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Calendar

Women in Politics

Citizens for Local and State Service (CLASS) will host a "Women in Politics: Equality of Voice" panel at the LBJ School from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

'Due Date'

The film will be shown at the Texas Union Theatre at 6 p.m. Free with student ID.

'Pranzo di Ferragosto'

The Department of French and Italian will screen this Italian film in the Mezes Basement from 8 to 11 p.m.

Esther's Follies

Mr. Texas will be the opening act at Esther's Follies on Thursday at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$20-\$27, discounts for students and military.

'High Plains Drifter'

Directed by and Starring Clint Eastwood and Verna Bloom play in this film about a mysterious gunfighter hired to protect the community from murderous outlaws. The movie will be playing at Paramount Theatre at 9 p.m.

Blue Man Group

The Long Center for Performing Arts will be hosting the Blue Man Group on Thursday at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$17-\$79.

Today in black history

In 1864

Rebecca Lee Crumpler became the first black woman to receive an M.D. degree. She graduated from the New England Female Medical College.

Campus watch

Peek-a-boo

2409 University Ave. Officers received reports of a non-UT subject seen entering unsecured staff and faculty offices. When the subject saw the officers on the floor, they entered an office, and took quick peeks into the hallway to locate the officers. The subject provided the officers with a name and date of birth and a short time later, the subject gave the officers a different date of birth.



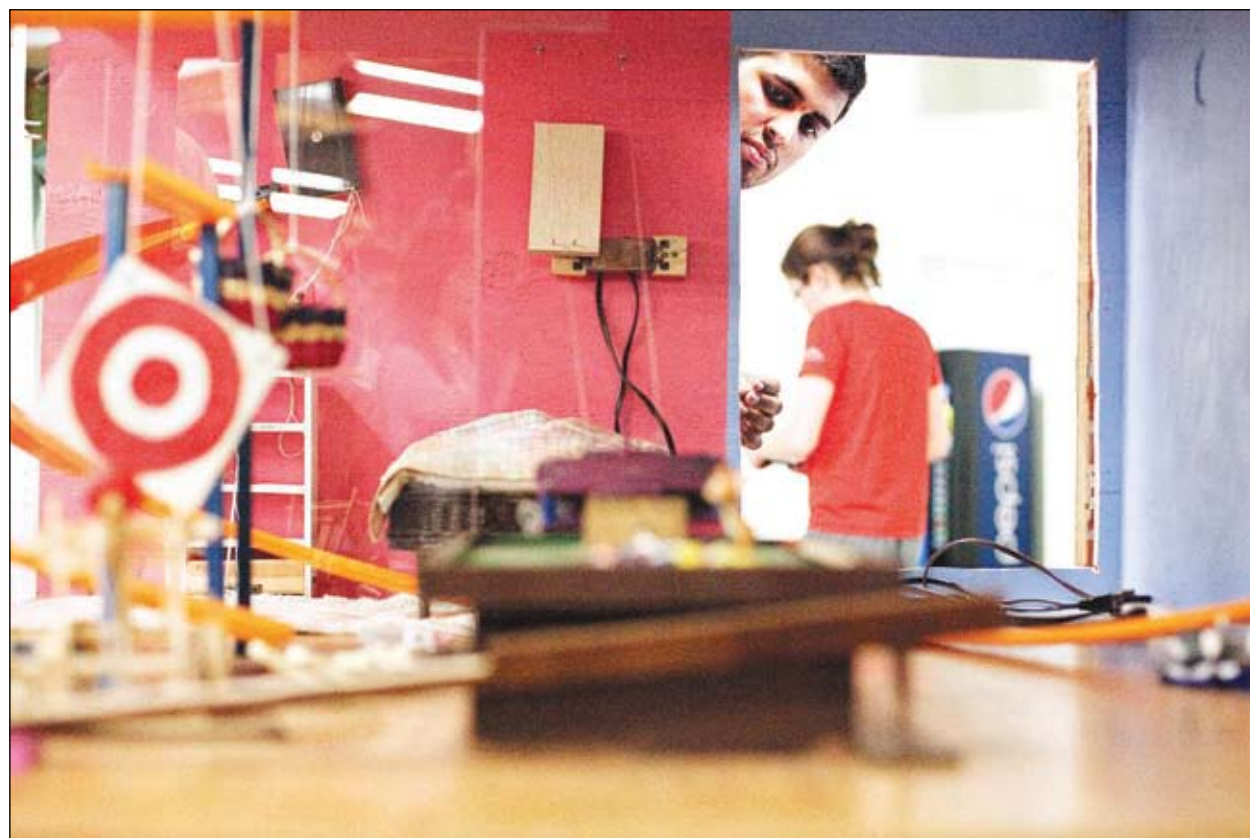
Quote to note

"Just like how Bill Watterson stopped writing Calvin and Hobbes while it was still funny, I want West By West Campus to end on a strong note."

— Tessa Hunt
Festival Coordinator

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Contraption contest breeds creativity



Ryan Edwards | Daily Texan Staff

Mechanical engineering senior Zoheb Noorahi helps reset his team's Tom & Jerry-themed Rube Goldberg machine to celebrate National Engineers Week. Noorahi estimates they spent more than 1,000 man hours building and testing their elaborate contraption.

By Molly Moore
Daily Texan Staff

Chris Hunt's success all hinged on a kung fu hamster.

If the hamster prevented a marble from rolling down a bright yellow ramp, Hunt's Rube Goldberg machine would have been a failure. When the marble rolled through the hamster and set off a series of levers to water a plant, Hunt became the champion of Theta Tau's Rube Goldberg Machine Contest.

The honors fraternity hosts the contest every year as a part of National Engineers

Week, and the first-place team earns a place in the national competition at Purdue University.

To compete, a team or individual must create a machine that completes a simple task in no less than 20 steps. This year's task was to water a plant, which was accomplished with domino lines, catapults, pulleys, ramps and motors. The machines are named after the cartoonist and inventor Rube Goldberg.

Hunt, an electrical engineering junior, claimed first place after completing two of the three rounds without error. Out of the three chances each team's machine had to

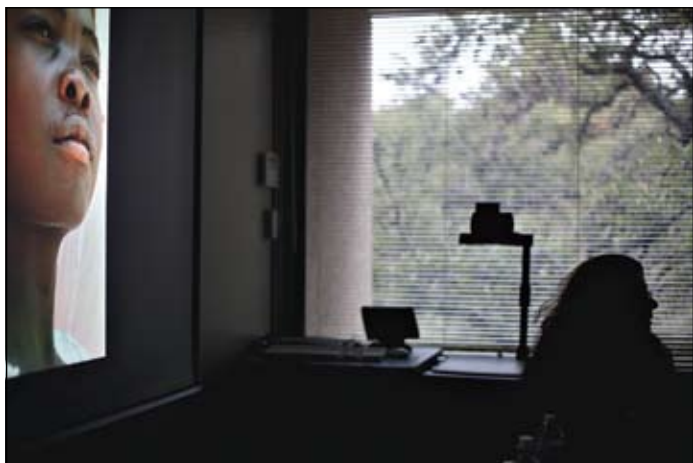
successfully complete the task, Chris only had to help his marble along once, a feat one judge said he had never seen before.

"The first round, it messed up, which was frustrating because the part that went wrong hadn't ever gone wrong before," Hunt said. "So when it did finally work, it felt really great. But I was holding my breath the whole time."

The Society of Women Engineers opened the competition with their "Make it Rain" forest. Their collection of jungle animals, palm trees and a waterfall

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Conference surveys devastating effects of natural disasters



Ryan Edwards | Daily Texan Staff

Photojournalist and UT alumna Maggie Steber helped kick off the 2011 Lozano Long Conference on natural disasters and their social repercussions by discussing her relationship with Haiti.

By Yvonne Marquez
Daily Texan Staff

When photographers and writers cover natural disasters, it is important to tell the stories of the people that those events affect, two renowned documentary photographers agreed at a panel discussion Wednesday.

The forum was part of the 2011 Lozano Long Conference on natural disasters and the consequences for the Caribbean, coastal regions of southern U.S. and Latin America hosted by the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies.

Paloma Diaz, the institute's coordinator, said the conference is focusing on the earthquake in Haiti and Hurricane Katrina, places where the black population was the most affected.

"The last year was significant in the terms of the number of disasters we saw in the region," Diaz said. "We wanted to understand the different dimensions and the

impact of the population from the media perspective."

Maggie Steber, who has photographed Haiti for 25 years, said it is important to know the background of the people, places and events she photographs.

"When you have time — and you don't always — it's important to learn the history, literature, art, language and culture," Steber said. "Otherwise, you're always photographing the surface."

Steber said that she always thought history was boring, but when she read more about Haiti, she realized it is everything. She said Haiti has one of the most fascinating histories because it is dramatic and bloody, especially during the revolt of the slaves against the French.

Matthew Larsen, climate and land use change associate director for the U.S. Geological Survey, said what scientists and jour-

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82ND LEGISLATURE

ESPN deal may affect next year's UT budget

By Melissa Ayala
Daily Texan Staff

President William Powers Jr. testified to the Texas House Higher Education Committee about the UT-ESPN network that is expected to bring \$300 million in additional revenue for UT over the next five years. The committee commended Powers' investment for bringing additional funding to the University during legislative budget cuts.

UT faces \$100 million in House- and Senate-proposed state funding cuts for the 2012-13 biennium, Powers said in a press release. At the meeting, Powers expressed concerns that UT's budget may be disproportionately cut because of this additional funding for the University.

