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Students help campaigns

Political campaigns enlist UT students to canvass off campus.

By Eilish O'Sullivan
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This summer, government junior Andrew Herrera had an opportunity most college students won't. Herrera tried to help elect more than 20 Democratic candidates across Williamson County as a coordinated

campaign executive director.

Through the full-time job, Herrera coordinates all volunteer management and training, and runs outreach efforts, such as phone-banking and block-walking, which is where a volunteer goes door-to-door to get name recognition and voters for their preferred candidate. Herrera also formulates the county party's strategy and messaging to reach disaffected voters, and helps manage four offices to "get out the vote" in Georgetown, Round Rock, Cedar Park and Taylor.

"This is a really big opportunity for someone as young as I am," said

Herrera, president of University Democrats. "A lot of younger people don't really get the chance to be this involved in the decision-making."

But Herrera isn't the only UT student involved in political campaigns. Biochemistry senior Saurabh Sharma is at the forefront of volunteer efforts for the "Chip Roy for Congress" campaign. Sharma is chairman of Young Conservatives of Texas, and he said after the group endorsed Chip Roy in the race for the 21st Congressional District of Texas, the organization became

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College of Education selects new dean

By Meara Isenberg
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Long before Charles Martinez was selected as UT's new dean of the College of Education, he was a first-generation college student, leaving home in San Diego to pursue a degree.

"My dad sort of waved me goodbye on the curb of our home in San Diego and said, 'Good luck, Mijo,'" Martinez said. "That was basically the orientation experience that I had."

With a background in clinical psychology, Martinez said he hopes to bring a unique perspective to UT's education school and a holistic look at how kids are impacted both in and outside a school setting.

"In education, we often think of influencing students who are sitting in chairs in a classroom, but I think about all the other action that happens with kids, all these teachers, mentors and parents and community elders who really make an influence on our lives," Martinez said.

Martinez, a third-generation Mexican-American, attended Pitzer College in Claremont, California,

where he studied psychology. While in school, Martinez worked a full-time job to help pay for his tuition and graduated in four years with honors.

"I really took my education seriously," Martinez said. "I was always that kid who sat in the front row of the class, that dorky kid, because I was paying to be there. It was so valuable to me."

Earning his master's and doctoral degrees from the California School of Professional Psychology, Martinez has spent the past 20 years at The University of Oregon, where he has held multiple positions aimed at promoting diversity and inclusion.

Martinez began serving as UO's vice president for institutional equity and diversity in 2005, where he worked to ensure the campus environment was supportive of students from all backgrounds and cultures. The result, Martinez said, was UO's first-ever campuswide equity and inclusion plan, which was implemented for each individual college and school at UO.

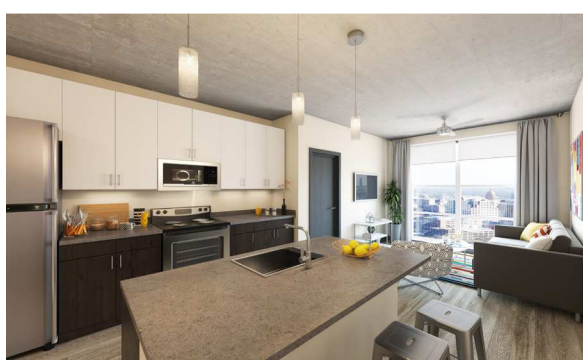
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Government junior Andrew Herrera works with multiple Democratic candidates across the state and coordinates with volunteers to spread the word on who is going to be on the Democratic ballot this upcoming election season.



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UT Registration Plus is an extension created by computer science sophomore Sriram Hariharan. The extension brings together information for specific courses from sites such as RateMyProfessor and eCIS evaluation pages.

Extension eases registration

UT Registration Plus compiles instructor, grade information.

By Eilish O'Sullivan @EVOSULLIVAN

Computer science sophomore Sriram Hariharan has always had a hard time registering for classes. So to make it easier, Hariharan developed an extension for Google Chrome called UT Registration Plus.

"It's really annoying for me to go through (registration)," Hariharan said. "I'm pretty sure for a lot of people it's that way. This last semester, I just got so annoyed that I was like, 'I'm gonna make something that makes it better.'"

For each course in the UT's course schedule catalogue, links are provided to the RateMyProfessor and eCIS evaluation pages for that instructor, as well as syllabi from when

the professor taught the class in the past, through the extension. It also gives users the course description and highlights things such as prerequisites and restrictions.

The extension shows an graph for the distribution of grades students have received in the past. It also lets users save courses, and then highlights and crosses out what courses would conflict with the saved ones.

"I want it to help people with registration, streamline the process and take out a lot of the headache from finding courses," Hariharan said.

The extension was just rolled out on July 23 and already has nearly 700 users, Hariharan said.

Krishna Chittur, a computer science and mathematics senior, is one such user.

"Overall, it's a massive timesaver," Chittur said. "Usually, if something is missing, it's not the extension's fault. ... Sometimes, UT doesn't have the syllabus for a

course, and oftentimes, a professor won't have a RateMyProfessor page."

It took Hariharan less than a month to make UT Registration Plus, all with little experience using JavaScript, an advanced programming language. Hariharan created it with no outside help, other than that from Google search results.

"I also wanted to use this to learn more about web development, and I didn't really know JavaScript that well before this, so it took a lot of late nights, googling and trying to figure stuff out," Hariharan said. "I'm not like a genius or anything, I've seen this at other schools, but I didn't see it at UT, so I thought it would be really cool."

After creating the extension, Hariharan told a friend to post it in the UT '22 Facebook group as a test run.

"I actually wasn't planning on telling anyone about this until like the start of the semester ... but I told one of my

friends as, like, a beta test to just put it in the upcoming freshman Facebook group, just to see how it works with the people who are actually registering," Hariharan said. "I went to sleep and it just blew up over night. ... It had like a hundred downloads, it was crazy."

Civil engineering freshman Singh Arwinder wrote a five-star review for the extension to express his gratitude.

"I usually don't write reviews, but this app has made this registration process sOooOoo much easier," Arwinder said in the review. "I felt the need to let everyone know how helpful this app is!"

Hariharan said he would love to collaborate with the University on making this a new way students register, but has not put much thought into his next steps. Regardless, Hariharan said this is definitely going to go on his resume, and he wants to develop more products like this in the future.

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very active in the campaign. "We were very passionate about helping him out," Sharma said. "We would just (block-) walk for Chip Roy and knock on doors, and it was a great experience for our members, a lot of them had never block-walked to that extent before."

For a whole semester, Sharma block-walked for Roy's campaign every weekend. Sharma said because of his consistent involvement with the campaign, he was put in charge of block-walking right before the runoff election.

In the past, Sharma has also worked full-time in the Texas Capitol and district office for Sen. Van Taylor. This inspired him to change his future plans and switch from pre-med to pre-law. After graduating from UT, he wants to go to law school and study intellectual property and patent law.

Sharma first got involved with politics after joining YCT.

"My political beliefs had evolved quite a bit, I kind of came to conclusions as far as what is it that I believed," Sharma said. "I decided I wanted to join a group that would allow me to kind of develop those ideas and further exercise my political ideas."

Herrera, who is from Williamson County, said he is thankful for the opportunity to have a seat at the table, and he hopes he can be a voice for millennials as well as encourage people who have hesitations about getting out and voting as a Democrat.

"For the most part, people haven't seen a Democrat running in some of these local races for years and so they don't even know what a Democrat looks like," Herrera said. "There's a caricature that people invoke about (Williamson County) as being so extremely conservative, that a Democrat can't win here, and that they shouldn't run, but that's not true."

Herrera has dreams of going to the LBJ School of Public Affairs to study public policy and then eventually working at the federal level.

"What I want to focus on is a broad, 'What do we need to do to make the most difference in the most people's lives?'" Herrera said.

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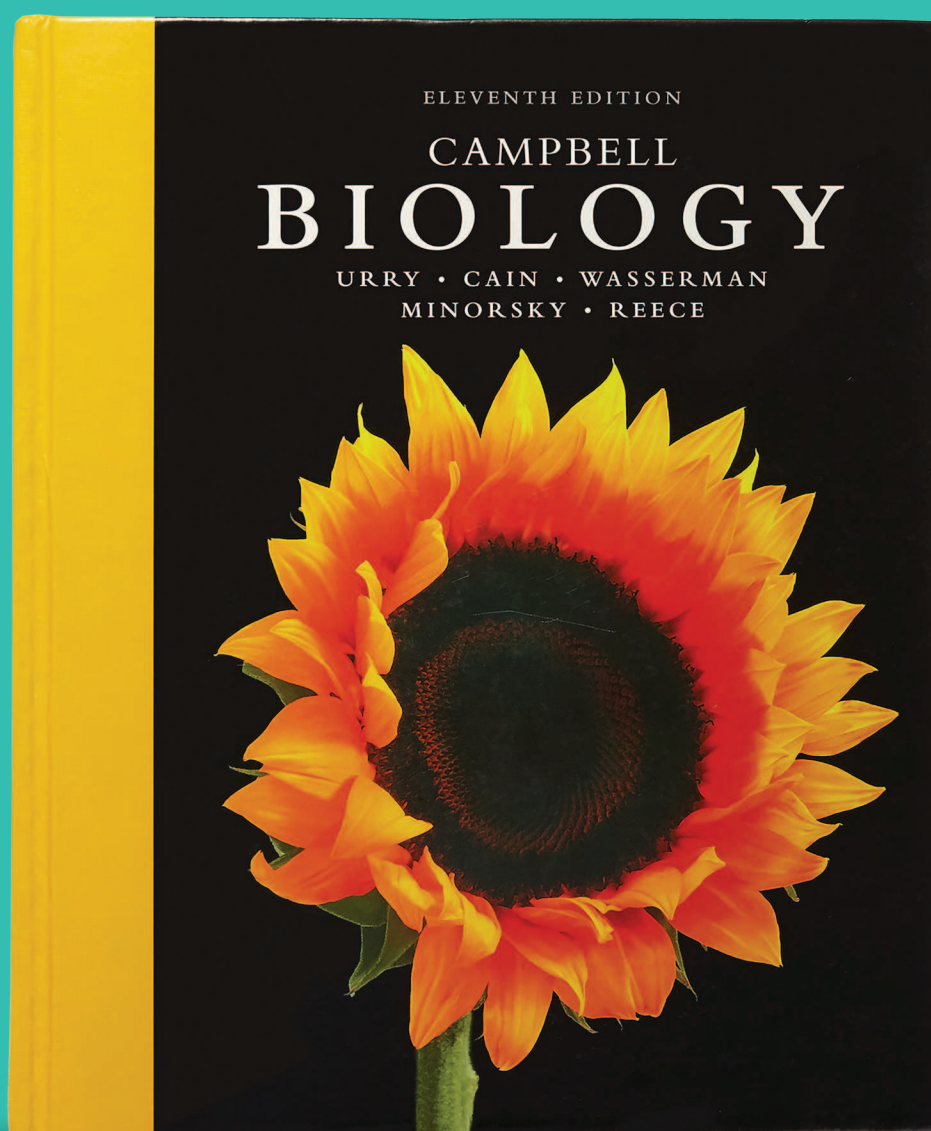
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Meet Dr. Patricia Carter, UT's own in-house "sleep doctor" and instructor of the UGS class, "Sleep: Are We Getting Enough?" Dr. Carter breaks down the importance of sleep to a science, literally.

Unusual UGS classes range from napping to horror

By Abigail Rosenthal
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Two unusual classes fill up fast every fall, with first-time UT students attracted to ideas and topics not commonly found in the classroom.

These courses are part of the signature course program, which incoming freshmen and transfer students are required to take to experience college-level learning and research at UT.

