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Conflict seems to be a fact of life but does not have to cause anxiety. Explore your personal approach to handling conflict in the North Office Bldg (NOA) from 5-6 p.m.

Longhorn Salsa offers bachata workshop
Longhorn Salsa hosts a one-time bachata class in the Texas Union Building (UNB) from 8 to 10 p.m. with local Austin dance instructor Daniel Guzman. Learn this sensual dance from the Dominican Republic just in time for Valentine's Day.

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UNIVERSITY

University provost of six years resigns

By Jordan Rudner

After six years as executive vice president and provost, Steven Leslie will be stepping down from his position to return to the College of Pharmacy in August.

“For the past six years, Provost Leslie has been an indispensable partner in transforming the academic life of The University of

Texas,” President William Powers Jr. said in a blog post Friday. “He has guided our deans and vice provosts with a steady hand and a vision that encompasses all aspects of this vast university.”

Powers appointed Leslie, then dean of the College of Pharmacy, to the vice president and provost position in 2007. Leslie has a doctorate in pharmacology and toxicology, and in his former

position conducted research on topics that included alcohol's effect on the brain. He joined the University as an assistant professor in 1974.

M. Lynn Crismon, dean of the College of Pharmacy, said in an e-mail that the college is excited to see Leslie return as a professor.

“Dr. Leslie was a great provost, and it was my honor to serve as a dean under his leadership,” Crismon wrote.

“We welcome him back to our college, and we look forward to him contributing positively to the mission of the College of Pharmacy.”

In his role as provost, the top academic post at the University, Leslie reported directly to the president and oversaw all 18 college deans and more than a dozen other senior academic posts. More

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Steven Leslie
Executive VP and provost, College of Pharmacy

CITY



Maria Arellaga | Daily Texan Staff

A group of UT engineering students observe as the Rector at St. Mary's Church in Downtown Austin Fr. Albert Laforet provides an architectural history of the cathedral Friday afternoon.

Religious renovations

By Miles Hutson

UT engineering students traversed up five stories of scaffolding outside St. Mary's Cathedral on Friday, touring the cathedral's current architectural renovations.

The cathedral is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is rare for its manner of construction, which in many places consists

of only unreinforced stacked limestone. The construction faces problems the original builders could not have anticipated when the building began construction more than 100 years ago. The cathedral's rose window has spokes that are completely cracked, and no longer bear weight.

Additionally, parts of the stonework have become cracked from the expansion and contraction of steel rods

and moisture within them, and some are no longer anchored to the building. Attention was drawn to the cathedral's urgent need for renovations when stone began to fall on the sidewalk below in 2011. The renovations began in 2012.

Richard Miscoe, the general contractor for the project, said repairing the building while leaving its appearance unchanged poses an unusual challenge, and he thought UT

students could benefit from seeing what is taking place.

“There's only a finite number of buildings like this left,” Miscoe said. “It's a rare, unique building.”

As leaders on the project showed students around, they pointed out small changes to the building that had a big impact. Jay Colombo, an architect overseeing renovations

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SYSTEM

Council votes for benefits for domestic partnerships

By Jordan Rudner

While the UT System Faculty Advisory Council will debate among each other about a whole range of issues during the legislative session, they are all on board when it comes to domestic partner benefits.

The 30-member council voted unanimously on a resolution last month encouraging the UT System Board of Regents to work with the state Legislature on providing full benefits to domestic partners of System employees. Martha Hilley, chairwoman of UT's Faculty Council, requested that the issue be put on the agenda.

Hilley said part of her reasoning for making the request was to see where the faculty councils of other UT campuses and medical schools stand on the issue.

“I wanted to see whether all of the other campuses felt the same way,” Hilley said. “And it passed unanimously.”

In the last few years, the Senate of College Councils and Student Government passed similar resolutions calling for competitive benefits to be extended to partners of UT employees and retirees without regard to the partner's sex.

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Lawmakers pondering financial aid funding

By Joshua Fechter

Texas lawmakers are grappling with how to properly fund a state financial aid program that benefits thousands of UT students.

Current funding proposals to the TEXAS Grant Program, which supplies financial assistance to low-income students, remain unchanged from the previous legislative session despite enrollment growth.

State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, said he will co-chair a working group of the Senate Finance Committee focused on higher education funding that will examine how the state should fund the program. He said he hopes to allocate more funds to the program.

“It's money that is very, very well spent, and the state gets a lot out of it,” Seliger said.

Math sophomore Daniela Benitez said she may have attended UT-Permian Basin

instead of UT-Austin had she not received the grant.

“Without that grant, I wouldn't have that opportunity to become what I really want to be,” Benitez, who plans to transfer into the Cockrell School of Engineering, said.

The House and Senate budget proposals allocate \$555.5 million for the upcoming biennium, which is the same funding level as the previous legislative session.

Texas public universities enrolled 577,000 students in fall 2012, which is an increase almost 20 percent of the total students from fall 2005, according to a report published by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The board projects that statewide enrollment will grow to 600,000 students by 2015 and 630,000 by 2020.

Thomas Melecki, director

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CAMPUS

Expo honors local, national art

By Jeremy Thomas

Inspired to connect with their inner Rembrandt, UT students viewed various printmaking editions on display for the Open Studios Print Expo and New Prints 2012 Exhibition.

The various prints were on display Saturday at the Art Building and Museum and Visual Arts Center.

Part of the atmosphere derived from the International Print Center New York's art exhibition collection titled New Prints 2012 and the attendance of Austin-area art curators and well-known printmaking studios such as Flatbed Press, Coronado Studio, Serie Project, Slugfest Printmaking Workshop and Women Printmakers of Austin.

The art of printmaking involves creating works by printers onto a variety of matrices such as paper or wood.

Jason Roh, a senior in the Department of Art and



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Senior studio art major Noelle Bilodean renders a relief print in the UT Art Building and Museum on Saturday afternoon.

Art History, said the opportunity to be around great printers and print shops was awe-inspiring.

“It's almost like meeting the Tiger Woods of printmaking — minus the scandals,” Roh said. “To stand next to artists that have gone through what you have at one point and see them succeed is very motivating. Seeing the works of art makes me itch to get back into the studio and work all

throughout the day and night.”

The UT Printmaking Convergence program formulated the idea of the Open Studios Print Expo, which is in its inaugural year. Co-Director Kenneth Hale said the idea behind the program and the event is to have all the people working in printmaking to converge and start exchanging ideas while getting to know

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NEWS BRIEFLY

Search for ex-cop sets region on edge

IRVINE, Calif. — A heavy police presence blocked off a street in Southern California on Sunday, as residents adjusted to life in the midst of a sprawling manhunt for a fugitive whose vitriolic online manifesto has put the region on high-alert.

Police are working to protect dozens of families considered targets based on Christopher Dorner’s Facebook rant against those he held responsible for ending his career with the Los Angeles Police Department five years ago.

Dorner, 33, is suspected of killing three people, including one police officer, and on the fourth day of the manhunt, authorities put up a \$1 million reward for information leading to his capture.

West Bank film infuriates both sides

BILIN, West Bank — An Oscar-nominated documentary about this West Bank hamlet has managed to infuriate people on both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian divide.

In Israel, some are asking why the government helped fund it, while Palestinians are shocked that it is winning accolades for being “Israeli.”

The title, “Five Broken Cameras,” refers to the number of cameras that the main protagonist, Palestinian filmmaker Emad Burnat, had broken by Israeli forces as he sought to film weekly demonstrations against the military. Residents were protesting the seizure of about half the village lands to construct a separation barrier running through parts of the West Bank.

Mississippi tornado causes major damage

NEW ORLEANS— Emergency officials said an apparent tornado caused significant damage Sunday in Hattiesburg, Miss., after passing along a main road.

Forrest County Fire Coordinator Chip Brown says there is major damage in Hattiesburg and Petal, including on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi. He couldn’t confirm injuries.

He said the damage was still being evaluated, but that the storm passed along a main Hattiesburg thoroughfare.

National Weather Service meteorologist Joanne Culin says there have also been reports of injuries in Marion County.

More than 100 killed in South Sudan raid

SOUTH SUDAN — More than 100 people were killed in a violence-prone region of South Sudan when one tribe attacked another while cattle were being moved across land, officials said Sunday.

Kuol Manyang Juuk, the governor of Jonglei state, said 103 people died in the Friday clash in Akobo County. Juuk said 17 of the attackers were killed and that 14 soldiers from South Sudan’s military, the SPLA, who were accompanying the cattle-moving tribe also died.

Jonglei County has been wracked by massive bouts of tribal violence for years. The United Nations says more than 2,600 violence-related deaths were reported in Jonglei from January 2011 to September 2012, and account for more than half of reported deaths in South Sudan.



