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Council refocuses on housing issue

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As the “stealth dorms” ordinance goes into effect Monday, potentially decreasing housing density in some areas, city council members consider ways to address affordability issues

in Austin.

The ordinance reduces the allowed number of unrelated adults who live together in a house or duplex from six to four, which may put further pressure on already increasing demand for housing in Austin. One way the city aims to address

Austin’s housing affordability issue is through CodeNEXT, a plan which will revise Austin’s land development code by approximately 2017.

According to council member Chris Riley, the council and stakeholders should not assume

CodeNEXT will solve the underlying issue of housing affordability in Austin.

“[We are] trying to figure out ways to have new housing types across the city to meet the demands of a very diverse and growing population within the central city,” Riley said during the second

and third readings of the occupancy limit. “This resolution does not fix that problem in any real way.”

Heidi Gerbracht, council member Bill Spelman’s policy director, said there is an important distinction

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Texas GOP focuses on appealing to students

By Alyssa Mahoney
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In an effort to win over younger voters, several Republican candidates vying for statewide offices spoke at the State College Republican Convention on Saturday.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, George P. Bush, state Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, and U.S. Senator John Cornyn were among the guest speakers at the convention, which was held at the Student Activity Center. While many candidates appealed to convention attendees for their votes, they also stressed the need for the Republican Party to modernize.

“There’s no doubt that we can win, but, in order to do that, we have to let go of the stale tactics of the past,” said Skot Covert, College Republican National Committee co-chairman. “How could a party that uses out-of-date, behind-the-times technology expect to be competitive with millennials, the very generation that is the most technology-savvy generation to live?”

According to Covert, the Texas GOP is making significant changes to become more competitive with young voters, including incorporating social media into

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CIVIL RIGHTS SUMMIT

Summit to bring exposure to LBJ Library

By Alex Wilts
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For the Civil Rights Summit in April, the LBJ Presidential Library and Museum has introduced the “Cornerstones of Civil Rights,” an exhibit that includes the original Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965, both signed by President Johnson.

“The cornerstone documents of civil rights are all in one place for the first time ever,” said Anne Wheeler, communications director for the library.

According to Wheeler, the museum underwent a \$10 million redesign in 2012 to incorporate interactive technology into exhibits to reach more college students. Wheeler said the number of visitors, which is approximately 10,000 people per month, has increased since



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Museum patrons look at the Legacy of Liberty Exhibit in the Great Hall of the LBJ Library and Museum, which will be hosting the Civil Rights Summit from April 8-10.

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Fourteen fruit trees added to UT Orchard

By Natalie Sullivan
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Students broke new ground in environmental awareness, as 14 new fruit trees were recently added to the UT Orchard.

The Orchard, located at the intersection of San Jacinto and East 24th streets, was founded in spring 2010 as part of an initiative to generate environmental awareness and encourage student involvement.

Students from several environmental organizations around campus, including the Campus Environmental Center and the Division of Housing and Food Service’s Green Corps, helped plant and mulch the new trees. Fig, persimmon, lemon, kumquat and chokecherry trees were among the new varieties added to the Orchard.

According to Jennifer Hrobar, supervisor of urban

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Fourteen new fruit trees were added to the UT orchard located at the intersection of San Jacinto and East 24th streets. The orchard was founded in spring 2010 to raise environmental awareness.

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Diseased tree prompts preservation efforts

By Wynne Davis
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Despite University efforts to improve its health, a tree on the South Mall will be removed after contracting two different diseases within the last year.

Jim Carse, assistant manager of Urban Forestry, said he first noticed that Tree No. 618 — the third tree on the right when facing the Texas Capitol — had issues in January 2013. The tree had contracted hypoxylon, a fungal disease. In addition, soil testing results from the base of the tree came back positive for phytophthora, a root rot.

“The fungus is ever present in the tree ... but it only activates when the tree is under stress, usually due to low moisture levels in the tree,” Carse said. “Because of the drought for the past three to four years and because a lot of the compaction and site issues that have been happening over the past few decades, that tree was the first to succumb to some of the issues.”

The University has spent approximately \$3,500 on



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Visitors pass by Tree No. 618 on the South Mall on Sunday. Events such as Holi, which are traditionally held there, have been relocated because of concerns about the health of the trees.

efforts to save the tree, according to Carse. While this tree won’t be able to be completely saved, Carse said the University has taken proactive efforts on the rest of the lawn.

“We’re more looking to the site as a whole now,” Carse said. “We started to take some different approaches to the South Mall, such as adding mulch [and]

doing some other maintenance to improve the soil quality to take better care of the turf.”

For many years, the turf of the lawn has been replaced in the spring leading up to the annual commencement ceremony, but it won’t be replaced this year, according to Carse, who Carse said this practice is

detrimental to the trees because the work disturbs the soil and tree roots.

In order to let the ground heal, Carse said he and his team have been working with the Office of Student Affairs to keep larger events off the South Mall, allowing them to replace the grass less often — though

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Chemistry junior Bret does parkour outside Mezes Hall on Friday evening.

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the renovation.

“What we want to do is present the story of LBJ and Lady Bird Johnson in contemporary terms,” Wheeler said. “A big part of our exhibit is about LBJ’s legacy and how it affects people today — because you wear a seatbelt in your car because of a law passed during the Johnson administration.”

Wheeler said the cost of recent technology renovations is the main reason the museum decided to begin charging admission in November 2013. The highest

ticket price is \$8 for adults while tickets for UT students, faculty and staff to remain free.

“We don’t really feel like what we’re asking for is out of line,” Wheeler said. “In fact, it’s much less than most museums.”

Wheeler said, since the museum began charging for admission, the staff is now able to track where visitors, mainly history-loving tourists, live by asking for their ZIP code when they purchase a ticket.

“We’ll have a pretty good feel, probably in about three or four months, [about] exactly where people are com-

ing from,” Wheeler said. “[Before], it’s been sort of a guess.”

