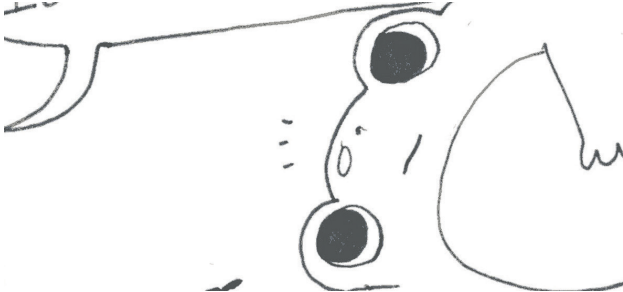




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Clinton, Trump war in final debate

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Presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump sparred in the last presidential debate of the election year Wednesday night in their final chance to convince on-the-fence voters.

According to a Daily Texan poll conducted at the beginning of October, 64 percent of University students polled were planning to vote for Clinton, 14 percent were undecided

and approximately ten percent were planning to vote for Trump.

Zachary Long, communications studies and human relations junior, helped campaign for former Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush during primary season. Despite his previous allegiance to the Republican candidate, Long is voting for Clinton in the general election.

“Going and voting for someone I was against in the primaries is difficult,” Long said. “I could vote

third party, but I know a third party candidate is not going to win. I decided to pick one of the two and what he says bothers me, rubs me the wrong way, and downright angers me. In terms of temperament, experience and, hell, who I just like more, I’m voting for her.”

For Long, Trump’s rhetoric about immigration was a definitive factor in his choice to vote for Clinton, as one of Long’s friends is an undocumented

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Juan Figueroa | Daily Texan Staff

Attendees watch the first presidential debate and play bingo at the LBJ School of Public Affairs. The third and final Presidential debate took place Wednesday night.

CITY

City Council condemns prejudice in resolution

By Lisa Dreher
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Noor Wadi left the Texas Tribune Festival agitated after what she said was a one-sided National Security panel, which urged suspicion and caution of Muslims.

Wadi, a UT law student, stood at the 24th Street and Guadalupe Street bus stop frustrated. Out of the corner of her eye, a man glared at her from a moving bus. The bus approached the station, and what followed has kept her wary of that area ever since.

“He sticks his head out of the bus right before the bus is about to move and screams, “They say it’s a great day when you don’t wake up with chalk lines,” Wadi said.

Last Thursday, the Austin City Council passed a resolution openly condemning such hate speech and violence toward Muslims, immigrants and people of color. Council member Gregorio Cesar drafted the document as part of a nationwide move by elected officials to politically and socially support these groups.

“I’m proud that we’ll continue to commit ourselves to Austin’s values of protecting people’s inalienable right to feel safe and a part of this community,” Cesar said during the City Council meeting.

More than 500 elected officials signed an open letter this year, created by the municipal policy advisory board Local Progress, voicing “outrage” for prejudice.

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Clery report overstates non-campus crime

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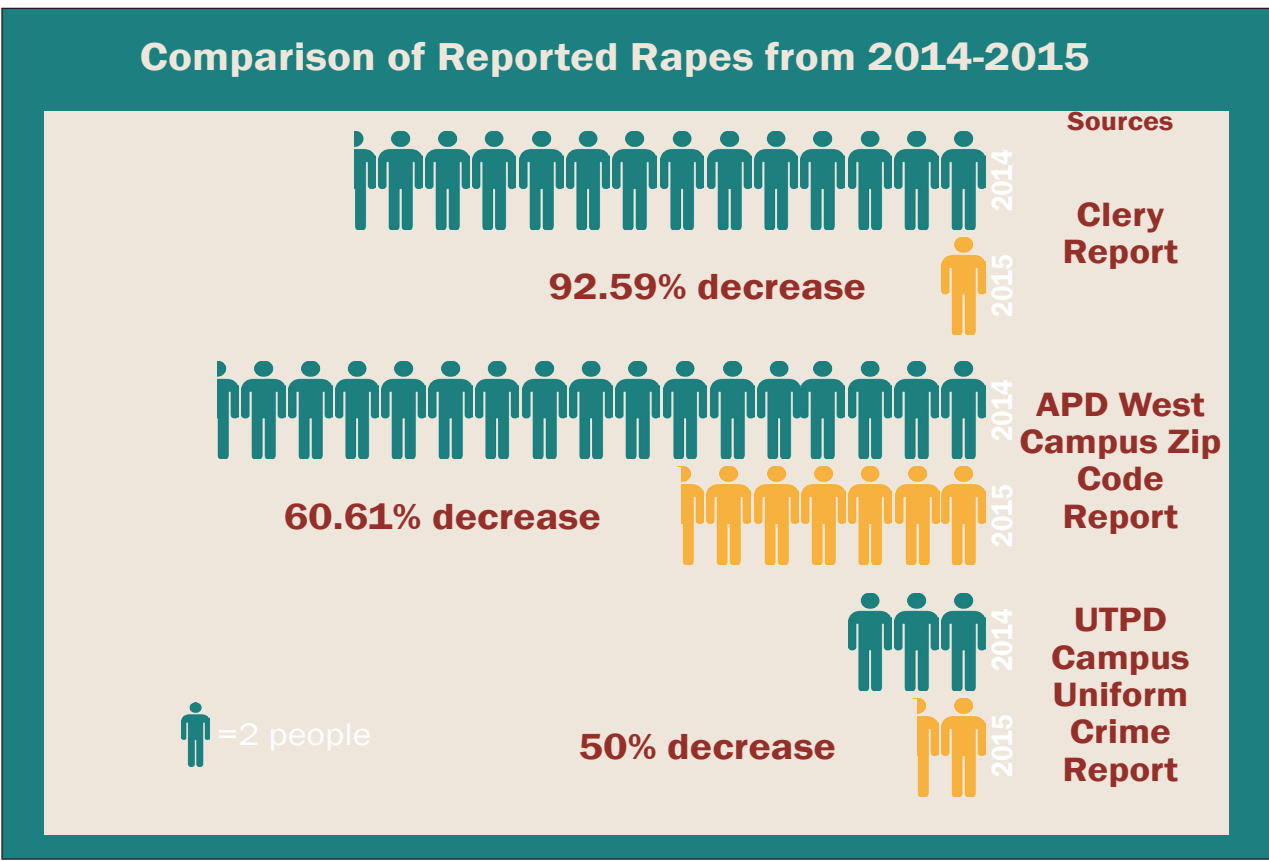
Clery report statistics related to non-campus, university-owned or affiliated buildings and property may have been inflated for 2014, according to Clery program manager Roxanne King.