Pu Ying Huang | Daily Texan Staff

A New York Parks and Recreation worker plows through snow in Bryant Park on Saturday morning, the day after a major blizzard blew through the Northeast. The storm brought up to three feet of snow and has been blamed for at least 14 deaths.

Northeast slowly recovering from blizzard

By Bob Salsberg & David Klepper

Associated Press

NEWPORT, R.I. — Travel eased and life slowly returned to normal for most New Englanders after a massive blizzard, but many remained without power in cold and darkened homes and a forecast of rain brought a new worry: Weight piling up dangerously on roofs already burdened by heavy snow.

The storm that slammed into the region with up to three feet of snow was blamed for at least 14 deaths in the Northeast and Canada, and brought some of the highest accumulations

ever recorded. Still, coastal areas were largely spared catastrophic damage despite being lashed by strong waves and hurricane-force wind gusts at the height of the storm.

Hundreds of people, their homes without heat or electricity, were forced to take refuge in emergency shelters set up in schools or other places.

“For all the complaining everyone does, people really came through,” said Rich Dinsmore, 65, of Newport, R.I., who was staying at a Red Cross shelter set up in a middle school in Middletown after the power went out in his home on Friday.

Dinsmore, who has emphysema, was first brought by ambulance to a hospital after the medical equipment

he relies on failed when the power went out and he had difficulty breathing.

“The police, the fire department, the state, the Red Cross, the volunteers, it really worked well,” said the retired radio broadcaster and Army veteran.

Utility crews, some brought in from as far away as Georgia, Oklahoma and Quebec, raced to restore power to more than 300,000 customers — down from 650,000 in eight states at the height of the storm. In hardest-hit Massachusetts, where some 234,000 customers remained without power on Sunday, officials said some of the outages might linger until Tuesday.

Driving bans were lifted and flights resumed at major

airports in the region that had closed during the storm, although many flights were still canceled Sunday.

Boston public schools were among many in the region that had already decided to cancel classes on Monday.

Boston recorded 24.9 inches of snow, making it the fifth-largest storm in the city since records have been kept. The city was appealing to the state and private contractors for more front-end loaders and other heavy equipment to clear snow piles that were clogging residential streets.

On eastern Long Island, which was slammed with as much as 30 inches of snow, hundreds of snowplows and other heavy equipment were sent in Sunday to clear ice- and drift-covered highways

where hundreds of people and cars were abandoned during the height of the storm.

More than a third of all the state’s snow-removal equipment was sent to the area, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said, including more than 400 plow trucks and more than 100 snow blowers, loaders and backhoes.

The National Weather Service was forecasting rain and warmer temperatures in the region on Monday — which could begin melting some snow but also add considerable weight to snow already piled on roofs, posing the danger of collapse. Of greatest concern were flat or gently-sloped roofs and officials said people should try to clear them — but only if they could do so safely.



Iranians flash the victory sign as they hold posters showing President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, right, late Ayatollah Khomeini, second right, and Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, center and left, at a rally commemorating the anniversary of the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Vahid Salemi
Associated Press

Iranian president hints at talks with U.S.

By Brian Murphy & Nasser Karimi

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — There was nothing essentially new in the message to Washington from Iran’s president on Sunday: Repeating last week’s statement by the Iranian supreme leader that direct talks cannot happen as long as sanctions remain.

What drew attention was how Mahmoud Ahmadinejad injected himself into it.

Ahmadinejad told crowds marking the anniversary of the 1979 Islamic Revolution that he personally was ready to take part in one-on-one dialogue with the U.S. if Western economic pressures were eased. Even in the twilight of his

presidency, Ahmadinejad’s political ego remains as intact as ever — suggesting both a feisty prelude to June elections and efforts by Ahmadinejad to seek the spotlight after his second and final term.

While he was careful not to contradict Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the offer to represent Iran in possible future dialogue — whether real or rhetorical — was an indirect slap and suggests no easing of a political feud between Ahmadinejad and the ruling clerics. The supreme leader, not the president, oversees all critical matters of state, including picking envoys for international talks and setting policy toward Washington.

French stores act on horsemeat

By Angela Charlton

Associated Press

PARIS — Europe’s horsemeat scandal is spreading and threatening cross-border tensions, as France says Romanian butchers and Dutch and Cypriot traders were part of a supply chain that resulted in horsemeat disguised as beef being sold in frozen lasagna around the continent.

French supermarkets announced Sunday that they’ve recalled a raft of pre-prepared meals, including lasagna, moussaka and cannelloni suspected of containing undeclared

horsemeat. The French ministers for agriculture, the food industry and consumer protection are holding an emergency meeting Monday with meat producers.

While horsemeat is largely taboo in Britain and some other countries, in France it is sold in specialty butcher shops and prized by some connoisseurs. But French authorities are worried about producers misleading the public.

No one has reported health risks from the mislabeled meat, but it has unsettled consumers across Europe.

Accusations are flying. In

France, the foreign minister called it “disgusting,” and consumer safety authorities increased inspections of the country’s meat business, from slaughterhouses to supermarkets. Romania’s president is scrambling to salvage his country’s reputation. A Swedish manufacturer is suing a French supplier central to the affair.

The motivation for passing off horsemeat as beef appeared to be financial, and authorities are concentrating on pursuing anyone guilty of fraud in the affair, said France’s junior minister for consumer goods, Benoit French Benoit Hamon.

Islamic extremists attack Malian troops

By Krista Larson

Associated Press

GAO, Mali — Black-robed Islamic extremists armed with AK-47 automatic rifles invaded Gao in wooden boats Sunday to launch a surprise attack on the most populous city in northern Mali, two weeks after French and Malian troops ousted the jihadists.

Gunfire echoed for hours across the city of mud-walled buildings. The combat started at about 2 p.m. in downtown Gao and the fighting was continuing as night fell. Later the sound of gunfire was replaced by the clattering of French military



Jerome Delay | Associated Press

A Malian soldier takes cover behind a truck during exchanges of fire with jihadists in Gao, northern Mali.

helicopters overhead.

The attack in Gao shows the Islamic fighters, many of them well-armed and with combat experience, are determined and daring and it foreshadows a protracted campaign by France and other nations to restore government control in this vast Saharan nation in northwest Africa.

VIEWPOINT

Fund public schools ... file fewer fed-bashing bills

UT's stake in school funding war

On Feb. 4, John Dietz, a state district judge from Austin, ruled in favor of more than 600 Texas school districts, claiming that the state does not adequately fund its public schools and therefore violates the “efficiency” provision of Article VII of the Texas Constitution. The ruling, which is expected to be appealed to the Texas Supreme Court, is a victory for public school students statewide, including those attending this University. We applaud Judge Dietz’s defense of Texas public schools, and we hope that the Texas Supreme Court justices will reach a similar conclusion.

In a statement on the ruling, Dietz enumerated the broad, societal benefits associated with a population that enjoys what he called “the miracle of education,” including lower crime rates and greater state income. Some of those benefits, though not explicitly mentioned by Dietz, have a real, positive impact on state universities.

Anemic K-12 educations prevent UT college freshmen from fully capitalizing on the resources UT offers.

David Laude, UT’s senior vice provost for enrollment and graduation management, names students’ failing courses in their first year as a significant hindrance to improving four-year graduation rates,

one avenue the University has aggressively pursued in its search for greater efficiency. When students from impoverished school districts are admitted to UT, often under the state’s Top Ten Percent rule, the University must devote ever-scarcer resources to helping them adjust to a more demanding college environment, with varying degrees of success. A recent plan proposed by Laude, for example, will allocate \$5 million in financial aid to incentivize at-risk students to graduate in four years. We have yet to see how effective the plan will be. But investing in those same students’ education at an earlier age will reduce the need for remedial efforts, made at the University’s expense, once they reach college.

Inadequate state support is a familiar problem on this campus. UT-Austin has had to make difficult decisions in response to decreases in state funding, evident most recently in UT President William Powers Jr.’s report on measures to improve “efficiency” at the University by means of consolidation and outsourcing. UT has to figure out how best to allocate its limited resources, which can be used more effectively if the state of Texas does a better job of educating its students before they get here.

The more things change...

On Jan. 22 we called out several Texas state representatives — John Otto, Jim Pitts, Jimmie Aycock, Drew Darby and Tony Dale — for filing a bill, H.B. 553, that declared any federal regulation of guns to be unconstitutional, asserted that Texas, therefore, doesn’t have to comply with it and proposed the prosecution of any law enforcement officer who attempted to enforce said federal laws. The bill openly defied the Supremacy Clause of the Constitution, which declares any act of Congress or executive order to be the “supreme law of the land.” Whatever the Texas Legislature seems to believe, states simply don’t have the authority to invalidate federal law.