English Associate professor Elizabeth Richmond-Garza's course, "Modernity, Anxiety and the Art of the Uncanny," is centered around the idea that things feel "secretly familiar," something she experienced as a child living in San Francisco, London, Oxford, Paris, Florence and Rome, where she felt simultaneously at home and not.

"It's this notion that you see something or experience something (that) is simultaneously 'Oh, I know that' and 'Wait a minute,'" said Richmond-Garza, director of the comparative literature program. "It's that cognitive gap that makes you want to explore it."

To help her class of 240 explore that gap, she turns to a multitude of sources. Readings including "Dracula," "The Picture of Dorian Gray" and Sigmund Freud's "The

Uncanny," and scenes from "Inception" and "Get Out" offer a visualization of that feeling, while Richmond-Garza's class-specific Spotify playlists provide the soundtrack.

"A lot of the media Dr. Richmond-Garza shared with us in class was incredibly thought-provoking and fascinating," said Justin Lau, a recent chemistry graduate who took the course his sophomore year. "It also came from both traditional and modern sources, which was exciting because it reinforced that these concepts were relevant ... and contemporary."

While Richmond-Garza teaches around the things that keep us up at night, Dr. Patricia Carter helps her students understand sleep in her course, "Sleep: Are We Getting Enough?" something she first studied while earning her doctorate from the University of California, Los Angeles.

There have been rumors one can get credit in the course for napping. Carter said that while this isn't true, she's not going to interrupt anyone catching up on sleep in her class.

"My preference, of course, is that they sleep well (outside of class and) don't feel compelled to sleep in class," said Carter, an associate professor in the School of Nursing. "But I also understand that just like if somebody

was talking to you about a really wonderful, flavorful meal that they had, that your mouth might start watering. If I'm talking to you about sleep, people start to get sleepy."

Instead, she teaches tips on how to take an effective nap based on a specific need. To catch up on lost sleep, a 90-minute snooze is helpful. A 20-minute nap can offer a "power boost." For "emergency purposes only," she emphasizes, there's what she calls the "nappuccino."

"Caffeine takes about 20 minutes to hit its full potential," Carter said. "You drink your caffeine, you lay down, set your alarm clock for 20 minutes, you wake up in 20 minutes and you're refreshed from the nap (while) also getting the caffeine hitting about that same time."

Carter said because everyone sleeps, it's not hard for students to find something interesting in the course. She also believes her passion for the topic is what makes the 250-student course popular.

"If I'm passionate about what I'm teaching now and I'm passionate about the importance of the skills that we're trying to help them either gain or polish, then that sort of goes a little bit further and helping them be convinced that maybe it is important," Carter said. "Fortunately for sleep, everybody loves sleep."

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Unconventional clubs to check out, join this fall

By Meara Isenberg
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From sports clubs to religion clubs, there are plenty of ways to get involved on UT's campus. But what about a "Harry Potter"-themed service organization or a club that meets up to eat at Austin restaurants together? Yup, UT has those, too.

With about 1,200 student organizations on campus, there's no shortage of unconventional clubs to choose from.

Claire Norris, president of Keep Austin Wizard, said she initially joined the organization as a fan of the "Harry Potter" books, but quickly realized there was more to the club than just discussing the series.

"It's not just a fan club about 'Harry Potter,' it's also an opportunity to do volunteering and community service and work on actual issues," said Norris, a radio-television-film senior. "That's something that's become a lot more interesting to me."

By tabling with "butterbeer," a drink straight out of the books made with cream soda, caramel and whipped cream, Norris said the club raises money for organizations that promote literacy and education in Austin.

While the club currently has about five members, according to Norris, the smaller group size does not keep the team from volunteering at places such as the Inside Books Project, which promotes literacy and education within the Texas prison system by mailing books to prisoners.

Also uniting students with a specific interest, the Texas Fly Fishing Club was started last spring to help students bond over fishing with artificial fly bait, club president Riley Carew said.

"Fly fishing is a much more difficult way of fishing," said Carey, an international relations and global studies senior. "Instead of casting with one fluid stroke, you have to build up your cast with the line, going back and forth with the fly ... and place it in the exact spot where you want it for the fish to bite."

Carew said the group currently is made up of about 25 men but is open to anyone to join.

Also available for students to join this fall, Coders Across Disciplines is meant to bring students from schools across campus together to learn more about how coding fits into their specific fields, club president Carl Karouta said.

While the club includes STEM majors, chemical engineering senior Karouta said it also brings in students from other majors such as economics and linguistics.

"Some people are interested in natural language processing, (which is) how companies like Google and others will interpret your speech and process that natural kind of speech to literally (form) words out of it," Karouta said. "That's what linguists care about, but it's also a heavy software application."

Another group on campus is bringing students together using the ultimate unifier: food. The Dinner Club, founded by advertising senior John Parker, is a club that meets up at new and classic restaurants around Austin.

Parker said the club usually sees around seven people show up to eat and has checked out eateries such as Hula Hut, Lucky Robot and Blue Dahlia Bistro. Through sitting down and enjoying a meal, Parker said he has seen students from different backgrounds get to know each other.

"It's meant to be kind of relaxing, and a space for people to meet each other," Parker said. "(Food) gives you something to share and talk about, and conversation just goes from there."



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BASEBALL

Texas' unlikely turnaround

March 15: the turning point en route to the College World Series.

By Travis Hlvanika
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At first glance, Texas' appearance at the College World Series was just a 0-2 outing — in other words, a disappointment. What the Longhorns' quick elimination failed to show, though, was the unlikely turnaround they had to perform just to qualify for the NCAA tournament.

Pierce saw 11 players on his roster head to the MLB after his first year in Austin, including dominant pitcher Morgan Cooper and offensive superstar Kody Clemens. Longhorn fans' expectations weren't exactly through the roof. After a nightmarish 9-9 start to the season, all those expectations seemed to do was sink.

That's why, despite the back-to-back losses in the College World Series that sent Texas home almost immediately, Pierce exuded nothing but pride as he reflected on his team's run in his final news conference in Omaha.

"There's nobody in this room and nobody in the country expected this team to be here (in Omaha)," Pierce said. "And (the team) did a heck of a job from the start to finish, from the fall ball into early spring. The things that they had to accomplish to get here is incredible."

Early in the season, Texas did not resemble a team capable of hosting or even qualifying to play in a regional tournament, much less a trip to Omaha. After dropping five consecutive games to a pair of top-10 teams in Stanford and Arkansas, Texas was officially a .500 team.

Then, the Longhorn baseball program received news that exceeded everything that unfolded in their five-game losing streak.



Senior second baseman Kody Clemens attempts to field a ball at the College World Series at TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha, Nebraska. Texas reached Omaha despite getting off to a 9-9 start to the season but was eliminated after going 0-2 in the tournament.

The day after the final loss to Arkansas, on March 15, legendary head baseball coach Augie Garrido, who led the Texas baseball program for 19 seasons and won two national championships in eight College World Series appearances in his tenure, passed away. The death rocked the university and the college baseball landscape for the remainder of the season.

However, it supplied Pierce and his team with the inspiration it needed to press the restart button on the season.

From that point on, the team would lose only nine of its next 37 games en route to a Big 12 regular season championship. One of the major contributing factors to the astounding

recovery can be attributed to the historic effort from junior second baseman Kody Clemens.

Clemens, who was a consensus All-American, Big 12 Player of the Year and Golden Spikes Award finalist finished the year with a .351 average and 24 home runs, second most in the country. Clemens, who had his first fully healthy year at Texas since his arrival, was the team's catalyst all year and one of the most dangerous players in the country.

"What a year Kody Clemens had," Pierce said. "It's second to none. And for us to be able to witness and see what he did all year and be a part of that and the energy he brought back to the University of Texas

was incredible."

Going into the postseason, Texas would host a regional tournament at UFCU Disch-Falk Field in Austin, where it would go 3-0 including an 8-3 win over Texas A&M.

The Longhorns would then host a Super Regional tournament against Tennessee Tech. After going down 0-1 in the best-of-three series, Texas junior pitchers Chase Shugart and Matteo Bocchi would put up two of the season's best pitching performances, allowing Texas to take the next two games and secure a spot at the College World Series in Omaha almost three months after its 9-9 start and the loss of Augie Garrido.

"It's kind of a crazy thing that

we're celebrating his (Augie's) life just a couple months ago," redshirt junior pitcher Parker Joe Robinson said. "And then to have us perform it seems like right after he passed away. Our team kind of flipped a switch. I don't know, maybe Augie was with us."

There, the team would lose its only two games to Arkansas and Florida, ending the Longhorns' dreams at a national title almost immediately. But Texas' 0-2 appearance wasn't viewed as a failure by any sense of the imagination. In just his second season, Pierce and the baseball program showed Texas fans something the three major sports haven't earned in quite some time: success.

SUMMER QUOTES

Top four Longhorn quotes from this summer

By Ross Burkhardt
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From Kody Clemens' home runs to Mo Bamba's jump to the NBA, the last three months have been filled with memorable Texas sports moments. With those come quotes from some of UT's most premier athletes and coaches.

Here's a recap of some of the lasting words from around Austin this summer:

Clemens lets Texas know how he feels about the Aggies

Following June's highly-anticipated matchup between Texas and Texas A&M on the baseball diamond, slugger Kody Clemens vocalized the feeling of many Longhorn fans when asked if there was anybody he disliked more than A&M.

"Um. No," Clemens said during a post-game news conference.

Clemens made his feelings about the Aggies very apparent during the game, as well, by hitting two home runs en route to an 8-3 victory in the NCAA tournament.

Hager steals the show at Big 12 Media Days

As head coach Tom Herman and four Texas football players fielded questions at July's Big 12 Media Days in Frisco, there never seemed to be a dull moment with one athlete: Breckyn Hager.

During the event, both

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Hit the books, save money with UT Libraries

By Emily Caldwell
COLUMNIST

The UT library system is doing its best to help students not spend money on unnecessary things. The only problem is that not enough students take advantage. UT Libraries consistently ranks as one of the largest research libraries in North America and quite easily as the largest one in Texas. With materials such as these at their disposal, all UT students should use library resources to save money and make their lives easier.

According to Michele Ostrow, the assistant director of teaching and learning services for UT Libraries, there are 60 librarians, 170 staffers and 220 student staffers waiting to help students with whatever they may need — locating research resources, attending skills workshops, checking out course materials or simply finding answers to random questions. “We’re just there waiting, and we like (answering questions),” Ostrow says. “That’s why we became librarians.”

UT Libraries has more than 10 million physical items throughout its collections — not to mention the countless number of journals, papers, e-books and movies. Research projects can be daunting, but UT students have more than



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enough resources.

“I think it’s really important for undergrads, in particular, to understand that, as librarians, it’s our job to help them do research,” Ostrow says. “Even if they were super library users in high school, a

humongous research library is a completely different thing, so that’s what we’re here for.”

The services and resources offered to UT students by the library system deserve more attention and more use — especially because they’re 100 percent free.

Every student should have the “How to save money with the UT Libraries” guide bookmarked on their browser. Students often end up spending money on course packets and textbooks when they really could have accessed them for free using the library. “If you have readings, see if we have them in the library before you pay for a course pack,” Ostrow said. “There are a lot of things in the library that are on your syllabus that you can get for free here.”

Textbooks are undeniably expensive, but if a student is willing to sacrifice a little bit of time and (sometimes a whole lot of) effort, they can reduce the cost of their class materials. From databases to textbooks on reserve and standardized test prep materials, UT’s library system is a fountain of free information with not enough use. “We spend millions of dollars on subscriptions, and they’re right there at your fingertips, whether you’re on or off campus,” Ostrow said.

Academic skills workshops, 10 million books and access to class materials — all 100 percent free. UT Libraries is a resource that we have access to as college students, and it’s time we realize what we’re missing.