The report shows a steep drop in numbers for the following year, during which report standards were reinforced by University Compliance Services.

The 2015 numbers most likely reflect a more accurate picture of crime within areas deemed reportable by the Clery Act, King said.

Non-campus buildings and property are defined as any location owned, leased or affiliated with the University or a registered student organization, such as a fraternity house. This geographical distinction is unique to the Clery report, whereas other forms of crime reporting, such as the Uniform Crime Report, aren’t as geographically broad.

“A lot of things we were assuming happened on property we had never asked the geography question, which really we should’ve probably



been asking,” Chief Compliance Officer Paul Liebman said. “We assumed if we collected these numbers it happened on our campus, but I think when we looked at the guidance, we realized we were

probably overcounting.”

Police jurisdiction and the victim’s or perpetrator’s affiliation with the University are primary reasons why the UCR and Title IX reports differ.

For example, crimes taking place within the University area are reported as part of the department’s UCR only if they took place within University of Texas Police Department’s jurisdiction, which

partially excludes non-campus buildings and property. In the case of Title IX reporting, any incident involving a student, whether as a victim

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RESEARCH

Scholar compares racial opinions about violence

By Will Clark
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White Texans are more likely to hold pro-violence attitudes than Latinos or African-Americans, despite contrary stereotypes, according to research from associate professor Mary Rose.

Rose, who specializes in law and criminology, presented her findings Wednesday, elaborating on her 2013 article in the peer-reviewed journal “Crime & Delinquency,” which used data from a 1400-person survey to determine whether racial backgrounds influenced support of violence.

“Beliefs and people’s individual mindsets about

violence is a predictor of violence,” Rose said. “It’s bound up in behavior, and part of what we want to do is to understand more about the contours of those beliefs and better understand what a pro-violence mindset is.”

Rose said a reason for these results could be the “Culture of Honor” that she said exists among southern whites. She also cited a lack of effective policing, causing citizens to take matters of violence into their own hands.

In her study, whites were more likely to agree with statements such as, “It is sometimes necessary for individuals to use violence

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CAMPUS

Survivors of assault, supporters convene at UT

By Kayla Meyertons
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Beyonce played lightly on the speakers and yellow stickers labeled “Consent is NOT the absence of NO” dotted the round tables Wednesday as people filed into the SAC ballroom for the National Young Women’s Day of Action Luncheon.

Sponsored by campus groups including the Gender and Sexuality Center, Voices Against Violence and BeVocal, the luncheon hosted Andrea Pino, a civil rights activist and co-founder of End Rape on Campus, a support group for survivors of sexual assault. Pino touched on an array of social issues related to sexual assault, including Title IX, media framing and

mental health.

Pino began her work with sexual assault in 2012 after she had been sexually assaulted at the University of North Carolina. Pino said she and UNC alumna Annie Clark filed a federal complaint against the university in March 2012 and since gained nationwide coverage to raise awareness around campus sexual assault. Their efforts were the subject of the 2015 film “The Hunting Ground.”

“Everything changed my sophomore year,” Pino said. “I knew what sexual assault looked like, but it was so different to apply a title of victim or survivor to myself.”

Pino said universities like UT need to have a more active discussion about sexual



Karen Pinilla | Daily Texan Staff

Linda Serna speaks to attendees at the National Young Women’s Day of Action Luncheon Wednesday afternoon.

assault with student athletes.

“I would like to see athletes be part of the conversation, not just when it’s in response to a scandal,” Pino said. “I think that’s usually when athletes are involved,

because they have to for good PR, but it’s important to recognize that athletes are assaulted too, both men and women.”