Unfortunately, it seems state Representatives Matt Krause, Scott Sanford, Allen Fletcher, Giovanni Capriglione, Pat Fallon, Dan Flynn, Bryan Hughes, Rick Miller and Ron Simmons have forgotten that message. On Feb. 4, these nine lawmakers co-authored and filed a bill that proposes almost the exact same provisions as H.B. 553. The only difference between the bills introduced in January and February is that the more recent one acknowledges the ability of the federal government to make laws, before declaring that Texas doesn’t have to cooperate with their implementation.

The text of the two bills is nearly identical, but on Krause’s website, a press release attempts to distinguish this bill from its predecessor: “H.B.

928 is different from any other bill protecting Texas gun owners that has been proposed in the State Legislature thus far this session, as it creates a legal framework for state-directed cooperation, or noncooperation, putting Texas in control of the issue ... The federal government cannot possibly enforce intrusive regulations without the aid of the state. H.B. 928 will deny them that aid.”

We fail to see how this is anything new. From the battlefields of the Civil War to the bus stations and public schools of the 1960’s Deep South, states have attempted similarly rebellious measures throughout this nation’s history. They’ve never succeeded, and they won’t succeed now.

These bills will likely die long before they reach Gov. Rick Perry’s desk, but they are symptomatic of a much greater problem. Almost ten percent of the Texas House of Representatives has authored — not just voted for — bills openly flouting the authority of the U.S. government. Even more worrisome, this Legislature has turned the debate over gun rights and federalism into little more than an arena for childish one-upmanship. It’s a contest over which conservative reactionary can scream the loudest, and the prize is the approval of the Tea Party constituency. How long will our state leaders continue to fight for the privilege of filing blatantly unconstitutional and wrongheaded legislation when they clearly know better?

GALLERY



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Let UT play A&M... without the Lege’s help

Chad Markey

Daily Texan Columnist

I think I speak on behalf of most of the UT and A&M communities when I say that I grieve the end of one of the greatest football rivalries in American history. Regardless of your opinion on the traditional contest, the annual Thanksgiving football game played between the two schools was truly ingrained in Texan culture and athleticism. It led to a healthy competition that physically brought communities together and created a substantial influx of money into Austin and College Station every year.

On Jan. 28, state Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City, a Texas A&M graduate, filed a bill, H.B. 778, that would mandate an annual out-of-conference football game between the respective universities. Though the idea of having the schools play each other once again is not necessarily bad, the proposed law itself is poorly designed. In the text of the bill, which is only slightly over a page long, Guillen states that whichever team refuses to play in the game will not be able to award “athletic scholarship[s], grant[s], or similar financial assistance funded with state money” during the following academic year. If the bill were to pass, those provisions would take effect Sept. 1.

Guillen’s proposed punishments for the teams unwilling to play a UT-A&M game are disappointing because not only do they completely limit the bill’s chances of passing, but they also cast doubt about its author’s grasp of simple logic and logistics.

UT’s out-of-conference schedule is completely booked until 2020 and A&M’s until the end of 2014. If H.B. 778 were to come into effect September 2013, both schools would be hit with fines and penalties. UT would have to cancel one out-of-conference game for each of the next seven years, thus paying the respective teams alimony for rescheduling inconvenience and for breaking media contracts. The same would go for Texas A&M. The bill does not address whether the state would reimburse UT and A&M for fines and penalties, but

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that prospect seems doubtful.

If H.B. 778 were to pass, the question of its constitutionality might arise. Does the state even have authority to manipulate the scheduling of National Collegiate Athletic Association games? On which legal clause can they claim control of this situation? Another point of interest is whether the state has any right to govern NCAA scholarships. They are often the product of an interstate activity, over which state governments have little authority. It may even result in student-athletes suing the state.

Obviously, a strong demand for this game and tradition to continue persists. People want to see the two schools play each other again. I think the same goes for the powers that be within the NCAA. There is a lot of money that can be made from this rivalry and history proves it. So in reality, we don’t really need legislation for this rivalry to continue — fate will eventually bring it about.

When Rep. Guillen was asked specifically why he filed the bill, he responded, “This game is as much a Texas tradition as cowboy boots and barbecue. The purpose of the bill is to put the eyes of Texas upon our two greatest universities to restore this sacred Texas tradition.” So, obviously, Rep. Guillen cares about his constituents and their appreciation of Texas football culture. But, there are other ways of going about achieving Guillen’s goals, and dubious legislation is not one of them. I hope prudence saves the day and that this bill does not even make it past committee. It would do more harm than good.

Markey is an RTF sophomore from Houston.

WHAT TO WATCH

FEBRUARY 11 - 15

At the beginning of every week, we provide a list of opinion-worthy events to expect during the coming week.

1 “When I Rise” (2010) is playing at the Violet Crown Cinema downtown at 7 p.m. tonight. The film tells the story of Barbara Smith Conrad, who, as a black music student at UT in 1957, was cast in an opera alongside a white, male co-star, inciting racist objections from the Texas Legislature. In the end, Conrad was removed from the cast and the episode made national headlines. The Violet Crown is located on San Antonio and 2nd streets. Free parking with the purchase of a ticket is available in the parking garage between 2nd and 3rd streets.

2 “American Meat,” a documentary about “a grass-roots revolution in the meat industry in America,” will play at the Texas Union Theatre Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. A panel discussion with the director and “other food world experts” will follow, as will a “free after-party at Chipotle on the Drag.”

3 Mexican painter Friday Kahlo’s “Self-portrait with Thorn Necklace and Hummingbird” will once again be on display at the Harry Ransom Center (its owner) beginning Thursday. The painting, which has been on almost continuous loan since 1990, is part of the Ransom Center’s Nickolas Muray collection. See it before it leaves again on July 28 .

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Supercomputers answer questions about formation of universe

By Alberto Long

Emerging technology at UT is playing a critical role in new astronomical research aimed at answering humanity’s most meaningful questions, a University astronomy professor said.

Volker Bromm, associate professor in the Department of Astronomy, discussed the formation of the early universe inside a packed AVAYA Auditorium as part of the 21st annual Great Lecture in Astronomy on Saturday afternoon.

Bromm’s lecture focused on the initial sources of light that ended the cosmic “dark ages.” The lecture also focused on emerging astro-

nomical technology.

Bromm said astronomy has entered into a golden age of discovery, made possible by the confluence of emerging technologies.

“To answer big questions, you need to have the right tools,” Bromm said. “We need the supercomputers to make the predictions, and you need the telescopes to get you back in time to the first moments of star formation.”

Bromm used large-scale supercomputer simulations created at the Texas Advanced Computing Center to visually represent the formation of early stars and galaxies. He described new telescopes that will supplement ongoing research into the early universe, including

the James Webb Space Telescope, which is set to launch in 2018, and the Giant Magellan Telescope, of which UT is a founding partner.

“The next few years will be incredibly important,” Bromm said. “Incredibly exciting for astronomy because for the first time, I believe we have the chance to answer some of those questions that humans have had over millennia.”

Physics freshman Max Parks was among several students that attended the lecture. Parks said he was not aware of the computing power the University has access to.

“As a student, it’s exciting to see all these areas where UT is excelling at a rapid pace,” Parks said. “It’s always great



Dr. Volker Bromm explains how the first stars and galaxies were created in the ACES Auditorium on Saturday afternoon.

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for me to find out about huge leaps we’re taking not only in the entire field of science, but also just here at UT.”

Bromm said the University

is in a unique position to motivate undergraduate and graduate participation in astronomy.

“I think UT, in principle, is able to play big,” Bromm

said. “It’s very motivating to students if you can tell your undergrad side and your grad students that [major] discoveries are made here.”

CAMPUS

Debaters question basis for human moralilty

By Klarissa Fitzpatrick

Morality can be derived from faith-based sources or from objective reasoning, according to scholars Dinesh D’Souza and Andrew Bernstein.

D’Souza and Bernstein discussed whether Christianity has had a positive or negative impact on the world in a debate organized by the UT Objectivism Society and the philosophical journal The Objective Standard.

Bernstein is an objectivist philosopher who believes morality is based on reason instead of faith in a religious deity. D’Souza, who worked as a political adviser to Ronald Reagan and is a conservative activist, asserted that Christian faith has resulted in concepts including the individual, free

trade and freedom.

Bernstein asserted that the only way to hold a rational view of the universe is to accept that creation from nothing is impossible. In explaining the existence of good and evil, Bernstein said the two forces arose while human beings were trying to survive.

“Nature requires us to gain certain values in order to sustain our lives,” Bernstein said. “The good for man is that which factually, objectively promotes his life ... and the evil is that which factually undermines or harms.”

D’Souza said because Bernstein does not know if God exists, he acts on faith-based conclusions, in the same way that D’Souza acts on faith.