Caldwell is a Latin American studies and journalism sophomore from College Station.

COLUMN

Be strategic with how you use your meal plan

By Jacob Palmer
COLUMNIST

College is the first time students independently choose what food to buy where. Each student who lives on UT’s campus receives a meal plan. While these plans seem to map out all food expenses for students, that’s not necessarily the case. Students should take advantage of UT’s unique dining experience to practice running a personal budget.

UT’s dining plan is somewhat different than most schools. Rather than giving students a set number of meals or a variety of meal plans, every on-campus student gets 1,800 dining dollars and 200 Bevo Bucks as a part of room and board fees. Rene Rodriguez, director of dining at University Housing and Dining says the “system gives our students that live with us total control over how to spend their money.”

Those 1,800 dining dollars for two semesters of food might sound like a lot or maybe not much at all. Regardless, it’s easy for students to burn through if they aren’t careful of how and where they spend them. This is a major concern for the more than 7,000 Longhorns who live on campus.

UT’s dining plan allows students to get into the habit of budgeting the dollars they spend by focusing on a single expense. So rather than having to think about rent, utilities, transportation, etc., with a meal plan, students can use their time on campus to focus on budgeting for food. This is a great opportunity for students to practice budgeting before their expenses get too complicated.

Rodriguez encourages this budgeting of dining dollars and Bevo Bucks. He also advises that

“the value for (on campus students’) money is in all-you-care-to-eat locations.”

Special education junior Lillie Saunders can confirm this. Living in Jester West her freshman year, she ate at J2 regularly. “I could get as much food as I needed for the time being and it saved me a pretty good bit of money,” Saunders said. She also encourages other students “to be conscious of how much things cost and where you could get them cheaper,” especially with produce and healthy snacks.

Budgeting for food early on can smooth the transition from on campus to off. Students should take time to think through how much they can spend each month, week, or even day on food. This budget should take into account Bevo Bucks and personal trips to outside stores such as HEB or Target. From there, students can decide whether to spend their money at buffet-style or retail locations.

Students can track their dining dollar spending on My Housing. Also, both Numbers and Excel offer templates for personal budgets. Apps such as Wally or EveryDollar also offer free basics on how to budget and track expenses. These are great resources for students to focus on their food expenses, but also can serve the needs of students who live off campus.

UT also offers a commuter meal plan for students living off-campus. This can continue to help simplify a food budget. And if UT’s current dining plans don’t meet your needs, Rodriguez holds regular meetings to listen to student input.

Students should take advantage of the budgeting opportunity that the UT dining plan provides. If they work to develop skills and habits in budgeting, they will be better prepared for life off-campus and even post-graduation.

Palmer is an English senior from Coppell.



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UT stands out for not providing free printing

By Siara Shoemaker
COLUMNIST

Of all the major public universities in Texas, The University of Texas at Austin is the only one that does not provide any form of free printing credit. Even smaller universities in the UT System, such as UT-El Paso and UT-San Antonio, have credit systems in place. Since it is still common for professors to require printed-out materials for class, UT-Austin should provide students with an allotment of free printing each semester.

Current printing costs require payment of 10 cents for each black-and-white single-sided sheet. Students can pay for this with Bevo Bucks or via debit or credit card through the online My Print Center system, which requires a \$5 prepaid minimum.

Although UT has more than 50,000 students, many other large universities are able to provide their students with some form of free printing. Texas A&M has the greatest number of students enrolled at a single university in Texas, yet the school is able to provide its students with a printing allowance of \$30 a semester at the cost of 9 cents per sheet. Even better, Texas State provides its students with 2,500 free pages per semester.

Chris Carter, director of organizational effectiveness of UT Libraries, says that “the cost of printing at the libraries pays for hardware, supplies and support of both the print system and the scanning system, but we make scanning free as a benefit to our users and to encourage reduced use of paper when possible.” This system is admirable, as UT prides itself on environmental initiatives and reducing waste, but it isn’t

always practical since some professors still require hard copies.

Advertising senior Nicole Mock said, “I’ve had professors that would require us to print out worksheets everyday, sometimes up to 6 pages front-and-back. I would sometimes spend up to \$5 a week for material for one class.”

The University’s 2017–2018 operating budget states that printing services generated \$183,003 in revenue for Information Technology Services. According to Travis Willmann, communications officer of UT Libraries, this is only the revenue provided from UTprint services run by ITS. The print services offered through UT’s libraries, however, run on a separate budget. Because our tuition includes several required fees for library and information technology services, we should be able to receive an allotment of free printing coverage. Indiana University, for example, uses a system that provides students with credits based on how many hours they are enrolled in, covered by fees the students pay in their tuition.

Certain departments at UT already provide their students with discounted or free printing. The Department of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering provides its students with a \$40 print quota per semester at the discounted cost of 6 cents per page from their lab computers. If this is doable, the rest of UT’s students should also be able to receive some form of free printing credits each semester.

As Mock shared, printing at UT can be expensive, especially when the minimum fee required to print can be \$5. UT should give all students an equal opportunity to save money when it comes to printing costs.

Shoemaker is a senior government major from Kingwood.

COLUMN

Financial bars put undue burden on student registration

By Laura Laughead
COLUMNIST

A UT student stares at her computer clock. It’s 9:29:55 am. She fidgets with a list of unique codes on a blank page. Five seconds later, she pastes a code only to receive a note in a bold, black font: “Financial bar: Registration is not available at this time.” Her schedule falls apart in less than 15 seconds.

This registration nightmare is common at UT and has made registration infamous as one of the most unpleasant, anxiety-inducing times of year. Our registration system needs an overhaul.

For fall 2017, UT admitted 8,238 full-time, first-time freshman. That’s an 18 percent increase since 2014, and students say they’re seeing the repercussions — especially during

registration. Here’s the problem: those extra 1,500 to 2,000 students will be fighting with you for the last seat in your 9:30am core.

Catherine Harpold is a radio-television-film sophomore whose unfortunate registration experience for fall 2018 is detailed above. With the apparent disintegration of her class schedule during registration last April, Harpold worried her degree plan would be in limbo and she would be set back a semester or even a year.

“I didn’t get any of the classes that I needed,” Harpold said. “(The day after registration), I couldn’t register because I had to wait 24 hours for the bar to go away, and I wasn’t sure what I was going to do because all my classes, including my major (classes), were gone.”

Harpold had a grant from Hurricane Harvey relief that interfered with her loans and suddenly manifested itself as a financial bar the

morning of her registration.

“I think (the UT Administration) needs to do a better job alerting me if I do have a bar because (the night before) I checked and I didn’t,” Harpold said.

Harpold, however, ended up being one of the lucky ones. A new section opened up at the last minute. But many students, including myself, weren’t so lucky.

While our online registration system might work for a small college, UT’s massive population makes it ulcer-inducing. To fix it, UT should do more of what worked for Harpold: opening up more sections and adding more seats in prerequisites and cores.

At the same time, UT should also put a system in place to decongest classes by limiting the students in crowded schools who take more major classes a semester than needed or required. “They’re taking spots away from people like

me who can only take one of those classes right now,” Harpold said.

UT is crowded. But when the balance of your upcoming semester — or for some, your academic future — lies in the seconds it takes for you to paste number codes before your classmates, there is a problem.

Simultaneously, UT should create a better system to communicate financial bars and waitlist statuses to students in an effort to cut through the bureaucratic burnt orange tape surrounding registration.

Ultimately, the best way to douse the registration inferno would be to hire more faculty and create more classes. But the easiest solution is the one no one wants to discuss — admitting fewer students. Either way, let’s put an end to this scheduled sign-up suffering.

Laughead is a journalism and rhetoric and writing junior from Houston.

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Hooked on Movies aims to change face of film criticism

Online platform intends to make demographics of film criticism more diverse.

By Tina Woodard
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Many creators' greatest ideas come from everyday mishaps or friendly conversations. For radio-television-film junior Ben Lively, one of his greatest ideas came from an on-line article about film criticism's unvaried demographics. "For a job that you would expect to require diversity, it really didn't show in the demographics," Lively said. "People our age are some of the biggest

demographics to see movies, and it should be more diverse than just white guys." Lively then brought this info to business junior and high school friend Zac Powell, who also saw fault and potential in this startling information. Their collaborative efforts produced Hooked on Movies, an online platform officially launched on July 7, where students from all walks of life can contribute to the homogenous field of film criticism. Powell, who serves alongside vice president of media Lively as Hooked on Movies' president, said he hopes the organization's reviews also hope to serve as a guide for students weary to spend money on potentially dissatisfying films. "Our money and our time are more valuable than they have been

ever before," Powell said. "If you have people that align with some of you, you can at least have a bit of a better idea that this will be worth my time, this will be worth my money." Only requiring college enrollment and two reviews a month, Hooked on Movies' participation isn't limited to just UT students. Students from at least seven universities, including Oklahoma State and Florida State, contribute to the group's growing pool of reviews, an aspect that Powell said adds to their mission of diversity. "If we have on a broad level everyone that's reviewing just from UT-Austin, they will still be somewhat influenced by what Austin brings," Powell said. "But then, if you get people from different southern schools, northeastern




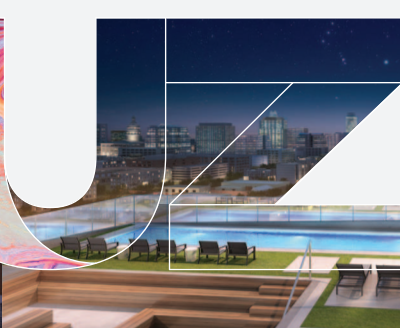

schools or California schools, those are going to bring different perspectives as well." Hannah Mathes, radio-television-film and public relations sophomore and Hooked on Movies director of social media, said the collective's setup allows her to express herself without fearing judgment from other film critics. "I can feel comfortable to like a movie that isn't genius but I can say, 'Hey, this is worth a watch because I enjoyed it,' or 'I learned something from it,'" Mathes said. "It's not about the camera lens or the editing software — it's about connecting to people." Breanna Ellis, biology sophomore and Hooked on Movies staff writer, said that the platform gives her creative opportunities that her

high school did not. "There's not a formula of what a review is supposed to look like in high school," Ellis said. "I feel like I have more freedom to actually be honest." Despite their success, Powell worries that a limited film background might deter potential writers from applying for Hooked on Movies. To dispel their concerns, Powell said that a lack of film expertise is exactly what they're looking for. "We're not looking for established critics," Powell said. "We're looking for the average college student or the average moviegoer. If you're worried that you're not as well versed in movies or you've never really done film criticism for, that's exactly who we're looking for this site."



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STUDENT LIFE

Beat heat with four signature swim spots

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Texas summers are known to be incredibly hot, so when it comes to summer fun, swimming is one of the best ways to stay cool. But with so many places to swim, picking a place may seem overwhelming, or maybe you just want to try someplace new. Here are a few different options to help you beat the heat this summer.

Deep Eddy Pool Hours: 8 a.m.–8 p.m. Price: varies between \$1-\$8	Now operated by the City of Austin, Deep Eddy
McKinney Falls State Park Hours: 8 a.m.–10 p.m. Price: \$6	While McKinney Falls is not a pool, the state park is

Pool has been a prime swimming spot for locals for over 100 years. It is the oldest swimming pool in Texas and is listed as a historic landmark by the Texas Historical Commission. The cool spring water pool accommodates people of all ages, including lap lanes and a deep end for adults with a beach entry and a gradual shallow-to-deep end area, for kids. Prices for entry range from \$1 to \$8, and during the summer, Deep Eddy Pool also offers poolside movie events.

along Onion Creek, which allows visitors to swim and hang out. With just a short drive and a \$6 entry fee, you are able to do a variety of activities such as swimming, hiking, biking and fishing, making McKinney Falls a more versatile place to spend a summer's day. Named as one of Travel Channel's top 10 swimming holes in 2016, the park offers two places to swim, Upper Falls and Lower Falls. The water varies from shallow to deep and is a good place to bring floaties and tubes. The beautiful scenery alone, makes this location one to visit.