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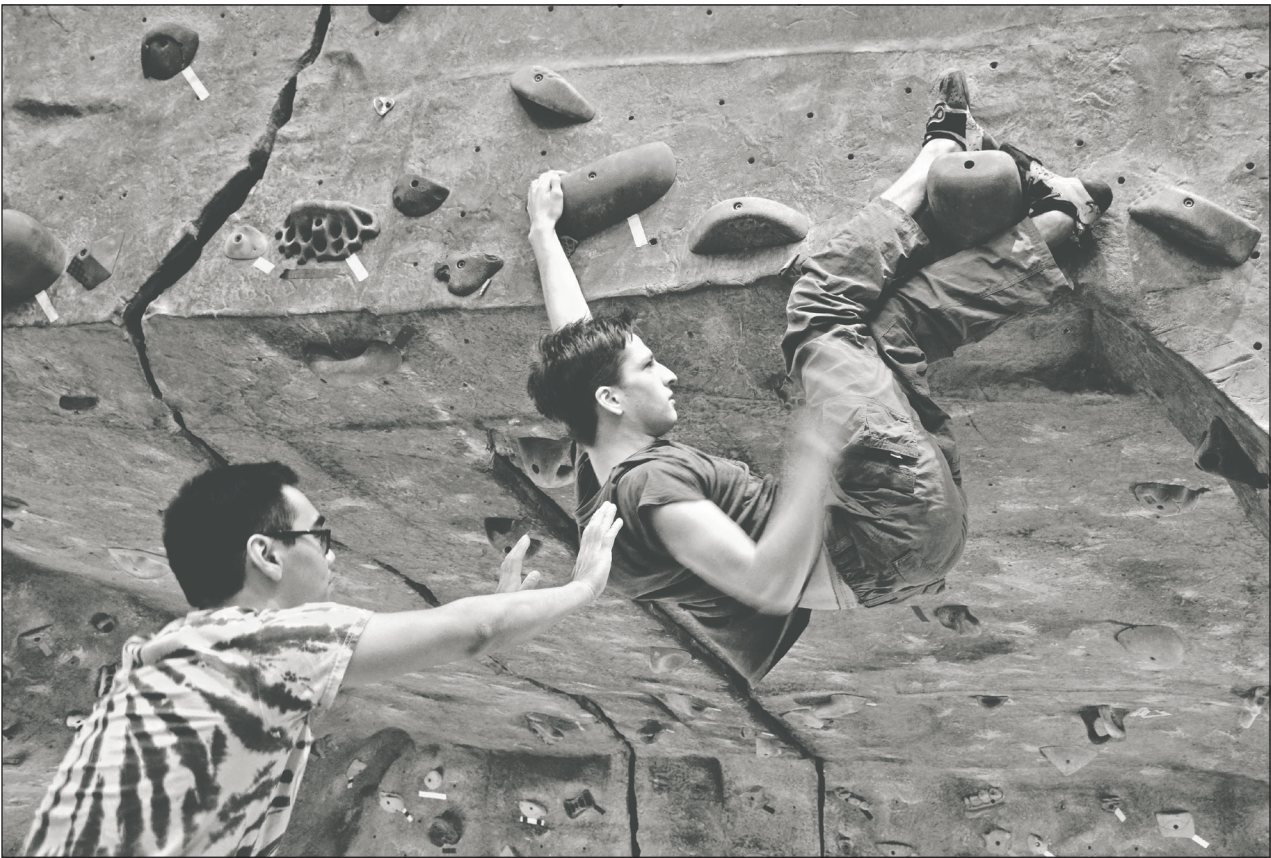
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Alex Doria spots Sam Harper while climbing in Gregory Gym Wednesday afternoon.

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diced rhetoric against Muslims, especially by political figures. Council members Delia Garza, Sabino Renteria and Ora Houston supported Caesar’s resolution which was inspired by the open letter. “I have lived through segregated times here in Austin,” Houston said. “I know how much emotion and rhetoric can taint how we relate to each other as human beings.”

There were two incidents of racially charged attacks last year near campus: An unidentified UT student wearing a Muslim Student Association shirt was spat on walking along Guadalupe Street, and two Muslim women were verbally harassed at Kerbey Lane. Shaykh Mohamed-Umer

Esmail, the Imam of Nueces Mosque near campus on Nueces Street, said the UT students he sees are usually safe, but recently, a twenty-something ex-marine frequented the mosque for spiritual guidance and became enraged when not given immediate attention. “He [was] extremely disturbed to the extent that I [felt] sorry for him,” Mohamed-Umer Esmail said. “What scares us is that he is an ex-marine, and being an ex-marine, he can be capable of doing a lot of things.” Austin Police Department is still investigating the threats to the Nueces Mosque. UTPD and the Campus Climate Response Team said there have not been many recent hate crimes on campus reported to them. The Campus Climate’s 2014-2015 trend report concluded “bias related to



The Nueces Mosque was the target of racially charged threats recently. This is one of several incidents aimed towards Muslims in the past months around campus.

Briana Vargas
Daily Texan Staff

race/ethnicity is the most common type of bias,” according to data from the three academic years from 2012 to 2015. Wadi and mechanical engineering senior Adil Moosani said — like the two women at Kerbey Lane — female Muslims are subjected to more derogatory attention because of their

traditional clothing. “As a guy, it’s much easier to assimilate than a girl who wears a hijab,” Moosani said. “I guess I’ve been lucky enough not to have had anything recently.” Around the anniversary of 9/11 and with the upcoming presidential election, Wadi said she is more guarded. Wadi also said she

wished the University invited more Muslim speakers to balance out the dialogue on national security on campus, such as at the Tribune Festival. “I know that the individuals care, but [the University] seems to be profiting off of the kind of rhetoric that trickles down to people who want to harass,” Wadi said.

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or perpetrator, is included in the report. This makes Title IX reports UT-affiliate exclusive, which is not the case for Clery. An example of the possible enlargement of 2014 Clery data includes the rape count in non-campus buildings or property, which decreased by nearly three times as much in 2015, falling from 27 rapes to two, according to the Clery report. King said a potential reason for this drop within the span of one year stems from reports relayed from various University institutions, such as the University Health Center or

the Counseling and Mental Health Center, neither of which are obligated to report sexual assault cases to the Clery program. “In 2014 ... I had worked with the staff that make those reports in, so it could be that perhaps there was more information this year or less information this year to be able to make those kind of classifications,” King said. “It’s really hard to say when they’re coming from a group that is voluntarily providing their information.” Numbers for non-campus buildings and property are derived only from the Austin Police Department and additional institutions such as UHS or CMHC.

UTPD assists in these cases, but does not include them in their UCR unless they are directly reported to their department. UTPD Assistant Chief Peter Scheets said they are working closely with APD to provide assistance in these less strictly defined, off-campus student areas. “We just went through a Clery review and they’re trying to get us to report fully everything that Clery has asked for,” Scheets said. “A month ago I met with APD, I gave them a list of all those [non-campus] locations, and I said, ‘When you go to these locations to take a report, we’re asking you to notify us and we will respond as well.’”

