according to a poll measuring public opinion from Feb. 2 to Feb. 10 conducted by The Dallas Morning News.

A runoff election will result if no candidate receives a majority of the vote. In the event of a run-

off, the two candidates with the most votes will go head-to-head in another election.

"I think that they're only sampling registered Republicans, so we don't know where [independent voters] stand," said Melanie Schwartz, College Republicans at Texas vice president and history sophomore. "Right now, I think Debra Medina's presence, no matter what, is probably ensuring a runoff."

Former Houston mayor and Democratic candidate Bill White only trails Perry in general election polling by 6 percent, with Perry holding 43 percent.

"For the primary, I have very high hopes," said Lara Lapin, UT

campus campaign manager for Bill White for Texas and broadcast journalism sophomore. "I think the general election is going to be a lot tougher. But I think that if he gets enough name recognition, people will realize that although he's a Democrat, he's more of a moderate Democrat. We have until November to get the word out about him."

The deadline to register to vote in the primary election was Feb. 1, but citizens who hope to vote in the general gubernatorial election in November can still register. Voter registration applications can be found at the University Station Post Office in the West Mall Office Building.

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Pope Benedict XVI held a summit with Irish bishops at the Vatican on Monday. The meeting was a first step toward addressing the country's history of sex-abuse scandals.

## Vatican instructs Irish to repent

**By Frances D'Emilio**  
The Associated Press

ROME — A top Vatican prelate has told Irish bishops at an extraordinary Vatican summit with Pope Benedict XVI they must admit their own blame in cover-ups of generations of sex abuse of minors, or risk losing the faith of Ireland's Catholics.

Benedict's top aide, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, delivered a stinging homily at a Mass before Monday's talks decrying the "particularly abhorrent deeds" of some in the Irish church hierarchy, although he didn't name

any names.

Bertone, the Vatican's No. 2 who participated in the summit with 24 bishops from Irish dioceses, likened the crisis to a "most dangerous storm, that which touches the heart of believers, shaking their faith and threatening their ability to trust in God."

To restore faith, "sinners must acknowledge their own blame in the fullness of truth," urged Bertone, the Holy See's secretary of state. He worried that the evil could push faithful toward "discouragement and desperation."

A state report last year found

that church leaders in Dublin had spent decades protecting child-abusing priests from the law while many fellow clerics pretended not to see. A separate inquiry documented decades of sexual, physical and psychological abuse of children and teens in Catholic-run schools, workhouses and orphanages.

Bishops kissed the pope in a fraternal gesture of respect before cameras were ushered out. The Vatican won't comment before the summit ends Tuesday nor has it released Benedict's remarks at the sessions, which be-

gan in the morning and ran into the evening.

The bishops made themselves unavailable for comment. Irish bishops conference spokesman Martin Long said the bishops had chosen to stay at a guest house within Vatican City's walls so they could better "focus" on the crisis talks.

The delegation's top member, Cardinal Sean Brady, archbishop of Armagh and primate of all Ireland, described the talks as a first step on a journey toward "penitence, renewal and reconciliation."

## Experts examine professor's past, criminal history

**By Desiree Hunter**  
The Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Disclosures that an Alabama professor accused of fatally shooting three colleagues was twice questioned by criminal investigators years ago raised concerns Monday of why background checks didn't prevent her hiring at the school in 2003.

University of Alabama in Huntsville officials met to review the files concerning Amy Bishop, a Harvard-educated neurobiologist accused of pulling a gun at a Friday faculty meeting and shooting six people, three fatally. Two of the survivors remained in critical condition Monday.

Some victims' relatives ques-

tioned why UAH hired her in the first place after the disclosures about her involvement in the two criminal probes. She wasn't charged with a crime in either.

An expert on background checks who's not involved in the case says the lack of charges made it less likely either case would have shown up when prospective employers looked into her past.

Bishop's husband told the Chronicle of Higher Education on Monday that his wife had recently borrowed a handgun and had practiced at an indoor gun range. He said she wouldn't tell him who she borrowed it from and was "very cagey." He said he warned his wife not to bring the gun to work.



Courtesy of The Huntsville Times

University of Alabama professor Amy Bishop is led away by police Friday after she was accused of fatally shooting three people.

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VIEWPOINT

## Baylor hires Kenneth Starr

Baylor University has a new star — Kenneth Starr, to be exact. The former U.S. solicitor general who led the investigation into President Bill Clinton’s affair with Monica Lewinsky and recently defended California’s ban on same-sex marriage will bring his long and distinguished resume and his particular brand of religious judicial activism to Baylor as president this summer.

R. Dary Stone, head of Baylor’s board of regents, defended the controversial hire in a news release, saying Starr’s “depth of experience and exceptional record as a university dean and legal scholar, his dedication to the highest ideals of the Christian faith and his profound commitment to public service and visionary leadership make him the ideal person to lead Baylor at this remarkable time in the university’s history.”

Although Starr is a member of the Church of Christ — a distinctly different denomination than Baylor’s Baptist affiliation — the board is confident that his values will be compatible with those of the university, according to the Associated Press.

We are confident that his values are compatible with the university’s on at least one controversial issue: Baylor has a long history of discriminating against and repressing its gay and lesbian population.

In 2004, Baylor student Darrin Adams was coerced into signing a statement in order to graduate admitting that he violated the school’s conduct code by organizing a gay-rights rally. Adams had been charged with misconduct for organizing the off-campus event.

The letter containing the charges said the event was “part of an advocacy group that promotes understandings of sexuality that are contrary” to biblical teachings, Baptist beliefs and Baylor’s Christian mission.

Baylor’s official policy reads, “The university affirms the biblical understanding of sexuality as a gift from God. Christian churches across the ages and around the world have affirmed purity in singleness and fidelity in marriage between a man and a woman as the biblical norm. ... It is thus expected that Baylor students will not participate in advocacy groups which promote understandings of sexuality that are contrary to biblical teaching.”

Adams organized the rally to protest another discriminatory decision made by officials at Baylor’s George W. Truett Theological Seminary, who revoked student Matt Bass’ scholarship because he was gay and openly supported same-sex marriage and other gay rights.

Most recently, a Baylor University Starbucks coffee shop removed cups printed with a quote by gay novelist Armistead Maupin after local outcry.

Starr’s role in defending California’s Proposition 8 — which banned gay marriage in the state — by arguing for the majority’s right to deny a minority rights gives us confidence that he will fit right in with Baylor bigwigs. Baylor, a private institution, is free to make the ideologically motivated, discriminatory decisions and appointments it has made. And there is no denying that Starr is a storied legal scholar with an impressive resume.

But because Starr’s appointment reaffirms Baylor’s direction as an organization that oppresses the rights of its students to express their beliefs and support gay rights, we advise prospective students to spend their money elsewhere — perhaps at UT.

Although the cost of tuition at UT continues to approach the astronomical costs of private higher education, we remain incredibly grateful for the legal protections that guarantee UT students a wider realm for free speech and expression.

— Jillian Sheridan for the editorial board

By Andrew Kreighbaum  
Daily Texan Columnist

When Republican gubernatorial candidate Debra Medina made her appearance on Glenn Beck’s radio show on Thursday, she probably wasn’t expecting to face questions about the 9/11 “truther” movement. She probably expected even less that the right-wing talk show host and “Tea Party” firebrand would go out of his way to embarrass her. After all, Medina and Beck would seem to be natural political allies.

Beck led efforts on his Fox News show to organize the first Tea Party rally at the Capitol in Washington, D.C., last year. And Medina has picked up some surprising momentum by riding a wave of anti-incumbent anger. So it must have been baffling to many listeners when Beck, the apparent Tea Party godfather, humiliated Medina, the only anti-incumbent candidate in the race for governor.

Regular viewers of Beck’s television saw him swoon over Gov. Rick Perry, the man Medina is trying to unseat, on his TV show last April. His takedown of Medina received a rapid response from Perry’s office Friday, attacking her for seeming to suggest that the U.S. government was

involved in the Sept. 11 attacks. The fast timing was enough for the blog Burnt Orange Report, a bastion of liberal Texas thought, to conclude that Perry’s campaign had orchestrated the whole debacle to embarrass Medina — and perhaps kill her chances of forcing a runoff between the incumbent and his biggest challenger, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Of course, on a radio broadcast just a few days before the Medina interview, Beck questioned why Tea Party darling Sarah Palin would campaign with a “progressive” like Perry. If Beck’s views on Perry seem, well, schizophrenic, the same could be said for the movement he has endorsed with such fervor.