“True belief is not a denial of doubt, it is the acknowledgement of it,” D’Souza

said. “I think we have to admit that if we are honest, we have no answers to the most fundamental questions of existence. In other words, we don’t on the basis of reason.”

To support his claim that Christianity enforces faith with violence, Bernstein referenced mass killings conducted under Christian regimes and by Christians, like the St. Bartholomew’s Day massacre of French Protestants in the 1500s.

“There are only two ways to deal with human beings,” Bernstein said. “You deal with them by reason, or you deal with them by force. ... With reason subordinated to faith, rational persuasion is subordinated to force.”

In response, D’Souza pointed out that many of the most civilized concepts and institutions that form the

basis of current society developed during Christianity’s heyday in the Middle Ages.

“Out of the rubble of Europe, created by the decadence, corruption and irresponsibility of Rome, the Christians reconstituted Western civilization, rediscovered Roman learning and Greek learning,” D’Souza said.

UT Objectivism Society president Grant Baker said although he had heard many of the debaters’ arguments before, he was still surprised by some of the points made.

“Bernstein did some unexpected things, however,” Baker said. “Using the axiom of consciousness to disprove the idea of a consciousness existing pre-universe was something I had never seen before, and I thought D’Souza did not overcome this.”

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of the Office of Student Financial Services, said flat funding for the program while enrollment grows results in fewer funds to award new grants to incoming freshmen.

The program’s rules state that if appropriations to the program are not enough to allow awards to all eligible students, continuation awards, or awards to students who already receive the grant, must take priority.

Melecki said the University offered grants to about 1,600 freshmen last academic year. This year, that decreased to less than 1,400 freshmen, which was less than half of admitted freshmen who were eligible for the grant, Melecki said.

“That’s where we run into problems,” Melecki said.

Students eligible for an initial award must have an expected family contribution to their cost of attendance of \$4,000 or less. To stay eligible for subsequent awards, stu-

dents must maintain a GPA of 2.5 and complete 24 credit hours per academic year.

The Legislature allocated \$50.7 million to 8,449 students at UT eligible for the grant during the 2012-13 biennium, according to information provided by the Office of Student Financial Services. During the 2010-11 biennium, 7,653 UT students received grants out of the \$59.4 million allocated by the Legislature to the University.

Math freshman Luis Anaya said he planned to attend the engineering school at UT-San Antonio before he received the grant, which swayed him to attend UT-Austin and transfer into the engineering program.

“[The engineering program at UTSA] is on the rise but I feel like UT already had an established prestige and it’s a lot more competitive here, so I know that if I get a degree here, I know that I had to earn it and work for it,” Anaya said.

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OSU

Barnes baffled by defeat

By Nick Cremona

Following the Longhorns' 72-59 loss to No. 22 Oklahoma State on Saturday afternoon, Texas head coach Rick Barnes summed up his team's performance in three words before elaborating on the state of Texas basketball.

"I was baffled," Barnes said. "That wasn't a pretty game any way you look at it."

After gaining a three-point lead early in the first half, the Longhorns (10-13, 2-8 Big 12) fell victim to heavy defensive pressure from the Cowboys (17-5, 7-3 Big 12), resulting in yet another conference let-down. Texas shot a paltry 5.6 percent from three-point range in its worst performance from beyond the arc since 1990.

The Longhorns' chances at making a postseason tournament of any kind have been in jeopardy for some time now, and with eight games to go in conference play things don't



Freshman guard Javan Felix fights off an Oklahoma State defender in the Longhorns' 72-59 loss to Oklahoma State on Saturday afternoon. Felix gave up eight turnovers before fouling out in the second half.

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seem to be getting any better. "I told the guys that they were going to be graded in three ways," Barnes said. "First is their effort. Second is how fearless

they are on the court during games, and third is if they actually want to be coached. You have to want to be coached in order to improve."

Texas entered halftime trailing by seven points, holding the Cowboys to 32.3 percent field goal shooting, but freshman point guard Javan Felix's

four first-half turnovers kept the Longhorns from getting anything going offensively.

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Poor shooting dooms Horns in loss to OSU

GAME BREAKDOWN

First Half: It took the Longhorns nearly five minutes to get on the board, but they finally did with Javan Felix's layup at the 15:31 mark. Texas, who boasts the nation's second-best field goal percentage defense, held Oklahoma State to 33.3 percent shooting from the floor in the first half. The Longhorns trailed, 29-22, at halftime after shooting 32.3 percent from the floor in the first 20 minutes.

Second Half: A seven-point halftime deficit became a 19-point Oklahoma State lead at one point. Demarcus Holland got the second-half scoring started with a jumper that cut the Cowboys' advantage to five points, but that was as close as the Longhorns would get. They'd go on to lose by 13, marking the seventh time they have lost by double digits this season.

— Christian Corona

BY THE NUMBERS

1: Three-pointers made by Texas. The Longhorns were 1-for-18 from beyond the arc in Saturday's 72-59 loss to Oklahoma State. Julien Lewis, who scored nine points on 3-for-13 shooting, hit his team's only three-pointer with 4:02 remaining in the first half. Texas went on to miss its final 12 attempts from beyond the arc.

2: Days until Myck Kabongo makes his season debut. Kabongo has completed his 23-game suspension for receiving impermissible benefits during the offseason. Texas has gone 10-13 in his absence, winning just twice in conference play so far. Kabongo's replacement, Javan Felix, has had his ups and downs. His 5.5 assists and 3.3 turnovers per game are both the third-most in the Big 12.

5.6: Texas' shooting percentage from beyond the arc, its worst mark in school history. The Longhorns' previous worst shooting performance from three-point range came in a loss to Arkansas in 2009, when they went 1-for-14 (7.1 percent) from beyond the arc.

WHAT'S NEXT

Texas hosts Iowa State on Wednesday as Kabongo takes the floor for the first time this year. When the Longhorns went to Ames last month, they were blown out in a 82-62 defeat. It was their third straight loss during a five-game losing streak.

STOCK DOWN

Javan Felix: In his last game as the team's starting point guard, Felix scored as many points as the number of turnovers he committed (eight). The rest of his team committed seven. In the 27 minutes he was on the floor before he fouled out, Felix grabbed one rebound and recorded just one assist while shooting 3-for-8 from the floor.

Prince Ibeh: He doesn't normally get many minutes anyway, but Ibeh didn't do himself any favors by being called for four fouls in just nine minutes of play. Ibeh has played more than 10 minutes just once in his last seven games, but he can't keep getting into quick foul trouble like this, especially with Jonathan Holmes sidelined with a broken hand.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Freshman Imani McGee-Stafford attempts a shot against Baylor's Brittney Griner as Texas fell 75-48 to the nation's top-ranked team and defending national champions.



Marisa Vasquez
Daily Texan Staff

Longhorns can't upset No. 1 Baylor

By Garrett Callahan

The Longhorns had high hopes of taking down top-ranked Baylor on Saturday night but saw an all too familiar scene play out as they fell once again in Big 12 play.

Texas (9-13, 2-9 Big 12) kept it close through the first half but was unable to keep the game from getting out of hand as No. 1 Baylor (22-1, 12-0 Big 12) took a dominating 75-48 win at the Frank Erwin Center.

The freshman duo of Imani McGee-Stafford and Empress Davenport led the Longhorns with 13 points apiece. McGee-Stafford also tallied a career-high 18 rebounds while matched up against the All-American Brittney Griner.

"It's a typical Baylor performance where they are dominating on the defensive end, in my opinion," head

coach Karen Aston said. "I am really proud of our team's effort. I'm proud that these two freshmen showed that they are willing to compete in this league."

Before settling down, the Longhorns got out to a 5-0 lead to start the game. They were able to control the 6-foot-8-inch Griner as they threw everything they had at the star. She was held to two points and no rebounds in just nine minutes of play in the first half.

McGee-Stafford did her job in stopping the former AP National Player of the Year.

"I thought [Stafford's play] was really good," Aston said. "I'm proud of her effort. I thought she was tremendous on the boards. I thought she competed on every possession. But what I hope she learns is that the position that Brittney gets herself in on offense is where I want

Imani to get."

The Los Angeles native took the game to use Griner as a foresight to where she can be in the future.

"I think the most important thing I can say is that this was a learning experience," McGee-Stafford said. "Brittney Griner for me is like a human measuring stick. I get to see how far I have progressed from now. Being 6-foot-7, I got compared to her a lot in high school. I was just excited to play her and see how far I can progress."

Other than that there wasn't much comparing of the two teams on the court. With 15:05 to go in the game, Griner took an inbound pass, dribbled a few steps into a two-handed dunk, ending all momentum Texas had.