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immigrant who fears she could be deported. “I have one really good friend whose parents brought her here illegally and now she’s facing the fear that she could be deported,” Long said. “She’s been working hard the past five years to be a teacher. The fear-mongering makes me upset.” Government professor David Prindle has published research in voting and parties. In his opinion, Clinton won the debate from a logical standpoint, taking a hard stance against Trump. “In terms of logic and adhering to the facts, Hillary Clinton won 100 to zero,” Prindle said after the debate. “But the psychofascist monster that uses nothing but incendiary rhetoric does appeal to millions of people.” Prindle said he hasn’t adhered to any one party in past elections, but said this election holds a different

significance for him. “I’m a political independent,” Prindle said. “In my career as a citizen, I’ve voted for republicans, democrats and independents. I often know who I support from the beginning, but I don’t think I’ve ever been so frightened of one candidate winning as I am this election.” College Republicans president Robert Guerra said he remains an undecided voter despite Wednesday being the final presidential debate. “Honestly, I was really disappointed with Trump’s performance,” Guerra said. “I came into this debate as an undecided voter and I was hoping that I could finish the debate supporting someone, but I’m still not there yet.” Wednesday’s debate was the last debate between Clinton and Trump. Early voting begins on Oct. 24 and will last until Nov. 4. Voting is available to the University community at the Flawn Academic Center.

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against other individuals to prevent future violence” and “A person should have the right to kill another person to defend oneself or one’s family,” than other ethnic groups. Rose, however, said this study was very general, and she would like more data on context for a more nuanced and complete picture. “I wouldn’t attribute this to something inherent in the people,” Rose said. “Some minority groups do hold these views at higher rates. It almost isn’t a race story, it’s a context story.” Paloma Diaz, the scholarly programs director for Latin American Studies and Collections, organized the event and said she was inspired after reading Rose’s article. “It connects so well

with what’s happening in the presidential campaign and how people are using misconceptions to mislead people,” Diaz said. “It’s important to bring our research and our scholarly work to illuminate what’s going on behind this misconception.” Marisol Sánchez, a training specialist with the division of Housing & Food Service, attended the talk and said while she was not disagreeing with Rose’s point, she had trouble reconciling the notion of Latinos being less violent with the prevalent chauvinism in Latin American countries. “It’s so common in our home countries to see violence towards women,” Sánchez said. “When you’re trying to refute what Trump is saying, how do you refute that, because in our home countries, it’s happening.”

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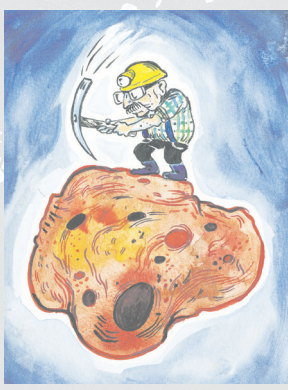
By Holly Herman
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Most people are content with watching asteroids in the movies; Brent Barbee wants to catch them in real life. Barbee is a UT alumnus working for NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center as part of the team that developed OSIRIS-REx, an unmanned spacecraft en route to an as-

teroid known as Bennu to collect samples from the asteroid’s surface and bring them back to Earth. Barbee said studying samples from Bennu may give researchers clues about the origins of the universe. “Asteroidal material is largely unprocessed since the earliest days of the solar system,” Barbee said. “When we study the chemistry of those

asteroids, we study what their chemical makeup is and other aspects of them that give us clues of the processes that formed them and insight into what conditions were like.” Barbee said he is also interested in the possibility of sending humans to visit an asteroid in the future. “It might take anywhere from several months to half a year to reach the asteroid

and the crew might then spend [up to two months] at the asteroid, exploring it and studying it,” he said. “The total round-trip would be ideally somewhere between six to 12 months.” In addition to working on the OSIRIS-REx missions, Barbee works with the Near-Earth Object Human Space

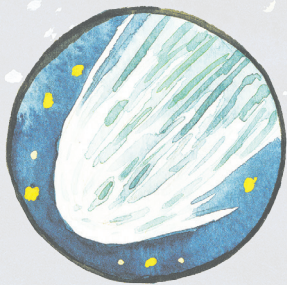


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Fall season brings falling stars, UT hosts star parties

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There’s no party like a star party! Grab a picnic blanket and a few friends and catch some of the stellar night sky events this autumn.

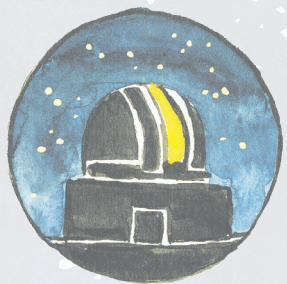


What to Look For

Late fall and early winter nights will provide views of a number of meteor showers that can be seen with the naked eye. “Meteors, commonly called shooting stars, are actually debris thrown off by comets as they orbit the Sun,” said Rebecca Johnson, UT journalism alumnus and editor of the UT McDonald Observatory’s stargazing magazine, StarDate. “When Earth passes through the orbit of a comet, some of this comet debris hits our atmosphere, burning up as it falls.”

Kelly Gibson, a public affairs specialist at the McDonald Observatory, said the Southern Taurids meteor shower can be seen this fall. This meteor shower began on September 10 and can be witnessed through November 20. “This particular annual meteor shower, associated with a stream of debris left by comet Encke, is renowned for producing brilliant bolides [fireballs],” Gibson said. Johnson said two other meteor showers will also take place this year: the Leonids on November 16 and the Geminids on December 13. The Gemini Shower will take place during a full moon, but it can still be viewed if the weather allows. The UT telescopes will be set to view planets Uranus and Neptune this fall, as well as star clusters, binary star systems, and the Ring Nebula, according to UT astronomy alumna Lara Eakins, who organizes stargazing events. A binary star system occurs when two stars are close enough together that their gravitational fields interact, causing them to orbit one another. One of the binary star systems UT telescopes plan

to view is called Albireo. “When you look at [Albireo] with a telescope, you actually see two stars, one blue and one yellow,” Eakins said. “This is a great pair for discussing the science behind why some stars are different colors — the blue one is very hot and the yellow one is just a little cooler than our Sun.” Eakins said she and other volunteers attend star parties so they can explain what people can see through telescopes, and answer questions from attendees.