"It would be odd if a success like this were penalized," Powers said. "One would think that you would want to encourage this kind of behavior. We're the most concerned about budget issues."

UT receives only 14 percent of its funding from the state. Powers said the TV network is one source of non-tax revenue it will add to its budget. The network is a partnership between UT and ESPN to cover University athletic, cultural and academic events. Powers said the ESPN branch is likely to be located in the College of Communication and offer internship opportunities for students.

"Our biggest asset is protecting the value of teaching and research," he said. "We hire faculty members, and they're the ones that bring in [additional] funding."

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Sonogram bill goes to House for vote

By Allie Kolechta
Daily Texan Staff

A bill requiring women seeking abortions to view a fetal sonogram 24 hours before the procedure easily cleared a key House committee vote Wednesday, paving the way for the full House to consider the bill.

The Texas House State Affairs Committee held a hearing at the Capitol to hear public testimony about the sonogram bill filed by Rep. Sid Miller, R-Stephenville. About 20 people gave testimony at the hearing.

The bill would require doctors to conduct a sonogram, give a description of the fetus and play audio of the fetal heartbeat 24 hours before the procedure. It would also require them to give patients a full list of risks and alternatives.

The committee voted 9-3 to send the bill to the House floor. The State

Senate passed a similar bill last week that provides exceptions for rape and incest victims or for women whose fetuses have abnormalities. Miller's bill does not include these exceptions.

Under Miller's bill, doctors can lose their licenses if they fail to adhere to the procedure. Because the committee passed it, the House will now vote on it. The Senate version of the bill will also come before the House for a vote in the coming weeks.

Becky Turner, a Texas citizen who had an abortion performed 25 years ago, took a can of tuna with her when she testified before the committee. Just as people have the information about different types of tuna packing methods, they should have the information necessary to make educated decisions when they get pregnant, Turner said.

"If I had been given that informa-

tion, I probably would have made the same decision," she said. "But I would hope that the value of that child would've held as much value as a dead fish in a can."

However, the bill uses this information to present to the public the idea that what is in the womb is a baby, said Russell Crawford, author of "The Living Book on Abortion," a pro-choice book.

"What you're doing is proving to a woman that what she has in her womb is a baby," he said. "What I've noticed is that a zygote can be frozen and live. A baby cannot be frozen and live. There is a difference between what is in the womb and a human baby."

Birth rates between 1959 and 1973, before Roe v. Wade made abortion legal in 1973, tended to be lower than they are today,

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A SMASHING GOOD TIME



Trent Lesikar | Daily Texan Staff

Jaqueline Arroyo takes a swing at a pinata during her sixth birthday party Sunday. Her family purchases pinatas from several party supply stores on East César Chávez Street.

On the web: Check out a audio slideshow @dailytexanonline.com

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The proposed cuts have already had an effect on the University. Powers said other universities have started cherry-picking faculty from UT.

"We are getting a lot of pressure," Powers said. "The perceptions around the country are changing. People will wait to see how the budget comes out and how we are able to react."

Powers said UT will address University budget cuts after re-

viewing the effectiveness of individual departments and will not mandate sweeping reductions.

"On our campus, we will not make across-the-board cuts," he said. "We will do it looking at our most productive programs, assets, faculty and student success."

Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio, said the proposed budget can change if Powers and other University leaders voice their

concerns to Gov. Rick Perry.

"It doesn't have to be this way," Castro said. "UT doesn't have to lose several million dollars in funding. It's not a matter of fate, it's a matter of political choice, and I hope some folks at UT and the Board of Regents speak up to the governor."

At the meeting, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board commissioner Raymund Paredes presented amendments

to its "Closing the Gaps" program to facilitate enrollment in higher education. Over the last two years, Paredes said the program has helped increase enrollment of public universities by 557,550 students.

"We are on track to achieve our participation goals," Paredes said. "Our goal is now to enroll 630,000 more students."

The coordinating board also proposed restructuring state

higher education funding.

Powers will testify before the Senate Finance Committee on Wednesday and will ask senators to avoid disproportionate cuts to public higher education, support the Texas Competitive Knowledge Fund and create a tuition revenue bond for UT's Engineering and Education and Research Center, according to an e-mail from Powers on Wednesday.

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indicating that birth rates are actually higher when abortion is an option, Crawford said.

In 2010, University Health Services administered 618 pregnancy tests, 38 of which were positive. UHS does not offer abortions, so there is no way to tell how many students received abortions in 2010, said UHS senior program coordinator Sherry Bell.

The option to view a sonogram and to hear a description of a fetus and its heartbeat should be available to all women, including vic-

times of rape or incest or women whose babies have physical deformities, said Kerry Holland in her testimony at the hearing. Holland's mother attempted to abort her while she was in the womb, and Holland survived the abortion.

"I believe that had they shown her an ultrasound, my mother would not have attempted the abortion," she said. "I believe that if she was here today, that she would testify to you how much she regrets that decision and that she would never do it again."

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nalists do in the field is similar. He said he talks to people in the communities after a natural disaster. Larsen said it is his job to document what caused these disasters to help government agencies, so it forced him to engage with people who lost a house or a loved one. He said it takes a emotional toll.

"Once you publish the science and math and make recommendations to the government, the human side is really powerful and in-

forms the science we do and makes us try to do a better job," he said.

Kathleen Duncan, a photographer for Victoria Advocate, said photos from Steber are different from what we see in everyday newspapers.

"When you look at war or disaster photos, they all tend to look the same; they have the same feelings, expression and angles. It is important to tell those stories but you also kind of wonder if there is anything else out there," Duncan said.

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earned the team second place and got the crowd involved early.

"When the rain stick falls, you're welcome to dance," said co-team captain Lauren Collins, a senior in biomedical engineering. "We love it when people dance."

But before dancing could begin, the team had to start from scratch. They spent four months and hundreds of

hours working on the machine, said team member Kaitlyn Hunt, a mechanical engineering senior.

"We began with the theme because every machine has a theme," she said. "Then we started brainstorming steps that would fit within that theme."

The process involved finding a balance between whimsy and

practicality.

These creative touches caught the attention of Lydia Contreras-Martin, an assistant chemical engineering professor.

"My favorite thing was how the mechanics of the machine fit into the theme, like the monkey falling off the tree setting off the rain stick," she said.

President ends defense of 'Marriage Act'

By Molly Moore
Daily Texan Staff

President Barack Obama ordered the Justice Department on Wednesday to stop defending the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act, which defines marriage as being between a man and a woman.

The act was a landmark moment in the debate over same-sex marriage in the United States, according to UT law professors.

Law professor Dan Rodriguez said, "It signals an increasing willingness to get off the fence concerning same-sex marriage. Never before has a president taken a clear stance in favor of the issue."

Although no legislation was involved, the ramifications of the statement may be widespread and lasting, Rodriguez said.

"It may well have an effect on influencing undecided judges and justices, increasing public support, which has been on the rise in recent years, and encouraging legislators

to be more vocal in their support of the issue," he said.

A letter released by Attorney General Eric Holder stated the administration's view that the law violated equal protection principles in that it treats gays and lesbians differently than heterosexual couples when viewed through the "heightened scrutiny" test.

The Obama administration has defended the Defense of Marriage Act in several court cases preceding Wednesday's shift, which came with a previous court decision that the law should be viewed with the "highest scrutiny" rather than under "minimum rationality," said Sanford Levinson, a professor of government in the School of Law. Until today, the latter served as the basis for court rulings concerning gay marriage, Levinson said.

"If any lunatic can find the law reasonable, then the law remains in place under minimum rationality," Levinson said. "Under highest scrutiny, a law has to have a really good

reason to deny a person their rights, and the Obama administration decided that there are no good reasons in this case."

Beyond technicalities within the Constitution, the administration's shift reflects a change in public opinion that has been growing since the law's introduction in 1996, Levinson said.

"I think the decision is actually fairly simple in the specific sense that it's been controversial since its creation," Levinson said. "Since then, there has been a shift in American opinion regarding the unfairness in denying gay and lesbians the right to marry."

Kathryn Fife, co-director for StandOut, a GLBT advocacy organization, said it shows Obama's support for the GLBT community.

"It sends a very strong message because it shows people who might be on middle ground that gay couples are just the same as normal couples in the president's eyes," Fife said.

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NEWS BRIEFLY

UT basketball player arrested, suspended after DUI arrest

UT men's basketball player, French junior Alexis Wangmene, was arrested for driving under the influence on Sunday.

"Alexis Wangmene has been suspended indefinitely due to a violation of team rules. He will not play in [Tuesday's] game," said head basketball coach Rick Barnes in a press statement.

According to the arrest affidavit, Wangmene's blood alcohol level was .093. In the state of Texas, criminal penalties begin at .08.

Wangmene was driving a black Jaguar without the front license plate and failed to drive in a single lane, said State Trooper Mario Garcia in the affidavit.

His eyes were bloodshot, his speech slurred and his breath smelled of alcoholic beverage, according to the affidavit.

He is currently in custody with bail set at \$2,000.

— Huma Munir

College Republicans officers quit over SG endorsements

Two College Republicans officers resigned Wednesday night after disagreement with the group's SG executive alliance endorsement.

College Republicans President Justin May announced the group's endorsement for the Abel Mulugheta and Sameer Desai campaign in spite of many members' desire to support former College Republicans president Melanie Schwartz.

May said he publicly announced the endorsement committee, but only three people showed up to participate.