Supporters of Tea Party candidates have embraced grassroots politics at a level both Democrats and Republicans can admire. But as the difficulties of organizing a national conference show, the movement faces major challenges.

The most salient aspect of the Tea Party movement so far has been its ground-up organization. Its appeal hasn’t lain in any charismatic personality, like Barack Obama, but in the enthusiasm and person-to-person involvement of its members. The virtue of the movement, the thinking goes, comes from the fact that it quite lit-

erally reflects the views of “average” Americans. But the grassroots leadership of the Tea Partiers looks like its greatest weakness — if we can take anything away from the ugly internal bickering outside the national Tea Party convention in Nashville earlier this month.

The Republicans, though out of power, have managed to identify, by default, national leaders like Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Minority Leader John Boehner. Meanwhile, outside of D.C., figures like Palin and Perry have taken the helm.

The latter two hold considerable appeal for Tea Partiers. In fact, Perry led one of the first Tea Party-inspired protests last spring against the federal government’s fiscal policies. He marched at the head of a crowd from the Capitol to Lady Bird Lake, where they exercised their First Amendment rights by littering the water — to be symbolically appropriate — with tea bags.

Yet there is still enough discontent with Perry’s policies, even among likely Republican primary voters, that Medina was polling around 24 percent in some polls as of last week.

Both Democratic and Republican incumbent politicians are facing a slate of spoilers who espouse little

philosophically, aside from a commitment to low taxes and a deep suspicion of the federal government. Even libertarian Rep. Ron Paul, the man who many say created the movement with his rogue presidential campaign, is facing a slew of primary opponents hoping to ride the wave of “throw the bums out” sentiment.

Politico recently quoted a critic of the national convention commenting on the leadership problems within the movement. “We don’t need Sarah Palin to be the face of our movement,” he said. “We don’t need Newt Gingrich or any of these other people, because these people are humans and they can fail. Our values will never fail us as long as we adhere to them.”

Tea Party sympathizers in the Republican Party will soon have to make that choice for themselves. Do they choose a “totally authentic” candidate or a sitting governor who they believe has compromised ideologically?

Whether Perry can pull enough Tea Partiers to his side to avoid a runoff could predict how well the national parties, especially the Republicans, can harness this nebulous rage coursing through the country.

Kreighbaum is a history senior.

GALLERY



## Reasons you shouldn't dodge the census



By Joshua Avelar  
Daily Texan Columnist

The U.S. Constitution mandates that a census be conducted every 10 years. And while huge population growth has nearly rendered the decennial mandate outdated, the census remains the most important survey you’ll ever fill out — no matter how boring or creepy it may seem.

U.S. census data is used ad nauseam in academic studies, especially in the social sciences. The daily functioning of the nation’s population is best deciphered with this data — no survey distributed by a professor or academic brain trust can have the reach or efficiency of the census. For some fields of study to remain intact and effective, the census must be accurately completed by as many citizens as possible.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau’s Web site, \$400 billion of federal money is spent each year on infrastructure and services such as hospitals, schools, transportation and emergency services. That amounts to \$4 trillion of your money over a decade, so accuracy of data is important.

Students in general tend to have a talent for avoiding responsibilities. It would be hard to find more than a dozen people on this campus who haven’t had to rely on somebody else’s notes when they “just couldn’t make it to class.”

But college students’ census-dodging is a cause for concern, especially since the information collected through the census will affect us the most. With the exception of freshmen hoping to go to medical school, we can

all count on being members of the workforce in a decade’s time, when the next census will be distributed.

Likely the most important aspect of the census is its role in determining congressional representation, with the amount of seats granted to an area hinging on the collected data. A large number of uncounted people can result in insufficient representation and congressmen spreading themselves way too thin.

Travis County’s exploding population over the last 10 years will likely alter its own congressional representation, and an accurate account of the student population — which will only grow larger, mirroring UT student enrollment — is critical for efficient redistricting.

When it comes to assessing the future of the country, college students are by far the most important sector of the population. Travis County Constable Bruce Elfant told The Daily Texan that students were among the 15,732 uncounted people in the 2000 census.

Nobody can expect great improvements in the community when nearly a Frank Erwin Center’s worth of people is not represented, especially when the county can expect to pay \$1,500 a year for every census-neglecting student.

The U.S. Census Bureau’s Web site estimates that it will take about 10 minutes to fill out the survey, which is more than likely an underestimation itself. Nevertheless, it is still important to take it seriously.

After all, if you think filling out a survey is annoying, just wait until one of the 4,000 new Travis County census workers comes knocking on your door.

Avelar is a government senior.

THE FIRING LINE

### An incorrect and incomplete picture

In Joshua Avelar’s Feb. 9 column, “It’s time for UT to scrap UIL,” the author indicates that the “UIL is a budget constraint for UT” and that it should be “scrapped.” In actuality, the UIL does not receive funding from UT. All of the UIL’s revenue comes from sources other than the University. The UIL primarily receives funds from its member schools, events and corporate sponsorships.

In fact, the UIL provides administrative costs to the University as well as rental and facility usage fees to the University for hosting state championship events in excess of \$500,000 annually. Furthermore, through its scholarship program, the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation, the UIL issued \$295,800 in academic scholarships to 135 students at UT for the 2009-10 school year.

In the 2007-08 fiscal year, the UIL had a surplus of \$1.3 million. A portion of this surplus was due to the state-mandated steroid testing program that was to begin in the 2007-08 school year. The funding for that program was issued to the Texas Education Agency by the state, and the TEA transferred those funds to the UIL for more testing than could be completed that year. The \$1.6 million dollar deficit that shows up in the 2008-09 fiscal year is due to the fact that the bulk of the testing was conducted during that year. This deficit was reconciled with the UIL budget surplus earmarked for steroid testing from 2007-08.

The purpose of the UIL is to conduct extracurricular activities for Texas schools, not to recruit students to UT as reported. As part of the Division for Diversity and Community Engagement under Vice President Gregory Vincent, the UIL fulfills the mission for community engagement through the membership of more than 1,400 member high schools. Across its nationally recognized interscholastic programs in music, theater, academics and athletics, the UIL annually draws thousands of students, teachers, parents, administrators, sponsors and coaches to the UT campus.

It is disappointing that UIL was not contacted for clarification. The UIL staff has always been cooperative with requests from student journalists, and we would have been happy to answer questions.

— Charles Breihaupt  
UIL executive director

### A tale of the tale of two regents

When I first came to UT, I had the good fortune of reading a fantastic Daily Texan article titled “A Tale of Two Regents” written by Jim Nicár, the Texas Exes resident expert on UT’s history.

The article was called to mind by Monday’s story “University Monuments Spur Praise, Controversy,” which expressed confusion as to the history and meaning of the George Washington, Woodrow Wilson and Confederate statues on campus.

To recite the story told by Nicár in this short space would not do the tale justice. However, the article explains the symbolism behind the placement of Wilson, Davis and the others. In short, viewed from left to right, the figures on the left side of the South Mall (Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee and Albert Sidney Johnston) represent the heroes of a South severed from the North during the Civil War. The figures on the right (Woodrow Wilson, John Reagan and Gov. Jim Hogg) represent in Reagan and Hogg two men who did much to bring Texas back into the Union to finally see the South united again with the North during World War I, under the leadership of Wilson. Viewed in total, the array of statues is an interesting expression of national division and union from the Civil War through World War I.

I would encourage students to Google “A Tale of Two Regents” and read Nicár’s article. It is not just a history of the statues but explains why our University sits where it does today and the origins of the Brackenridge Tract, which has been in the news lately. I also encourage the current editors to consider reprinting Nicár’s article, or commissioning a new piece regarding the vibrant history of the Littlefield Fountain and South Mall statues.

— Tony McDonald  
UT law student

GALLERY



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# WENG: Student's last night leaves questions, desire for closure

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### Weng's final hours

Weng's fateful night began at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 2009 when he attended an event at the Bass Concert Hall with former UT student and friend Angela Chen. Chen said she last saw Weng at 10 p.m. when he left the event before going to his dorm to change for a party hosted by the Taiwanese International Student Association at the downtown club, Karma Lounge.