Susan Binford, assistant dean for communications for the LBJ School of Public Affairs, said the Civil Rights Summit is a partnership between the Presidential Library, the LBJ School of Public Affairs and the LBJ Foundation. Binford said the Summit will not only be a celebration of past achievements in civil rights but also a reflection on current issues, such as women’s rights, gay rights and immigration.

“How do we draw on LBJ’s legacy of getting things done?” Binford said. “The

short amount of time it took for him to pass such monumental legislation is not seen today. We have an opportunity to empower a whole new generation.”

Elizabeth Dupont, history senior at Texas State University who works at the front desk of the museum, said the information the LBJ Presidential Library provides continues to be relevant because race relations in the U.S. are still not as optimal as they can be.

“The fact that he got this legislation passed in the climate that he did shows we can aim for better,” Dupont said.

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commencement will still be on the lawn. Events such as Holi — the Hindu festival of colors celebrating the arrival of spring — had to relocate to the LBJ Lawn.

“We were notified from the University to our organization that South Mall was off limits,” said Abhi Sreerama, Holi festival chair and UT alumnus.

Even though large events are not being scheduled on

the lawn, Carse said students are still welcome to use the lawn daily.


“It’s not off limits for informal day-to-day use,” Carse said. “It’s the students’ area, [and] it’s for them to use, and we don’t want to take that away. We’re trying to work with groups to find

alternate locations that can suit their event just as well [but] without the iconic view.”

Carse has worked with the Dean of Students office to educate people about the issues the lawn is facing and why it’s necessary to let the ground heal.

“We’re not making that

decision of ‘you can or cannot use this space,’ but we’re trying to support our community,” said Sara Lestranger, communications manager for Office of the Dean of Students. “We’re part of a team — the University — trying to make sure the space continues to thrive.”




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NEWS BRIEFLY

Group sends tuition proposal to Powers

A committee of seven student leaders proposed a tuition increase of 2.6 percent for in-state and out-of-state undergraduate students to the president’s office Thursday, according to Student Government President Horacio Villarreal.

The decision was made in less than four weeks, after the UT System sent out revised instructions for the tuition proposal. Originally, the UT System said the committee could not consider an increase of in-state tuition. The committee also originally asked for a 3.6 percent increase for out-of-state undergraduate students.

The potential increase would raise the weighted-average tuition for undergraduates taking 15 credit hours from \$4,899 to \$5,026. Out-of-state undergraduate tuition would raise from \$16,921 to \$17,361 if UT System approves the proposal.

According to Thomas Melecki, director of student financial services, the University will allocate more money for need-based financial aid in keeping with increased tuition rates.

According to Kevin Hegarty, executive vice president and chief financial officer, the proposal has been endorsed by President William Powers Jr. and was sent to the UT System for approval Friday.

Hegarty said the proposal would generate \$9.1 million in net revenue to campus. Twenty percent of the revenue would go toward financial aid for students.

“There are a number of categories of how the money might be spent,” Hegarty said. “Faculty salaries are a high priority.”

—Nicole Cobler

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forestry for the University, the new trees were chosen because of their relatively low need for maintenance and ability to grow well in the Central Texas climate.

Hrobar said planting the new trees was part of an effort for the University to maintain its status as a Tree Campus USA member — a designation awarded by the Arbor Day Foundation to schools that follow certain guidelines in managing trees on campus — requiring the University to host a service-learning project for students.

Emily Mixon, Plan II senior and director of the Campus Environmental Center, said she thinks UT’s continued involvement with Tree Campus USA is important because it raises awareness about environmental issues on campus.

“I wish more people realized the guidelines that go into planting trees on campus,” Mixon said. “I think it’s a great way to get students plugged into noticing nature in our everyday lives and being conscientious about how they use campus as a whole.”

According to Hrobar, the Orchard supervisors will grow the trees using a minimal amount of pesticides in an attempt to promote environmental sustainability.

“We don’t use many pesticides on the trees, and we use organic fertilizer,” Hrobar said. “We want anyone to be able to go out there, pick fruit and eat it, without worrying about ingesting any chemicals.”

Hunter Mangrum, environmental specialist at Division of Housing and Food Service, said he thinks allowing students to plant the trees encourages them to learn about sustainability on campus.

“I think it’s a really cool way to reach students,” Mangrum said. “It’s a very hands-on type of approach to get students involved with planting and landscaping to promote sustainability.”

CAMPUS



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Professor discusses Ancient Greek cosmology

By Kate Dannenmaier
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Philosophy professor Alexander Mourelatos said that he was shocked and skeptical upon learning, in the fifth grade, that the planets stay in groups, so it's not all that surprising that it took the Ancient Greeks hundreds of years to discover the same thing.

As part of a series of History and Philosophy of Science Friday Talks, Mourelatos gave a lecture on what the Ancient Greeks knew about space and when they knew it.

Daniel Munoz, philosophy and linguistics senior, said Mourelatos was able to answer some of his questions about Thales, an Ancient Greek philosopher. According to Munoz, the importance of heliophotism, the idea that

the moon gets its light from the sun, was the most surprising part of the talk.

"I didn't realize that the big mystery was, 'Why is the moon luminous?'" Munoz said.

Mourelatos also explored what the Greeks knew before the discovery of heliophotism. He said he suspected that, into the fifth and sixth centuries, the Greeks did not understand that the stars remained in a fixed orbit around each other.

"They knew about the constellations, and they knew about the seasonal rising and setting of stars," Mourelatos said. "But does that mean they necessarily knew that all of the fixed stars stayed together?"

Mourelatos said some of the earliest cosmologists had theories about objects in

space that were on the right path toward the truth.

"[To Ancient Greeks,] all of the celestial bodies were 'meteora,' suspended above, so, if they are suspended, they can't be heavy. It must be that they are of some airy or vaporous or fiery constitution," Mourelatos said.

Mourelatos said an ancient theorist named Xenophiles theorized that celestial bodies contained some dark material that fueled flares, allowing humans to see them.

"So, the phases of the moon are just cases in which the flare just gets blocked. Something happens where the fire flares get closed," Mourelatos said. "In the case of the moon, this happens with some regularity. In the case of the sun, it happens less frequently. That's when

you get an eclipse."