"It gave us some energy," Griner said. "It got us pumped

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Texas slows down Griner

GAME BREAKDOWN

First Half: With everyone counting them out before the game even started, the Longhorns had their pedal to the metal from the opening tip as they jumped out to a 5-0 lead to start the game. They wasted no time executing their game plan on Brittney Griner, bumping her hard and forcing her into double teams every possession before sending her to the bench with two fouls at the 12:44 mark. Griner finished the half with only two points in nine minutes of play. The Bears forced 15 Texas turnovers and held the Longhorns to only 32.1 percent shooting. Imani McGee-Stafford led the charge for Texas in what was an overall sloppy half, compiling eight points and 11 rebounds. Baylor took a 34-25 lead into halftime.

Second Half: Texas kept the game tight to open the second half, continuing to pressure Griner. Empress Davenport lit a fire under the Longhorns by making her first three shots to open the half before McGee-Stafford hit a three-pointer with 16:25 left to cut the Baylor lead to four. Everything changed however after Griner found an opening and dunked the ball home with 15:05 to go, bringing the Baylor fans to their feet and energizing her teammates. Baylor proved too pesky on defense and too strong in the paint. Baylor finished the final 16 minutes on a 34-14 run while outscoring the Longhorns 38-20 in the paint for the game.

— Matt Warden

BY THE NUMBERS

18: McGee-Stafford pulled down a career-high 18 rebounds despite being matched up with Griner the majority of the game.

31.6: Texas shot just 31.6 percent from the floor in the game against one of the best defenses in the country.

20: Baylor outscored Texas by 20 points in the final 16 minutes of regulation, turning a seven-point second-half lead into a 27-point victory.

NEXT TIME OUT

Texas will head to Manhattan, Kan. on Wednesday to battle Kansas State.

STOCK UP

Imani McGee-Stafford: Saturday was a momentous night in her career. Despite only shooting 31.3 percent from the field, she pulled down a career-high 18 rebounds as she continued to show progress. She showed no fear while going head-to-head with the best player in women's basketball, playing 38 valuable minutes, a career high. She also knocked down her first career three-pointer in the game.

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Hampton commits during Junior Day

Sunday marked the first Junior Day for the Longhorns and it has already proved to be successful as 28 players came to Austin according to hornsnsation.com.

The Longhorns got their eighth 2014 commitment as Dallas Skyline OLB Cameron Hampton verbally accepted his offer Sunday morning. Hampton (6-foot-2, 215 pounds) should bring strength and versatility to the Texas defense, which struggled in 2012. When he arrives at the 40 acres, he most likely will be put to the test early as linebackers DeMarco Cobbs and Jordan Hicks will be gone by that time.

Defensive coordinator Manny Diaz played a large role in getting the four-star recruit, according to rivals.com, who had Texas and Oklahoma as his top two schools. Diaz made multiple visits to Hampton's home, even attending one of his basketball games last week. Hampton also had offers from Notre Dame, LSU, West Virginia, and Oklahoma among others.

In addition, Texas made three known offers throughout the day, according to hornsnsation.com. All went to S John Bonney (Houston Lamar), DE Jarrett Johnson (Katy Seven Lakes) and OLB Dillon Bates (Ponte Vedra), who wasn't present at the Junior Day.

— Garrett Callahan

SOFTBALL

Horns win third straight Texas Classic title

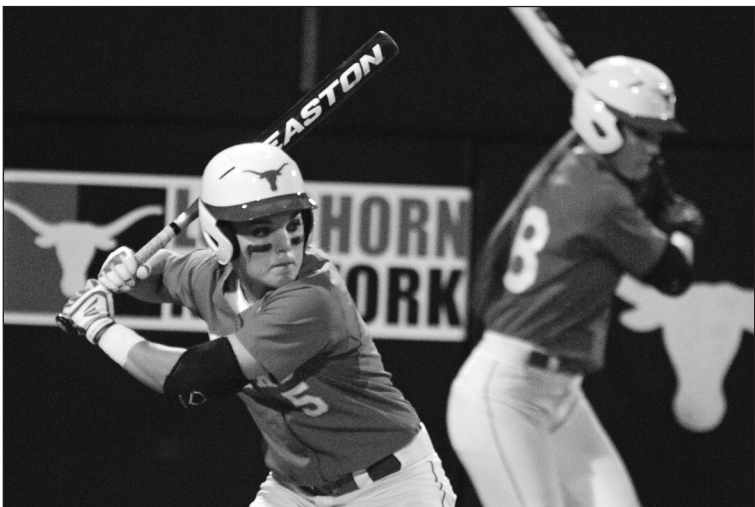
By Evan Berkowitz

The Longhorns claimed their third straight Texas Classic championship after a 5-4 victory Sunday over North Texas. The team won all five games throughout the weekend, outscoring their opponents 32-5.

“I was pleased,” head coach Connie Clark said of the team’s weekend performance. “We got a lot of different looks. We got all our rookies in and got all four pitchers starts.”

After winning all three pool play games, the Longhorns faced Texas A&M-Corpus Christi in Saturday’s semifinal game. The Islanders collected five more hits against Kim Bruins than they did in the first matchup between the teams, when they were no-hit by Blaire Luna in the Longhorns’ season opener Thursday night. No more runs were scored, however, in this run-rule shut-out Bruins also provided the offense with a two-run homer to break the game open.

“It felt great for my first start,” Bruins said. “I just went



Catcher Mandy Ogle waits for her pitch during a Texas Classic pool play game against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Friday. Ogle recorded six RBI’s throughout the weekend.

Shelby Tauber
Daily Texan Staff

out looking to hit my spots and hit a line-drive and things worked out.”

The 8-0 win against the Islanders slated them for a rematch with the Mean Green in the championship game. As Blaire Luna, the team’s ace, took to the mound for the first time since the opener, thoughts of a second no-hitter didn’t last long. UNT’s leadoff hitter, Lesley Hirsch, singled to begin the game. Control problems hurt Luna in the first inning as three walks and a wild pitch allowed North

Texas to score twice.

“She wasn’t as ready as she needed to be on first pitch,” Clark said. “She rushed her warmup and didn’t do her same routine. She came out of the bullpen and went right on the field.”

After a five-run Texas second inning, powered by Mandy Ogle’s three-run homer and six straight hits, Luna finally found her rhythm as she allowed no hits for the next four innings. But she ran into trouble with two outs in the sixth as the Mean Green cut

the Longhorns’ lead to 5-4. A scoreless seventh helped hold the lead Texas took after a five-run second inning, and Luna picked up her second win in as many attempts while recording 14 strikeouts.

“I was just trying to hit my spots and rely on Mandy [Ogle],” Luna said. “I found my rhythm during the game when I was fully warmed [up].”

The undefeated Longhorns return to Red and Charline McCombs Field at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday against Stephen F. Austin.

Texas able to edge out UNT

NORTH TEXAS

Brejae Washington’s inside-the-park home run followed Stephanie Ceo’s two-out RBI to usher in Texas’ 9-1 win over North Texas. Freshman Holly Kern pitched a one-run complete game with six strikeouts.

— Jori Epstein

MEMPHIS

Despite not scoring in the first four innings, the Longhorns triumphed over Memphis Saturday in a 4-0 shutout to enter the semifinals undefeated. Gabby Smith pitched her first career complete game, relying heavily on her defense.

SEMIFINALS VS. A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI

With a shutout, along with a home run and three RBIs, Kim Bruins led Texas into the championship game with a five-inning, 8-0 victory over the Islanders. The Longhorns, after scoring five runs in the third, scored in the final three innings as well. Their four extra-base hits brought their season slugging percentage to .556 amidst the afternoon drizzle.

CHAMPIONSHIPS VS. NORTH TEXAS

After a shaky two-run, first-inning deficit, Texas recovered in the second as Mandy Ogle’s fifth career home run plated three en route to a five-run inning that saw Texas record five straight hits. Though a sixth-inning scare allowed the Mean Green to come within one, Blaire Luna’s final inning shutout captured Texas the Texas Classic Championship.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 68:** Brejae Washington’s stolen base career total, a Texas record
- 160:** Taylor Hoagland’s career runs total, six away from Lexy Bennett’s school record (166)
- 6:** Runs the Longhorns scored during the second inning of Friday’s North Texas match-up
- 28:** Blaire Luna’s strikeouts for the Texas Classic
- 16:** Two-out runs the Longhorns scored in their first four games

BARNES

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“Javan played his worst game by far this year,” Barnes said.

Felix eventually fouled out in the second half, but not before coughing the ball up eight times and recording just one assist in 27 minutes. Felix, the Big 12 leader in minutes played, has started each conference game but has not found his shot or open teammates on a regular basis.