May said many members were angry about the decision and attended last night's meeting to attempt an impeachment. Because many of them had not paid their dues, they were unable to speak. May moved to impeach historian Spencer Raley and spokesman Saul Mendoza because they "soiled the name of the club."

—Ahsika Sanders

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CORRECTIONS

Because of a reporting error, a Feb. 21 Page One news story about mental health care funding should have said Texas is \$27 billion short of keeping the current mental health services going for about 7,850 adults enrolled in disease management or ongoing community support in Travis County according to data from Austin Travis County Integral Care.

Because of a reporting error, Wednesday's Page 14 Life&Arts story about the shortcomings of the Austin music scene should have said that Run This Town is a showcase of Austin rappers, not a battle format, and the rap group that met at the Capitol has nothing to do with Run This Town format according to rapper Doc Deuce.

The Texan strives to present all information fairly, accurately and completely. If we have made an error, let us know about it. Call (512) 232-2217 or e-mail managingeditor@dailytexanonline.com.

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Libyan leader losing grip of nation as rebels ‘liberate’ major cities

By Maggie Michael & Paul Schemm
The Associated Press

BENGHAZI, Libya — The scope of Moammar Gadhafi’s control was whittled away Wednesday as major Libyan cities and towns closer to the capital fell to the rebellion against his rule. In the east, now all but broken away, the opposition vowed to “liberate” Tripoli, where the Libyan leader is holed up with a force of militiamen roaming the streets and tanks guarding the outskirts.

In a further sign of Gadhafi’s faltering hold, two air force pilots — one from the leader’s own tribe — parachuted out of their warplane and let it crash into the eastern Libyan desert rather than follow orders to bomb an opposition-held city.

In Tripoli, Gadhafi’s stronghold, protest organizers called for new rallies Thursday and Friday, raising the potential for a more bloody confrontation.

Militiamen and Gadhafi supporters — a mix of Libyans and foreign African fighters — roamed the capital’s streets, called up Tuesday by the Libyan leader in a fist-pounding speech in which he vowed to fight to the death. The gunmen fired weapons in the air, chanting “Long live Gadhafi,” and waved green flags. With a steady rain, streets were largely empty, residents said.

In many neighborhoods, residents set up watch groups to keep militiamen out, barricading streets with concrete blocks, metal and rocks, a Tripoli activist said.

“There is now an operating room for the militias of all the liberated cities, and they are try-

ing to convince the others to join them,” said Lt. Col. Omar Hamza, an army officer who had allied with the rebels in Tobruk. “They are trying to help the people in Tripoli to capture Gadhafi.”

At the Egyptian border, guards have fled, and local tribal elders have formed local committees to take their place. “Welcome to the new Libya,” proclaimed graffiti spray-painted at the crossing. Fawzy Ignashy, a former soldier now in civilian clothes at the border, said that early in the uprising, some commanders ordered troops to fire on protesters, but tribal leaders stepped in and ordered them to stop.

Gadhafi’s residence at Tripoli’s Aziziya Gates was guarded by loyalists along with a line of armed militiamen in vehicles, some masked, he said. In one western neighborhood, security forces stormed several homes and arrested three or four people, a witness said, while tanks were deployed on the eastern outskirts, witnesses in at least one neighborhood said.

“Mercenaries are everywhere with weapons. You can’t open a window or door. Snipers hunt people,” said another resident, who said she had spent the night in her home awake hearing gunfire outside. “We are under siege, at the mercy of a man who is not a Muslim.”

In opposition-controlled Benghazi, the eastern city where the uprising began, residents held a mass rally outside the city’s main courthouse, vowing to support protesters in the capital, said Farag al-Warfali, a banker. They also called a one-day fast in solidarity with them. Af-



A Libyan man shouts slogans during a demonstration against Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, in Tobruk, Libya, on Wednesday. Heavy gunfire broke out in Tripoli as forces loyal to Gadhafi tightened their grip on the Libyan capital while anti-government protesters claimed control of many cities elsewhere and top government officials turned against the longtime leader.

Hussein Malla
Associated Press

terward, young men went into the courthouse to register to obtain weapons, which had been looted from police stations and military bases and then turned over to the city’s new rulers, he said.

The idea is to “take their weapons and march toward Tripoli,” al-Warfali said.

There were similar calls in Misrata — several hours’ drive from Tripoli, the closest major city to the capi-

tal to fall to anti-government forces.

The extent of Gadhafi’s control over the country he has ruled for 41 years has been reduced to the western coastal region around Tripoli, the deserts to the south and parts of the center.

After Gadhafi’s speech Tuesday night, militiamen flooded into Sabratha, a town west of Tripoli famed for nearby ancient Roman ruins, and battled protesters who had taken over, said one resident. Around 5,000 militiamen from neighboring towns, backed by army and police units, clashed with protesters and drove them from the streets, he said. But his territory was being eroded.

The opposition said Wednesday it had taken over Misrata, Libya’s third-largest city.

Protesters were also in control in Zwara, a town 30 miles from the Tu-

nisian border in the west, after local army units sided with the protesters, said one resident. “[Gadhafi] has reached the point that he’s saying he will bring armies from Africa [to fight protesters]. That means he is isolated,” he said.

Gadhafi long kept his army weak for fear of challenge, so in the fierce crackdown waged on the uprising, he has relied on militia groups, beefed up by fighters hired abroad.

Wisconsin governor duped into revealing anti-union plans

By Ryan J. Foley
The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — In a prank call that quickly spread across the Internet, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker was duped into discussing his strategy to cripple public employee unions, promising never to give in and joking that he would use a baseball bat in his office to go after political opponents.

Walker believed the caller was a conservative billionaire named David Koch, but it was actually the editor of a liberal online newspaper. The two talked for at least 20 minutes — a conversation in which the governor described several potential ways to pressure Democrats to return to the Statehouse and revealed that his supporters had considered secretly planting people in pro-union crowds to stir trouble.

The call, which surfaced Wednesday, also showed Walker’s cozy relationship with two billionaire brothers who have poured millions of dollars into conservative political causes, including Walker’s campaign last year.

The audio was posted by the Buffalo Beast, a left-leaning website



James Hoffa speaks at a rally in the state Capitol in Madison, Wis., on Wednesday, on the ninth day of protests over Gov. Scott Walker’s proposal to eliminate collective bargaining rights for many state workers.

Andy Manis
Associated Press

based in Buffalo, N.Y., and quickly went viral.

Murphy said he arranged the call Tuesday after speaking with two Walker aides, including the governor’s chief of staff.

Walker spokesman Cullen Werwie confirmed that it was Walker’s voice on the call. At a news conference, Walker acknowledged being deceived but stuck to his message that the union changes were need-

ed to balance Wisconsin’s budget.

In the call, the governor said he was ratcheting up the pressure on Senate Democrats to return to the Capitol a week after they fled to block the legislation. He said he supported a move to require them to come to the Capitol to pick up their paychecks rather than have the money deposited directly.

Walker said aides were reviewing whether the GOP could hold a vote

if Democrats were not physically in the Senate chamber but elsewhere in the building.

Democrats seized on Walker’s recorded comments as evidence that the governor plans to go beyond budget cuts to crushing unions.

“This isn’t about balancing the budget. This is about a political war,” Rep. Jon Richards of Milwaukee yelled Wednesday on the floor of the state Assembly.

China detains online activists for reposting call for protests

By Christopher Bodeen
The Associated Press

BEIJING — Activists say China has filed subversion charges against Internet users who reposted a call for protests modeled on the democracy movements in the Middle East.

The Hong Kong-based Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy said Wednesday at least three people were detained on charges of “inciting subversion of state power.” China often uses the vaguely worded charge to lock up outspoken government critics.

A handful of participants joined the calls to demonstrate this past weekend and were met by a show of force from authorities.

The detentions indicated Beijing would not tolerate any dissent, even by people merely reposting information from overseas websites.

Because of China’s pervasive Internet censorship, few people were likely to know about the campaign. Twitter and Facebook, instrumental in Egypt’s protests, are blocked in China. Tech-sav-

vy Chinese can circumvent controls using proxy servers or other alternatives, but few of the country’s Internet users seek out politically subversive content.

Apparently undeterred, organizers said in an online posting that action was needed to show Beijing that its people expect accountability and transparency from the current one-party Communist system.

“We invite every participant to stroll, watch or even just pretend to pass by. As long as you are present, the authoritarian government will be shaking with fear,” said the announcement posted on the U.S.-based Chinese-language website Boxun, which is blocked in China.

The detentions indicated Beijing would not tolerate any dissent, even by people merely reposting information gleaned from overseas websites.

Ahead of the protests this past weekend, human rights groups estimated several dozen to more than 100 activists were detained by police, confined to their homes or were missing.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Oregon Legislature proposes bill to end ‘faith healing’ for children

PORTLAND, Ore. — Oregon lawmakers say they will push to end legal protection for parents who rely solely on faith healing to treat their dying children.

A proposed bill targets the Followers of Christ, an Oregon City church with a long history of children dying from treatable medical conditions.

State Rep. Carolyn Tomei, D-Milwaukie, said the deaths of three children of church members in recent years prompted her to introduce the bill, which would remove spiritual treatment as a defense for all homicide charges.

Legislators and prosecutors hope the threat of long prison sentences will cause church members to reconsider their tradition of rejecting medical treatment in favor of faith healing.

“It’s going to make it easier to hold parents accountable who don’t protect their children,” said Clackamas County District Attorney John Foote.