Steve Bratteng, director of the Center for Inquiry, which is a nonprofit that aims to "foster a secular society based on science, reason, freedom of inquiry and humanist values," said he was amazed by how much the ancient Greeks got right, given their limitations in the ability to observe space. Bratteng said he had been coming to these types of talks frequently.

"It has an interesting connection between history, philosophy and science," Bratteng said. "It's often interesting to see how we've developed ideas, and what effect they've had on the progress of society, or vice versa: how society affects the progress of science, and how it affects the way people think about things."

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Republican campaigns.

Covert said many young voters agree with the Republican Party on a lot of issues, such as limiting the scope of government and decreasing federal debt, but the party seeks to correct misconceptions that some young voters have about the party.

"There is a huge void — a conservative void — on campus," Covert said. "Because of that, our generation thinks very, very poorly of the Republican Party."

Bush, a candidate for Texas land commissioner, said he met students on both conservative and liberal campuses while traveling for his campaign.

"[Students] had told me that I'm the first aspirant for political office to come on campus, so this has got to change," Bush said.

Sen. Cornyn said his reelection campaign staff is working to combat the efforts of the Democrat-supporting group Battleground Texas to make Texas a blue state.

"If we don't meet that with equal force and equal organization, then it could well happen, not in 2014, maybe not even in 2016, but in 2020 and beyond," Cornyn said. "If Texas delivers all of its electoral votes [to the Democratic Party], let's say in 2020, we'll never deliver another a Republican president again in my lifetime."

Bush said Republican politicians need to be more

visible and stressed the importance of using social media, such as Twitter, to increase local community participation, especially among demographics who historically tend to vote Democrat.

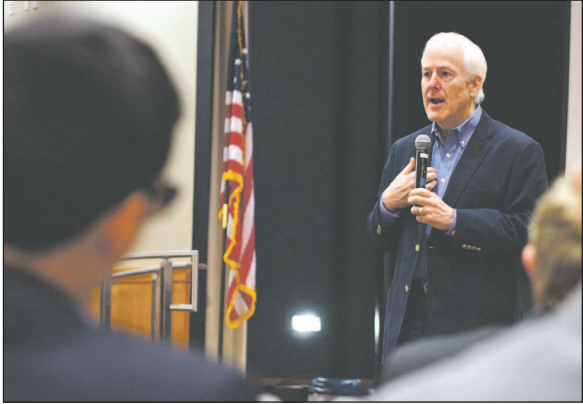
"In my campaign I created some controversy, as a Hispanic Republican, that we don't have to sell out our conservative principles to win the Hispanic vote," Bush said. "They are often — as the saying goes — Republican. They just don't know it yet."

John McCord, Texas GOP political director, said the party will rely less on phone banking and increase focus on voter registration and outreach efforts in ethnically diverse communities.

"We're trying to build a much more ground-up approach and talking with folks about what matters to them instead of driving a statewide narrative," McCord said. "Our goal is for these field offices to not go away after November but to keep the field offices, keep the staff and to have a fully operational ground game to keep these offices around long before 2016 rolls around."

According to Bush, to win votes, the party needs to take a more active role in the community.

"We can't just show up right before elections," Bush said. "We have to show up after elections to have a meaningful conversation with the community."



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U.S. Sen. John Cornyn speaks at the State College Republican Convention on Saturday afternoon at the SAC.

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tion between increasing affordability for low-income residents, whose rent exceeds a certain percentage of their income, and the issue of increasing demand for Austin housing stock, which affects residents who may not be low-income.

According to Gerbracht, the city's occupancy rate is currently above 95 percent, which means Austin has few empty units available for rent to meet very high demand for housing, and the few places which are available are expensive.

"Basically, we're going to have to find new places to put people," Gerbracht said. "Not for those with the least in our community [but] from above those income-qualified units. I hear from people every day who are having trouble affording housing."

Michael McGill, Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole's policy director, said the city is considering the development of micro units, which are very small apartments of approximately 350-500 square feet. The city will determine which, if any, impediments

“It’s just a changing generational shift in housing. There are people who are interested in that type of housing, and [it’s] not being delivered in the market right now.

—Michael McGill,
Policy director for Sheryl Cole

there are to building this kind of housing, McGill said.

"There are people who don't necessarily need 1,000-square-foot apartments," McGill said. "Those who live close to transit don't necessarily have a car. They spend a lot of time out. Instead of having a party at their house, they'd have it at a restaurant."

McGill said, although the units are more expensive per square foot, partly due to the increasing cost of building bathroom and kitchen spaces, micro units are less expensive overall. According to McGill, other cities, including Portland, Ore., and Seattle, have had success in allowing the development of micro units.

"It's just a changing generational shift in housing," McGill said. "There are

people who are interested in that type of housing, and [it's] not being delivered in the market right now."

According to Gerbracht, general affordability issues may be addressed more in-depth as the city begins their budget process in April and as the city elects district council members in November. Gerbracht said she expects candidates for district council will propose ideas for how to increase affordability in Austin.

"I hope we will see [an increase] of students involved in local politics and policies, particularly with the transition to a district council," Gerbracht said. "Students at any university in Austin could really turn out and change the course of elections."



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On Sunday, students who had shared their e-mail addresses with Briggo Coffee, the startup behind the sleek automated beverage vendor in the FAC, received an e-mail saying that the FAC Briggo machine would be closed for the semester as the company works on “system improvements at our facility.” Regularly getting your coffee at Briggo already felt like having standing plans with a flighty friend. You show up, but they only seem to make it half of the time, and, the other half of the time, they make you wait twenty minutes and then give you a leaky cup. Granted, startups take time to develop, but we wish they could do their developing somewhere were they don’t constantly deny us the quality coffee we know they’re capable of making. Horns down until you get it together, Briggo, because Starbucks is awful, and we don’t want to walk all the way to Medici.