Ioannis Papapetrou led Texas in scoring for the first time this season with 15 points. Papapetrou has shown promise as of late and has scored

in double figures in six of the last eight games. Only one other Longhorn, Demarcus Holland, reached double digits as the freshman added a career-high 13 points against Oklahoma. Texas’ leading scorer, Sheldon McClellan, failed to score a basket until nine minutes remained in the game, and finished with just four points.

“We don’t play as a team,” Papapetrou said. “Guys worry about themselves, who’s getting the most minutes or their personal stats, but it’s a team game.”

Although the Longhorns scored 19 points off 17 Cowboys turnovers, the Texas post players were manhandled on the offensive glass and pressured

into making mistakes far too often. Save for Papapetrou, the Texas bigs scored just 10 points, with eight credited to Jaylen Bond in garbage.

Now that his 23-game suspension has been served, sophomore point guard Myck Kabongo is slated to make his season debut Wednesday night at home against Iowa State. After Felix’s last outing, Kabongo’s presence will be welcomed by Texas and adds a boost to the sluggish offense that has been on display all year.

“Myck will definitely start Wednesday,” Barnes said. “He has been our hardest worker all year and he’s dying to play. There’s no doubt he has to start.”

BAYLOR

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up and helped us keep making a run. It energized us.”

Despite this, Aston was happy with how her team, aiming to pull off a major upset, prepared for this game. While it didn’t work out as she hoped for the young squad, Aston wants this attitude to continue in the future.

“More than anything, and what I told them in the locker room is, I would love to see our team prepare and compete on a daily basis the way that we did for this game,” Aston said. “I think if we would begin to understand that’s the preparation it takes every single day in the Big 12, then we will begin to get somewhere.”

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CAMPUS

Student organizations compete in cupcake challenge

By Willa Young

Perhaps there is no other baked good that inspires more passion than the cupcake. Cupcake lovers argue over the dominance of red velvet versus Funfetti, buttercream frosting versus chocolate ganache, and even the proper way to eat a cupcake. These conflicting views may come to a tension-filled climax at the University of Texas' first ever battle royal of baking.

The University of Texas is no stranger to competition. The Longhorns' academic achievement and athletic prowess are forces to be reckoned with for universities throughout the nation. UT's Division of Housing and Food Service has decided to use the Texas student competitive spirit in a new forum. It is hosting an event open to all student organizations called the Cupcake Showdown.

The Cupcake Showdown involves two rounds: a video preliminary round and a final live bake-off. The winning organization will receive \$1000 to donate to the

charity of their choice.

The first round requires each participating organization to make a cupcake that reflects what their group is all about. The groups will make a video explaining their confection and why it is worthy of the cupcake crown. Then they will post the videos to YouTube and send the link to DHFScontest@austin.utexas.edu by Feb. 18. After watching each video, DHFS will pick four finalists to compete in a live bake-off Feb. 27 at J2 Dining Hall where a winner will be chosen.

"We serve food to the students and they eat with us, but we want our interaction with the students to be more personal and fun," Lindsay Gaydos, DHFS dietitian and co-leader of the Cupcake Showdown, said.

Kathy Phan, Gaydos's partner and marketing coordinator of DHFS, agreed that increased student participation and enthusiasm in DHFS events is the main goal of the competition, the first of its kind offered to student organizations.

Student participation is often an issue for events like the

Cupcake Showdown. This is especially true if they involve sitting in a large space, watching amateur students bake for a substantial period of time. Phan and Gaydos have a plan to stimulate the crowd.

"We're having a food drive at the bake-off, plus a photo booth, cupcake taste testing and a 'decorate your own cupcake' activity to make the event more interactive," Gaydos said.

The final bake-off requires the finalists to use a collection of secret ingredients in their final cakes, all of which are Texas-themed. The possibilities are horrifying to imagine — perhaps jalapenos or Texas BBQ. Although the latter may be mildly ridiculous, DHFS probably has some surprises up their sleeves that would make an Iron Chef cringe.

"We like challenges, so we're really excited for this," said Nick Marino, a UT senior and representative baker from student improv troupe Gigglepants. "Our cupcake will probably be vomit-inducing, but it's going to look great."

Participating groups represent a diverse cross-section



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Emily Twa is a contestant in the Cupcake Showdown, a cupcake competition organized by the Division of Housing and Food Service for student organizations. The cupcake bake-off involves two rounds and the winning organization will receive \$1000 to donate to the charity of their choice.

of the UT population, including several nutritional and vegetarian organizations, religious communities, philanthropic sisterhoods and even a few University fraternities.

Emily Twa, a UT freshman, is representing Texas Spirits, a UT spirit and social group, for the competition. If chosen

as the champion, Texas Spirits plans to donate the \$1000 to either St. Louise House or the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"I love baking, so this seemed like an easy way to get Spirits involved on campus," Twa said. "I'll just have to bring my cutest apron and hope for the best."

Perhaps this event is not at the intensity and danger level of "The Hunger Games," but the combatant nature of UT's on-campus clubs is sure to come out. It's time to get out the armory of whisks and wooden spoons, there is a sweet storm brewing and undoubtedly no one will leave hungry.

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THE LABELS —

Many of those dealing with celiac disease do not expect to be able to eat at all restaurants. But if an item is labeled "gluten-free" and is cross-contaminated during preparation, it can be misleading and painful.

Preparing truly gluten-free food requires more than just

skipping the croutons on a salad. For those with a serious gluten allergy, gluten found on utensils, preparation surfaces, lids or condiments or in a toaster can cause a reaction. Or sometimes, it can be as easy as a case of mistaken identity.

"Over the holidays I was at my cousin's house and ate what I thought was a peanut M&M and turned out to be a pretzel M&M. Who knew they even made those?" Bessom said. "It's a rare occurrence, though. I'm generally very careful. Some people exhibit no symptoms and some with celiac have to lie in bed all day and become seriously ill if they ingest gluten. I'd say I'm somewhere in between the two."

Wild Wood Bakehouse, just across from Wheatsville Co-op on Guadalupe Street, is a 100 percent gluten-free bakery. Owner Joan Griffith said it's easy to maintain such a clean environment — they just don't let anything containing gluten in the door.

"A lot of places have gluten-free items but they're prepared in environments that if you are really serious about trying to remove all of the fermentative grains from your body, there's enough wheat in there that you can be contaminated again," Griffith said.

Local restaurant Galaxy Cafe has had a printed gluten-free menu for three years, said director of operations Amber

Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz reported that 5 percent of total sales are gluten-free and that the number of gluten-free orders has tripled since the restaurant introduced the menu.

Santa Cruz said the Galaxy Cafe staff is trained to ask if customers are ordering gluten-free for preference or for medical reasons and that there are still menu items, like fried foods, that they do not offer to celiacs because cross-contamination is unavoidable.

"I wish that we could have a completely dedicated fryer and I wish that we could do more, but we have to be smart about our financial decisions and our space," Santa Cruz said.

DHFS faces similar obstacles in creating a gluten-free friendly environment: While Gaydos, the UT dietitian, said the staff is trained to use special serving and prep areas for the gluten-free menu items, there is not a specifically gluten-free kitchen.

Jessica Meyer, the blogger behind "ATX Gluten-Free," was diagnosed with celiac disease in 2009 after years of being sick. Meyer was a nutritionist and somewhat aware of what it meant to be gluten-free, but adjusting was still intimidating.

"I would research places in Austin that had gluten-free menus or maybe frequent nicer restaurants because the chefs were more willing to accommodate," Meyer said. "I was nervous to ask a bunch of questions, but you really can't be. Through the process you learn to be assertive when talking to the waitstaff and the chef to make sure you are getting a safe option."

Meyer also does restaurant consulting, letting restaurants know if they are actually preparing gluten-free meals or not. She shared Allen's

sentiments that the gluten-free diet fad brings awareness along with misunderstandings.

"At restaurants, people want to add gluten-free options to their menu. Well, that's great, but they need to do their research," Meyer said. "They are normally in shock when I tell them, 'This is gluten-free but you can't prepare it right here.' A lot of them will just research what the gluten-free ingredient is, but don't realize that it might be underneath a different name on the label or something else like that."

THE OPTIONS —

While being a celiac means making major lifestyle changes, there are practices that anyone trying to live a healthy life could consider emulating. Not only does being gluten-free often require eating more whole fruits and vegetables and cooking one's own food, it also requires research.

"The whole issue is dedicating yourself to finding out what you're eating," Griffith said. "We can make better choices and not eat commercial food with every meal. Essentially it's being able to speak the language of your body ... one of the main ways is by knowing what you eat and making your own food."

But eating gluten-free version of foods like bread and pasta doesn't necessarily lead to weight loss. Some "gluten-free" foods actually have more calories than their glutinous counterparts.