He was seen at approximately midnight at the club, where he stayed until the club closed at 2 a.m., said Caley Tindal, a friend of Weng. Tindal said Weng did not see him drinking that night. Chen said Weng did not typically drink.

That night, between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. Chen, who was not at the club, received a text from Weng saying "Are you feeling it?"

"He is very adventurous and curious about the world, and he has been very daring," Chen said. "He is just always trying out new things. He is impressionable, in a way."

Investigators have yet to piece together the events between 2 a.m. and 3:13 a.m., when Weng and the other passenger were photographed by surveillance cameras at 13th and Lavaca streets.

At approximately 3 a.m., outside of Charlie's Austin, a well-known gay club, the driver picked up Weng and the other passenger, a Hispanic male about 5 feet, 8 inches. The driver told The Daily Texan the two were "hugging very closely," and the other passenger told him they had met that night.

The other passenger offered the driver \$60 to drive the pair to San Marcos. He said Weng entered the taxi voluntarily, and the men did not exhibit drunken behavior.

They drove down the road about 20 miles on their way to San Marcos, nearing exit 215. The driver said he heard the rear door open and Weng say to the other passenger, "Where are you taking me?"

The driver said he does not believe Weng was pushed from the taxi by the other passenger.

"He didn't get pushed out. He voluntarily opened the door and

jumped out. I didn't believe he would jump out of a cab," the driver said.

At first, the driver perceived it as a practical joke and did not realize Weng had left the vehicle until he drove past another two exits, he said.

A woman driving down the highway placed a 911 call at 4:02 a.m. when she saw Weng's body on the side of the road near exit 213. According to the dispatch, she said he was lying face down by the concrete median.

At 4:05 a.m. the taxi driver called 911 and said Weng had left the vehicle near exit 215. He told the dispatch that he and the other passenger were "freaking out" and could not believe Weng jumped out, according to the 911 audio files. He said he then found a Hays County sheriff deputy stopped at a traffic light on the frontage road and they briefly spoke about the incident.

The dispatch called the driver back at 4:08 a.m. when he was parked in an H-E-B parking lot. According to the 911 audio file, dispatch told the driver not to move, but the driver told The Daily Texan that he was given permission to drop off the other passenger.

The driver said he believes he dropped off the unknown passenger after 4 a.m. approximately 25 blocks east of I-35 from either exit 205 or 207. He said both he and the passenger were in shock after the event.

"I never asked him his name. Afterwards, a couple days later, I thought 'How stupid. how dumb,'" the driver said. "That wasn't very smart of me just taking him home. I wish I could have waited so [police officials] could ID him. At the time, it seemed like the sensible thing to do, and I wanted to go to sleep and crash out as soon as possible. I was distraught for a couple of days because of that. I guess I am very, very sorry that [Weng] jumped out."

At 4:15 a.m., Joshua Cenk Van Alstine, a former UT-San Antonio student, called 911 after seeing Weng's body, as he was driving by. Van Alstine was the first person to approach his body. He told dispatch that Weng was breathing very shal-



Courtesy of Taiwanese International Student Association  
Jeffrey Weng seen with his sister, Stephanie, at Emma Long Park during a TISA-sponsored barbeque in fall 2008.

lowly but was unresponsive.

A group of four friends including Van Alstine, all UTSA students on their way back home, flagged a nearby officer before making the call. Van Alstine said Weng had blood on his face, and it had coagulated on the side of the road.

Van Alstine said he noticed that Weng's body was facing north, away from traffic. He said Weng's hands were still grasping the rumble strip along the left side of the southbound highway.

Emergency responders arrived at the scene approximately at 4:30 a.m., 10 minutes after Van Alstine made the emergency call, he said. Weng was taken to the hospital and died at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Investigators questioned the driver, and on Monday Feb. 16, 2009 attempted to recreate the night's events by driving with him

to San Marcos. The driver could not remember where he dropped off the other passenger.

Kyle detectives interviewed eight people including the driver and visited every bar and club in the vicinity where Weng was seen that night.

Whether or not the driver was given permission to leave the scene and continue his fare to San Marcos has yet to be determined. Hendrix said it is possible that the driver may have misunderstood the dispatch instructions, but that it would have been highly unusual for a dispatch to instruct him to leave.

The post-mortem examination and toxicology analysis by Travis County Medical Examiner David Dolinak, concluded Weng had an approximate blood alcohol content of .08-.09 at the time of examination, which is considered legally

intoxicated. No other drugs or substances were found in his system.

**Dreams cut short**

Weng, a native of Taiwan, moved to Plano seven and a half years ago and began attending school in the U.S. in the eighth grade.

Stephanie Weng said it was difficult for herself and her brother as immigrants to adapt to the new environment because they did not have any immediate family members in the region, other than their mother and older brother.

His father lived in Taiwan working to support the family, and during Weng's senior year of high school, his mother worked in New Jersey.

"He was still able to pull himself together and knew what he wanted to do," Stephanie Weng said.

"We just carry each other so much. We always try to help each other out and even protect each other from harm."

Among his friends and family he was most known for his musical prowess. Upon entering high school, he showed an affinity for percussion and was mentored by Michael Hernandez, the percussion coordinator at Plano Senior High School.

"There was something about him — the way his hands moved," Hernandez said. "He showed a level of understanding that is uncanny for people his age. Everything he did had phrasing to it, he had musical expression."


He played the xylophone, trombone, piano and several other percussion instruments. He also composed songs for the percussion section of his high school band. He ultimately wanted to be a movie producer and was even assisting his friend Chen, who graduated with a degree in radio-television-film, in composing the soundtrack for her thesis film while at UT.

Before Weng's death, Ben Buono, Weng's friend since high school, was discussing moving in with Weng in Austin. Buono has yet to move to Austin because he said the memory of Weng permeates the city.

"The thing that I always take to my grave is Jeffrey was always the happiest person alive," Buono said. "When he was playing the piano, it sounded like Mozart. I still have songs he played for me three years ago stuck in my head — it was phenomenal."

Even though the investigation has stalled a year later, Stephanie Weng said she hopes that someone will come forward with more information to provide closure for her family.

"Right now, I still think he is just somewhere out there, trying to pursue his dream, but he's actually not anymore," Stephanie Weng said. "He's my little brother. Everyone around us would say that we were so close. When he passed away, I felt like half of me was gone. He made up what I don't have. He is the most important person for me, and he's gone."




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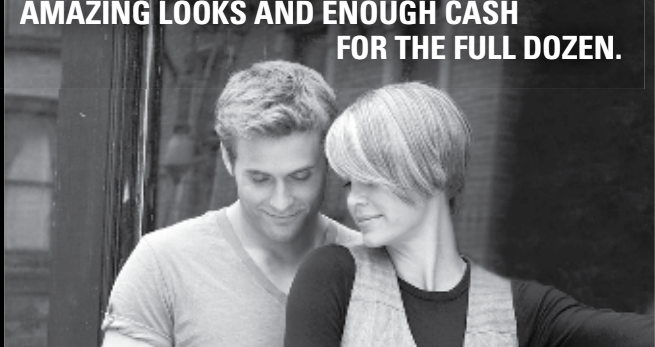


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## McCoy's right arm feels better after rehab

By Stephen Hawkins  
The Associated Press  
Colt McCoy is throwing 40 to 50 balls a day in an intense rehabilitation program for the injury that knocked him out of the national championship game and hopes to fully participate in the NFL draft combine.

The former Texas quarterback said Monday that the nerve injury in his right shoulder is "really coming along" and is close to being 100 percent.

"Hopefully I'll be able to throw in the combine. That's my goal, I love to compete, I want to go out and compete with those guys, go out there and throw and be myself," McCoy said. "But obviously if the doctors don't let me, I'm not going to be able to do that."

McCoy has remained mostly in California doing rehab since getting hurt in the BCS title game Jan. 7. He returned to Texas Monday night to accept the Davey O'Brien Award, recognizing him as the nation's top quarterback, and plans to return to the West Coast after speaking at a Fellowship of Christian Athletes banquet Thursday night in Austin.