Followers of Christ Church leaders did not respond to a request for comment.

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OVERVIEW:

An unfortunate appointment

Last week, the Texas Senate confirmed Alex Cranberg to the UT System Board of Regents. In some ways, Cranberg fits the mold of a typical Perry appointee — he is a prominent Republican donor who made his career in the energy industry, something that undoubtedly endears him to the governor.

Curiously, however, Cranberg has very weak ties to Texas. The \$500,000 in political donations Cranberg gave in the last six years went to Colorado candidates and causes, according to the Austin American-Statesman, and Cranberg's energy business is based in Colorado. He did graduate from UT, but that was about three decades ago.

Furthermore, Cranberg just registered to vote in Texas last month, and he still lists Colorado as his mailing address. Given that the regents are tasked with protecting Texas schools, picking a member who has spent the better part of his career out of state is disconcerting to say the least.

Most urgently, there are problems with the timing of Cranberg's appointment. Since he registered to vote on Jan. 18 and a voter is only eligible 30 days after registration, Cranberg was not considered a qualified voter until four days after his appointment was confirmed by the Texas Senate, according to the Statesman. Not only is this detail unsettling on the surface, it also means that Cranberg, at the time of the Senate confirmation, did not meet one of the criteria to be selected as a regent.

It seems that Cranberg's appointment is nothing but a political play. Perry has never been subtle in using appointments to reward political allies or take retribution on political enemies, and unfortunately a regent position is more indicative of a pleasing voting record than insight to Texas universities. Just ask the Texas Tech regents who were asked to resign after supporting Kay Bailey Hutchison in the gubernatorial primary last year.

In a time of severe budget cuts, UT needs strong leaders on the Board of Regents — leaders who have extensive experience with Texas and Texas universities. Unfortunately, Cranberg has neither.

Beyond the budget

The Texas Legislature is considering both a plethora of new laws and stronger enforcements on existing ones. Some of these changes are long overdue, and others are completely irrelevant.

One utterly unnecessary proposed law is a ban on caffeinated malt beverages, clearly directed at Four Loko. Someone should notify legislators that Four Loko no longer contains caffeine and hasn't for months.

We realize that not everybody in the Legislature can spend 100 percent of his or her time working to balance the budget without gutting higher education in the process, but surely there are more pressing matters for our elected officials than banning a drink that nobody drinks anymore.

However, one law is extremely pertinent. Rep. Jessica Farrar, D-Houston, is attempting to repeal a law that classifies homosexual behavior a Class C misdemeanor. Seriously. Although the Supreme Court ruled the law unconstitutional a decade ago, Texas has yet to update its laws. Farrar is also trying to revise state sex education curriculum, which classifies homosexual relationships as unacceptable.

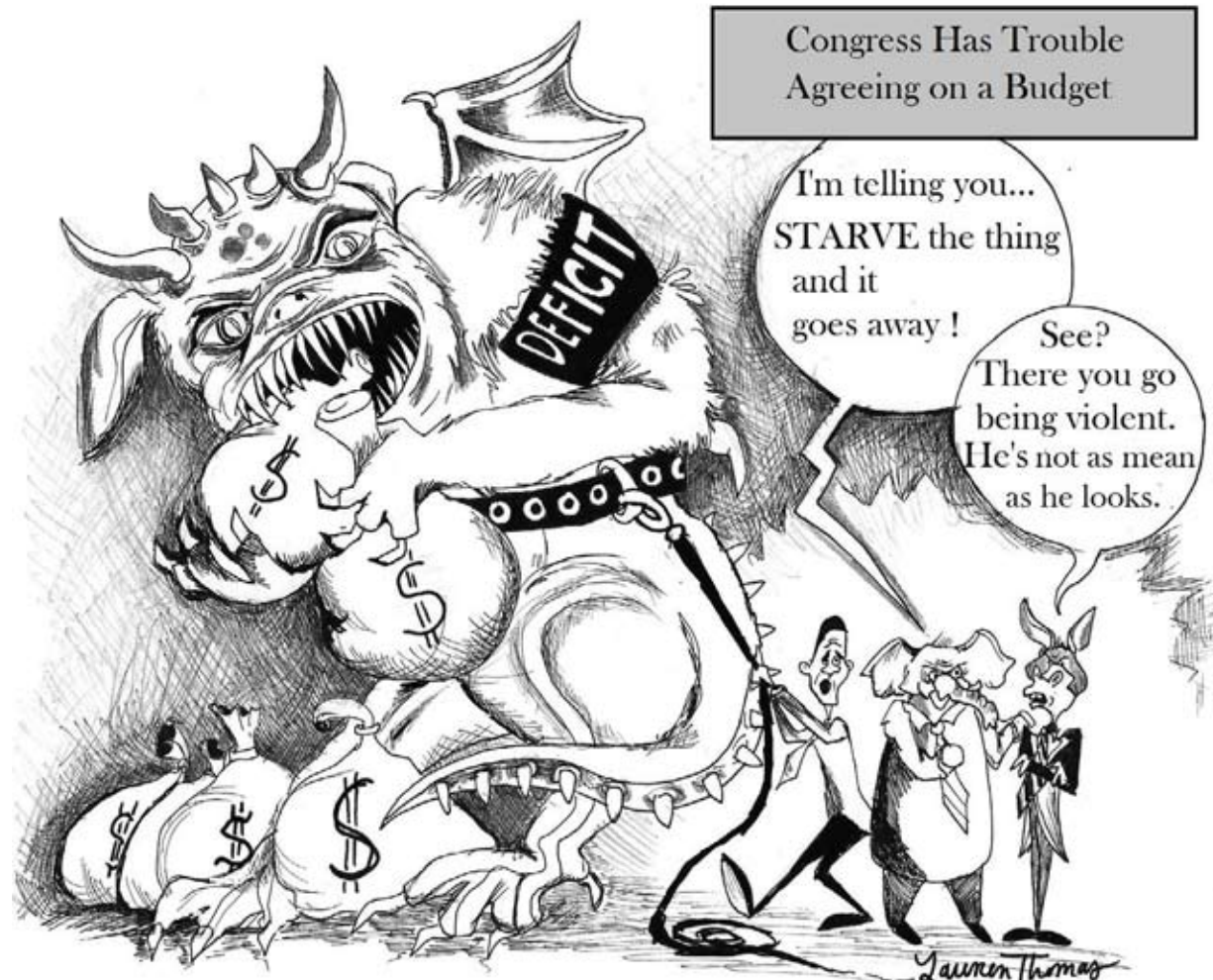
Sometime between cutting higher education funding and allowing guns on college campuses, we hope the Republican supermajority finds it in its bright red heart to repeal a law that is unconstitutional and horrifying.

Banning caffeinated malt beverages and decriminalizing homosexual behavior are just two examples of non-budget-related issues on which the Legislature is spending time and resources. While we realize the budget should continue to remain the top priority for lawmakers, we also hope legislators pay appropriate attention to all legislation that comes before them, both to identify and act on the important as well as to root out and ignore the irrelevant.

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GALLERY



Raw milk rights

By Kate Clabby
Daily Texan Columnist

Since the 1920s, most Americans have taken their milk pasteurized — that is, heat-treated, usually at 161 degrees Fahrenheit for 15 seconds, in order to kill harmful bacteria. The FDA considers pasteurized milk the only milk fit for human consumption.

But pasteurization also destroys some of the vitamins in milk, as well as the enzymes and the good bacteria that can aid digestion and boost our immune systems. Several studies have shown that drinking unpasteurized (raw) milk may help prevent asthma and allergies in children, and anecdotal evidence suggests that the nutrition in raw milk might be particularly helpful for people with disorders ranging from lactose intolerance to autism. Plus, raw milk tastes better.

The vast majority of milk sold in supermarkets comes from cows kept in confinement and fed an unnatural, grain-based diet. Disease among industrial dairy animals is rampant, and facilities are often dirty. Much of this milk is probably contaminated, and pasteurization protects consumers from food-borne illnesses. But good farmers who keep their cows on pasture and maintain clean facilities can produce a clean, healthy product without pasteurizing the milk. But in 21 states, sales of raw milk are illegal.

Current Texas law does allow farmers to sell raw milk if they get a Grade A for Raw Milk Certification. This involves adhering to strict cleanliness standards and testing the milk for bacterial counts and pathogens. But they can only sell raw milk on the farm, which means that someone who wants to buy it has to drive all the way to the farm each and every time. And the closest raw milk dairies to Austin are almost 90 miles away.

The Texas Raw Milk Bill, HB 75 and SB 237, would solve this problem. If passed, it will allow farmers to sell raw milk directly

to consumers at farmers' markets or at pre-arranged drop-off points near their homes. That's the only change to raw milk laws it would make. It would not change the certification requirements for raw milk producers, and it would not legalize grocery store sales of raw milk.

This bill will likely face strong opposition by people concerned with the safety of

Food processing plants have lobbied to take away our right to choose what we eat, and a farmer's right to make a living. With the Raw Milk Bill, we can take those rights back.

raw milk. The FDA considers it inherently dangerous and does not recommend drinking it under any circumstances. But while all food carries some risk of contamination, data shows that particular concern about the safety of raw milk is misplaced. According to the CDC's Foodborne Outbreak Online Database, between 1998 and 2008, there were only two reported illnesses in Texas attributed to raw milk. During the same time period, more than 12,000 food-borne illnesses, not including inter-state outbreaks, were attributed to other foods, such as strawberries, deli meats, beef brisket, Veggie Booty and tomatoes.