STUDENT LIFE

Embrace local outdoors with hike, bike trails

By Ruben Paquian
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Everyone knows Austin is a little different than most Texas towns, something we are very proud of. One distinguishing feature that separates us from the rest is the plethora of green spaces and trails. No matter where you are in the city, there is most likely a trail right around the corner. Whether you are already an outdoor enthusiast looking for some new trails to trek or just looking for a place to escape the hustle and bustle of the city, you will never be short on places to go in Austin. Here a few trails loved by locals to check out.

Shoal Creek

The closest to campus and one of Austin's oldest, Shoal Creek Trail is the perfect hike and bike route for a quick post class or morning workout. Stretching from 38th Street to Ladybird Lake, the trail functions as a scenic alternative route to the heart of the city.

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From the viewpoint of the Westin's Azul Rooftop Pool, you are able to see most of downtown Austin's notable features, including the skyline itself, the South Congress bridge, Lady Bird Lake and Frost Bank Tower the city's most prominent feature.

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Running along Shoal Creek, the trail passes by Pease Park, 9th Street BMX Park and Heath Eiland and Morgan Moss Skate Park. The closer you get to downtown, the more gorgeous the trail becomes. The thick vegetation that grows along Shoal Creek beautifully contrasts with the concrete jungle above. This trail, combined with the Town Lake Butler Trail, works as a perfect scenic route to Zilker Park.

Butler Trail
Easily the most crowded trail on the list, Butler Trail, also known as Town Lake or Lady Bird Lake trail, brings in more than two million visitors a year according to The Trail Foundation. Smack dab

in the heart of the city, the 10-mile trail starts underneath MoPac and runs along Lad Bird Lake, passing I-35 and running through East Austin neighborhoods. If you're not feeling the whole 10 miles, crossing at I-35 cuts the loop to 7 miles and using the famed pedestrian bridge cuts it down to 3. The mostly gravel trail is excellent for biking, running or walking. With this one trail, you can hit Austin icons such as the Congress bat bridge and Zilker Park.

Barton Creek Greenbelt
The mother of all trails, the Barton Creek Greenbelt, more commonly known as the Greenbelt, offers outdoor enthusiasts 12.5 miles of beautiful trail covered by thick green trees. With seven trailheads scattered across the city, there are

always new routes to be found along Austin's favorite backyard getaway. Take a dip in one of many swimming spots along Barton Creek or break a sweat taking on one of the many rock walls perfect for climbing. Spend an afternoon here and you'll forget you're still in Austin.

Bull Creek Greenbelt Trail
If you're looking for a trail with less foot traffic but just as much greenery as some of the other trails on the list, Bull Creek is the place to go. Running along the North Capital of Texas Highway, Bull Creek is a great destination for a quick daytime excursion, running just under 3 miles. Doubling as a fun swimming spot, the trails Main, Lower and Hidden Falls make for exceptional pit stops to cool off.



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Daiquan Brown rides through the boardwalk section of the Ann and Roy Butler Trail Hike-and-Bike Trail, otherwise known as "Town Lake" to native Austinites. The 10-mile loop extends from MoPac in the west to Lakeshore Boulevard in East Austin.



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FOOTBALL

McKnight's secret to success

McKnight earns players' trust via toughness and relatability.

By Alex Briseño
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Strength and conditioning coach Yancy McKnight watched on as the defensive line dominated the offensive line for several reps during blocking drills at practice on Tuesday.

Recently hired offensive line coach Herb Hand was visibly frustrated, while senior defensive end Charles Omenihu started chirping at the offensive line.

"We need some assholes out here," McKnight said laughingly, as both sides of the ball lined back up for another rep.

McKnight arrived as a part of head coach Tom Herman's staff from the University of Houston two years ago. Since then, Herman praises him for his contributions in the weight room any chance he gets.

After just one offseason of McKnight's workouts, the team lost 525 pounds of body fat and added 385 pounds of muscle mass, according to Texas Sports.

"I definitely felt his presence immediately," senior defensive back P.J. Locke III said. "... In the first year we saw substantial gains. It was crazy. Then again this year we just did a couple of max outs right after a full conditioning workout and had guys' maxes jump up 100 pounds. It just shows you coach McKnight knows he's doing."

During Big 12 Media Days, Herman dedicated a portion of his opening statement just to McKnight and his team's



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Strength and conditioning coach Yancy McKnight speaks to the media Thursday ahead of Texas' first day of preseason camp. Since McKnight's arrival in 2017, the team has shaved off 525 pounds of fat and added 385 pounds of muscle mass after just one offseason.

accomplishments in the weight room. He reported 42 players who can power clean 300 pounds, 34 players who can squat over 500 pounds and three who can squat over 600.

At the moment, these just seemed like meaningless numbers. Then ESPN released a video of a moment in the weight room. Every player on the roster crowded around sophomore Marquez Bimage who successfully squatted 700 pounds.

"People are just so happy to see our teammates get personal records or

squat that much weight," junior wide receiver Colin Johnson said. "That's unreal. That's unheard of. When he does it, I feel like I do it too. That's the whole team atmosphere. When he got under that bar with 700 pounds on it, we were all ready to see him do it."

What the team's celebration said about the culture McKnight and the Longhorn coaching staff has instilled is nearly as impressive as Bimage's 700-pound squat. Herman confidently said McKnight is "as good as there is in the country," and was

adamant that this was stated without hyperbole.

"He's as good as I've been around at blending toughness with relatability," Herman said in a news conference on Thursday. "... He's a guy that can be so hard on our players but they also know that the reason he is, is because he loves them and he has their best interest in mind."

McKnight was later asked about what the secret was to unlocking the perfect combination of toughness and relatability that Herman attributed him with. He spent a

decent chunk of time answering the question but returned to three words: consistency, discipline and time.

"Some of these guys come from different backgrounds," McKnight said. "So when you can offer that and then they know you care about them — they've got to filter through that sometimes, you've got to explain some things to them, especially the young guys. That's the blend of being tough and firm and not going over the line per se."

The Longhorns have

completed their second offseason under McKnight, and while his job is never over, it's fair to say he's been successful at Texas thus far. And not just because of the numbers posted in the weight room.

"They've just got to know you've got their back. That requires long hours, that requires early mornings and spending extra time with them," McKnight said. "That's the stuff you've got to do as a coach — strength coach or football coach it doesn't matter, but the good ones, that's what they do."

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he and Tom Herman discussed the turning point in their relationship after it got off to a rocky start last season. Here's what happened:

Hager recorded a sack on third down during a game against Oklahoma State and jogged over to the sideline. What happened next changed their relationship for good.

"It's like out of a movie, it's the craziest thing," Herman said. "I give him a little low-five like 'Hey, good job.' He stopped in his tracks, takes his helmet off, looks at me and goes, 'Coach, I'm sorry!'"

"I said, 'For what?' I started looking out on the field. Is there a flag? Did he facemask somebody? I said, 'Breckyn, what? Sorry for what?'"

"He said 'For being such an a-hole. I love you, coach!'"

Hager and Herman have been on good terms since.

McConaughey pays a visit to Texas baseball

What would a semester on campus be without a Matthew McConaughey sighting?

Just before the Longhorns found out who their regional opponents would be in the first round of the NCAA tournament, the famed alumnus addressed the team with some words of encouragement.

"It's go time. You played all season, you won the Big 12, but now you're in," McConaughey said. "You've got to where you want to go. It's 0-0 now. It's a dance, what I do, which is similar to what you guys do, I believe." McConaughey continued, "You're responsible for turning yourself on. He (head coach David Pierce) can say it, but who's responsible for turning

us on? We are. Now that you're here, get it on."

Smart praises Bamba before NBA Draft

Freshman standout Mo Bamba's lone season at Texas is in the rear-view mirror, but before the center was selected sixth overall in June's NBA draft, Texas head coach Shaka Smart talked about the potential that Bamba has to excel at the next level.

"He's the type of guy that you don't want to just coach for one year or even four years," Smart said during a news conference. "You want to coach that guy for 15 years. So whoever gets him is going to get a phenomenal person, but also someone that is a long-term player, I can't really think of anyone that I've been around or even seen that has more potential than him."

Just like Shaka, we're in our feels.



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Senior linebacker Breckyn Hager sacks Oklahoma State quarterback Mason Rudolph during Texas' 13-10 double-overtime loss at Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium on Oct. 21.



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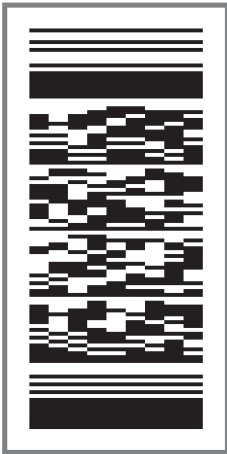


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CAMPUS

Construction will continue this fall

Welch Hall remains under construction; West Mall gateway now in the works.

By Savana Dunning
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With every semester, some students prepare to come to campus for the first time and others prepare to leave, but one thing remains constant: campus construction. Most are smaller renovation projects such as repainting or adding new scaffolding to buildings, but others are more noticeable changes to campus.

"We have in the project management team four to five hundred projects active at any given point in time, so there will always be something that's underway," said Jill Stewart, project management and construction

services associate director.

One recently completed project was new Student Activity Center patio. Started in 2013 and completed this June, the patio was built to fill out the space between the SAC and Gregory Gym to make it look more appealing.

Project manager Hirokazu Horikoshi said the area had drainage issues and wasn't usable or functional until Student Government designated a portion of tuition fees to go to renovating the area in 2013.

"The student body at the time wanted to make some improvements to the Student Activity Center, specifically the outdoor space," Horikoshi said. "They wanted to make it more usable which means increased seating, increased functionality, so access to power, Wi-Fi and couple of other unique features."

Horikoshi said the actual design was drawn up in

2017, featuring campus' first outdoor fireplace, a water fountain, wheelchair accessible seating and Wi-Fi enabled light poles.

Across Speedway, Welch Hall has been undergoing significant reconstruction since June 2017. The current project removed asbestos and lead based paint from the building's 1978 wing, the side of Welch facing Speedway. There are also plans to update the interior and add a small cafe.

Jim Shackelford, director of Capital Planning and Construction, the department that typically works on the larger projects on campus, said the hazardous materials in older parts of the building, such as the original 1929 wing, have already been removed and the project will be completed in January 2020.

"The purpose of the project was to update the project

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Psychology senior Maria Rana, left, and computer science sophomore Waleed Rana walk through construction in the West Mall on Wednesday evening.

CAMPUS



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Students waited in line for hours at the FAC to vote in the primary elections this spring. To reduce wait times, a second polling location will open at the PCL for the general election.

New on-campus polling location to open at PCL

By Savana Dunning
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To encourage student voting by reducing wait times in line, a second polling location will open on campus for the 2018 general election, potentially in the Perry-Castañeda Library (PCL).

The Flawn Academic Center (FAC) has served as UT's sole polling location since 2005, with the Co-Op store on Guadalupe occasionally operating as an overflow location to reduce line wait times. However, voter turnout in Travis County and at UT has increased significantly since 2012 and the FAC saw wait times of up to 2 or 3 hours during the 2016 election and the 2018 general election primaries.

Maya Patel, vice president of TX Votes, said these increased wait times discourage voting for students

who need to attend class or don't have time to wait in line for hours.

"A lot of students end up not voting because they see the long lines and they decide they have other things to do other than wait in a three-hour line to vote," chemistry junior Patel said.

Patel and TX Votes president Zachary Price teamed up with the University Democrats, who had been working on the same project with Rep. Gina Hinojosa.