On the Longhorns' fifth offensive play against Alabama last month, McCoy took a hard tackle that pinched a nerve and caused his throwing arm to go numb. He didn't return in Texas' 37-21 loss.

"The injury and I think the way that my college career ended has kind of sparked a fire inside of me as far as I'm going to show that I'm going to be ready to go. I'm going to show them that I'm the best, I'm going to show that I'm confident," he said. "I can't wait to step out on the field again, forget the taste that's in my mouth for the last time I played a game. That's what's driving me every day."

McCoy, whose rehab is being overseen by noted sports doctor James Andrews of Birmingham, Ala., said if his doctors determine he can't throw at the

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## Honeymoon is over for Texas



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Freshman Taylor Hoagland stands in the batter's box against LSU on Sunday. Clinching the Texas Invitational title for the Longhorns, Hoagland hit what ended up being the game-winning home run.

By Kate Guerra  
Daily Texan Staff  
Think of it this way: Compare the Longhorns' championship victory this past weekend to the thrill of a new marriage. Head coach Connie Clark, representing the proud mother, wanted the team to go on a honeymoon and bask in the happiness of its tournament win without rushing into preparations for the next game. She compares the pace of the season to a marathon rather than a sprint.

Unfortunately, work calls two days later and demands they return to reality. In short, the honeymoon period is over, and the Longhorns (5-0) have to get back to work tonight against Centenary College (0-0) at McCombs Field.

The Longhorns feel they have already learned plenty in their opening weekend, which featured five wins over ranked opponents.

"The main thing this weekend is we never gave up, even when we were behind," freshman pitcher Blaire Luna said. "We just kept the energy up and didn't give up."

After facing an early deficit in the final three games in this past weekend's Texas Invitational, the Longhorns are trying to keep their cool.

"It's one of our goals to play every inning the same, whether we're winning or losing," said senior Loryn Johnson, who currently ranks second in home runs and batting average in Longhorn history. "I think we just stayed calm, and we knew we could get the job done."

Texas is 2-0 all-time against Centenary, which features the return of eight players from last season. Though the two teams haven't seen each other in almost 11 years, the Longhorns can be sure that

the Ladies — the men's teams at Centenary are called the Gents — have heard about their recent victories over three teams in the Top 25 and are gearing up to start their season off with an upset.

The Longhorns plan to take the positive points of last weekend's performance and apply them to tonight's game, as well as the rest of the season.

"If anything, we knew we were capable, and now we've proved to ourselves that we can play at this level," Johnson said.

The Longhorns are now certain that a lot of pressure can be put on the young players — including Luna, who pitched a no-hitter in her first career game, and fellow freshman Taylor Hoagland, who is playing right field for the first time in her softball career.

"[The coaching staff] told me I have a good arm and to get out

in the outfield," Hoagland said.

With the tournament-clinching home run, Hoagland is having no problem with any pressure.

The leadership of third baseman Nadia Taylor, catcher Amy Hooks and Johnson also had a huge impact on the Longhorns' opening weekend.

"I think we looked outstanding," Hooks said. "I couldn't be happier with my team."

The Longhorns will bring that energy into tonight's matchup, hoping their marriage with a winning spirit won't end anytime soon.

**WHAT:** Centenary (0-0) vs. Texas (5-0)

**WHERE:** Red and Charline McCombs Field

**WHEN:** Tonight, 6:30 p.m.

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## Atletico Madrid upsets Barcelona in La Liga fixture

Early lead ends up being just enough for underdog to get by heavy favorite

By Rishi Daulat  
Daily Texan Staff  
And the giants finally go down. Barcelona suffered its first loss of the La Liga season Sunday, falling away to Atletico Madrid, 2-1. Madrid was expected to be one of the top teams in La Liga with a plethora of attacking talent, but the team's 2009-10 campaign has been largely disappointing. Madrid's manager Quique Flores hopes that the win Sunday night can turn around the young team's season.

"I'm very pleased with my

players," Flores told ESPNStar.com. "We were united, and we stopped the Catalan side from developing their usual play. We were good in attack in the opening 45 minutes, but not so much in the second half. I wasn't surprised by their performance. That backline has been playing well in recent matches, but the team hasn't been winning. We've not made changes in those positions in order for them to get to know each other better. I think that's been fundamental for them."

Madrid's two top-notch strikers, Sergio Aguero and Diego Forlan, initiated the quick start

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Arturo Rodriguez | Associated Press

Atletico de Madrid's Diego Forlan from Uruguay shoots to score a goal against Barcelona in Madrid on Sunday.

## Point guard problems emerge

By Will Anderson  
Daily Texan Columnist

There's this fun new game I like to play called, "What Are the Longhorns Missing in Conference Play?" Think you know the answer?

If you guessed a signature win, you're only half-right — and a 40-point blowout win against Nebraska is hardly that. No, the real problem is more basic. It's the root of the team's recent struggles, you might say.

Give up yet? It's a new starting point guard.

No, you might respond, there's Dogus Balbay, an adept starter with a 2.66 assist-to-turnover ratio. Plus Avery Bradley, Justin Mason and J'Covan Brown can all play the point.

That's where you're wrong, and here's why.

Balbay does indeed have the most assists on the team, but that's about all he brings to the table. The junior averages just more than four points per game. Despite scoring 13 points against Big 12 underachiever Texas Tech, Balbay isn't a consistent shooting threat, which means teams don't have to respect his drives to the basket. Case in point: Balbay is one-of-six from the field in Texas' last three losses.

Balbay had no assists against Kansas, and the result was a stagnant effort in half-court situations. Overall, his turnovers have increased in conference play while his assists have gone down. And when Balbay can't create offense for Texas, the entire team suffers, as the recent losing streak attests.

It's the same story for Mason. Both he and Balbay scored season highs against the Red Raiders, but it's unfair to expect the same from them every night. Since the win over Tech, neither has scored more than five points in a game.

Then there's Bradley, a skilled shooter from long range and someone more than capable of taking it to the basket himself. But he's also a liability with the ball, turning it over a total of 10 times in the losses to Kansas, Oklahoma and Baylor. Overall,

he has as many turnovers as assists in Big 12 play, a damning statistic for a point guard.

Perhaps with enough time in Rick Barnes' system, Bradley could develop into a skilled point guard, but it won't happen this season. Instead, he's matured into an efficient shooting guard, as his 14 points per game can attest.

That leaves Brown, far from the ideal solution. Even Barnes has admitted that

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Lauren Gerson | Daily Texan Staff

Point guard J'Covan Brown releases a shot during the Longhorns' 80-77 overtime loss to Baylor in January.

## SIDELINE

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19. Georgia Tech
20. Georgia
21. Gonzaga
22. St. Johns
23. TCU\*
23. LSU\*
25. Vanderbilt

\*TCU and LSU received the same amount of votes



# GUARDS: Brown recent play earns playing time

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Brown has a tough time controlling the ball. It seems the freshman is more style than substance, with his behind-the-back and no-look passes.

But now isn't the time to have that argument. Brown is fourth on the team with 10.3 points per contest, the only guard averaging double digits.

Perhaps the best person to ask is the man himself.

"It hit me: I want to be a big-time player," Brown said after the Kansas loss. "It's the time to do it."

Talk is cheap, but so are the Longhorns' Final Four chances at this point. Brown started during a two-game stretch back in November and performed well against some big-time competition.

He made the first step toward that goal on Saturday. Brown made just his fifth start of the season against Nebraska and responded with 12 points and six assists after putting up 28 points in the Kansas loss. He'll have a truer test on Wednesday against Missouri.

It may not solve all of the team's problems, but it's the first effort Barnes has made to correct them.

## Comparing the Longhorn Guards

	Points per game	Assists	Turnovers
J'Covan Brown	10.3	58	57
Dogus Balbay	4.0	102	38
Justin Mason	3.6	35	20

# MCCOY: Quarterback receives award

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combine that begins next week, he will still do everything else possible in Indianapolis. He also plans to participate in the Longhorns' Pro Day on March 31.

There is nothing structurally wrong with his throwing shoulder, and McCoy is going through the process of strengthening his arm.

"My arm feels really good. I'm able to do everything they ask me to do," he said. "It's really healing quickly."