And so far, the most vocal opposition has come from DairyMax, the nonprofit lobbying and advertising organization that represents

the Texas dairy industry. This may point to the real reason raw milk is so hard to get. Pasteurization laws make it very difficult for farmers to sell their products directly to consumers. They either have to build extremely expensive pasteurization plants or they have to sell it to processing plants, who then pasteurize it, homogenize it, bottle it and offer it for sale. The prices farmers get for this milk are low — sometimes lower than the cost of production — and subject to influences beyond their control. It is nearly impossible for small, sustainable farmers to stay in business selling milk to processing plants at commodity prices.

But when you buy raw milk directly from the farmer, he controls the price and he gets the profit. Food processing plants have lobbied to take away our right to choose what we eat, and a farmer's right to make a living. With the Raw Milk Bill, we can take those rights back.

Of course, nobody should be forced to drink raw milk, and with this bill, nobody will be. Since it won't legalize grocery store sales, it will only make this legal, unprocessed food available to consumers who actively seek it out. And since farmers will be able to make just one trip to deliver all of their customers' milk, it will keep cars off the road, improving traffic, air quality and public safety. If anything, this bill will improve the safety of raw milk sold in Texas. Instead of relying on customers to bring their own coolers, farmers will be able to transport the milk in refrigerated trucks. This bill has no state budgetary implications, and by helping small farmers increase their sales, it will stimulate rural economies.

To learn more, visit texasrealmilk.com, a campaign website maintained by the Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance. You can sign up for its Action Alerts or help out now by contacting your state senator and representatives. Follow the link under the "Action Alerts" tab to find out who represents you.

Clabby is an English senior.

You might miss Austin, but studying abroad is worth the trip

By Jonathan Rienstra
Daily Texan Columnist

Last week, my favorite show, "Friday Night Lights," had its series finale. I've documented my love for the people of Dillon, Texas before and I'll spare y'all the spoilers, but the finale was a flawless summation of a world that viewers visited every week for five years. The whole show was loaded with "moments," but for my money, the most memorable one came when Tim Riggins told his baby nephew "never turn away a memory."

Then, the other day while checking out USA Today's "College" section I read a column by a junior at Claremont McKenna College in California. Titled "Studying abroad: Is it worth leaving campus for?" Jeremy Merrill's column argued that going abroad for a semester might cut into your college experience. Merrill's right, of course — going to Copenhagen for a semester means you won't be in Austin for three and

a half months, but saying that's a negative is like saying that the ice cream is taking away from your cake time.

The first con Merrill introduces in his argument for staying in 'Merichu focuses on the elite level of academics in our universities and colleges. Odds are, wherever you study abroad will have lower academic standards than what you're used to, and a non-American education makes our brains squishier than normal.

But let's look at some variables. First, if you plan correctly beginning as a freshman or sophomore, you can use mostly elective slots abroad, which are generally easier classes to begin with, even here at UT. Second, let's not pretend that myedu.com doesn't exist. Those bar graphs telling you the percentage of As and Bs in a class are fully utilized come registration time. Who knows, maybe Merrill is a better person than me and actually takes the most rigorous classes he can find. Maybe you, dear readers, are better than me and eschew the class with 65 percent As for the chal-

lenge of learning. You probably do.

Merrill still fails to recognize that going away for a semester is less about the classroom and more about exploration. It's about seeing a part of the world not as a tourist in four days but as an active participant. Spending a prolonged period in Chile or Austria allows one to absorb the culture and get past the plastic packaging that takes a few weeks to cut through. Consider it the Anthony Bourdain system of education.

My biggest problem with Merrill's argument is that it suggests that going abroad isn't worth giving up the social element of a college campus. He mentions, "Even weekly Skype dates won't change the fact that folks on campus aren't spending their days missing you."

To which I say, who cares? When I graduated high school, my friends and I didn't all go to the same college. Most didn't even stay in Texas (suckers), and I usually only see them during winter and summer break. They have inside jokes with their buddies from college that I don't un-

derstand, and they have stories of which I wasn't a part. Somehow, we have remained friends.

If your friends forget you after a semester abroad, they weren't your friends to begin with. And don't worry about missing a semester's worth of parties; they'll be here when you get back.

So why not go abroad? If you have the means, do it. I've had enough friends and family spend a semester or summer overseas to know that it's worth it. None of them have ever talked about how they missed their friends or the parties that happened while they were gone. They had their own stories. And it's a lot more impressive to talk about running with the bulls than it is to mention that, "dude, the Lodge was totally packed last Thursday."

So yeah, you can stay in Austin all four years and have a great, life-changing experience. But after a while even cake can become boring without some ice cream.

Rienstra is a journalism junior.

UT's fine arts may suffer in next round of budget cuts

By Allison Harris
Daily Texan Staff

University budget cuts during the next school year will most likely reduce the number of adjunct faculty and teaching assistants in the College of Fine Arts, leading to larger classes, said Fine Arts Council President Adam Hagerman.

The Fine Arts Council hosted a public forum Wednesday attended by about 45 people to educate students on how University-wide budget cuts would impact the college.

College of Fine Arts Dean Douglas Dempster said the University faces a 10-percent budget cut of \$33 million. However, the Texas Legislature proposed an initial budget cut in January of nearly 30 percent, or about \$100 million.

"My personal speculation on this is that the 10-percent cut that we're expecting right now is the best case scenario," he said.

Hagerman, a music and European studies senior, said larger classes will reduce educational quality, particularly in fine arts.

"We're a very individually based education system, whether it be the art studios or music private lessons or the smaller theater classes," he said.

Most of the \$1.1 million cut to the College came from cuts to stipends paid to graduate teaching assistants and faculty travel and research expenses, Hagerman said. The instructional budgets for academic departments will be cut 4 percent. Hagerman said elective courses for non-majors could be the first to be cut.

"I think students enjoy taking those classes," he said. "I think they're beneficial to their overall education, and I think it's critical to their development as human beings."

Butler School of Music director B. Glenn Chandler said he is concerned with the expected \$50,000 cut to graduate assistantships in his department in next year's budget.

"It not only affects our ability to deliver good curriculum but also our ability to attract good students," he said.

Brant Pope, chair of the Theatre and Dance Department, said the University provost and Dempster initiated a program to help fund graduate students to teach non-major courses in the department so they wouldn't be eliminated.

"When we're up against the wall, we're going to serve our majors first," he said. "If we can't staff our majors courses, how are we possibly going to staff these?"

Jazz performance and government junior Julian Dominguez came to the event to give information on the college's budget as the Fine Arts Council's representative for the Senate of College Councils. He said he has already seen the impact of budget cuts.

"I've already heard from peers about their professors that they studied closely with being gone and kind of being at a loss for next year," he said. "I can definitely see the impacts — negative impacts — but I don't feel the administration can do much more."

Educators release book about teaching 'whole child'

By Yvonne Marquez
Daily Texan Staff

A new book by nine UT Elementary School teachers and administrators shares two ways to improve teaching: communication and interaction between students and teachers in low-income and high-minority schools.

"Teaching to the Spirit of Every Child: Lessons Learned in Urban Education" gives examples to prospective teachers and curriculum specialists to apply in classrooms.

Melissa Chavez, UT Elementary School executive director, said the school's goal is to not only use research-based instructional methods that came out of UT but document their success to share with the world.

"Our focus of the book was response to intervention and social and emotional learning, how that has led to the success of our school and how we weaved those two research-based methods into all of our practices here," Chavez said.

Chavez said social and emotional learning teaches children

about resiliency and about solving problems. She said it's about teaching them about empathy and knowing about feelings they have themselves and being aware of others' feelings.

"We do use these methods because we believe that we have to teach every aspect of the child, the 'whole child,' not just the subjects," Chavez said. "We have to teach them intellectually, physically, socially and emotionally."

Education professor Angela Valenzuela said urban schools are faced with achievement gaps, high dropout rates, overcrowded

classes and de facto segregation in schools and neighborhoods as minority youth become concentrated in certain areas.

"Austin is very segregated by both race and class, mainly due to residential segregation," Valenzuela said. "If people are able, they'll buy into a more expensive neighborhood, and if they're not able to then they are forced to attend a public school."

Valenzuela said there are inequalities within urban districts, such as the quality of teachers and quality of curriculum, which is focused on tests that can affect

a student's learning. She said urban students don't have the opportunity of rich curriculums or innovative pedagogies that other rural or suburban schools have.

"There are exceptions, but there is a pattern in race and class with educational opportunities within districts," Valenzuela said.

Rose Tran, one of the authors of the new book, said teachers must understand not only the content area of what they are teaching but understand the child as well. She said urban students deal with poverty, so teachers are aware of it.

Media's stereotyping of black athletes creates high standards, professor says

By Huma Munir
Daily Texan Staff

The media creates false perceptions about black athletes in America and advances stereotypes of superhuman strength and aggressive sexuality, said a UT associate professor at a lecture on Wednesday.

Associate sociology professor Ben Carrington said many people make an assumption that Americans are living in a post-racial society, especially after electing a black president.

"We may have reached a significant milestone in the advancement of racial progression, but at the same time, it seems to be permitting us not to talk about problems that persist," said Dave Junker, director of the Senior Fellows Symposium which sponsored the event.

Carrington said that if America is a post-racial society, it stirs even more questions for race relations. He said the overrepresentation of black athletes in the media is spinning stereotypes about the sexuality and culture of African-Americans.