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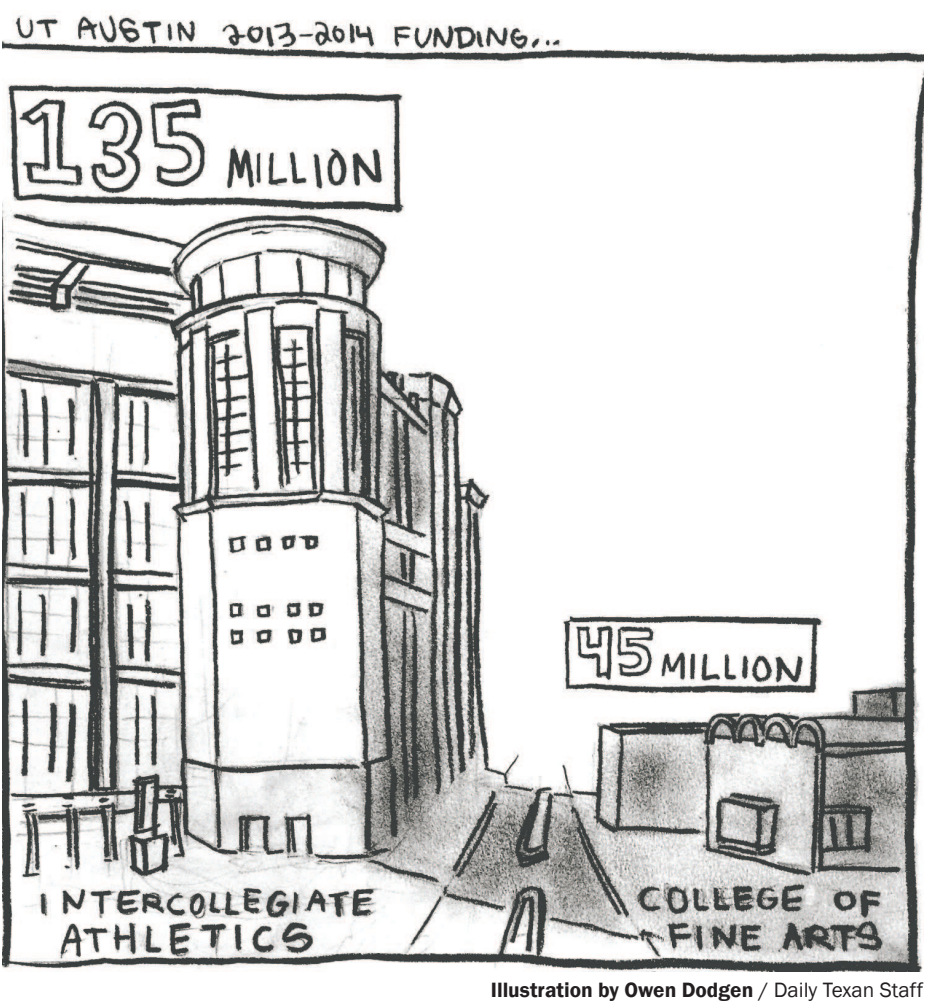


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COLUMN

Growth of Austin’s population leads to more gentrification



By Francisco Dominguez
Daily Texan Columnist

Driving north up I-35, I notice one thing: the stark visual contrast of what lies on either side of the freeway.

Last month Forbes identified Austin as the fastest growing city in the country, and, with events like SXSW contributing nearly hundreds of millions of dollars a year to the Austin economy, it’s no wonder. As City of Austin demographer Ryan Robinson told local news station KVUE, 150 new people move here every day; every year, the city accumulates a net of more than 40,000 new Austinites.

These people, obviously, have to move somewhere, and an unfortunate consequence of this reality is the gentrification of poorer communities in the city, such as those in East Austin.

Gentrification is a natural product of wealthier — usually white — people moving into an established area and displacing the current residents, who are typically minorities. Not only do these residents get priced out of their homes as property values increase, but they also have to watch their neighborhoods lose their identity.

Austin hasn’t been immune from this process. East Austin is the city’s epicenter of poverty, obesity and crime, all of which can be linked to a shortage of resources. You may ask, “Well, why, then, is East Austin, specifically, plagued with these social calamities?” It is the grim result of one dark,

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devious-sounding city mandate: the 1928 Master Plan, a solution posited to systematically institutionalize racial segregation of black people. The plan stated that “all the facilities and conveniences be provided the Negroes in this district, as an incentive to draw the Negro population to this area,” effectively expropriating established freedmen communities and zoning them off east of East Avenue, or what is now I-35.

Historically neglected neighborhoods are the most vulnerable to gentrification. As these neighborhoods are part of a whole, the entire city is affected in the face of gentrification. Neuroscience sophomore James Zara shared how gentrification has affected his place of residence. “Recently, there has been an influx of wealthier people coming into Midtown RV Park,” Zara says. “It seems that even the RV park is experiencing gentrification as wealthier families with luxurious RVs are swapping with lower-income families.”

Austin is an attractive place to live, as evidenced by its rapid population growth, and places like East Austin offer developers cheap land and easy access to downtown. However, the resulting change isn’t always well received by longtime residents. With popular slogans like “Austin Sucks. Please Don’t Move Here” and “Keep Austin Weird,” we attempt to preserve our city’s identity in the face of inevitable social processes like gentrification, which is founded on impermanence.

To the extent that East Austin becomes a playground for the wealthy upper middle class, the process is detrimental to the city’s culture. If gentrification were to succeed, and an area were to consist solely of wealthy residents, it has eliminated all people of lower socioeconomic status who are typically minorities. Remember: A city’s culture is defined by its diversity of demographics and latent subcultures.

Though gentrification is a complex natural process of our capitalist society — with a cascading flurry of varying causes and effects, for better or for worse — we should at least be aware that every action committed has a consequence in the society in which we live.

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COLUMN

In general election, Abbott resists swinging to center



By Noah M. Horwitz
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Prevailing wisdom on political campaigns dictates that candidates should run to the fringes of their political party in order to appease their base in the primary election. Then, candidates should sway back toward the middle of the road for the general election in an attempt to court independents and undecided voters.

Mitt Romney, the 2012 Republican nominee for President, most notably used this strategy, admittedly to an absurd extreme.