While his 45 career wins at Texas are an NCAA record, McCoy fell short of his ultimate goal of winning a national championship.

"It's one of those things that you'll think about forever. ... Disappointing is probably the real word," McCoy said. "But at the same time, I've been raised the right way, and you've got to find a positive in every situation. I think about that and I think about how I still have a lot of football left to play. I'm confident that my best football is ahead of me, and that's what keeps me going."

The O'Brien winner last year was Oklahoma's Sam Bradford, who missed all but three games of his junior season because of a shoulder injury sustained in the season opener last September. Bradford, the 2008 Heisman Trophy winner and a close friend of McCoy's, is also entering the NFL draft and has Andrews as his doctor. Bradford is working out in Florida.



Rodger Mallison | Associated Press

Former Texas quarterback Colt McCoy answers questions at a news conference before being honored as the Davey O'Brien Award winner as the nation's top quarterback on Monday in Fort Worth.

der injury sustained in the season opener last September. Bradford, the 2008 Heisman Trophy winner and a close friend of McCoy's, is also entering the NFL draft and has Andrews as his doctor. Bradford is working out in Florida.

"He definitely boosted me up a little bit, talked to me and said, 'Hey, it's one of the most frustrating things in the world. You're strong and you'll get over it,'" McCoy said. "It kind of stinks that both of us had to go through something like that in the same year. We both try to look for the positive things, and both hope the best for each other."

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# SOCCER: Chelsea and United remain close first and second

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for their side. In just the ninth minute, Forlan was put through, and he made no mistakes during his one-on-one with Barca keeper Victor Valdés as he swiftly put his shot in the bottom-left corner.

Just a few minutes later, Agüero beat the offside trap and had a clear opportunity for a goal. Instead of shooting, however, the 21-year-old Argentinean tried to pass to Forlan for an easy open-net tap in, but the pass was deflected by Barcelona's captain, Carlos Puyol.

In the 23rd minute, Atletico doubled its lead. After a foul on

Agüero just outside the box on the left side, Simao hit a wicked curling free kick that beat Valdés and went into the top-right corner of the goal. It was the insurance goal Atletico needed, as just four minutes later Barcelona would pull one back.

Xavi sent in a swinging corner that was flicked backward to Zlatan Ibrahimovic, who was left unmarked at the back post and perfectly volleyed a shot past Atletico goalkeeper David De Gea. It was "Ibracadabra's" first goal in the new year, and it came at a much-needed time.

Barcelona dominated the rest of the match and was on constant attack, but Lionel Messi and Ibrahimovic couldn't find the second goal that would have put them level.

The Catalan club had never even trailed in a La Liga game this season, let alone lost. It's impressive that its first defeat has not come until mid-February, but the club now only leads Real Madrid by two points atop the table.

In the English Premier League, Chelsea and Manchester United just can't pull away from each other in the title race.

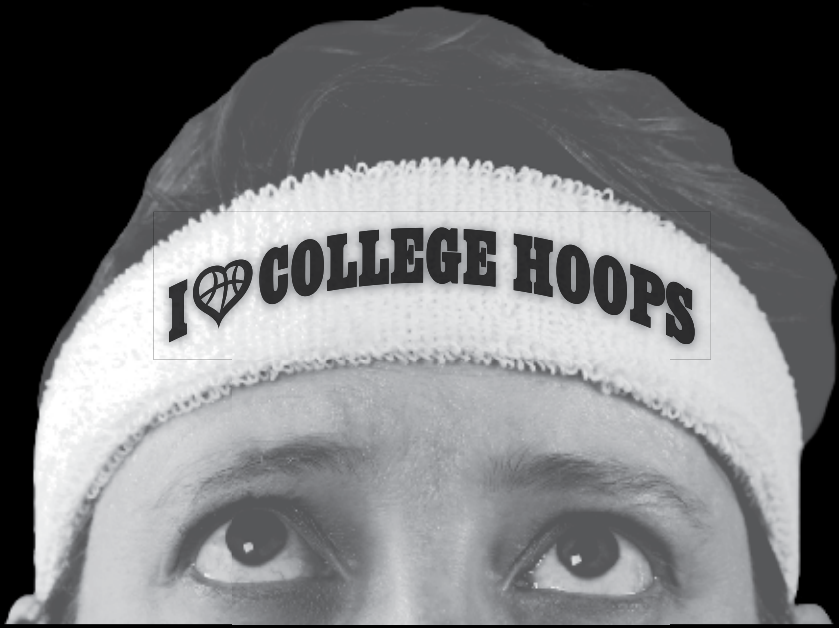
Presented with a prime opportunity to gain some separation, both teams floundered as Chelsea lost at Goodison Park to Everton 2-0. United was lucky to earn a 1-1 draw at Villa Park against Aston Villa after the team's Portuguese winger Nani was sent off in the first half.

Arsenal hopped right back into contention with its 1-0 win at home over Liverpool and is now five points behind United and six points back of league leader Chelsea. Liverpool and Manchester City are tied for fourth, eight points behind Arsenal; however, City has two games in hand.

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## CD REVIEWS

## Albums showcase depth, detachment

## Minor Love

Adam Green

Once people get over the fact that he was one-half of the anti-folk duo The Moldy Peaches, they might get a chance to hear the real Adam Green. Truth be told, they might not like what they hear.

Lyricaly, The Moldy Peaches and Adam Green are nearly inseparable — full of cheeky, absurdist ideas about modern love and living. Musically, they couldn't be more different.

Green has been making music for nearly a decade, and in that time, he has crafted a sound full of raw energy and powerful-but-subdued emotion. On *Minor Love*, his sixth solo album, we see Green turn over a new leaf. There is less of the drunken revelry of *Gemstones* or *Jacket Full of Danger* and more of

the pensive solitude of his previous album, *Sixes and Sevens*. Songs like "What Makes Him Act So Bad?" recall the laid-back coolness of Pavement paired with post-Velvet Underground Lou Reed vocals.

And on "Stadium Soul," Green sarcastically mumbles "I feel lucky to live in a bachelor's pad" over a morose bass line and apathetic guitar strumming. It's Green at his most real, and it isn't totally pretty.

Hard-core fans of Green will see all of his previous albums as a precursor to this one. All things that rise must fall, and Green is falling hard after nearly a decade of making music about sex fantasies and unrequited love and not taking himself seriously. The kind of honesty he displays on *Minor Love* makes the album worth another listen.

Grade: B-

— Francisco Marin

## Work

Shout Out Louds

Shout Out Louds' previous album began with a symphonic, hyperactive opener and ended with a seven-minute epic, culminating in a wall of reverb and distortion. You get the feeling the group's well-mannered follow-up, *Work*, feels a bit embarrassed and hungover.

The problem with this pairing is that Shout Out Louds fails to stand out, despite being more consistent than the band's past records.

Lead singer Adam Olenius sounds slightly less like Elmer Fudd, and the band is a bit more timid in delivering a hook, but otherwise, this is the same band. "1999," "Throwing Stones" and "Show Me Something New" are the pop songs you expect from the band that once occupied a spot on the sound track of

"The O.C.," while slower songs like "Play the Game" and "The Candle Burned Out" have an ebb and flow that similar songs on past albums lacked. There are no roadblocks, but there are no highs within *Work*'s conservative 10-song track list.

The album lacks the warmth, energy and infectious spirit that made this group of Swedes such a lovable band.

But, you can't help missing the group's juvenile ambitions of the past. Band members used to blow out their amps and go bankrupt hiring orchestras. Now they politely relay hooks tempered with piano. They've finally grown up. They've become one with the crowd. Call me selfish, but I liked them more when they were a bunch of foolhardy dreamers.

Grade: C+

— Allistair Pinsof

## 'Jersey Shore' offers vicarious experience

TV TUESDAY  
By Robert Rich

The show that implanted its guidos and guidettes forcibly into our collective consciousness will soon be back. The cast members of "Jersey Shore" finagled their way into raises, and now the group with varying abdominal tonalities is preparing to film its second season. Online movie-and-TV site Movieline reported last week that, in all likelihood, the new season of the show is going to be shot in South Beach, Miami. It seems that the plan is to bring even more controversy to the program this time around by going for the "Jersey people trying to fit in with Miami people" storyline — but I don't particularly see the difference.