Star Parties and Organizations

UT hosts free star parties three nights a week for most of the school semester, Eakins said. The RLM building telescope allows public viewing every Wednesday starting at 8:00 p.m. before daylight savings ends on November 6, and starting at 7:00 p.m.

afterwards. T. S. Painter Hall also has a telescope, which is open for public viewing on Fridays and Saturdays during the same hours as the telescope at RLM. McDonald Observatory, located in the Davis Mountains 450 miles from Austin, has one of the world’s largest telescopes and provides star parties and other outreach events throughout the year, according to Gibson. The telescope is used for both research and public enjoyment. Gibson said the area around the telescope is notably good for stargazing because it is removed from most cities, which allows for darker skies and clearer views. Austin Parks and Recreation, Austin Astronomical Society and UT’s Astronomy Student Association all provide outreach events and night sky viewing opportunities. Local and state parks around Austin, such as Enchanted Rock and Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve, are great locations to view the night sky, Eakins said. Some celestial bodies can be seen without a high-powered telescope, Johnson said. Under good conditions Jupiter and Saturn, as well as

some of their moons, can be seen with just a pair of binoculars. Johnson also said she recommends using a sky map and a pair of binoculars to find star clusters and nebulae.

When to Go

The best nights to go stargazing are clear, dark and dry, especially after a cold front, Eakins said. Humidity, pollen, smog and wind can scatter and distort light, making distant things more difficult to see. “A bright moon can wash out dimmer things in the sky, so keep that in mind,” Johnson said. “A clear horizon, devoid of buildings and trees, means there is more sky for you to see.” Even in cities like Austin, there is still much to see in the sky, Gibson said. Stars and relatively bright deep space objects can still be seen in imperfect conditions. “Astronomy is a broad field with myriads of wonders, contests, curiosities and mysteries; it is the ultimate nexus of knowledge and understanding,” Gibson said. “We can leverage this enhanced understanding to shape the universe around us.”

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Flight Accessible Target Study, a system that automatically monitors the mission accessibility of near-Earth asteroids. “There are currently a little over 1,800 such asteroids identified that are more dynamically accessible than Mars in a round-trip sense,” he said. Even when asteroids fall outside the reach of human travel, Barbee said an unmanned spacecraft could drop samples off at more accessible locations, such as the moon. Barbee said one reason he studies asteroids is because they can pose significant risks to Earth. He said this motivates him and other researchers to construct and operate

telescopes to make sure that asteroids aren’t on a collision course with the planet. “We need to be ready to deal with [asteroids],” he said. “We have to build and run systems to deflect or destroy the objects and field test them so we can be prepared when the day comes where we find one that we have to deal with.” Barbee said he finds this potential for both progress and hazard intriguing. “There’s a dual nature of opportunity and risk and I find that to be very fascinating and compelling,” Barbee said. Barbee said he doesn’t believe a manned mission to Mars is plausible within the next 20 years due to budget problems and the amount of time it takes to develop the tests and prove all the technology involved. However,

he said that NASA’s continuation of its robotic exploration program is a source of promise and potential in interplanetary discovery. Aerospace engineering freshman Nicolas Saenz said it’s important to study all aspects of what the universe has to offer, even the less flashy components. “If Star Trek has taught me anything, there’s no reason why we shouldn’t keep exploring and discovering what our universe has hidden for us,” Saenz said. “As someone who would one day like to see a manned mission to Mars happen in my lifetime, I think that only begins to make a mark on the surface — there’s more that us engineers and scientists have to do, but within that, there’s so much potential.”

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COLUMN

Austin’s cycling infrastructure still needs work

By Laura Hallas
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A few days ago I was checking out at the Central Market on North Lamar Boulevard when a man dressed in a bike jersey and shorts turned in my direction. “Nice,” he said, noticing my helmet. “It’s terrible out there,” he cautioned, nodding towards the street outside. “Good luck.”

I would need it.

A visitor to Austin might assume that we are an extremely bike-friendly city — even one of our signature Snapchat geofilters features a tandem bicycle. Google’s proposed route from Central Market to West Campus takes a biker on Lamar, showing it as a designated “bikeable” road.

These maps are misleading. Most streets labeled as bikeable are nothing more than normal, busy streets. North Lamar is labeled as accessible to bikers, but no one who has seen Lamar at rush hour would be willing to enter the fray without the protection of a car.

As of now, biking does not feel like a sustainable option. Protecting and expanding biking infrastructure would significantly improve the city’s bike friendliness and safety, so students should advocate for and support legislation to achieve these goals.

Austin is the fittest city in Texas and the 15th in the U.S. by the American College of Sports Medicine. We rank high for our availability of outdoor parkland, and we have a reputation for being outdoorsy environmentalists. But the numbers tell another story. Walk Score gives us a comparatively low bikeability rating of 22nd out

“When bike lanes aren’t available, or are little more than poorly-maintained shoulders, cars practically brush up against bikers — not much protection from inattentive, distracted or texting drivers.

of 25 in the U.S., and this isn’t just a matter of personal taste but of legitimate self-preservation. Nationally, Austin ranked 159 out of 200 in best drivers by AllState and was cited as having some of the country’s most dangerous intersections.