However, most candidates vying in a competitive election, be it a presidential or state contest, employ this method.

One notable exception is Greg Abbott, the Texas attorney general and Republican candidate for governor this November. Abbott does not look to be realigning toward the center in preparation for the general election, in a high-stakes gamble that could either prove disastrous for him or devastating for Democrats.

On March 4, Abbott won the Republican primary for Governor with more than 90 percent of the vote. During the eight-month lead-up to his primary victory, Abbott took increasingly extreme political positions in an effort to both woo Tea Party voters and drive Texas Workforce Commissioner Tom Pauken — a prospective candidate — out of the primary.

From denying climate change was brought on by fossil fuels to taking every possible opportunity to criticize President Barack Obama, Abbott has done everything he could to appeal to the most conservative segment of the electorate.

“Unanswered questions still remain concerning the Benghazi attack,” Abbott often repeated on the campaign trail, typically adding that he “supports a special prosecutor” to investigate the terrorist attack that occurred in Libya. Why the Governor of Texas would get involved in this foreign affair, I frankly do not know.

Abbott, however, has only doubled down on this type of rhetoric as the general election battle has begun to heat up. On the issue of equal pay for equal work, he recently made headlines by announcing he would

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veto a bill designed to make it easier for marginalized women to seek damages in state court.

“Because wage discrimination is already against the law, and because legal avenues already exist for victims of discrimination,” Abbott spokesperson Matt Hirsch said, “Greg Abbott would not have signed this law.”

Putting aside the political disputes over the effectiveness of such legislation or litigation, the fact remains that these proposals are popular in Texas, especially among the suburban women that Wendy Davis, the Democratic candidate for governor, is so desperately trying to attract.

Simply put, in continuing to double down on these ultra-conservative positions, Abbott is making an important wager both on his campaign and on the short term future of Texas politics.

Texas Democrats have been saying for years that, if only a candidate too extremely conservative were nominated, a Democrat would win. And, to put it bluntly, Abbott is that candidate the Democrats have been looking for. He now risks losing the election, but, if he wins, it would invalidate everything the Democrats have been arguing for the past 15 years.

Such a loss would demoralize the Democrats in a way not seen before. Abbott knows this, and is arguably taunting the Democrats by refusing to come back to the center following the primary. Indeed, recent Rasmussen polls show Abbott leading by double digits.

Often, the cliché of “the options are all the same” is used to justify abstinence from the political process, with an explanation that choosing between two centrist candidates is useless. But Abbott has demonstrated he will not be swaying back toward the middle. He has staked out a position firmly in the right wing, and voters this fall, including UT students, must either reward or repudiate him for it.

Horwitz is a government junior from Houston.



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Sara Rodriguez looks over an Affordable Care Act brochure, in Houston.

HORNS DOWN: TOO MANY TEXANS STILL LEFT UNINSURED



The deadline to sign up for a plan under the Affordable Care Act’s Health Insurance Marketplace is Monday, and, according to recent data released by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, far too many Texans and Austinites, in particular, are still without coverage. Anyone who begins the Marketplace enrollment application by the deadline will receive an extension until mid-April, but those who don’t will face a tax penalty of either 1 percent of their yearly household income or \$95 per person. Only 295,025 of Texas’ nearly 6 million uninsured residents have signed up, and anywhere from 35,000 to 100,000 of those uninsured live in East Austin neighborhoods alone, according to a profile by Enroll America, an advocacy program that helps Americans find coverage. To sign up, Texans can visit healthcare.gov or, if they need additional help enrolling, get in touch with advocacy groups such as Insure Central Texas.

“Far too many Texans and Austinites in particular are still without coverage.”

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Hixon finished out his meet with a seventh-place finish in the platform diving event with a score of 366.35.

Diving coach Matt Scoggin reclaimed his 2012 title as the College Swimming Coaches Association of America Diving Coach of the Year. Scoggin attributed Hixon's early success to his work ethic and dedication.

"It's infectious," Scoggin said. "He shows up early, stays late. Sometimes I have to tell him, 'Look, you're done. You need to get out of here.'"

Hixon's spirit translated to the swimmers. Sophomore freestyler John Murray clocked in at 42.43 for fifth in the 100-yard freestyle championship, and sophomore swimmer Matt Ellis placed seventh in the consolation final with 42.98.

Beating his own personal

best and notching third on the all-time Texas board, junior swimmer Kip Darmody finished sixth in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:40.18. Freshman swimmer Jack Conger's 1:40.73 time put him in eighth place, giving the Longhorns 11 overall points.

The Longhorns ended the night with a fourth-place finish in the 400-yard freestyle relay, the ninth-fastest time at UT. Ellis, Murray, Conger and senior swimmer Caleb Weir lapped at 43.07, 42.11, 43.06 and 42.70, respectively.

Scoggin said he's optimistic about placing second with such a young team this year.

"It's awesome to see young men have the guts to know how great they're going to do before they even do it," Scoggin said. "We feel very fortunate."



Jenna VonHofe / Daily Texan Staff

With two diving titles and a collection of other top-10 finishes, Texas finished second at the NCAA Championships. Among the Longhorns' strong performers was the 400-yard freestyle relay team that secured the ninth-fastest time in program history.

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it came down to the rubber match to see whether the Longhorns would end their conference losing streak.

Riding the hot bats of sophomore left fielder Ben Johnson and Barrera, the Longhorns struck first Sunday on a Barrera RBI single in the first. Texas added another on Johnson's home run in the third.

It appeared to be more than enough for senior pitcher Nathan Thornhill, who shut down the Red Raiders (22-9) in 5.1 innings.

But sophomore pitcher John Curtiss, who had won the closer role with 10.2 shutout innings on the season, blew the two-run lead in the ninth on a steal home and an RBI single. It was the first runs he's allowed since



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Freshman infielder Zane Gurwitz (12-30, .400), pictured here against Texas State on March 25, recorded a season-high four hits Saturday in Lubbock. Gurwitz finished the game 4-for-4.

returning from a surgery that sidelined him last season. After two scoreless extra innings, the Longhorns finally came through on Carter's two-run, two-out single. The Longhorns sealed the 5-2 win.