"This idolization of the black athletic form produces a black athlete as post-human," Carrington said. "Strange creatures [who] possess [the] alien-like and certainly subhuman abilities to jump higher, hang in the air longer, punch harder and run faster."

It is almost as if these black men are leaving the realm of humankind all together, he said.

Carrington illustrated this notion by showing several examples from commercials and images that portray African-American athletes and actors as muscular men projecting an image of a "perfect man."

In an Old Spice commercial, black actor Isaiah Mustafa is topless the entire time, showing off his muscles. A message appears at the end of the commercial that says, "Smell like a man, man."

Carrington also used African-American golfer Tiger Woods as an example of who the media targets. After Woods' scandal became public, the media scrutinized every aspect of his life, called him a sex addict and falsely alleged that he has a strong sexual appetite for white

women, he said.

Anthropology professor Kevin Foster said most young black men prefer going into sports and becoming athletes because of the glorifying images the media produces. In reality, he said, the number of black career professionals is much higher than the number of black athletes.

"But you would not get that impression from media's representation of race," Foster said. "It has a huge impact on black boys."

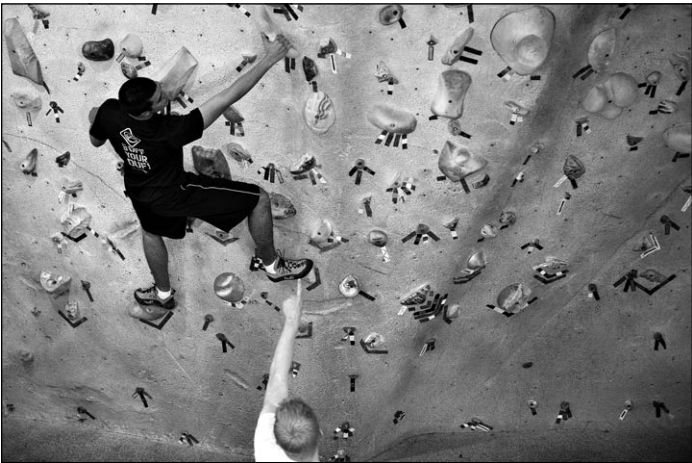
He also said some people who oppose the view that racial stereotyping still persists in today's media are black athletes who enjoy prosperity because of their successful careers.

"The problem is that their perspective is limited to their experiences," Foster said.

The relationship between the media, race and sports is a complex issue because images are manipulated and crafted by the media, said sociology graduate student Vivian Shaw. She said people consume this material without consciously acknowledging its effects.

"It is really difficult to know the extent of the influence of the images," Shaw said.

RecSports celebrates 'fitness week'



Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

A student takes advantage of the free climbing day at the bouldering wall in Gregory Gymnasium. Bouldering is the practice of climbing a rock wall without the support of climbing ropes.

Gregory Gym and the recreational sports center offered free classes Wednesday to celebrate National Recreational Sports & Fitness Day.

Sarah Jordan, who oversees group exercise programs at Gregory Gym, said the day's events were part of Love Your Body Week.

"RecSports partners with UT Health Services this week to promote positive body image and fun fitness," Jordan said.

In addition to free TeXercise and cycling classes all day long, there were 15-minute class dem-


onstrations ranging from Zumba dance to fencing.

The gym also offered free rock climbing, which staff members said had a great turnout. Corporate communications senior Alex Rios came to the rock wall as part of the national fitness day.

"I've never climbed before, and I saw a sign that said there was free climbing from 2 to 5 p.m. for national fitness day so I wanted to check it out, try it," he said.

Free exercise classes will continue Friday morning with a free Zumba class 9:45 a.m.


— Erika Rich

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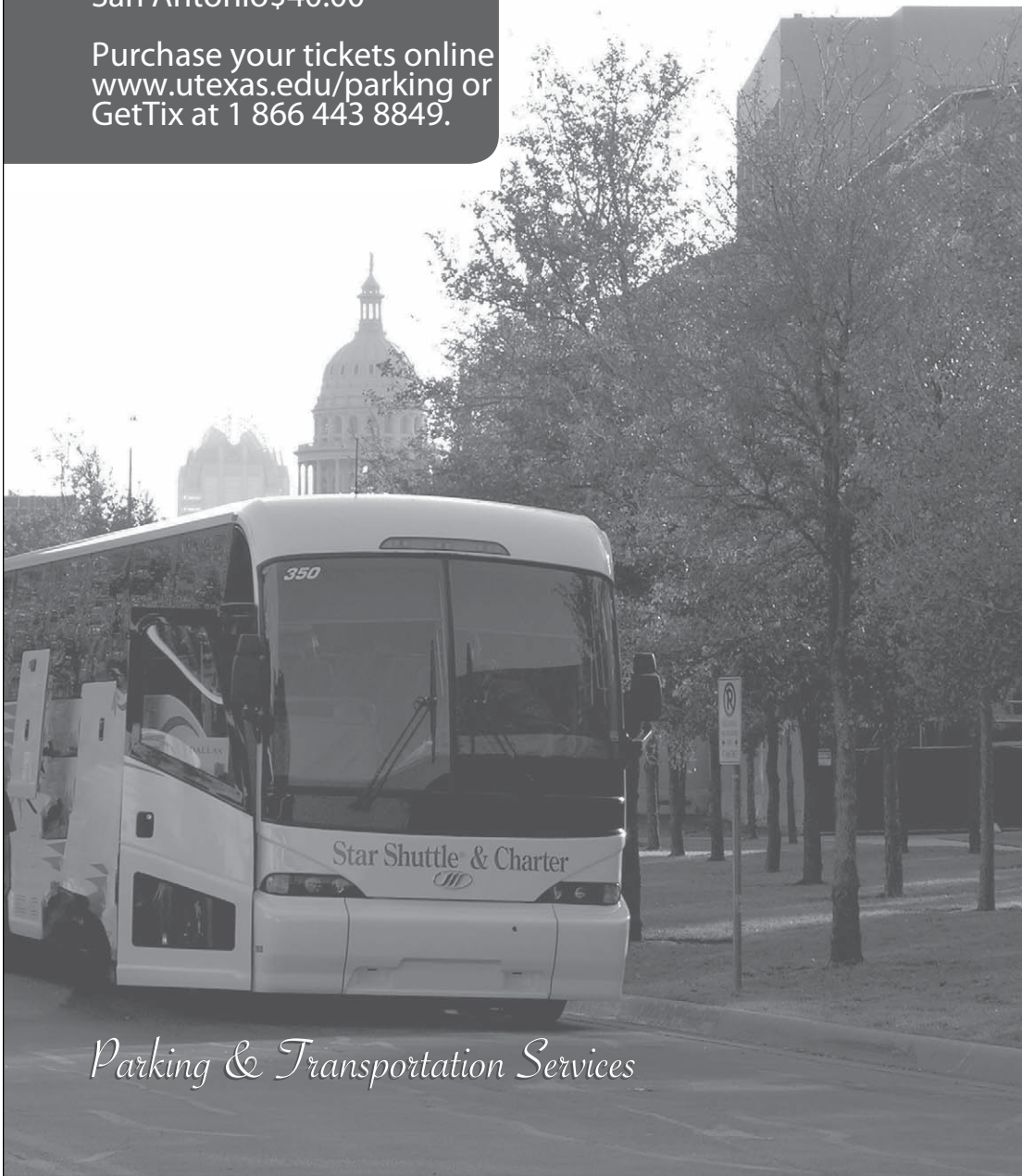
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MEET your candidates

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As the March 2 and 3 student-wide general election approaches, candidates for Student Government and other student leadership organizations are hoping to capture student attention with Facebook groups and fliers. The Daily Texan met with the five SG executive alliances to get their thoughts on is-

ssues that impact students. The elected president and vice president will preside over the 2011-12 SG and hold positions in powerful groups like the Student Services Budget Committee and the President's Student Advisory Council. They will also be able to fight for personal goals and initiatives and act as official voices for the student body.

ON THE WEB: Read transcripts of the interviews with SG candidates @dailytexanonline.com



& Andrew Nash & Melanie Schwartz

Andrew Nash, presidential candidate and Government senior, is the chair of the University Union's Board of Directors and has previously chaired the Texas Revue committee and served as president of the Student Events Center. His running mate, history senior Melanie Schwartz is a former College Republicans at Texas president and was also involved in the bi-partisan voter registration organization Hook The Vote in 2010.

Why we are running

Nash says: We want to leave the university a better place than we found it. Somebody really needs to step up to bat for students and make sure that tan-

gible differences are being made. For a long time SG was focused on these abstract ideas like accessibility, reform and transparency, but students didn't have anything to show for that, so at the end of the day we want to make sure that students have something to remember SG by.

Budget Cuts

Schwartz says: We have to make sure the cuts that do happen don't effect students disproportionately and so the things that we need to be cutting first are the things that we need least. We are the only candidates who pledged to not accept a stipend. We want to shift that money somewhere people need it because this is a job that we'll do for free.

Abel Mulugheta & Sameer Desai



Government senior and presidential candidate Abel Mulugheta is a leader in his fraternity Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., the National Pan-Hellenic Council, and recently the Student Government Reform Task Force. Business honors junior Sameer Desai is active in the Indian Students Association, Texas Blazers and the Business Honors Program Steering Committee.

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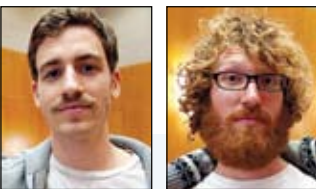
Desai says: We know that SG is only as powerful as the students it represents. Students deserve to have

their voices heard by SG and administrators. We will remove the unnecessary levels of bureaucracy to create a direct link between students and Student Government.