But perhaps most disturbing for bikers and potential bikers is exposure to traffic and the dearth of designated bike lanes. Bike lanes in Austin are often hazardous and interspersed. For example, Guadalupe Street’s bike lane between 27th and 29th Streets cuts off, forcing bikers to quickly merge with cars going three times as fast. When bike lanes aren’t available, or are little more than poorly-maintained shoulders, cars practically brush up against bikers — not much protection from inattentive, distracted or texting drivers.

Austin saw a record number of traffic deaths in 2015, up 62 percent from last year. One heinous hit-and-run case on MLK put a bicyclist in intensive care last spring, and local injury lawyers say these cases are on the rise. Individual cases fall in line with larger increases in dangerous hit-and-runs in Austin, a trend that has continued despite



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Two cyclists ride down Rio Grande Street in West Campus on Oct. 19. Although Austin boasts a strong bike culture, it can do more for its riders by improving roads.

2013 legislation that enacted stricter penalties for hit-and-run drivers.

Biking shouldn’t be this way. Bike lanes can alleviate traffic, reduce our carbon footprint and smog levels, lower traffic fatalities and help save millions through medical costs through its protective health benefits. These societal benefits deserve societal protection, not subjugation to dangerous conditions.

Instead of letting bicyclist resort to attaching pool noodles to their bikes in a sad attempt at keeping cars at bay, the city

(and state) should support the creation of bike lanes and boulevards that separate bikers from life-threatening traffic. Students should advocate for better bike paths in and around campus and vote for Prop 1 on Nov. 8. The proposition will commit \$20 million to the improvement of bicycle infrastructure and \$15 million for intersection safety concerns.

These steps just might make my future trips to Central Market a little less ominous.

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COLUMN

Memes prompt political awareness in millennials

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“Twitter is the perfect outlet for political propaganda. A virtual forum with 313 million monthly active users, Twitter transmits a constant flow of unfiltered information.

they see comes from their feeds. When obviously partisan comedians critique a current event, viewers can be motivated to research the event for context. Inherently, the tweet is responsible for its viewers’ political interest, and this is not as uncommon as it seems.

“Millennials tend to think and respond more to visual images,” said R.B. Brenner, director of the School of Journalism. He explained that this tendency translates to the visual approach of memes. When done well, memes do not require many words to convey a humorous message. Many millennials are turned off by long-form print journalism, so a visual and conversation-driven approach to news — humorous or not — can be more effective.

Hillary Clinton is not exempt from becoming a meme, either. Her Cedar Rapids video spread like wildfire on other platforms such as YouTube and Vine, but it is only one of her many comments turned into popular GIFs. Though untraditional, these videos are some of the most viewed



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content on Twitter. Kenneth Bone was not the only internet fad born from the most recent debate, as both candidates were reimagined as singing a duet. Politics snobs may scoff, but this joke was viewed by thousands who may not have known a debate took place.

“The art form of parody, whether by Mark Twain or John Oliver, can be effective and beneficial to the way we look at politics, or it can be done offensively in a degrading way,” Brenner said. Many attempts

at humor inevitably become trolling, so it is important to identify the implications associated with the content being viewed.

Viewing memes is not the best way to be politically informed, and they should not be a primary news source. Although they aren’t always substantial in content, they are widely consumed by Twitter users. They can be cause for additional political research, as they can reach broader audiences who are generally uninterested in politics.

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COLUMN

Presidential nominees must support climate action

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The country’s collective gaze has been focused on the upcoming election for months, but Obama’s work is not finished yet. The Paris Climate Agreement will enter into force on Nov. 4, just days before our next president is decided. Unfortunately this groundbreaking pursuit, signed by countries that contribute to more than 50 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, has had shockingly little coverage in recent months.

This is not necessarily due to a lack of interest from most media organizations and likely has more to do with the constant barrage of headlines stemming from the presidential race. Here, however, we have a large part of the issue. In coverage of the presidential race we have seen consistent headlines regarding the economy, immigration control and, of course, the never-ending stream of questions about

Clinton’s emails and Trump’s sexual indiscretions. These issues, though important, have been obsessively covered while nothing has been said regarding other pressing topics.

Although there have been brief mentions of climate change and energy policy, the Paris Climate Agreement has somehow been completely skipped over in the course of three separate debates designed to inform voters on important issues and the candidates’ stances on them.

If the U.S. pulls out of the agreement, the risks could be massive. Not only would it remove one of the largest contributors to carbon emissions from the agreement which is aimed to make the world more accountable, but without the participation of the U.S. it is very unlikely the other countries involved will continue to participate.

Kris Wilson, a senior lecturer in the School of Journalism with a Ph.D. in geography and climate change, said while this agreement may not be the best option, it is the only one that

world leaders could agree upon.

“If it goes into effect, it can actually make some difference,” Wilson said. “But if we pull out of it and don’t own up to our responsibilities and take our responsibility seriously, the rest of the world will also use that as an excuse.”

If Donald Trump is elected, he has said that he would “cancel” the agreement, and Clinton has expressed deep concern over climate change and has said that it “must be enforced.” The candidates’ differing views on this very pressing issue should be seriously considered when voting, yet it was not broached in the course of three separate debates, leaving many voters ignorant on this imperative topic.

“It is a global problem that requires a global solution,” Wilson said.

To start on the path to that solution we first need a dialogue. The United States has a responsibility to own up to the pollution that we have caused, and by ignoring our involvement, we stop the conversation before it begins.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Texas prepares for intrasquad scrimmage

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The Longhorns will get their season underway with the Texas Tip-Off on Thursday evening at Gregory Gym.

The intrasquad matchup will give Texas fans their first look at the 2016-17 Longhorns, most notably the four freshmen that make up the nation's No. 5 recruiting class, according to 247Sports.