The two organizations then passed legislation with the help of Travis County Clerk Dana Debeauvoir, who designated the PCL as the optimal location for a new polling place due to its distance from the FAC and its accessibility for non-student voters.

Although legislation has been passed for a second polling location, the PCL still needs to be approved by the Travis County

Commissioners Court before it can be made the official location said Ronald Morgan, Travis County deputy clerk.

"Vote centers have certain requirements," Morgan said. "The county clerk's office and the elections division makes a recommendation to the court as to where those go, and we're very happy to recommend the PCL as the second voting center, but it is not official until the court approves it."

Allie Runas, University Democrats president, said the second polling location was a kind of passion project for her after witnessing students leaving the line before getting to vote in order to attend class.

"Every election day we know how bad lines are going to get because not a lot of students vote early and it all compounds into one day where

POLL **PAGE B7**

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Lunch: Home Slice Pizza, located near the corner of South Congress and Elizabeth Street, serves some of the best pizza in Austin with the atmosphere of a New York pizzeria. Its unique location means that after eating your pizza, you can explore other Austin venues.

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Breakfast: Located in front of the San Antonio Garage in West Campus and adorned with puppy paraphernalia, Lucky Lab Coffee Company is a popular place for students to start the day and grab their daily dose of caffeine and breakfast pastries.

FROM BREAKFAST TO DESSERT: AUSTIN BITES

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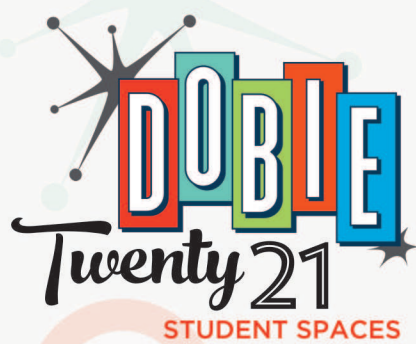
Dinner: Past the intersection of 27th and Guadalupe is Don Japanese Kithcen. Don's has a casual atmosphere and is known for its distinctive large boxes of fries.

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Dessert: Next door to Lucky Lab Coffee Co. is Bananarchy, a food truck that centers its entire menu on the banana. You can customize your own dessert or choose from a variety of specialties.

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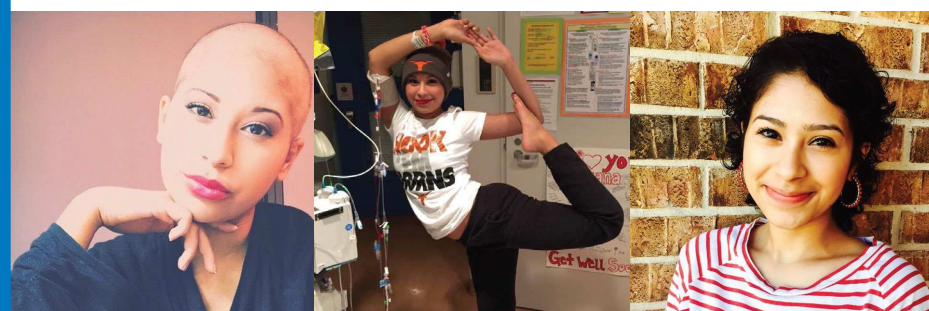
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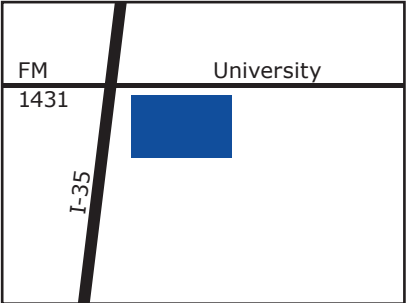
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- ☐ Chair
- ☐ Lamp
- ☐ Bookcase
- ☐ Desk organizer
- ☐ File cabinet
- ☐ Cord organizer
- ☐ Noticeboard
- ☐ Power strip
- ☐ Batteries
- ☐ Waste basket

BEDROOM

- ☐ Bed frame
- ☐ Mattress
- ☐ Mattress topper

- ☐ Comforter
- ☐ Pillows
- ☐ Blankets
- ☐ Duvet cover
- ☐ Sheets
- ☐ Alarm clock
- ☐ Bedside table
- ☐ Lamp

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- ☐ Closet storage
- ☐ Drawer organizers
- ☐ Hangers
- ☐ Hooks
- ☐ Shoe organizer
- ☐ Underbed storage
- ☐ Mirror
- ☐ Laundry bag
- ☐ Ironing board
- ☐ Drying rack

KITCHEN

- ☐ Pots & pans
- ☐ Plates & bowls
- ☐ Flatware
- ☐ Glassware
- ☐ Bag clips

- ☐ Food storage containers
- ☐ Can opener
- ☐ Dining table & chairs
- ☐ Dish towels
- ☐ Drying rack
- ☐ Snacks, drinks & sweets
- ☐ Trash & recycling bins

COMMON AREA

- ☐ Sofa or loveseat
- ☐ Chair
- ☐ Floor lamp
- ☐ Side table
- ☐ Shelving
- ☐ Media storage

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Will Ross, coordinator of the Student Emergency Services food pantry, organizes various types of donated food on Tuesday, Aug. 7.

Resources to fight food insecurities

UT created its first food pantry in May 2018 to help students facing food insecurities.

By Grace Ann Hornfischer
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With about a quarter of UT students dealing with food insecurities, as reported by The Daily Texan in May, the University has multiple resources for students to fight the growing problem. According to their website, Student Emergency Services recorded a 28 percent increase in the number of students helped with food-related needs, between 2015–16 and 2016–17. Food insecurity can appear lots of

different ways said Will Ross, coordinator of Student Emergency Services, including lack of funds, skipping a meal, or having to substitute healthy food with unhealthy food. In 2012, about 100 food pantries existed on college campuses, said Brandon Matthews, associate director of The College and University Food Bank Alliance in a 2017 interview with USA Today. As of June 4, 2018, CUFBA has expanded to 641 members. UT is a recent addition to its ranks. UT established its first food pantry, the UT Outpost, in May to fight food insecurity on campus. “Since we are in our inaugural year of the UT Outpost, we are really trying to build our volunteer base and get our student leaders connected to this program,” Ross said. “A lot of our marketing says how to donate, utilize and get involved.” Ross also said the UT Outpost will work

this year to break the stigma surrounding food pantries. “We want to show students that this is a common thing,” Ross said. “That it is OK and that there are resources. (This stigma often) becomes a barrier for students to get those resources.” Biology sophomore Breanna Ellis considered using the Outpost after it opened in May, but said she “feels weird about using it” because she is worried other people have a greater need than she does. “I’ll be living on my own (this fall), I’ll have to be budgeting more,” said Ellis, who is preparing to move from a dorm to an apartment this fall. “I’m obviously not going to rely on (the Outpost), but if I need it, then yeah, I’ll probably go. I mean, that’s what it’s there for.” The Outpost is available to all students. However, because the pantry is

donation-based, students are limited to one food package per month. The Outpost is located in the UA9 building on University Avenue, and it is open Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursdays from 2 to 6 p.m., according to the Outpost’s website. Other resources exist for students battling with higher levels of food insecurity. “If there is significant financial concern due to an emergency (the Student Emergency Fund) will help pay up to \$300,” said Katy Soucy, director of Student Emergency Services. “That additional support can help so that food is not an issue for the student.” Whether you are a freshman eating in University dining halls, an upperclassman shopping for groceries on your own or even a graduate student taking night classes, Ross said he wants students to remember “that life happens.”

CAMPUS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

On-campus organizations can help students find place, home on 40 Acres

By Kendall Tietz
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With more than 50,000 students on campus, it can be daunting stepping onto the UT campus for the first time, but there are ways of getting involved on campus that can make the 40 Acres feel smaller. The beginning of freshman year brings a lot of change and new experiences. Freshmen learn to navigate their way around campus and adapt to college classes while also acclimating to dorm life. But college is not just about learning how to feed yourself, do laundry and manage money, it’s a time to meet new people and embark on new opportunities. UT has more than 1,300 student organizations and clubs available to students, according to UT’s website, providing an abundance of

ways for students to get involved and build a community on campus. The UT RecSports department is home to nearly 30 intramural sports and 44 sports clubs that host various fitness and wellness classes. “We often hear from students that RecSports becomes students’ home away from home,” said Jennifer Speer, the senior director of communications, assessment and development for recreational sports, in an email. “There is always something going on.” In addition to student organizations, UT also has more than 70 sororities and fraternities, various spirit organizations and Campus Events + Entertainment, which puts on more than 120 events annually for students on campus. “Getting involved with Greek life helped me meet people and to establish that community at

UT and to make campus feel more like home,” student body president Colton Becker said. “Once you have that community, that home base, that support system established, that is going to help you tremendously.” There are also two legislative bodies that freshmen have the opportunity to get involved with: Student Government and the Senate of College Councils. Nutrition senior Becker said SG can give freshmen an introduction to leadership positions and opportunities to work with students from across campus. First-year Liberal Arts Honors students have the opportunity to propose a project that will better the Austin community through the Envision Austin Contest. Owen McGeary, government and economics sophomore and a winner last year, won funding for his nonprofit UT organization, Horns for the Homeless.

“(The) nonprofit provides care packages with more nuanced items that homeless people wouldn’t be able to get from homeless shelters or churches,” said McGeary, co-founder and treasurer of Horns for the Homeless. The nonprofit is in the process of setting up communications and merchandise. Now, Horns for the Homeless encourages other UT students to get involved by volunteering with the organization. Information about all of UT’s organizations is available online at HornsLink. Whether you join the Chess Club or the Harry Potter-themed club, “Keep Austin Wizard,” there are all kinds of organizations to choose from on campus. If you don’t see anything that suits your fancy, then you can start your own student organization by submitting an application and a \$20 fee to Office of the Dean of Students.

Colton, Mehrnaz prepare for upcoming year

By Kendall Tietz
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There was voting, a revote and then finally a runoff before Colton Becker and Mehrnaz Rahman were elected student body president and vice president this spring. This summer, as they prepare for the upcoming school year, Becker and Rahman are meeting with students, faculty and administrators to figure out the best way to accomplish the initiatives on their platform. Rahman, a marketing and Plan II senior, said she and Becker are working to make sure the student body has a better understanding of what people involved in Student Government do. “One of the big things that we are trying to do is empower students to take on their own initiatives,” Rahman said. “(We want to) make sure that students who are passionate about the issues are the ones who are working on those issues, because those are the people who are going to do the best job.” As vice president, Rahman serves as the chair of the Student Services Budget Committee. Rahman said the budget has not increased in many years, which does a disservice to UT students. “Some of our larger

initiatives ... (such as) the creation of a northwest campus gym and securing long-term funding for SURE Walk are or will be much more challenging and difficult to achieve under the current fee structure,” nutrition senior Becker said. “We will be pushing for a revision to that structure at the legislature.” Becker said some of the biggest projects SG is working on right now include adding more reflection spaces around campus, specifically in the engineering school, instituting interpersonal violence training and improving the health and wellness of UT students. “We’ve gotten verbal approval for consent education in all (First-Year Interest Groups) and (Transfer-Year Interest Groups),” Becker said. “So now all first-year students at the University by March 2019 will be engaged in a dialogue and a discussion about consent.” Becker said another way they plan to improve the wellness of UT students is through easier access to healthy food options around campus, and he plans to reach out to student entrepreneurs about drafting a pitch to Whole Foods and seeing about getting a vendor on campus.



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Freshman Victoria Michaels, center, signs up for a club at the orientation organization fair. The organization fair is an opportunity for incoming students to learn about clubs on campus in preparation for the upcoming school year.