"[Being gluten-free] cuts out a lot of processed foods so it does force you to eat a lot more fruits and vegetables," Gaydos said. "But whenever you are cutting out a lot of the grains you tend to lose things like fiber and B vitamins. Some

of your naturally gluten-containing items, whenever they make gluten-free alternatives of them, they usually have a lot of fillers so they end up being much more unhealthy."

Ivey, Allen, Meyer and Bessom, however, all appreciated the painless eating experiences that gluten-free alternatives brought them. Ivey feels healthier than ever because of her diet.

"I'm so lucky that I got this one. Because [with] most diseases you get sicker and worse. With celiac you can actually get better ... I think it's the best disease a person can have," Ivey said.

People with celiac disease are appreciative of the increased awareness, but eager for regulated labels in grocery stores and restaurants. The Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Drug Administration do not have the same regulations for labeling gluten-free products sold in grocery stores.

"There's these Amy's frozen entrees and on the front it says 'gluten-free' and then when you look on the back it says 'Manufactured in a factory that also processes wheat products.' So it says it's gluten-free on the front, but on the back it tells you it's contaminated," Ivey said. "We need to have really consistent labeling, period."

Ultimately, celiac disease or non-celiac gluten sensitivity doesn't have to mean avoiding restaurants or not enjoying food. It means a different lifestyle — often a healthier lifestyle.

"I wouldn't change having celiac disease, because I've learned so much and it's taken my life in a completely different direction than I probably would've gone if I didn't have it," Allen said.

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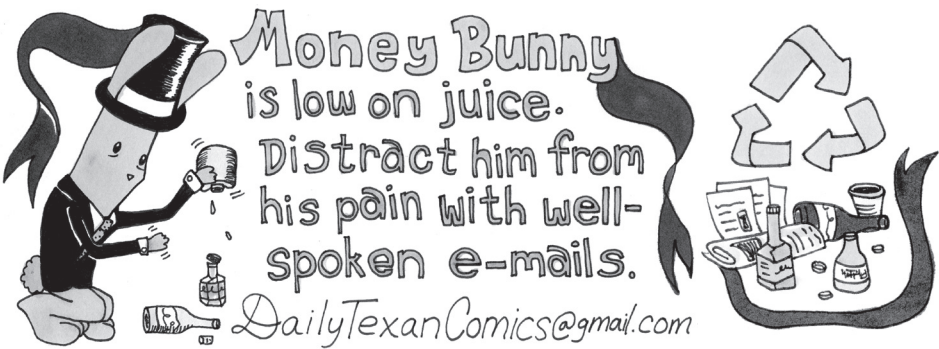
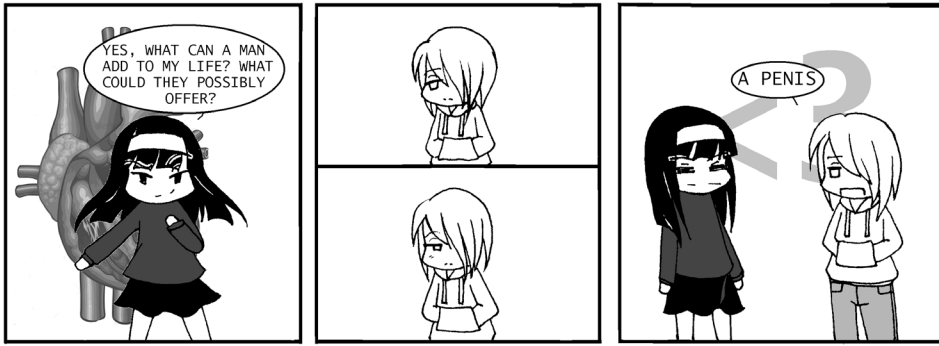
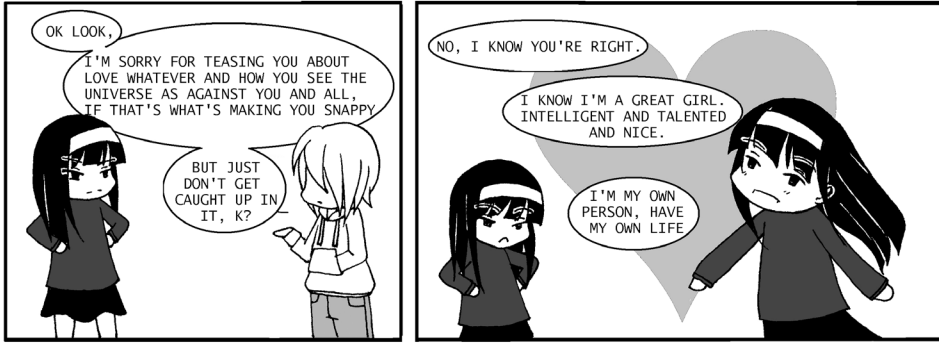
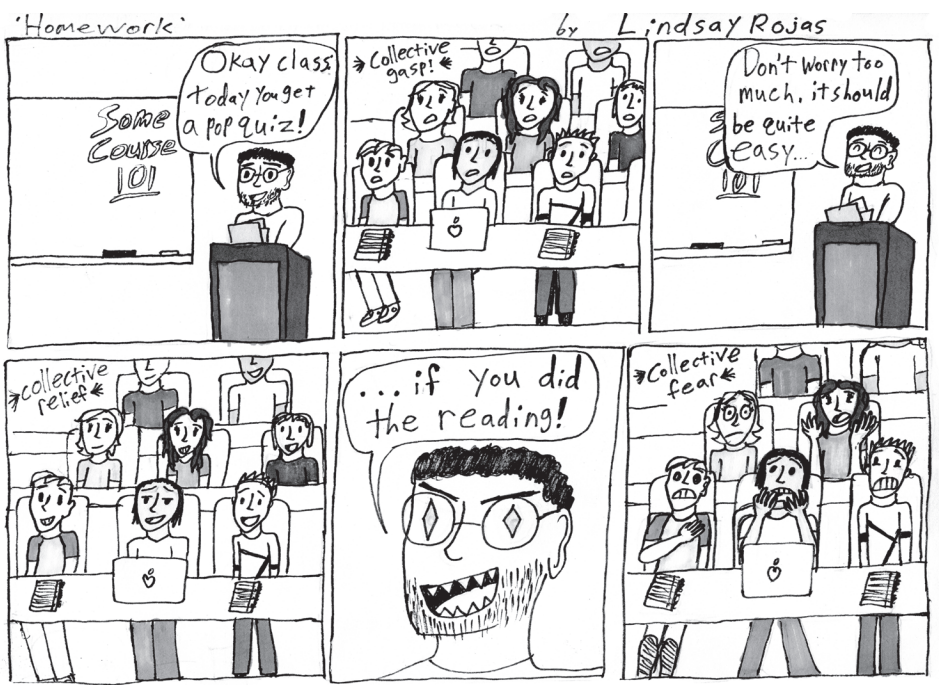
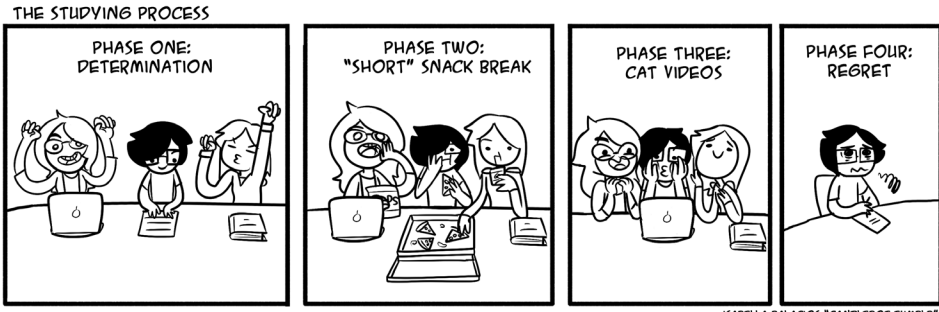
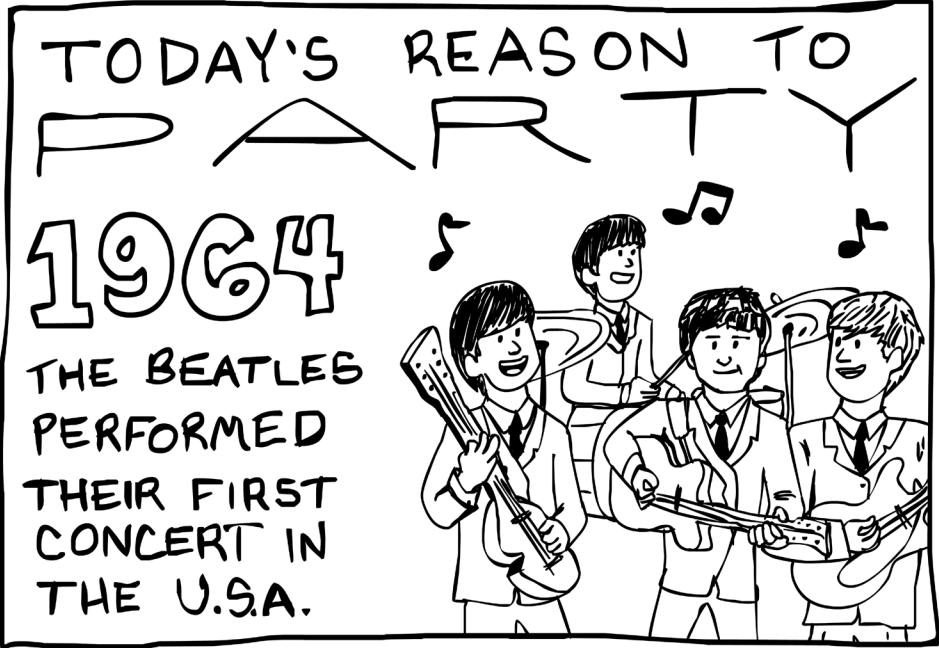
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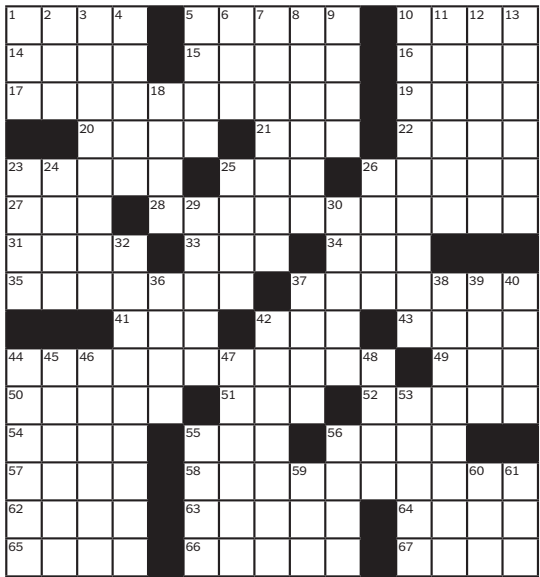
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 - 5 Applauds
 - 10 Imperfection
 - 14 Multinational coin
 - 15 Just now
 - 16 Misplace
 - 17 Result of tanning
 - 19 Wailing cry
 - 20 Nifty
 - 21 "There ___ an old woman ..."
 - 22 "Just messin' with you!"
 - 23 The fourth letter of "cancel," but not the first
 - 25 Pipe-playing god
 - 26 ___ nous
 - 27 Kimono sash
 - 28 Generous spirit, metaphorically
 - 31 "Oui, oui," across the Pyrenees
 - 32 Dispose (of)
 - 34 Mythical bird of prey
 - 35 Citizen of Canada's capital
 - 37 Nobody doesn't like her, in a slogan
 - 41 Dairy farm sound
 - 42 Long-distance letters
 - 43 Use a Kindle, say
 - 44 Hit 1980s exercise video
 - 49 "___ Maria"
 - 50 Standoffish
 - 51 German city where Einstein was born
 - 52 Elizabeth of cosmetics
 - 54 Sulfuric ___
 - 55 Santa ___ winds
 - 56 "I don't think so!"
 - 57 "Venerable" English historian
 - 58 Baldie's nickname