Head coach Shaka Smart appeared on the Longhorn Network's Texas Game-Day on Tuesday and expressed excitement for the team's first competition of the season.

"We haven't played a real game yet ... but the guys have really battled in practice and gotten a lot better," Smart said on set. "We have to grow every day, every week, every month ... as individual players and as a unit."

As Smart prepares to begin his second season running the Longhorn program, the expectations are already building. Texas was

recently picked to finish No. 3 in the Big 12 in the pre-season coaches poll, coming in behind Kansas which is looking for its 13th straight conference championship and West Virginia.

It could be a challenge to reach those expectations with such a young roster, but Smart is confident senior guard Kendal Yancy his most experienced veteran will step up and help the team reach its goals.

"In terms of the guy that probably has done the best job so far of having a consistent level of mindset and effort is probably Kendal Yancy," Smart said. "I think he's really setting himself up to have a very big senior season."

Yancy appeared in 30 games last season with 15 starts and scored an average of three points per game. He'll likely have more of an impact in his final season at Texas.

The Longhorns also landed a frontcourt transfer in forward Mareik Isom, who will make his debut on Thursday. Isom, an

immediately-eligible graduate transfer, played three seasons at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock before coming to Austin. He averaged 5.9 points per game last season and helped the Trojans earn a Sun Belt Conference championship and a trip to the NCAA Tournament Round of 32.

Freshman forward Jarrett Allen will also put on burnt orange for the first time. Allen was named to the Pre-season All-Big 12 Honorable Mention team, a roster voted on by conference coaches. The 2016 McDonald's All-American is expected to fill a big role this season.

"Jarrett is very intelligent," Smart said in July. "He's a fast learner — that's a common trait of really, really good players, they learn fast. He's got a real competitive streak in him that when that becomes the dominant mode in his mind, he'll go after it."

Texas' scrimmage tips off at 7 p.m. at Gregory Gym. Tickets are free and first-come, first-serve and the game will also air on the Longhorn Network.

The Longhorns will look to build their program in the second year of head coach Shaka Smart's tenure in Austin. Texas is looking for improvement from senior guard Kendal Yancy.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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Texas sports three freshmen this year in Jana Underwood, Joyner Holmes and Alecia Sutton. The trio of guards is led by Sutton, who was the No. 6 recruit in the nation last year.

Freshmen adjust to new surroundings

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For the first time in her life, Jada Underwood has to wake herself up in the morning.

When the freshman guard from Mesquite came to Austin this summer to begin her career as a Longhorn, she acquired a slew of new responsibilities. One of them was waking herself up early in the morning for practice.

The first came on Oct. 10, a huge step for freshmen as they continued to acclimate themselves to the program.

"I'm exhausted," Underwood said. "It was a big change from what I'm normally accustomed to, but I definitely see a preview to a great season."

Underwood and her fellow freshman guards — Joyner Holmes and Alecia Sutton — round out a freshman class that is poised to make an impact on the court for the burnt orange this season.

A year ago, Texas' freshman were enjoying senior year at their respective high schools. But a lot has changed since they arrived on the Forty Acres: Their days

are now filled with loaded schedules and minimal time to relax.

"In high school, you didn't have all this stuff," Holmes said. "But here it feels like everyday, even if it's an off day, you always have something to do."

Adjusting to a new system and new teammates on the court also posed a challenge for the newcomers. It didn't take long for the freshmen to realize the college game level is very different from high school.

"Basketball wise, it's a lot harder," Sutton said. "When you're in high school, you do your own thing and you're basically the star on the team, but when you get here everyone is on the same level or a higher level than you. You have to do more and pay more attention to detail."

Sutton, the nation's No. 6 prospect in 2016 according to ESPN, was sidelined for most of her senior season after suffering an ACL injury that required surgery. While adjusting to life in Austin as a student athlete, Sutton also had to balance rehabilitating her knee.

But the 5-foot-8-inch guard was finally cleared for play last

week and is ready to join her teammates back on the court.

"Words can't even explain it," Sutton said. "I'm just excited to get back on the court with these girls because they've been so supportive throughout my injury. It's been so long and everybody has been waiting for me to get cleared, so it's just a great feeling."

After the team's first practice last week, head coach Karen Aston said she admired the freshmen's "motors" on the hardwood. She said they still have a lot to learn, but she's pleased with their development.

"They have a lot of athletic ability and a lot of versatility," Aston said. "For a freshman, every day is a new day so you kind of just want to bring them along slowly."

The grit and grind is just beginning for the Longhorns as the season quickly approaches. But with a week of practice under their belts, Texas' freshman are excited for the task ahead.

"It's just a building process," Underwood said. "Everyday it gets a little bit easier."

Texas kicks off its 2016-17 campaign on Nov. 14 against Stanford in Palo Alto, California.

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VOLLEYBALL

Texas continues conference win streak

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Pink and orange flooded into the doors of Gregory Gym on Wednesday evening. A crowd of 3,227 watched the Longhorns (15-2, Big 12 7-0) take on TCU on Breast Cancer Awareness Night, aiming to avenge last year's 3-0 defeat to TCU in Fort Worth.

Fueled by the emergence of sophomore middle blocker Morgan Johnson, the Longhorns completed a 3-0 sweep over TCU for their seventh consecutive Big 12 victory.

"It was a big match for Morgan," head coach Jerri Elliott said. "I've been riding her more than any other player in practice. When she performs like this, she knows that I care for her. We've got a lot of confidence in what she can do, and tonight was a big step forward for that."

Johnson threaded the depths of the TCU defense. She displayed powerful, strategic hitting on kills and blocks down the center of the hardwood, good for a career-high 10 kills and six blocks in the match. Her final kill came on the last play of the contest, capturing another victory for Texas.