STUDENT LIFE

5 places to cash in your UT student discount

By Tiana Woodard
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Although college students are among the most debt-ridden individuals in America, they're also some businesses' most sought-out targets. Many businesses offer student discounts, but with so many of these offers kept quiet, where do you start? Start with The Daily Texan and our five ways your UT ID and student email can be put to good use.

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema

Let's face it — movie tickets aren't cheap, especially when college students aren't paying the children's or seniors' prices. Places such as Alamo Drafthouse Cinema can make movie nights with friends easier on your wallet, however. At Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, students with a current student ID can purchase movie tickets at the matinee price all day long. So when you're not drowning in tedious coursework, head over to any of the six Alamo Drafthouse Cinema locations in the Austin area to enjoy a discounted movie.

Amy's Ice Creams

Most incoming freshmen are afraid of catching the infamous "freshman 15," and for good reason, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't treat yourself to some good ice cream from time to time — specially when your UT ID guarantees you discounted ice cream. At the Austin-based Amy's Ice Creams location on Guadalupe Street, a quick flash of your UT ID can get you 10 percent off any of their homemade ice creams, ices, milkshakes or frozen yogurts. Offering eye-popping scenery and innovative flavors ranging from jalapeño bacon to chocolate wasabi,

this local ice cream joint is a great way to entertain your eyes and taste buds when your closest dining hall can't.

Office 365

During your years as a UT student, it's unlikely that you won't run into any Microsoft Office applications while completing an assignment. Unlike the other items on the list, this Microsoft Office deal isn't a discount — it's free. While anyone else hoping to legally download Microsoft Office 2016 can expect to sacrifice at least a hundred bucks to get this accomplished, this software is offered to students and teachers free of charge. The Office 365 student bundle includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, Teams and other helpful tools. Although its name might be misleading, Office 365's free subscription lasts longer than a year; you're qualified for renewals as long as you're enrolled at the 40 Acres.

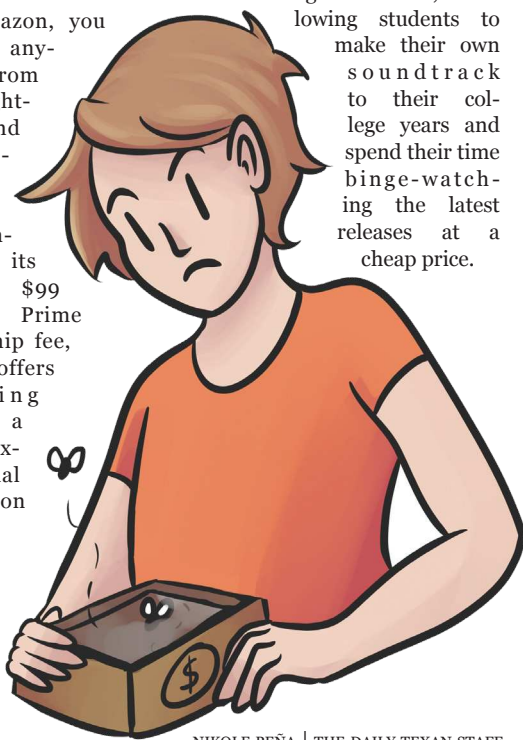
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On Amazon, you can find anything from toilet night-lights and pizza scissors to student perks. Instead of its annual, \$99 Amazon Prime membership fee, Amazon offers qualifying students a free, six-month trial of Amazon

Prime and then all of its benefits for \$6.49 a month. Their student plan lasts for four years or until graduation, whichever arrives first. So when you can't find what you need at the University Co-Op or Doobie Target, explore the unknown wonders of the virtual Amazon with your discounted membership.

Spotify and Hulu

Whether to live up long walks across campus, energize miserable study sessions or break the ice at parties, music is a necessary part of any college student's life. But with some music streaming services' high membership rates, many students are forced to make costly decisions or listen to ad-interrupted music. Services such as Spotify give students a bit of financial leeway. At \$4.99 a month for students, Spotify gives unlimited, ad-free access to its 30 million-plus song catalog. Along with music, the plan also gives paying members access to Hulu's streaming services, allowing students to make their own soundtrack to their college years and spend their time binge-watching the latest releases at a cheap price.



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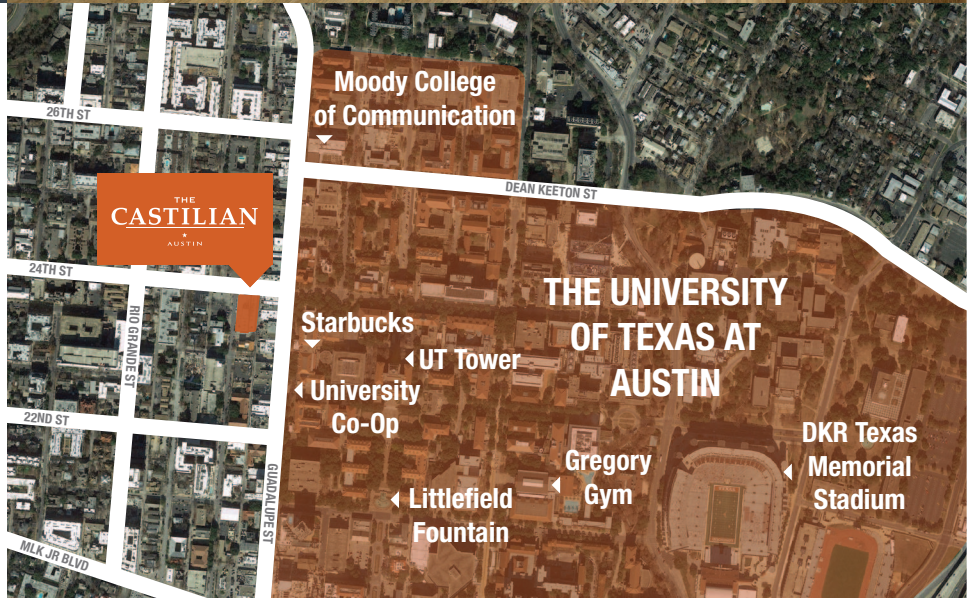


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Last year’s issues aren’t going anywhere

Gun control, sexual misconduct and racism still plague the 40 Acres.

By The Daily Texan Editorial Board

Over the last school year, the University of Texas community has experienced a range of challenges — from the continued blowback of national conversations surrounding gun rights and sexual assault to outright hostility among students about race. As we reflect on the lessons of the past year, it’s clear that unanswered questions will play a decisive role in how we move forward as a community.

National issues came into focus at UT this year. Debates over gun control exploded into spectacle as the “March for Our Lives” demonstrations garnered widespread attention. The #MeToo movement resonated with many UT students, inviting them to tell their stories of harassment, voice their concerns and call for more from their peers and the University. Weakened federal protections for immigrants and minorities evoked fear and resentment among many students, and a hostile student government election made the campus climate worse now than it’s been in years.

Gun control and gun violence have long played a role in shaping UT’s history. The 1966 Tower shooting initiated a history of violence, echoed in the implementation of campus carry on the

shooting’s 50th anniversary. This year, a movement sparked by mass shootings in Las Vegas and Parkland, Florida, demanded greater gun control measures nationwide. Many UT students participated in an ensuing “March for Our Lives” protest at the Texas Capitol in March.

Attempts to increase gun protections reflect a long-term struggle at UT. Both students and professors vocalized opposition to the August 2016 enforcement of statewide campus carry laws, which allow licensed gun owners to carry concealed weapons on public university campuses. Three UT-Austin professors sued the school and the state over campus carry in 2016, initiating a legal battle that will carry into this academic year.

It’s safe to say that guns — and debates over guns — have become commonplace at UT. This April, two abandoned handguns were found in campus restrooms within 48 hours. “Gun Free UT” signs adorn office windows in most University buildings, making it impossible to walk across campus without remembering that guns are a part of life at UT.

Last October, allegations against Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein sparked a cultural revelation about the prevalence of sexual assault and harassment. Many UT students participated in the movement by sharing their stories and challenged the University to improve policies aimed at alleviating

sexual misconduct on campus.

In the fall, the University’s unorthodox system for disciplining sexual assault came under intense scrutiny. Last October, The Daily Texan revealed the unusual amount of power President Gregory Fennes exerts over individual disciplinary cases. Unlike the presidents at most public universities, UT’s president acts as the final decision-maker in appeals for student conduct violations, including rape. This power was tested in court when a male student who had been suspended for sexual misconduct sued Fennes for due process violations. The University settled the lawsuit for an undisclosed sum in November. It’s not yet clear how this outcome will affect UT policy.

Earlier this summer, the Editorial Board reported on English professor Coleman Hutchison’s violation of the school’s conduct guidelines by making inappropriate comments toward students. The school’s response revealed systematic problems with UT’s system for addressing misconduct — problems unlikely to go away anytime soon.

The UT community also felt the effects of national crises surrounding race and immigration. In the aftermath of the 2016 presidential election, hate crimes rose nationwide and many people of color felt abandoned and attacked by the highest levels of government. When President Donald Trump announced the revocation of the Deferred Action for

Childhood Arrivals program last September, UT responded by pledging its continued support for undocumented students. At the same time, the City of Austin faced legal challenges and possible defunding from the state of Texas for its distinction as a sanctuary city.

These widespread racial tensions manifested on campus this spring. The Student Government election descended into outright racial animus, as students on both sides of the ballot endured unprecedented attack and prejudice. The election’s conclusion — Colton Becker and Mehrnaz Rahman pulling ahead of Guneez Ibrahim and Hannah McMorris, two women of color — further divided the campus. Many interpreted their win as an example of institutionalized power drowning out minority voices.

Campus climate remains one of the biggest hurdles facing UT this year. As we continue to grapple with a complex history of prejudice, the 2018 SG election reminds us that our community is not immune to the racial tensions seen nationwide.

In the wake of a particularly tumultuous year at UT, it’s important that we look back as a lesson for the future. Unresolved questions from the past year hang in the air around campus, and it will be our job this year to solve them.

As always, if you have questions about this issue or any other, contact us at editor@dailytexanonline.com.

COLUMN

Students can find career guidance at Vick Center

By Emily Caldwell
COLUMNIST

Tucked away in a corner on the first floor of Jester, it’s easy to miss the Vick Center for Strategic Advising and Career Counseling. But students with anxieties about future career prospects or doubts about the practicality of different career paths shouldn’t be so quick to glance it over. Students should use the variety of resources available to them through the Vick Center so they can feel confident about their post-graduation plans.

Molly Gully, director of the Vick Center, understands that anxiety about the future runs amok on every college campus. Gully emphasizes the impact career counselors at the Vick Center can have on students, especially those facing trepidation concerning their future plans.

“Exploration at this time in your life is normal — it’s what’s supposed to be happening,” Gully says. “The career counselors can help normalize that exploration behavior, and then they can help provide students with insight into themselves as to what’s going to be a good fit.”

Figuring out the future is daunting, but the Vick Center proves that students have allies in their struggles and that there are resources available to help.

“The main goal of the Vick Center is to help students make informed decisions about their career and academic choices,” Gully says. “We really put that emphasis on ‘informed,’ because we want it to be intentional. We want a student to

have thought through things like their values, interests, personality and skills when making a long-term choice of a career.”

The career resource library, another resource within the Vick Center, offers the most basic yet critically important part of figuring out your future — the opportunity to know what’s out there.

The library is a collection of literature organized by job type. The books can’t be checked out, so they’ll always be available in the waiting room for perusal. For instance, if you were looking for a career in the outdoors you could start your exploration at the “Outdoors” section in the library.

“Just browsing through some of the books can

oftentimes help generate ideas, and generating ideas is one of the first parts of the exploration process, just figuring out what is out there,” Gully says.

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The Vick Center exists for the sole purpose of helping undergraduates figure themselves and their futures out, and more of us should take advantage.”