At 22-7, Texas is off to its best start in the first 26 games since opening 22-4 in 2005.

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night. Petrillose broke her own school record by clearing the bar of 4.5 meters. After securing first place, she set the bar to an NCAA record-height of 4.62 meters. Petrillose's third attempt at history saw her torso cross the mark, but a collective moan from the crowd accompanied the sophomore's descent after her toes just brushed the bar off its mounts.

As temperatures rose Saturday, so did the Longhorns' fever. Grabbing wins in the 4x200-meter relay, the 100-meters and the 1500-meters, Texas was not bothered by the weather.

"It feels good," said junior sprinter Ashley Spencer, who helped propel Texas to second in the 4x100 and first place in the 4x200 and 4x400 relays. "The key to

victory today was chemistry, trusting our teammates and just to run fast and have fun."

The 4x400 relay — Texas' specialty event — came just at meet's close. The Longhorns jostled with Florida until the third leg when freshman sprinter Kendall Baisden pulled away from the pack.

"She's a tough competitor," Spencer said. "I can expect hard work from [Baisden] every single time."

Baisden's final burst allowed Spencer to carry the baton across the line and end Texas Relays with a win.

"It means a lot," Spencer said. "This is our track, this is where we practice, and this is where we put the hard work in."

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MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

Horns finish No. 2 at Championships

By Courtney Norris
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The Longhorns grabbed three individual All-American finishes and an All-American relay to finish second this weekend while hosting the NCAA Division I Championships. Competing at the Lee

and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center, Texas scored 417.5 points, trailing title-winner California's 468.5.

This marks the 11th NCAA runner-up finish for head coach Eddie Reese, who has won 10 NCAA titles in his 36 years here. Reese said ninth-place finishes hurt the team.

"We lived and died by our ninths," Reese said. "We're from The University of Texas, so we expect to be battling for top three year in and year out and have a legitimate shot for first. We did."

Freshman diver Michael Hixon swept the springboard diving events to secure two

NCAA titles and Diver of the Meet honors.

"Having my boys right there, right beside the three-meter, that was unbelievable," Hixon said. "I kind of went a little crazy after my last dive, probably a little bit too much."

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FINAL STANDINGS

1. California: 468.5
2. Texas: 417.5
3. Florida: 387
4. Michigan: 310
5. Georgia: 259
6. Auburn: 230
7. Arizona: 198.5

TRACK & FIELD

Texas Relays competitors set 15 records

By Daniel Clay & Grant Gordon
@texansports

The 87th annual Texas Relays will certainly go down as one of the most memorable of all time, as competitors set 15 records during the four-day meet.

One such record was set by sophomore throwing sensation Ryan Crouser, who picked up right where he left off in his national championship-winning indoor season. Crouser improved the school record he already owned in the shot put with a toss of 69 feet, 9.5 inches. The mark also hit a Texas Relays record.

Crouser threw a personal best Saturday, this time in the discus. His throw of 199 feet, 4 inches, won him fifth place in a deep field.

Relatively unknown freshman hurdler Spencer Dunkerley-Offor enjoyed a successful meet also, finishing fifth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 13.90. Senior distance runner John McNamara finished seventh place in the mile with a time of 4:08.95.

The women responded enthusiastically to their first challenge of the season. The team captured four first-place finishes en route to winning the meet's "Most Outstanding University/College Team" award.

Senior hurdler Danielle Dowie fed off the energy of the home crowd Friday to finish first in the 400-meter hurdles. Her time of 57.52 edged LSU's Nikita Tracy by a mere 0.01 seconds, but Dowie did not appear phased by the close call.

"The last part wasn't pretty, but winning doesn't always have to be pretty," Dowie said.



“The last part wasn’t pretty, but winning doesn’t always have to be pretty. It was just a matter of getting back into a competitive mode.”

—Danielle Dowie, Sprinter/hurdler

"It was just a matter of getting back into a competitive mode."

In what is becoming routine, sophomore pole vaulter Kaitlin Petrillose won first place in her event Friday

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At this weekend's Texas Relays, sophomores Morolake Akinosun and Ryan Crouser earned titles. Akinosun's 11.10 topped the 100-meter and Crouser won the shot put with a 69-foot-9.5-inch toss.

MEN'S TENNIS



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Junior Lloyd Glasspool (above) joined junior Soren Hess-Olesen to top No. 17 Sooners Andrew Harris and Dane Webb. It was the duo's ninth win this season over nationally ranked opponents.

Texas tops Oklahoma rivals to open conference play 2-0

By Brianna Holt
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Texas showed its northern foes which side of the Red River breeds true rivals this weekend, downing both Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, 4-3. Going into the series, OU held the No. 3 ranking in the country and sat atop the Big 12 conference. Competing against Oklahoma on Friday, Texas opened conference play in strong fashion to extend its undefeated home record to 9-0. The win, Texas' first against Oklahoma since 2010, also marked the program's second against a top-five opponent this season.

"Oklahoma's top four are brutally tough, and we gave ourselves chances," head coach Michael Center said. "Then we got the job done," head coach Michael Center said.

On Sunday, the Longhorns executed a second impressive

performance against Oklahoma State. The 4-3 advantage, led by sophomore Nick Naumann, improved the Longhorns to 2-0 in Big 12 play.

"Nick is gaining confidence and learning the importance of managing emotions well," Center said.

Sunday's match concluded the fourth of five final matches before the Penick-Allison Tennis Center is torn down to construct the Dell Medical School.

BASEBALL

In 12th-inning play, Horns down Raiders

By Evan Berkowitz
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It was an unlikely hero who helped the No. 12 Longhorns knock off No. 24 Texas Tech in the rubber match to end the conference series and losing streak at 12: senior designated hitter Madison Carter. Carter had only four at-bats on the year before the game but went 3-for-6 Sunday with the game-winning RBI in the top of the 12th to seal the win.