Safety

Mulugheta says: We will implement Safe-Ride for students who don't live on or close to campus in conjunction with expanding Sure-Walk. Students will enjoy a greater sense of security. We will push for more lights in West Campus, as well as all over the 40 Acres.

Spencer Scorcelletti & Aaron West



Presidential hopeful Spencer Scorcelletti, a public relations senior, started the "Free Rides" service where he would ride around campus on his tandem bicycle giving people free rides to class to inspire people to do more random acts of kindness. Aaron West, journalism senior and VP candidate, is interested in magazine writing and editing. He is a former Daily Texan writer, interns at The Onion and is also involved in the Rotary Club.

Why we are running

Scorcelletti said: We're running because no one normal ever runs for President and Vice President. We think it's important that the student body is given the option to elect someone who's not from

the usual circle that gets elected every year.

Guns

Scorcelletti said: I don't like them, and I think maybe it's OK for there to be some places where guns aren't carried. It's banned already and I think there should be an open discussion on it. We want to make a decision based on what the campus wants and needs.

If elected...

West says: We would focus on distributing the power among the student body and allowing them to realize what they have the power to do. We want to encourage crystal-clear communication and to get more student involvement.



Natalie Butler & Ashley Baker

Presidential candidate Natalie Butler, a Plan II, government and political communications senior, was an SG Longhorn Legislative Aid her freshman year and has remained involved in the organization, currently serving as a University-wide representative. She is also a member of Orange Jackets and Friar Society. Government and economics junior Ashley Baker is also a University-wide representative and was previously involved with Senate of College Councils. She is also a member of Black Students Alliance and other organizations.

Guns

Butler says: By no means am I anti-guns but I'm anti-

guns in the classroom. I was one of the sponsors of the resolution that said that we don't want guns on campus. We are realistic that it likely to pass given the make up of the Legislature. What we are asking for now is to allow individual votes for each campus as to whether or not they want to allow guns on campus.

Textbooks

Baker says: Natalie and I both supported a resolution this semester for professors to get their book lists to the Co-op early. That way the Co-op could release their lists so that other book stores would be able to order their books early. We believe in allowing competition so that the publishing companies are held accountable.

Travesty candidates



Business honors senior David McQuary is running for president with his running mate biology senior Hannah Oley. They are both Texas Travesty staff members.

Why we are running

McQuary says: I come from the distant future. I must stop Natalie Butler from becoming elected Student Body President. We can prevent great tragedies from occurring by stopping her ascent to power now. My future, the one where Ms. Butler was elected, is a terrible, horrific place. Wild dogs run amok through the

nuclear wastelands of campus, feasting on the rotting flesh of the thousands of dead students. Robotic soldiers patrol the streets, liquefying all humans who disagree with the President's despotic policies. I am the leader of the resistance against ButlerNet, the evil corporation responsible for starting World War 3 and destroying Austin as you know it.

Guns

Mcquary says: "We are pro-ray guns, [but] only if they are set to stun."

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BIG 12 SWIMMING & DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Longhorns start strong on opening day

Men begin title defense with commanding win in 200 medley relay

By Lauren Giudice
Daily Texan Staff

Swimmers of every year level contributed to Texas' domination of the first day of Big 12 Championships. The two relays proved that the Longhorns have a lot of depth.

In the 200 medley relay, a race with every year level represented for the Longhorns, the team had a commanding victory. Sophomore Cole Cragin started the Longhorns off strong in the backstroke and senior Scott Spann, freshman Woody Joye and junior Jimmy Feigen continued to increase Texas' lead, and they had a winning time of 1:25.40. Missouri followed in second with a final time of 1:26.58, and Texas A&M finished in 1:27.13.

"The race was pretty nuts," Feigen said. "The first event is always kind of shaky because you don't know if you're going to go fast. You don't know if you're going to live up to expectations or all the hype."

The first event of the meet helps set the tone for the rest of the week.

"I think we did a great job getting our team going, and our team got us going," Feigen said. "Hopefully, we can feed off each other's energy for the rest of the meet."

Texas A&M's Grant Nel dominated the one-meter diving event with a final score of 426.00. Texas freshmen Will Chandler finished in fifth with 326.60 points, and Will McCraney finished in sixth with 323.35.

The intense 800 freestyle relay had the Longhorns outside the pool standing and yelling for their teammates. Joye led the Texas A team off with a time of 1:36.02. He was following closely behind A&M's Balazs Makany, who finished his leg of the race with a time of 1:35.13. Junior Neil Caskey ended his leg of the



Texas men's swimmers compete in a medley relay during the opening day of the Big 12 Championships. The Longhorns won the first meet of the day, and followed with a win in the 800 freestyle.



Texas women's swimmers prepare for launch into backstroke in a relay event during Wednesday's opening day of Big 12 Championships held at Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center.

Women set school records in 200 medley, 800 freestyle relays

By Stefan Scrafield
Daily Texan Staff

The Texas women got off to a record-breaking start at the Big 12 Swimming & Diving Championships. The team broke school records in both relay events held Wednesday night, despite only winning one.

The Longhorns began with a second-place finish in the women's 200-yard medley relay, the first event of the championships. The team followed up with a first-place finish in the only other event of the night, the

800 freestyle relay.

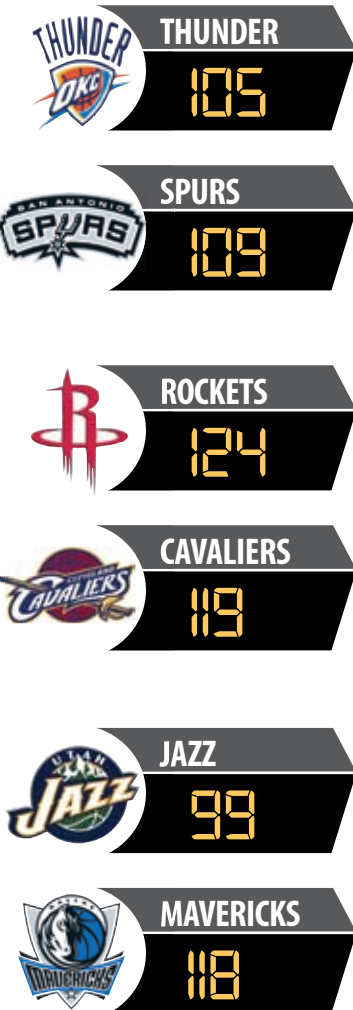
The first heat featured each school's A-team in the 200-yard medley relay. As expected, the event was a lopsided affair, with Texas A&M battling the Longhorns the entire way in what was essentially a two-team race.

Texas' 200-yard medley team was composed entirely of underclassmen, with freshman Lily Moldenhauer leading off in the backstroke. Two-time Big 12 champion Laura

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TWEET OF THE DAY

Jay Bilas
@JayBilas

Got the TSA "enhanced pat down" yesterday. By hoop rules, it was a flagrant foul, TSA employee ejected, and I get two shots and the ball.

SOFTBALL
No. 10 TEXAS vs FORDHAM

Horns head to California for first games on road

By Chris Hummer
Daily Texan Staff

At 10-0, the 12th-ranked Longhorns prepare for their first road trip of the season with high aspirations.

Texas travels to California today to compete in the Cathedral City Classic.

"It's been a great couple of weeks at home, a great way to work up some confidence," said Texas head coach Connie Clark. "I think they're up for the challenge and feeling as confident as they could be right now."

The team is coming off two straight tournament wins at the friendly home confines of McCombs Field and is now looking forward to its first road test.

"I think as a team, we're really excited to get out of Austin and go to California and play some of the bigger teams, like Florida," said sophomore pitcher Blaire Luna.

Florida is the first ranked team for the Longhorns this year at No. 5. It should provide a better measure of their skills after beating each of their past 10 opponents by an average of 8.6 runs.

PREVIEW

Cathedral City Classic
Date: Thursday-Sunday
Place: Cathedral City, Calif.

"Florida will probably be our toughest competition so far, so I'm really excited to see them," said sophomore infielder Taylor Hoagland.

To get ready for the challenges Florida presents, Texas plans to improve on multiple fronts.

"There are a lot of aspects we need to work on: Offense, defense, pitching and everything really just needs to go to the next level to face those tougher teams," Hoagland said.

Florida is not the only challenge Texas will face this week. In all, the Longhorns play six games over four days, with contests over the

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Allen Otto | Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore pitcher Blaire Luna pitches in a 7-1 win over Missouri State on Feb. 18.

MEN'S BASKETBALL



Texas forward Jordan Hamilton drives to the basket against Texas Tech on Feb. 5 as teammate Tristan Thompson offers support.

Derek Stout
Daily Texan file photo

Is Texas good enough for a Final Four run?

By Jon Parrett
Daily Texan Columnist

Correct me if I'm wrong, but isn't 24-4 a good record? Sitting in the driver's seat for the Big 12 title and perhaps a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament sounds good. And beating Kansas in Lawrence is never easy.

So why am I still hesitant to

climb on board with this Texas team?

Could it be because of last year's dismal finish after climbing to No. 1 halfway through the season? Probably not; this year's team looks nothing like last year's. The seniors — who, contrary to last year, aren't the most talented players on the team — have stepped into leadership roles and abandoned any me-first attitudes.