Had the producers decided to move the show to the other side of country, say Venice Beach or Malibu or the like, that would provide controversy. The tanned, overly accented trashiness of the kids from Jersey versus the tanned, valley-girl-accented trashiness of the kids from California ... Oh wait, that's pretty much the same thing, too.

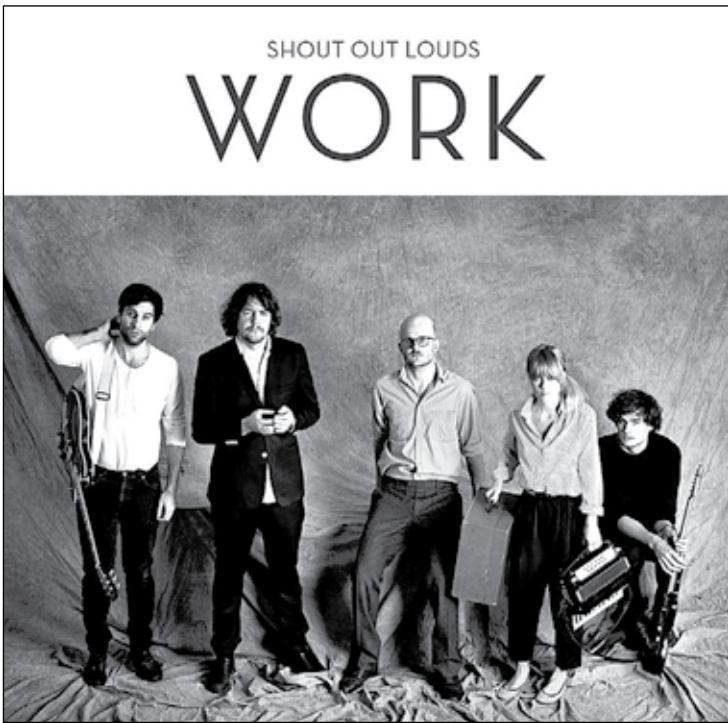
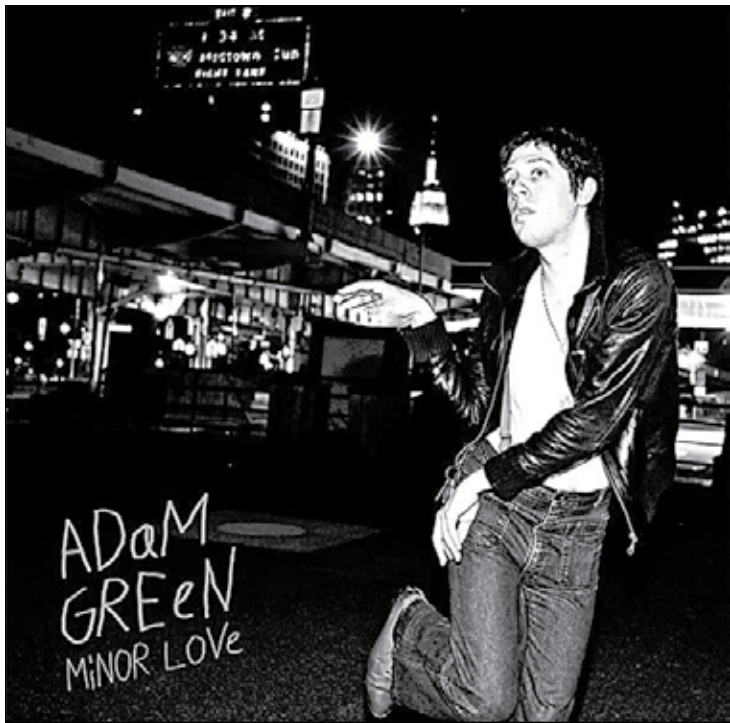
The truth is, the "Jersey Shore" cast could fit in basically anywhere they choose to go because they're going to do the same thing no matter what. They're going to drink, get in fights and curse, and Snooki will hook up with anything that moves. That's simply who they are, and location doesn't make a difference. True, Miami will provide another level of trashiness for the cast to dive into, but it won't be much different from season one.

Still, the question remains: Why, of all the reality TV shows with young adults making asses

of themselves, did "Jersey Shore" become such a smash hit? The answer is simple. These kids are real, and I'm not talking "The Real World" real. Sure, they probably exaggerate a bit for the camera, but that exaggeration is an even truer depiction of who they are. They aren't drinking and banging and fighting because they're on TV and looking to create drama; they're doing it because even without cameras, they'd be doing all of it anyway.

Furthermore, the "Jersey Shore" cast, in some twisted fashion, represents an attractive concept to many of us. The young cast members are living their lives without consequence and sure as hell without inhibitions. It's probably not the smartest move in the world, true, but still something we as college students so often miss. We're worried about GPAs and finding a job and making sure that questionable photograph of ourselves with a donkey from that one party doesn't end up on Facebook or Twitter. I'm just guessing, but Mike "The Situation" would probably love for that picture to be posted.

The fact of the matter is that wherever the "Jersey Shore" kids go, we'll be watching, and we'll love it. Everyone from 16-year-old girls to your grandma knows who they are. And it's because of that widespread penetration of pop culture that we have to watch. We all have predefined ideas of adolescence and how we are supposed to act and how we're allowed to act according to cultural norms. Watching "Jersey Shore" is a voyeuristic experience, one that allows us to watch the conflict between how we are supposed to act and how we want to act through others.



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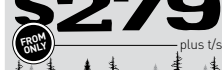
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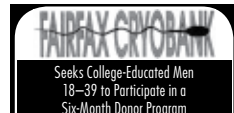
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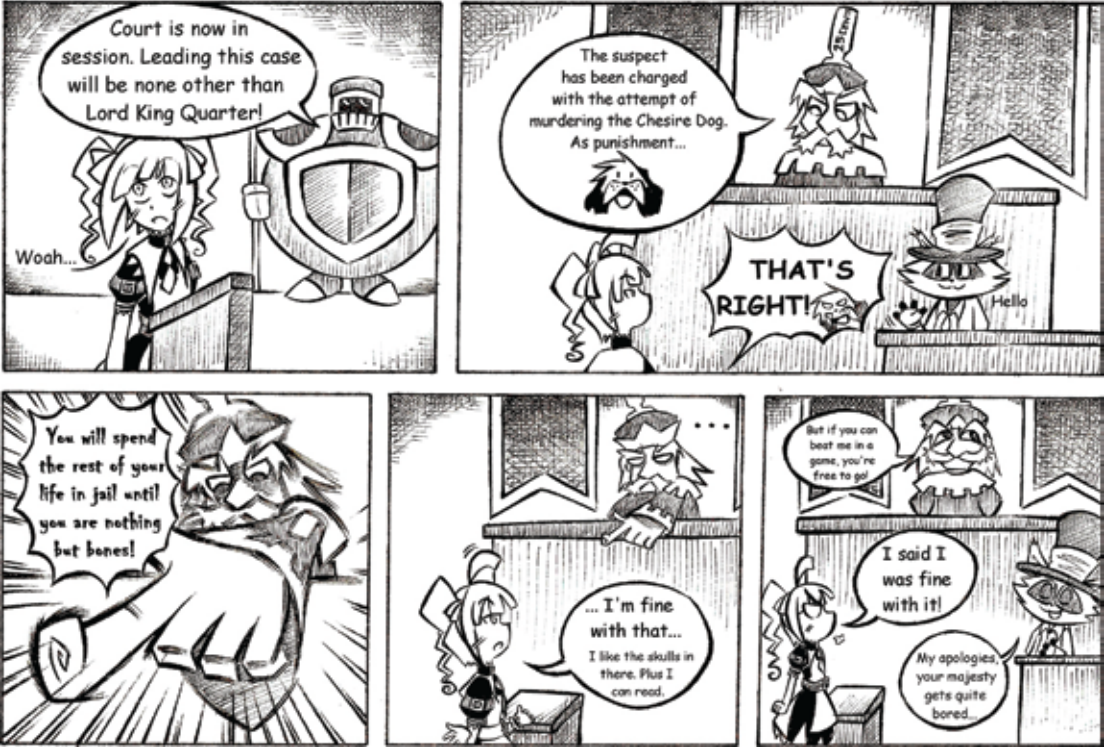
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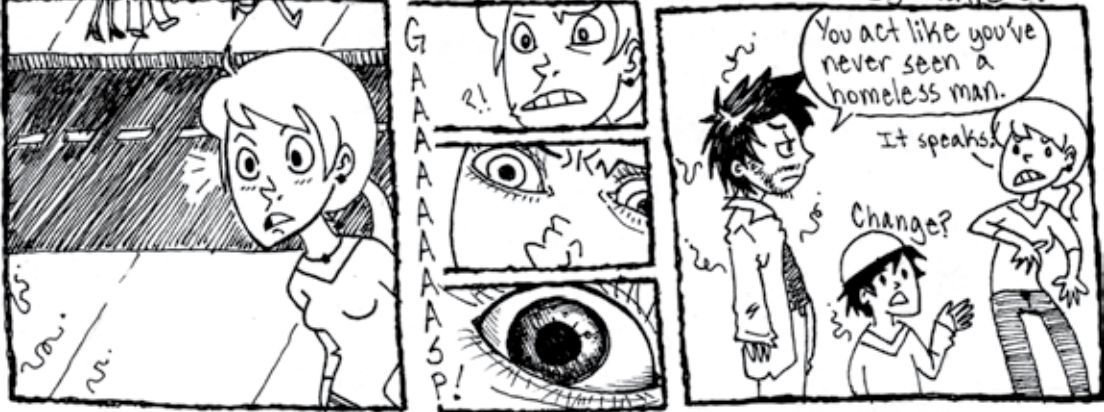
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**Across**