While run-scoring had been at a premium for the Longhorns (22-7, 3-3 Big 12) earlier in the season, the bats came alive in Lubbock against the Red Raiders (22-9, 4-5 Big 12), who boast the conference's second-best pitching staff. Texas' offense looked sluggish early on Friday, relying on junior second baseman Brooks Marlow to keep it in the game. Marlow's first homer of the year tied the game at one before the Texas offense erupted in the fifth to break the game open at 5-1.

The Longhorns scored in every inning from there on out, piling it on the Red Raiders, 11-1.

Marlow went 4-6 with three extra base hits to spark the offense. Senior center fielder Mark Payton, freshman catcher Tres Barrera and junior right fielder Collin Shaw recorded two hits apiece as well. Barrera and Payton each had three RBIs.

On the mound, junior Parker French (4-2) went seven innings, allowing just six hits and one run, to lower his season ERA to 1.57.

In game two in Lubbock, junior Dillon Peters' worst performance of the year doomed the Longhorns 8-4. Dillon's ERA went up nearly a full run from 1.79 to 2.68.

Peters failed to get out of the fourth inning, giving up five earned runs while throwing three wild pitches.

Freshman Zane Gurwitz and Barrera did all they could to keep the Longhorns in it. Barrera, who was hitting just .128 on March 11, went 3-for-5 with his first career home run while Gurwitz went 4-for-4 from the nine hole to help set up the top of the lineup.

With the series tied 1-1,

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Steven Bowditch nabs first PGA Tour victory

SAN ANTONIO — Steven Bowditch held on to win the Texas Open in windy conditions Sunday for his first PGA Tour victory and a spot in the Masters.

The 30-year-old Australian bogeyed the par-5 18th for a 4-over 76 — the highest closing score by a winner since Vijay Singh finished with a 4-over 76 in the 2004 PGA Championship — for a one-stroke victory.

"I'm over the moon," Bowditch said. "I really can't believe it."

Bowditch finished at 8-under 280 at TPC San Antonio and earned more than \$1.1 million.

Will MacKenzie and Daniel Summerhays tied for second. MacKenzie shot 70, and Summerhays had a 71.

As Chesson Hadley and Ryan Palmer tied for 56th, each lost his chance for a Masters berth through the top 50 in the world rankings.

Bowditch entered the week 339th in the world, with only two top-10 finishes in eight years on the tour in a career marked by bouts of depression: on the Australasian circuit and on the Web.Com Tour.

Bowditch played the front nine in 3-over 39, making a double bogey on the par-4 fourth. He countered a bogey and made three pars before missing a 3-foot par putt and settling for a bogey on 18.

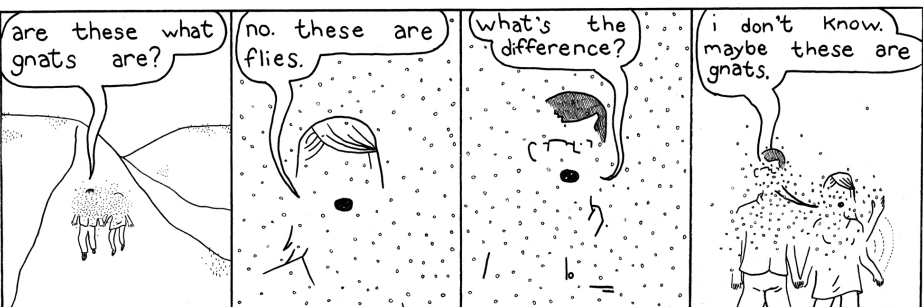
Pushing his drive on the par-4 17th, he two-putted, then pulled his tee shot left on 18, recovering with a shot to the fairway to reach the green in three.

"I just drew back on some experience," Bowditch said.

MacKenzie made a 13-foot birdie putt on the 17th to pull within a stroke of Bowditch, but the Australian tapped in from two feet for his birdie at No. 14 to push the advantage back to two.

Matt Kuchar and Andrew Loupe shot 75s to tie for fourth at 6-under.

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ACROSS

1 Knocked off
6 Parsley bit
11 German auto known by its manufacturer's initials
14 Online publication
15 Maine university town
16 Vote for
17 Isn't serious
19 Hosp. areas for lifesaving operations
20 Suffix with lemon or orange
21 Pick up the tab for someone
22 News item of passing concern?
23 Complete
24 Computer memory unit
27 Weapons depot
31 French girlfriend
32 Cheech's partner in 1970s-'80s movies
33 Writer _____ Rogers St. Johns
36 Lucy of "Charlie's Angels," 2000
39 Author who created the characters named by the starts of 17-, 24-, 49- and 61-Across
42 Ensign's org.
43 Spittin' _____
44 Actor MacLeod of old TV
45 Romantic outing
47 Having sides of different lengths, as a triangle
49 Maryland home of the Walter Reed medical center
53 Mrs., in Marseille
54 Newswoman Logan
55 Three-time A.L. batting champion Tony
57 Not bright
59 _____
60 Smart _____ whip

DOWN

1 _____ vu
2 Sport shirt brand
3 It holds back the water in Holland
4 Suffix with serpent
5 Place to lay an egg
6 Peeved
7 Like some televised tournaments
8 What a travel planner plans
9 Quaint lodging
10 The Almighty
11 1957 Everly Brothers hit with the repeated lyric "Hello loneliness"
12 Deserve
13 Trash
18 Kind of rug or code
22 Geisha's sash
23 "____, vidi, vici"
25 Black-tie party
26 United, as corporations or labor unions
27 Rights org.
28 Greek R's
29 Film score
30 Dalai _____

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

TRAMP	CABS	SPOLE
REBAR	YORE	PENH
INIGO	CLOGDANCE	
OEDIPAL	WEIRDNER	
SEE	CLOD	RESUME
JOLTED	LOS	
CAMERA	OBSCURA	
GOBIG	GORGONHOME	
CRESCENT	MOONS	
HED	SHAKES	
REDCAP	STEM	MBA
INORDER	IDAHOAN	
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PUZZLE BY ADAM G. PERL

34 _____
Hammarskjöld, former U.N. secretary general
35 Hurricane centers
37 "Put _____ writing!"
38 _____ Reader (alternative magazine)
40 Iowa State's home
41 Racer Yarborough
46 "I've got it!"
48 The year 906
49 Bit of grass
50 Holmes's stand
51 Holmes's creator
52 Tucked out
56 Ancient Peruvian
57 Action from a springboard
58 Thing
59 Pigsty
61 "What _____ the chances?"
62 Singer Tormé
63 "Norma _____"

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Public relations juniors Allie and Gabby Byers are identical twins who don't leave home without wearing the same outfit and even take the same classes.