The Vick Center offers appointment scheduling online and holds drop-in career advising Monday through Friday, 1–3 p.m. in JES A115.

You wouldn’t be a college student if you didn’t feel at least a slight amount of hesitancy, doubt or confusion about what you want to do after graduation. But you don’t have to face these doubts and anxieties alone. The Vick Center exists for the sole purpose of helping undergraduates figure themselves and their futures out, and more of us should take advantage.

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CITY

Students’ guide to public transportation

By Abigail Rosenthal
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Mason Sheu found that he needed to call a Lyft home after venturing away from campus one day his freshman year. For those new to Austin, many may face the same issue as Sheu as they learn to navigate the different public transport options.

“I was wanting to go north, but I got on a bus headed south,” said Sheu, a supply chain management senior. “It dropped me off in this really sketchy part of South Austin, and the buses run so infrequently on some routes, it was faster to wait 20 minutes for a Lyft to come get me.”

Even for those who have used public transportation before, navigating Austin with its more than 70 bus routes can be complicated. Returning students might also have to learn a new way home, as Capital Metro has recently changed several bus routes.

On June 3, Cap Metro, which offers free transportation with a UT ID, altered more than half of its routes in an overhaul known as “Cap Remap.” The bus service changed, eliminated and implemented new routes to update the 33-year-old system, said Peter Partheymuller, communications specialist for Cap Metro.

“The biggest impact from (Cap Remap) is the increase in frequency to our bus routes,” Partheymuller said. “Instead of waiting half an hour to 45 minutes for the next bus to come, there are 14 routes that come every 15 minutes.”

Partheymuller said routes 801 and 803, which are part of the bus service’s



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high-frequency MetroRapid routes, particularly help to serve UT students. Moving south, the routes converge at the stops on 31st and Guadalupe streets and diverge at the southbound stop on 4th and Guadalupe streets — this means students can hop on the 801 or the 803 to head downtown.

Austin hosts other ways to get around without a car. The dockless scooters and bikes seen throughout Austin don’t require the vehicle to be returned to a specific area.

Dockless vehicle apps are a more expensive option for a direct trip, with scooters usually costing \$1 to start and 15 cents per minute after.

City-run bike-sharing company Austin B-cycle is also expanding after launching a student pilot program in February. Students can sign up using their UT email address and get free, unlimited 60-minute rides from station to station. Of 63

docking stations in Austin, there are currently 11 stations serving the campus area, said Elliott McFadden, Austin B-cycle executive director.

Austin B-cycle plans to add 13 stations and 100 bicycles to its existing fleet of 500 in Central Austin in August, McFadden said, making the city more accessible to the nearly 12,000 students who have signed up for the pilot program as of July.

Sheu was not deterred by his unexpected trip to South Austin — he used Cap Metro about five times a week his sophomore year. His advice is to download the Cap Metro app and hop on the bus.

“A new user should also take routes they might need well ahead of time so they can get familiar with it and give themselves breathing room, in case they get on the wrong bus or something comes up while trying to get to the bus,” Sheu said.

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“UT could serve as a lab, of sorts, for Whole Foods to identify and test out new ways of reaching college students,” Becker said.

Becker said that while the administration works on tangible solutions to pursue the initiatives they were elected to accomplish, they also want to ensure the student body feels like they are being represented in SG.

“We are getting ready over the summer to take on a year that is going to be difficult and challenging, but also really, really rewarding and fulfilling,” Rahman said.



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After two rounds of voting and a runoff, Colton Becker and Mehrnaz Rahman were elected student body president and vice president. This summer, they have been planning initiatives for the upcoming school year.

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everyone waits in line for three hours,” Runas said. “We wanted to make sure we had a second location to support the volume of people voting on campus. It just breaks my heart seeing kids who want to vote get out of line because they need to go to class and they’ve been waiting for two hours already.”

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to serve the needs of the College of Natural Sciences, both in terms of the teaching they do and the research they do,” Shackleford said. “The building was built in 1978 and had not been significantly renovated in its lifetime, so it was overdue for renovation, and all of the equipment that was in the building was at the end of their service lives and needed to be replaced.”

On West Mall, the old fountain is being removed to make way for a sign intended

Patel said although a second polling location is opening, they need students to vote there in the fall in order to keep the location up and running.

“While a lot of students are used to voting at the FAC, just try not to forget there’s a second option now,” Patel said. “If we want to keep this polling location for elections to come, we have to get students voting at it and voting early at it.”

as a formal gateway to UT’s campus. Construction began this July and is expected to be finished by December.

Stewart said construction services starts working on these larger construction projects over the summer to minimize disruption during the school year.

“Every summer, we always have large projects,” Stewart said. “We don’t always know what they are until we get into the fall and we start reviewing the requests and information about projects, so I don’t know what next summer is going to bring.”

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Longhorns continue quest

Texas benefits from grad transfer, new brand of basketball.

By Stephen Wagner
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Mistakes are to be expected at summer practices. Turnovers, bad shots, missed layups, miscommunication — it all happens when a team plays together for the first time after a long summer.

But if there's one thing head coach Karen Aston won't tolerate, it's lack of effort.

Aston looked sternly upon a practice inside Cooley Pavilion on an Aug. 8 afternoon. She stood at half court when she blew her whistle, interrupting the competition.

"Jada! Get in for Jo. She's standing around too much for me," Aston instructed with her tone of disapproval.

Aston's discipline and no-nonsense philosophy are a testament to her transformation of Texas basketball. In her first season with the Longhorns, her team went 12-18 and finished eighth in the Big 12.

That's not the case anymore. Aston has turned the Longhorn program into a national contender every year and now have their sights set on a Big 12 Championship for the 2018-19 season.

A major key to Aston's past success is simple: recruiting, and not just from the high school level. With the addition of grad transfer Danni Williams and an impressive freshman class, Texas hopes to have found the missing piece for a deep run in March.

"I want to help Texas win the Big 12," Williams said. "I want to help Texas get a ring."

The Texas A&M grad transfer brings with her a



JUAN FIGUEROA | THE DAILY TEXAN FILE

Head coach Karen Aston yells at her team at the Frank Erwin Center last season. The Longhorns finished the season with a 28-7 record but were eliminated in the Sweet 16 after an 84-75 loss to UCLA.

quick trigger and smooth stroke from the three-point line, as well as a high basketball IQ and competitiveness. While her transition to Texas was initially uncomfortable, she has spent the summer getting to know her former rivals who are now her teammates.

"You don't think about how long it takes to get comfortable, but some of the words she used to tell me earlier in the summer were, 'I'm so uncomfortable,'" Aston told The Daily Texan. "Being here this summer was a huge help. There's an undoubtable contribution that she'll make to our team because of the way she can shoot the basketball."

Despite the "miraculous" offseason improvement of the sophomores and the pleasant surprise of the freshman class, Aston is still faced with the task of transitioning a traditionally guard-heavy team into one

revolving around post play.

But this isn't the Longhorns' toughest challenge of the summer. That occurred when reports of incoming freshman Sedona Prince's horrific leg injury came flooding in.

Prince suffered from a broken leg when she was competing on the United States under-18 team at the FIBA championships in Mexico City, but Aston remains confident in her team's ability, despite the blow to the roster.

"We have depth at that position," Aston said. "(Sedona) will bounce back. Her work ethic speaks for itself, and work is what it takes to come back from an injury."

Aston still plans on using this team's size and athleticism to her advantage, emphasizing the value of her team's depth and versatility.

"I think that we have balance at every position

and scoring ability at every position, and I think more than anything we have some depth at every position," Aston said. "I do think we have some versatility in the post that we haven't had, we can shoot some from the outside, that way we can stretch the floor."

Although this young team has a long voyage ahead of it as the team attempts to surpass the accomplishments of last year's team, assistant coach Jamie Carey isn't worried about March just yet.

"We're a long ways from the Sweet 16," Carey said. "We're just trying to focus on getting better every day. That's your ultimate goal, of course, but it's not where we're at right now; we're just trying to improve every day."

Texas' quest to finally get past the Sweet 16 begins on Nov. 8 when the Longhorns host Duquesne at the Frank Erwin Center for their season opener.

MUST-WATCH

Texas' top five must-watch games in fall semester

By Alex Brisenó
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As the summer comes to a close, some of Texas' largest sporting events of the year are now in sight. From Texas football's highly anticipated rematch with USC to Longhorn volleyball's date with the defending champion, No. 1 Stanford, there will be a healthy dose of much-watch games from now until the end of the semester.

Here are the top five games Longhorn fans can't miss:

No. 5: Texas women's basketball vs. Mississippi State (Dec. 2, Austin, Texas) Last year, head coach Karen Aston's squad was seconds away from taking down their biggest opponent of the season, then-No. 1 UConn. Texas won't get another shot at UConn during the season, but it will

have a chance at taking down another juggernaut when it hosts Mississippi State.

Preseason polls place the Bulldogs at No. 8 with Texas a few spots behind them at No. 10. And if the Longhorns' matchup with the Bulldogs isn't big enough, No. 9 Tennessee comes to Austin the very next week.

No. 4: Texas football vs. Oklahoma (Oct. 6, Dallas, Texas) Baker Mayfield won't lead the offense for Oklahoma, but the atmosphere in the Cotton Bowl on Oct. 6 won't be any less electric. With the Sooners' first-round MLB draft pick Kyler Murray opting to be their quarterback over pursuing a professional baseball career with the Oakland A's, the Red River Rivalry will have no shortage of electricity.

With huge home games against USC and TCU along with

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Junior outside hitter Micaya White spikes the ball during the Longhorns' 3-1 victory over Texas A&M at Gregory Gymnasium on April 4.



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BASKETBALL

Texas' season-defining storylines for 2018

By Stephen Wagner
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As the final buzzer sounded at the close of a thrilling overtime Longhorn upset against West Virginia, head coach Shaka Smart breathed a sigh of relief. Texas basketball was on the bubble to make the NCAA tournament after failing to qualify in 2017 and the pressure was mounting on the third-year head coach, but this win was just enough to get the Longhorns to the big dance.

Two weeks later, Smart was sweating bullets again after the Longhorns blew a 14-point second-half lead before losing to Nevada in the Round of 64.

Now, as Shaka enters his fourth season, he has zero wins in the NCAA tournament to show for them, and the statement 'Shaka is on the hot seat' is no longer a hot take.

Here are the biggest storylines heading into Smart's decisive year:

The Andrew Jones comeback, Roach's summer scare

While junior guard Andrew Jones continues his courageous comeback from battling leukemia, it is unclear if he will be ready for the upcoming season. He has told Smart that's his goal, but ultimately nothing is concrete.

Returning three premier starters in leading three-point shooter senior Ker-

win Roach, leading assist man sophomore Matt Coleman and top returning scorer senior Dylan Osetkowski, Shaka will look to performances from his big three to save his tenure at Texas.

But one of the members of Smart's core group had a scare this summer. While participating in a non-contact drill at the CP3 (Chris Paul's) Elite Guard Camp, Roach sustained a torn meniscus. Roach underwent successful surgery, though, on Aug. 7, Texas Athletics announced.

Back to the good ol' days

Mo Bamba's departure also gives Shaka the opportunity to get back to his winning ways in a similar way he did at VCU: with an experienced core. This year's team will not feature a young NBA Draft pick, but instead offers experience and chemistry.

When Smart took VCU to the Final Four in the 2010-2011 season, he had four seniors who contributed not only large amounts of minutes but provided veteran leadership. Texas has yet to benefit from this luxury during the Smart era.

Now that Smart and the Longhorns aren't expecting to lose the best freshman at the conclusion of this season, as it has done for the past two seasons, this is his opportunity to finally build a complete team.

Sophomore leap



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Head coach Shaka Smart coaches during Texas' 78-60 victory over New Hampshire on Nov. 14 at the Frank Erwin Center. Smart likely needs a victory in the NCAA tournament to save his job for one more season.