1 Ear part

5 Date with an M.D.

9 Restaurant chain whose logo features a western hat

14 Gumbo vegetable

15 Carson predecessor

16 Long-legged fisher

17 Germy dessert, to a five-year-old?

19 "Hello, Don Ho!"

20 Part of S.W.A.K.

21 Greek god of war

23 "Are you out?"

24 Bird known for making baskets

26 Best Supporting Actor for "Cocoon"

28 Not many

30 Grub consumed around the dinner table?

33 Sasha and Malia's father

35 Prayer's end

36 No-brainer in school

37 Meditation syllables

38 It might be fixed or frozen

43 Picket line crosser

45 October blooms

46 One who's daft about archaeology?

51 Cornstarch brand

52 Sound before a blessing

53 Pitcher Satchel

55 Peter the Great, for one

56 [Oh, my stars!]

59 Twenty : English :: : Italian

62 No longer sick

64 X, to a pirate?

66 " having fun yet?"

67 Hard-core followers, in politics

**Down**

1 "Livin' la Vida

2 "Enough already!"

3 Young chickens suitable for dinner

4 Erodes

5 Monkey's uncle?

6 Mango alternative

7 Ark unit

8 Genealogy chart

9 Cry of discovery

10 Help from a bullpen

11 Rodeo horse

12 Start of a pirate's chant

13 Caught in a trap

18 Midwest land since 1948: Abbr.

22 "Dollar days" event

25 Bridge, connecting Manhattan, Queens and the Bronx

27 Mocking birds?

28 Prez on a penny

29 Air safety grp.

31 "West Side Story" shout during "The Dance at the Gym"

32 Sends an OMG or LOL, say

34 Tokyo-based synthesizer maker

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37 Big galoot

39 Parent in the wings, perhaps

40 Play to the balcony?

41 Bit of energy

42 General on Chinese menus

44 Drano target

45 One of the eight states bordering Tenn.

46 Influential moneybags

47 "And I'm the queen of England"

48 Yellow

49 Cunning

50 Stand against

54 It climbs the walls

57 Pop group whose name is coincidentally a rhyme scheme

58 Ivory, e.g., with many functions

60 Math subj. with many functions

61 Big furniture retailer

63 Suggn. of "L.A. Law"

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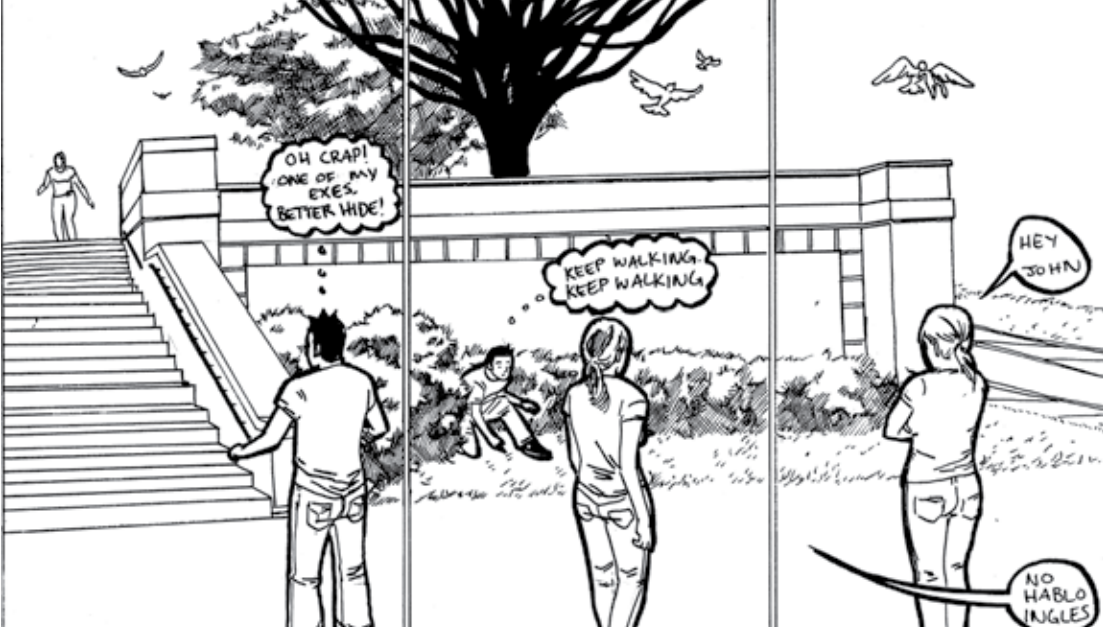
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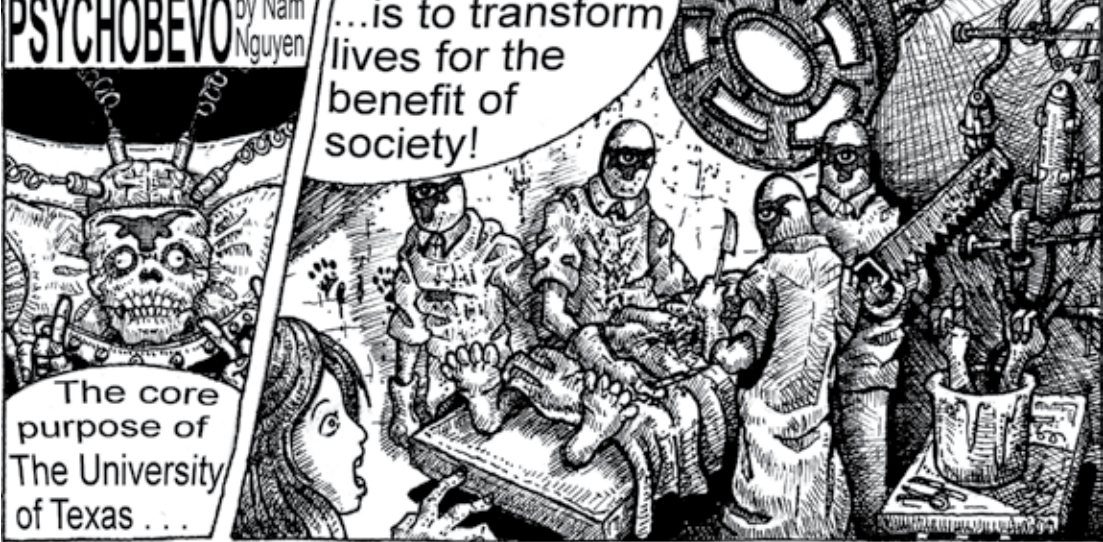
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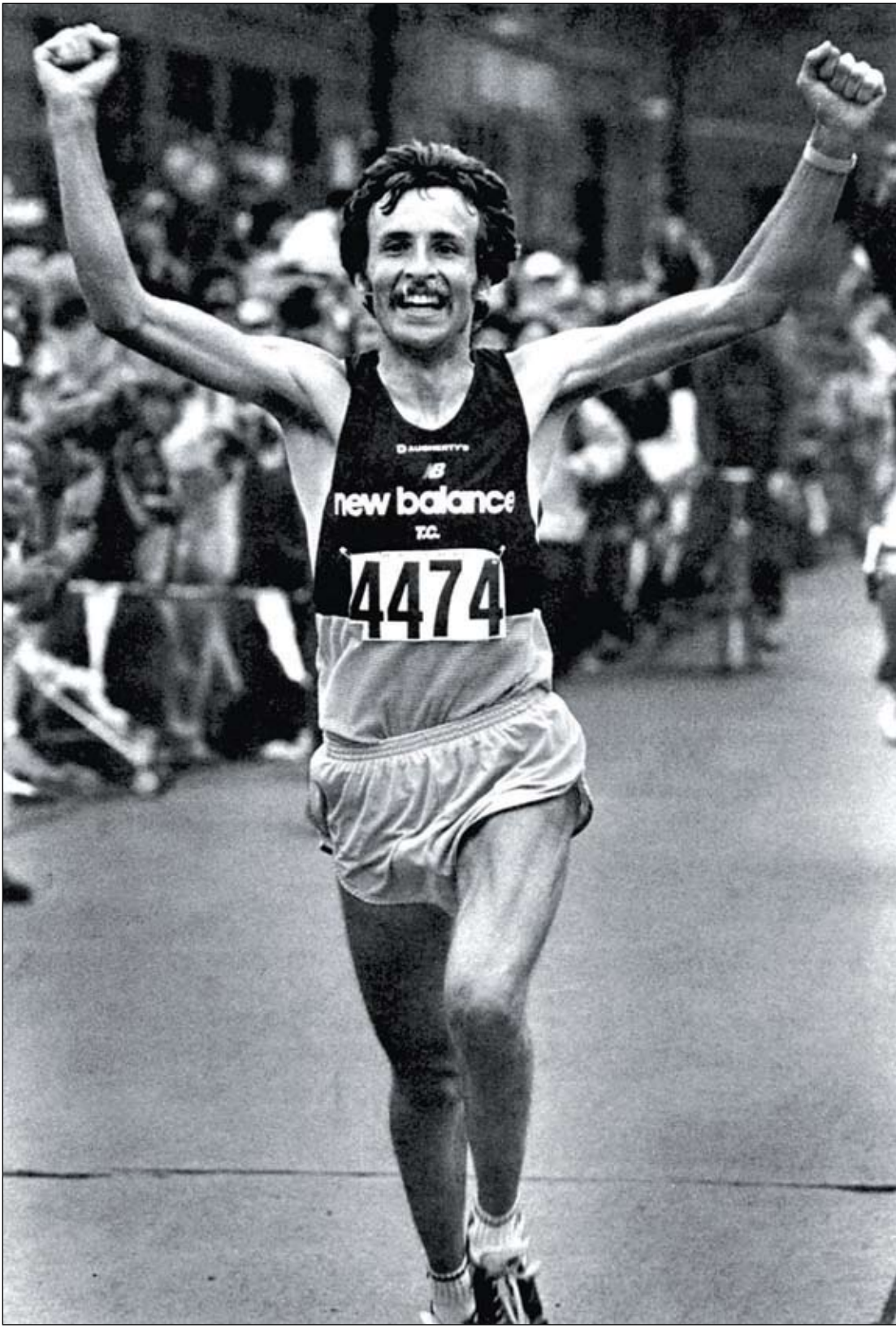
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Dick Beardsley has competed in the Boston, New York City and Austin marathons and set a Guinness World Record of 13 straight broken marathon personal records.