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- DOWN**
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 - 4 Impressionist Claude
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 - 11 Consult
 - 12 Spinning dizzily
 - 13 United with a blowtorch
 - 18 Galifianakis of "The Hangover"
 - 23 Meh
 - 24 Black-bordered news item
 - 25 Ache
 - 26 Get an ___ effort
 - 29 ___ Good Feelings
 - 30 Make a big speech
 - 32 "My parents are going to kill me!"
 - 36 Great Dane sound
 - 37 Green part of a flower



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- 38 Speed demon
- 39 Christmas light site
- 40 Garden of ___
- 42 Not yet apprehended
- 44 Black sheep's cry
- 45 Worriers' problems, it's said
- 46 "Heck if I know"
- 47 Wide-brimmed summer headgear
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GRAIN PAINS

A look at the challenges of celiac disease, gluten-free diets

by Sarah-Grace Sweeney

Cynthia Ivey was so sick she accepted she was going to die. That was three years ago.

Ivey, a UT staff ombuds coordinator, lived most of her life in fear of food. She remembers eating potato chips and pickles almost exclusively as a child because she knew they wouldn't make her sick. Ivey is now 48 years old and only after years of doctor visits, a trip to MD Anderson Cancer Center and even consulting a shaman, was she diagnosed with celiac disease.

"When I got the phone call ... I felt it," Ivey said. "When he said celiac disease, I just knew. It went all the way through me because it was such a big deal. When I found out that I could probably be better in a few weeks I couldn't believe it. And the pain went away in days. And yeah within a few weeks, I could tell I [was] not going to die."

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services describes celiac disease as a genetic immune disorder that affects about one in 133 people. The disease is triggered by ingesting gluten, the protein present in wheat, rye and barley. If someone with celiac disease eats food containing gluten, they may suffer immediately by vomiting or having diarrhea. However, they could remain completely unaware that the protein is wreaking havoc on their small intestine until serious damage is done.

THE DISEASE —

Alessio Fasano, director of the Center for Celiac Research at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, led the landmark study that determined one in 133 people has celiac disease. While scientists have learned more about celiac since Fasano's study in 2003, the spectrum of gluten sensitivity is not fully understood.

In 2011, 16 physicians met in Oslo to discuss the reality of what they call "non-celiac gluten sensitivity." These are people without celiac disease who note health improvements on a gluten-free diet. There is little knowledge as to how many people are non-celiac gluten sensitive or how to test for it. Several gluten-free advocates, including Ivey, believe most everyone has some level of gluten sensitivity.

And while the term "gluten-free" may be familiar to many, an understanding of celiac disease is not: Celebrities like Elisabeth Hasselbeck, one of the hosts of "The View," have done their best to bring attention to the illness. But others, like Oprah Winfrey and Gwyneth Paltrow, who go on gluten-free detox diets, have been part of the gluten-free diet fad. When advertising junior Cara Bessom opens up about her disease, she still receives unbelievable questions.

"Educated college kids will come up to me and be like, 'So gluten, so it's a grain? So can you eat a potato?'" Bessom said. "It's hard because I've been so exposed to it, but prior to being diagnosed, I would have no idea."

Bessom was diagnosed with celiac disease in 2007, her freshman year of high school. What is already a difficult time for most young people was made increasingly challenging for Bessom.

"Some of my friends' parents were like, 'What? What is celiac disease? You didn't have this yesterday.' People didn't understand that it was something that

had been going on," Bessom said.

Since her diagnosis, Bessom's kitchen at home has two of everything and avoiding contamination is easy. While college proved a challenge at first, Bessom developed a routine.

At home, Bessom eats like anyone else. She begins her day with a piece of gluten-free toast or a bowl of gluten-free yogurt. She cooks rice, vegetables and usually chicken at night. She keeps cookies and gluten-free snacks on hand. And while she has her own pasta strainer and toaster, even Bessom's roommate "gets it," and often eats gluten-free food, too.

"I moved off campus my sophomore year and have a wonderful group of friends that are all super accommodating," Bessom said.

THE TREND —

Bessom is just part of the growing gluten-free scene in Austin. The city boasts a slew of restaurants with gluten-free menus, and grocery stores from H-E-B to Whole Foods have aisles devoted to gluten-free items. There are support groups and cooking classes — even the UT dining staff is trained by Lindsay Gaydos, Division of Housing and Food Service dietitian, on how to prepare gluten-free food.

"The biggest battle that I face in terms of training our staff is getting the point across to them that a gluten-free diet is followed for medical reasons," Gaydos said.

Bessom has been a witness to this battle as she remembers receiving the wrong food during her time living in residence halls. Since moving off campus, she chooses to cook her own food. Bessom said she eats lunch out maybe two times a week and then a couple of times on the weekend.

However, the trendiness of a gluten-free diet has significantly impacted availability of products in stores and restaurants. Packaged Facts, a market research publisher, reported that sales of gluten-free foods reached \$4.2 billion in 2012 and are expected to reach \$6.6 billion by 2017. Fasano, the celiac researcher, told Reuters that "trend-chasers ... account for more than half of the daily consumption of gluten-free products."

Anne Allen, co-manager of the Austin branch of the Gluten Intolerance Group of Central and South Texas, has been gluten-free for 10 years after being diagnosed with celiac disease. Allen also leads gluten-free tours and cooking classes at Whole Foods.

"Being gluten-free has become kind of trendy, which has helped and hurt those of us who have celiac," Allen said. "It's helped because there [are] so many restaurants

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GLUTEN-FREE EATING

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