With Bamba gone, Smart finds himself with 7-foot hole to fill, likely with sophomore forward Jericho Sims, who backed up Bamba last season. While Sims isn't as imposing as Bamba, he is an athletic, explosive and tenacious big man with a smooth pick-and-roll game alongside sophomore Matt Coleman.

Sophomores Jase Febres and Royce Hamm Jr. will also have an opportunity to compete to get large chunks of playing time as well.

Winning when it counts

Texas is yet to finish a season ranked

under Smart since his arrival at Texas in 2015. The Longhorns also haven't defeated a top-five opponent since December of Shaka's first year.

With pressure mounting, Smart looks to secure his position with a bounceback season with the Longhorns.

Texas basketball followed a common theme in Texas athletics last season: almost. Texas almost beat Duke in overtime then nearly pulled off a phenomenal upset against Kansas. And Texas should have defeated Nevada to advance past the Round of 64 for the first time in

five years.

Texas will have plenty of opportunities to right its wrongs, though. Running through the Big 12 gauntlet is a daunting task by itself, but with a non-conference tournament against North Carolina, UCLA and Michigan State on Black Friday, Texas' schedule has top programs all over it.

It'll be a long three months until Smart's defining season begins, and the Longhorn fans who have grown impatient will look for Texas to eliminate its almsots.



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Freshman quarterback Sam Ehlinger dives into the end zone during Texas' 29-24 loss to Oklahoma on Oct. 14 at the Cotton Bowl.

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a tough road game against Kansas State before Oct. 6, Texas won't exactly cruise into Dallas.

If both teams can reach the Cotton Bowl with minimal damage, the Texas-Oklahoma rivalry could finally return to the national stage.

No. 3: Men's basketball vs. North Carolina (Nov. 22, Las Vegas, Nevada) Head coach Shaka Smart's fourth season won't even be one month old when the Longhorns travel to Las Vegas to take on North Carolina in the semi-final round of the Continental Tire Las Vegas Invitational.

Texas hasn't knocked off a top five opponent since its 84-82 buzzer-beating victory over the Tar Heels at the Frank Erwin Center in 2015. Three seasons later, Texas and North Carolina will meet again. This time it'll take place at a neutral site.

It is worth noting that prestigious basketball programs UCLA and Michigan State will both participate in the tournament as well.

No. 2: Texas volleyball vs. No. 1 Stanford (Sept. 14, Austin, Texas) After head coach Jerritt Elliott's repeated success, expectations for Texas volleyball have peaked: Final Four or bust.

The Longhorns ripped off an undefeated record in Big 12 play, but Texas' biggest challenge will come before conference contests. Texas is set to travel to Palo Alto, California, to take on the defending national champions in Stanford on Sept. 11.

That's not all. After this matchup, Texas and Stanford will then return to Austin for a matchup on Sept. 14 at Gregory Gym. This doesn't seem efficient at all, but don't complain. It'll be fun.

No. 1: Texas football vs. USC The bad news is, if you don't have tickets yet, you probably won't

get your hands on any unless you want to drop a decent amount of money to witness the Texas-USC rematch.

USC won't show up with Sam Darnold, but Longhorn fans will still be looking for revenge after last season's heartbreaking overtime loss at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Texas should enter week three 2-0 with games against Maryland and Tulsa in the first two weeks, but we saw what happened last year. There is a strong possibility that USC could come to Austin with a loss after a tough road contest with Stanford set for the week before.

While having both Texas and USC take the field with a 2-0 record could bring College Game Day to Austin, this will be the biggest sporting event of the fall semester despite their records.

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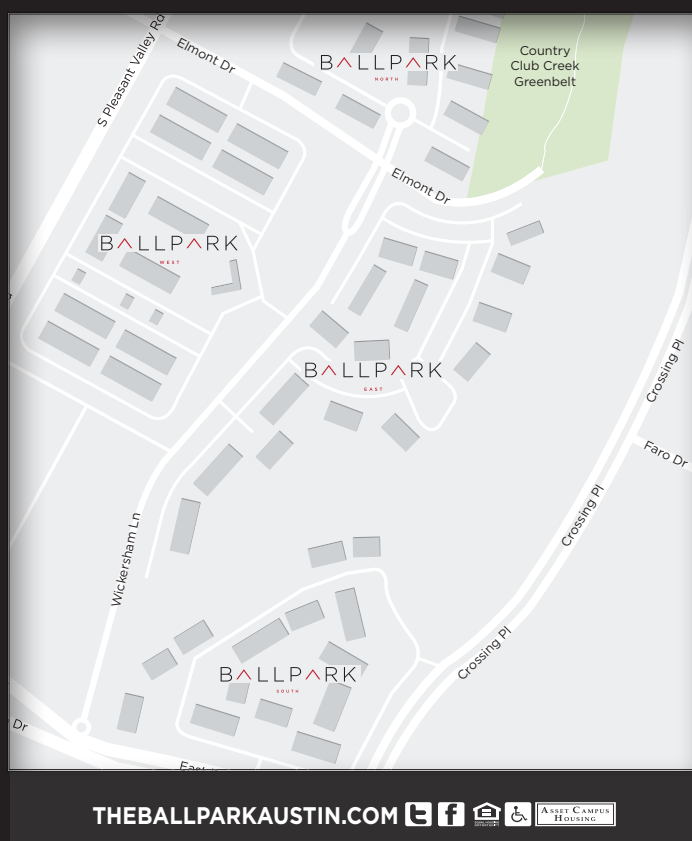
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Dining hall food sucks.

If you came home every-day from school to mom’s wholesome cooking, having to suddenly rely on dining halls for your daily meals can be daunting. No matter what dining hall horror stories you may have read about online, UT’s dining hall options are anything but scary. UT’s dining halls strive to include all students’ dietary restrictions in their daily menus, keeping a variety of vegetarian and vegan options on hand each day. For those whose taste buds are easily bored by routine, buffet-style options, chefs also prepare special dishes on request, with specials such as shrimp pancit and brisket-filled baked potatoes popping up each week. Out of UT’s eight dining halls and cafes, we recommend starting with Kinsolving Dining or Jesta Pizza first.

Making friends is difficult.

With more than 50,000 students enrolled at UT,

befriending any of these strangers might seem impossible. When you’re lost during your pursuit of new friends, seeking out student organizations is your best bet. Instead of spending your time after class napping in your dorm, seize the opportunity to attend an organization info meeting. In some ways, a larger campus makes your friend search easier because you can easily find groups that are specifically tailored to your interests. UT students have come together to create a group for almost anything you can think of, ranging from All-Write, All-Write, All-Write to Introverts’ Social Club. Like many other parts of your college experience, making friends is what you make of it.

Office hours can wait.

When you’re juggling so many things in your hectic college life, taking the time to attend your professor’s office hours can seem like a chore. But office hours are more than opportunities to ask about upcoming assignments — they’re opportunities to make connections that

may last a lifetime. Even if it’s for a moment, introduce yourself, inquire about their current research and ask for advice on nonacademic affairs. Discuss anything with your professors to make you more than just another face in their large lectures. And yes, this means you will have to pay attention in class. Missing out on office hours during your time at UT may result in poor class performance and a lack of job references, making the transition to your post-college career much more difficult.

I don’t deserve to be here.

As an incoming student at a Public Ivy, feeling that you can’t compete with the rest of the student body is normal. With thousands of students each bringing their own unique spark to the table, comparing your skills to others is useless. No matter where you feel you stand coming into the 40 Acres, always remember that these four or so years will leave you graduating a better person emotionally and mentally — and with hundreds of stories to share for a lifetime.



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From left, Glenn Towert, Brian D. Bowers and James E. Burnside discuss “Monochrome for Austin” by Nancy Rubins on Wednesday, Aug. 8.

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Sean Min, left, and Rose Miller, Arabic and anthropology junior, visit the "Austin" by Elsworth Kelly on Wednesday, Aug. 8.

Where to find art on campus

Want to check out fine art installations on the 40 Acres? Start here.

By Helen Galli
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"The Color Inside"

"The Color Inside" by James Turrell, sits atop the Student Activity Center. Opened a few years after the building was opened, the installation gives specific attention to the organization of the structures and walkways in the oddly shaped place. "The Color Inside" is one from a series of hundreds all over the world, known as Turrell's "Skyspaces."

This series follows the pattern of a precisely designed chamber with an aperture in the ceiling open to the sky. It is open on certain days during the week at sunset. The idea behind Turrell's art is to bring together space and light, both natural and artificial. The light of the sunset and sunrise are key components in viewing this piece.

"Austin"

Gifted to the city by the late artist Ellsworth Kelly, Austin is a monument adorned with international artistry, such as colorful glass windows, limestone, marble and live oak. While "Austin" may feel out of place next to the dreary

PCL and Jester halls, this piece of art has had moving effects on visitors. Ellsworth Kelly was loved by many for his art, and Austin was released just two years after his death as his final piece and only structure. "Austin" is free to students everyday of the week and is free to all on Thursdays.

"Ancestral Modern"

At the bottom of campus where Speedway dead ends into MLK Boulevard is the Blanton Museum of Art. It is the largest collection of international permanent and traveling art in Austin, and this means it is host to fine art banquets and big purchases. The current traveling exhibition on view

is called "Ancestral Modern." It features paintings and sculptures from the early '90s and 2000s made by Australian aboriginal artists. The detail of these paintings is fine and intricate, as with a million tiny dots composing a larger picture, minuscule lines and vibrant colors. It is a bright collection of works and will be on display through Sept. 9.

"Monochrome for Austin"

"Monochrome for Austin," by Nancy Rubins, is the enormous canoe structure outside the Norman Hackerman Building just off Speedway. Every canoe is made of aluminum, all held together by an intricate web of steel rope. The

idea behind the piece is to show the complexity of how things are held together. Literally, a viewer engages with an intricate design, but on a larger scale, the piece remarks on the fabric that holds together what we can and cannot see. The inspiration for "Monochrome for Austin" comes from the materials themselves. Aluminum is cheaper to recycle than to mine, and so every element of the sculpture has come from somewhere else. The material itself has a life, evoking the life of the individuals or masses that share it.

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STUDENT LIFE

Don't fret: debunking 5 common myths about your college experience

By Tiana Woodard
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Incoming Longhorns are usually swamped with opportunities to learn about college, but even a lengthy orientation, advice from peers and online resources can still leave you feeling unprepared for this next chapter in life. Because college preparation often leaves your biggest questions unanswered, The Daily Texan is here to disprove five common misconceptions about college life.

There's nothing to do on campus.

Throughout your first year, there will likely be Friday nights when you're sitting alone in your dorm, frustrated by the seemingly small number of activities available. But no matter how empty the 40 Acres appears after Friday classes end, this campus is always buzzing with life, offering many engaging, fun-filled opportunities for students, 24/7. With world-renowned artists and U.S. vice presidents making the 40 Acres their travel destination, you never know who's coming to UT next. When celebrities aren't making guests appearances on campus, student-run events such as blockbuster film screenings and drag shows are bound to keep you occupied.

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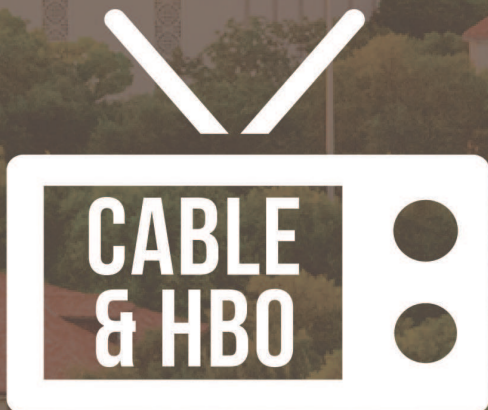
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