## Runner inspires nation

**Return to marathon racing marks triumph over injuries, addiction**

By John Ross Harden  
Daily Texan Staff

Among the nearly 14,000 runners anticipating the start of the Austin Marathon and Half Marathon on Sunday, Dick Beardsley didn't necessarily stand out.

His appearance mirrored that of the majority of his fellow participants: tight-laced shoes, a smiling face and light clothing. He loosened up his muscles like the other competitors, with a constant shaking of the legs, high knee jumps and repeated arm circles. And, like most, he was seen laughing and talking with whomever was willing to socialize openly in the early morning hours.

However common Beardsley may seem to the field, just know this: He's not.

He is an exception, not because he has beaten the 26.2-mile course countless times before but because that course — the marathon — has been a part of his life, absorbing every step along the way. Beardsley has faced life-threatening challenges, including an addiction that led to a brush with death.

Beardsley, a 53-year-old Austin resident, has been a marathoner since realizing after a day of high school football that size in some sports may not be as crucial as speed in others. Beardsley had just that — pure speed.

Running his very first marathon in 1977, he was able to clock an impressive time of 2 hours, 47 minutes, 17 seconds. The average finish time is about 3 1/2 hours. His finish time would only get better as he continued. Through the latter part of the '70s and the early '80s, Beardsley continuously broke his own marathon personal records, eventually leading to a Guinness World Record of 13 straight broken personal records.

His status and acclaim soared throughout the running world,

reaching a pinnacle during the 1982 Boston Marathon, which will forever be known as the "Duel in the Sun."

"It was such a significant race back then and still to this day," Beardsley said. "I think part of it was that two young American boys went tooth and nail right down to the very end."

The other American boy was two-time New York City Marathon winner Alberto Salazar. The race's finish — in which Beardsley posted his all-time best mark of 2:08:53 — turned out in Salazar's favor, as he managed to

reach a pinnacle during the 1982 Boston Marathon, which will forever be known as the "Duel in the Sun."

erally about to be ripped apart, but he miraculously managed to stop the machine just in the nick of time. This was only one of the several accidents to strike Beardsley in the coming years. Two separate car wrecks and a fall from a cliff forced the athlete to endure years of pain before receiving a total of three back surgeries. With the operations came a new challenge far greater even than enduring a marathon: addiction.

Beardsley's injuries were so severe they forced him to use prescription pain medication, leading to his subsequent abuse of the drugs.

According to his foundation's Web site, [dickbeardsleyfoundation.org](http://dickbeardsleyfoundation.org), Beardsley's addiction became so uncontrollable that he forged signatures on photocopied prescriptions in order to obtain the pills. With a day's work, Beardsley could acquire more than 240 pills through these means.

His craving for the medication eventually led to his treatment at a psychiatric unit, where he spent nine days detoxing, purifying and recovering.

Beardsley explained his rehabilitation as "the most difficult road that [he'd] ever been down."

He said the challenges with the addiction were greater than any he'd ever faced.

"It makes the 1982 Boston Marathon look like a walk in the park," he said.

Today, 13 years after an addiction that could have killed him, Beardsley remains sober, free of any drugs. More impressively, Beardsley has gotten back in his running shoes, has regained membership to the sponsored marathon squad — Team New Balance — and has continued to post remarkable times.

Away from his home in Austin every September, Beardsley is referred to as "coach" when he hosts the Dick Beardsley Marathon Running Camp in Waubun, Minnesota. The rest of the year, Beardsley tours the nation as a full-time motivational speaker, lecturing on his own triumph in long-distance running and in his life.

On Sunday, after four surgeries (including a knee operation in 2009), countless marathons and an addiction that almost ruined him, Beardsley leaned forward at the starting line, surrounded by runners waiting for the gun to signal the start of the Austin Marathon.

*"It makes the 1982 Boston Marathon look like a walk in the park."*

— Dick Beardsley

win by a few feet.

After his second-place finish in Boston, Beardsley was able to redeem himself with his second win in 1982 at the Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, Minnesota, despite hurting his ankle along the way.

Following his Grandma's Marathon victory, Beardsley was told he needed surgery on his Achilles tendon, a procedure that would be necessary if he were to have a shot at the 1984 Olympic Games. Contrary to his own wishes, he had the surgery, which seemed to push his body over the limit — only allowing him to race in a few more events, and with little to show for them.

In 1989, at least a year removed from his last marathon, Beardsley almost lost something more precious: his life.

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