Defensively, junior libero Cat McCoy anchored the Longhorns with 19 digs, her second best mark of the season. Facing a potent TCU offense, McCoy put her hustle on display as she dove for anything that landed in her vicinity.

"Cat kept the glue



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Junior libero Cat McCoy contained the TCU attack on Wednesday night, leading the Longhorns with 19 digs. Her defense helped fuel the Longhorn's three-set victory.

together so we could get Morgan the ball," Elliott said. "After game one, we challenged her to make sure we would give her the ball, and she responded. It's good for her confidence-wise and it's good for our team."

The Longhorns earned the sweep after trailing early in each of the first two sets. Texas could not claim a lead over the purple and black until a service ace by senior setter Chloe Collins in the first game made it 8-7. Shortly after, a 7-1 Longhorn run boosted the team comfortably ahead of its in-state rival. While the Horned Frogs fought back in the set, a service error gave Texas a 25-23 victory.

"In practice, we've been talking about going back to the basics and keeping it simple," McCoy said. "At the beginning of the year, the defense was all over the place, so we're trying to dig the ball nice and high."

The following frame remained close throughout,

with no team's lead eclipsing three points until the set's final serve. Texas scored eight of the last nine points to conquer the Horned Frogs, 25-21 — many of them on the back of strong play from freshman outside hitter Micaya White.

In the final set, Texas thrived off the previous frame's momentum to hurdle to a 6-2 lead. The Longhorns led the set wire-to-wire to win 25-17, making their fifth sweep this season and first of Big 12 play.

"Our conference is getting tougher each year, so all the competition is pretty hard," McCoy said. "Just getting our first sweep shows that our team chemistry is getting better on and off the court."

Texas looks to keep its perfect conference record as it faces Texas Tech in Lubbock on Friday. The Red Raiders have a tough task ahead, as the Longhorns have won 31 of their last 32 Big 12 matches.

ART

Female superheroes find ways to save the day

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At New York Comic-Con in early October, Marvel announced its publishing lineup included 23 female-led comic books — its most ever.

By creating new heroes and reimagining classics, Marvel and DC are fully joining in the current trend of gender diversity in superhero comic books, and fans are grateful.

Andrew Friedenthal, a UT alumnus who earned a Ph.D. in philosophy and American studies, said he has noticed consistent mistreatment of women in comics.

“There’s been this kind of constant relegation of female characters into the background,” Friedenthal said. “The main thing that comes to my mind when I think of treatment of

women in comics is the ‘Women in Refrigerators’ trope.”

This recurring trend in storytelling spawned from a “Green Lantern” comic in 1994. In the issue, the villain brutally murders the male hero’s girlfriend and stuffs her into a refrigerator for the sake of revenge. This act’s only purpose within the narrative is to anger the male hero and give him greater motivation in his battle against his nemesis. It has gone on to become a symbol of the objectification of female characters in all forms of media.

Marvel has countered this objectification with female-led series across the board such as Kamala Khan, a new fan-favorite character, created in 2013. Just one year before, the preexisting hero Carol Danvers took up the mantle

of the classic Marvel hero, Captain Marvel.

Angie Blackmon, owner of Dragon’s Lair Comics & Fantasy located in Austin, said although women have consistently been objectified, the industry’s current steps are a move in the right direction.

“I think Marvel really gets how to treat a female character,” Blackmon said. “There’s less of a tolerance for objectification and I think that makes a huge difference.”

Blackmon, however, said the turning point for women in comics came in 2005 when Wonder Woman was reluctantly forced to kill another character for the greater good, a theme found in many male comics.

“It was the first moment where I felt like I was seeing her as a warrior in the same light that you’d



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see a male superhero,” Blackmon said.

English senior Jordan Tucker, who is writing her thesis on women in comics, said she takes issue with

the type of people hired to write comic books.

“One of the worst things is they are writing more about women, but there aren’t that many women writing,”

Tucker said.

In February, Marvel employed 18 female creators, but by December,

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CAMPUS

Burnt Orange Bluegrass provides students with new music

By Alessandra Jara
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On any given Friday afternoon, Erica McCormick can be found outside the SAC with a guitar in her hand and a tambourine on her foot, surrounded by other musicians filling the area with their fast-paced bluegrass music.

“Bluegrass is like country music without the drums and hyped up on caffeine,” said biology junior Matthew Lyons. “We play a lot of favorites and new people come every week. Sometimes we get jazzy, sometimes we

get blues-y, so it’s different every [time].”

Lyons is one of the founding members of Burnt Orange Bluegrass, a UT student organization that comes together every Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. to play music outside the SAC. They have no fees or sign up sheets, instead attracting new members with the sound of their music and the promise that anyone, no matter their major or skill level, is welcome to join.

“It’s a nice little community,” Lyons said. “You get so caught up playing with the people around you that you don’t even notice the people

walking by.”

Finance sophomore Max Malone was classically trained in the violin, but didn’t expect to take it up again in college. After attending a Burnt Orange Bluegrass jam session last year, Malone joined the group despite not knowing anything about the genre.

“Bluegrass, in the jam session context especially, is very improv-centric and very open ended,” Malone said. “There’s a much more fluid structure to it. It’s very different [from] the incredibly precise environment that I was used to. It [took] a lot

of growth as a person and as a musician.”

After being asked to play at UT’s Tour Across Texas meal on campus last semester, the informal group pulled a few of its members to form a new, smaller band consisting of Lyons, Malone and three others called the Enigmatic Strangers. They stuck together following their performance and went on to play gigs at Hole in the Wall, Cherrywood Coffee House and Spider House.

Though the Enigmatic Strangers have



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Members of Burnt Orange Bluegrass gather around on Fridays outside the SAC to play their music and encourage students to join their group.

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