Identical by birth, alike by choice

Identical twins choose to live equally identical lives



By Roy Cathey
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Many students who spend time around the Moody College of Communication or West Campus are familiar with Allie and Gabby Byers, although they probably don't know their names.

The Byers are identical twins who don't leave home without wearing the same outfit down to the buttons on their backpacks. What they leave home for is also identical — they take every class together and work the same internship. Both public relations juniors, the Byers schedule all of their classes together.

"We like what we do," Allie Byers said. "It's our identity, together, and we enjoy it."

The twins have spent all their time together since birth, and are identical except for a birth mark below Allie's right eye. They complete each other's sentences and have dressed identically for as long as they can remember, though their parents made it clear it wasn't required by the time they were old enough to dress themselves.

"They've sat us down and told us that we don't have to dress alike or take the same classes," the Byers said. "And we've always said, 'No, we're functional doing that.'"

After trying once before to have different schedules and dress independently in high school, they agreed that living in sync was the easiest option.

"It just turned into a lot more fighting over who gets to wear what," the Byers said. "We just decided that it was a lot easier if we just wear the same thing."

Every article of clothing the Byers own has a duplicate,

neither of which are owned specifically by one sister or the other. One twin decides what to wear each morning, and the other matches the outfit.

This policy of sharing isn't limited to their wardrobe.

"We split all of our meals," the Byers said. "Even coffee. We just share, which helps a lot with funds."

Questions such as "What is your favorite band?" are answered in unison, making the twins feel like one person. But, the more time spent with them, the more opportunity their idiosyncrasies have to surface.

"We eat our Oreos differently," Gabby Byers said. "Allie likes to do the twist-and-lick, and I just go straight for the kill."

Rachel Childress, UT alumna and longtime friend of the Byers, sees differences in the twins beyond their method of cookie consumption.

"When I first met them, it was hard to meet them as two separate people because they are so alike," Childress said.

"When I got to know them, though, I realized they are really different people. Gabby is more up-front about what she's saying, and Allie is a little less in-your-face."

Gabby also hates to drive, and Allie has a much stronger affinity for peanut butter. Allie takes great pride in being one minute older than her sister, though Gabby doesn't let her forget that she stands a half inch taller at 4 feet, 11 inches.

These subtle differences are not easily seen by passerby, leaving only their visually striking similarities to stir up attention on campus. This attention sometimes turns into criticism toward the sisters' decision to live their lives conjunctively.

"People say 'you need to grow up; you're not in kindergarten anymore,' and just hearing a lot on campus; 'you're in college; you need to grow up and be your own person,'" Allie Byers said. "Sometimes that hurts us because they just don't understand."

One student went as far as

to take a photo of the twins and post it on Facebook with the caption "dressing alike in college, cool or not?" By the time a friend informed the Byers of the post, it had acquired more than 50 likes and almost 40 comments.

"What we don't understand is why people get so worked up about it and have to call us out," Gabby Byers said. "I don't understand how it's hurting anyone. We definitely see it as, 'This is our identity, and we're just living it up.'"

Along with their efforts to dress alike, the functionality of their dating life is also a prevailing subject when peers scrutinize the Byers' lifestyle.

"I think, because we have each other, we're not looking for a companion right now," the Byers said. "Also, we never really have much time to date, with work, school, and an internship."

As far as the sisters are concerned, the positive effects of their decisions outweigh the negatives, and they have been

able to shrug off the criticism through the strength they gain from their bond.

"We have been together since before we were born, and we didn't know any different," the Byers said. "When we tried individualization, we didn't feel like we were being ourselves. When we are together, when we dress alike and we take the same classes, we just enjoy the closeness. We're actually more productive that way. We're kind of one brain."

Set to graduate in May 2015, Allie and Gabby have plans beyond college to start a public relations firm called Byers Partners. They plan to use their bond to their advantage until life manages to pull them apart.

"We definitely know it's coming, and it's always kind of a funny and scary thought for us because we wonder what will happen when one of us gets married or someone decides to move away," Allie Byers said. "We'll just deal with it when we get there."

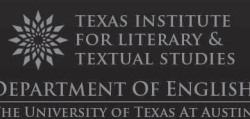
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Hindu Students Association brings together diverse student body with Holi

The LBJ Library lawn saw a crowd of students dressed in white Sunday, covered in assorted colored powders ranging from blue and red to yellow and pink. The beautiful weather was the perfect companion to the traditional Indian festival of Holi, or the "Festival of Colors." Holi is an important festival for Hindus and is a cocktail of dance, music and color, which celebrates the beginning of spring. UT's Hindu Students Association's annual Holi Celebration succeeded in bringing UT's diverse, international student body together to celebrate.

Each spring, Holi is celebrated across India with a nationwide color war, throwing handfuls of either colored powder or water.

The event was originally scheduled to be held March 23 but was postponed to Sunday because of weather-related concerns. In most years, Holi is held at South Mall but was relocated to the LBJ Lawn because

Tomorrow

For a story on how UT's Holi celebration is different from the traditional Holi celebration, read tomorrow's Daily Texan.

of new efforts by the University to use South Mall less for large events to prevent replacing the grass frequently.

As students formed lines snaking along the perimeter of the LBJ lawns to pick up packets of the coveted colored powder, the event's DJ, DeeJay Chet, played songs ranging from popular Bollywood and pop to fast-paced Indian folk music. With photo opportunities and memories created at this color carnival, UT's Holi was a celebration spanning continents and cultures.

—Kritika Kulshrestha