What about the recent hiccups

in team chemistry? J'Covan Brown apologized for lending his Twitter account to his cousin but what's more concerning is his demeanor during games. It may just be J'Covan being J'Covan but it's never comforting to watch your team's sixth man fume and pout when he's taken out for a bad shot.

And then there's Alexis Wangmene, who was

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FOOTBALL

Questions surround spring practice

By Austin Laymance
Daily Texan Staff

It's hard to recall a Mack Brown team with as much off-season drama and uncertainty as this year's Longhorns outfit. But while unrest surrounds the Texas program, Brown's squad gets its first chance to answer the critics as spring practice kicks off today. Here's a look at five pressing questions facing the Longhorns in 2011.

Is the Garret Gilbert era over or just starting?

With Gilbert's biggest supporter, former offensive

coordinator Greg Davis, out of the picture, the sophomore will have to adjust to new QB coach Bryan Harsin and the offensive system he brings from his days at Boise State. Gilbert struggled in the passing game in his first year as a starter (10 TDs, 17 INTs) and will have to outlast Case McCoy and Connor Wood in the spring to cement his place as the captain of the huddle. Wood, who redshirted last season, is the Longhorns' best athlete at the position and will make a strong push for the starting nod. For now, it's Gilbert's job to lose.

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BIG 12 STANDINGS

1	Texas 24-4, 12-1
2	Kansas 26-2, 11-2
3	Texas A&M 22-5, 9-4
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6	Baylor 17-10, 6-7
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10	Oklahoma 12-15, 4-9
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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Football coach's raise upsets rest of Texas Tech faculty

A \$500,000-per-year pay raise recently awarded to Texas Tech football coach Tommy Tuberville through 2015 has angered some university faculty, who have been asked to take a pay freeze in 2011.

Facing an 8-percent state funding reduction and additional funding cuts possible, Tech officials killed \$3 million in faculty raises for 2011. However, Tuberville's new five-year, \$11 million contract guarantees the coach at least \$2 million per year. That's up from \$1.5 million in the contract he signed in 2010.

At a faculty senate meeting last week, faculty members questioned Tech's announcement that it would pay Tuberville the raise even as lawmakers are considering cutting university revenue by tens of millions of dollars.

— The Associated Press

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Who will emerge from a crowded backfield?

While the Longhorns return their top three rushers, they begin the spring without the best RB on the roster. Top recruit Malcolm Brown won't be on campus this spring, so Texas must find another option before the prep star steps into the backfield in August. If D.J. Monroe can learn the plays and grasp pass blocking, the converted receiver could provide Texas as the spark it lacked from the run game in 2010. If not, look for more of the same plodding style from Cody Johnson and Fozzy Whittaker. But fans should mark their calendars for Brown's arrival.

Where's the beef?

The Longhorns were consistently overpowered up front last year because of an undersized defensive line. Texas allowed eight 100-yard rushers, including a 223-yard gashing from Texas A&M's Cyrus Gray in the final game of the season. Kheeston Randall returns for his senior season, but he will need help from Alex Okafor, who transitioned from end to tackle last year. If Okafor bulks up and promising freshman Ashton Dorsey continues to master the tackle position, Texas could shore up its porous run defense. But a lack of depth might doom the Longhorns again in 2011.



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan file photo
Defensive tackle Kheeston Randall lines up against Texas A&M on Nov. 25, 2010.

Who will catch the ball?

Heralded recruit Jaxon Shipley, whose older brother Jordan is arguably the best receiver in Texas history, should make an immediate impact after graduating from high school in December to get a jump on things in spring practice. The Longhorns receiving corps is young, with Malcolm Williams the elder statesman. Williams struggled to catch the ball in 2010, but has the physical tools to finally become a dominant player. Mike Davis opened some eyes in his first year and is on the fast track to becoming a go-to receiver but will need to add muscle to his slender frame if Texas hopes to return its passing game to elite status.

Will the coaching staff wear name tags?

The Longhorns' coaching carousel appears to have finally stopped, for now at least. With six coaches in their first years at Texas, the players will certainly be in for a different feel than previous springs. Granted, Brown's staff has changed from season to season but never with as many twists and turns as this off season. The most bizarre twist was the back-and-forth between defensive backs coaches Duane Akina and Jerry Gray. After Akina left for Arizona in January, Brown hired Gray. But Gray bolted for the NFL only 25 days after replacing Akina, leaving another vacancy on Brown's staff and reopening the door for Akina's return to Texas just four weeks after his departure. If the players can adjust to a revamped coaching staff, the future could be bright for the Longhorns.

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swim with the Longhorns still in second place.

As his teammates began chanting "Jostes, Jostes, Jostes," senior Scott Jostes jumped into the water and created the turning point Texas needed.

His time of 1:35.51 gave the Longhorns a commanding lead over A&M and sophomore Dax Hill increased that lead with a 1:34.51. The team's final time was 6:21.67. Texas A&M followed with 6:24.74, and Missouri finished in 6:39.51.

The day was a full team effort by the Longhorns.

"Our team is diverse, and that's really nice," Feigen said. "It's nice to have all arrays of talent and ages come together, and it really helps team chemistry too. You don't just

have the seniors doing all the work or the freshmen being like the phenomenon class. The freshmen and the sophomores are really fitting in and becoming part of a championship team, and that's exactly what we want."

Texas ended the day with 107 points, Missouri with 117 and A&M in the lead with 122. Texas' performance had the team excited for the rest of the week.

"Today was great, especially for this time of the year when not everybody is fully rested, fully tapered. So it's exciting to see us finally get to swim fast and to see the freshmen able to step up and really fill the seniors' shoes, so to speak. It's just a great start to the meet, great start to the week and great start to a taper season."

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Sogar jumped in the water second in the breaststroke and was followed by fellow sophomore Kelsey Amundsen in the butterfly. Bethany Adams swam freestyle in the anchor leg.

"We just went with who we thought were the four fastest swimmers on the team," said head coach Kim Brackin. "The underclassmen are the heart of this team. They have some things to improve on but they swam well."

The Longhorns got off to a great start with Moldenhauer giving them the lead after the first 50. A&M was able to take over the lead during the breaststroke portion of the race and continued to build on its lead throughout the butterfly and freestyle legs of the heat.

"It's tough to lose, but I thought Lily was very impressive in starting us off with a great first 50," Brackin said.

Despite losing to the Aggies, who finished with a final time of 1:36:62, the Longhorns were able to make history.

The foursome's time of 1:36:98 set a team record for the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center, easily surpassing the old time of

1:37:40.

After a short break for a couple men's events, the Texas women hopped back into the pool for the 800 freestyle relay.

Having sat out the medley, team captain and five-time All-American Karlee Bispo was the first woman in the water for the Longhorns. Junior Katie Riefenstahl followed and senior Adrienne Woods swam the middle 400, while Samantha Tucker anchored the team.

Bispo built up a lead and the remaining three held off the Aggies to give the Longhorns their first victory of the Big 12 Championships.

In the process of winning gold, the women's 800-yard freestyle team also broke a pool record. Their time of 7:00:97 surpassed the former time of 7:01:64.

"You can't argue with two school records, but we can definitely get better," said Brackin. "We would love to rewrite the record board as the championships wear on."

The team will look to continue their success today as the event schedule begins to pick up with three preliminary events in the morning and four final events in the evening.

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suspended indefinitely for a DWI he incurred Sunday.

But really, it's none of these things that has me worried about these Longhorns. As long as Barnes trusts J'Covan, I will continue to. And missing Lex hurts the team's depth, but he should be back in a week or so.

No, what has me irked about Texas is the funk it's been in for the last week and a half. The Longhorns let an 18-point halftime lead against Baylor slip to four with a minute to play at home on Feb. 12 and looked undersized against Nebraska in a loss on Saturday.

But don't look too much into the Nebraska loss. Yes, it's scary to see Tristan Thompson become invisible, but even the best teams in the country lose one or two conference road games. The Cornhuskers are 17-3 at home this season (how they managed to play all their nonconference games at home is beyond me), and with Texas riding an 11-game win streak, you could have made a case for a trap game.

I'm more concerned with Texas' slow start in Tuesday's game against Iowa State.

Returning home and following its first conference loss of the season, Texas should have come out stronger than it did. The Longhorns only scored four points in the final five minutes of the first half — they can't have scoring droughts like that in the NCAA tournament. And entering the Iowa State game, Jordan Hamilton was on a two-game, four for 26 shooting slump — he can't have shooting droughts like that either.

Making it far in the NCAA tournament is all about momentum and teams hitting stride at the right time. Michigan State and Butler were five-seeds last season but rode upsets and clutch performances to the Final Four. Do the Longhorns have any of that in them? If so, enough to get to Houston?

I'm not saying this Texas team isn't good. I'm just worried they won't be great come tournament time. But if they are, feel free to correct me.

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weekend against Fordham, Cal Poly, Long Island, Loyola Marymount and Massachusetts. While none of these teams are currently ranked in the USA Softball Top 25, each brings a unique skill set and style to the field against the Longhorns.

"I think any given day you can face different challenges with different teams, so I think it will be fun to get on a new environment and not our turf and face some other teams and see what we have," said junior short stop Lexy Bennett.

A key for this weekend's tourna-

ment will be the offense's continued scoring binge. Texas is averaging 9.5 runs a game, which is a big reason why it has won by mercy rule in half of its games this year. Reigning Big 12 pitcher of the week Luna, who is 6-0 with a 1.48 ERA and 56 strikeouts, will also be an important part of the team's tournament performance.

"She's zoned in right now. Even if we get behind in a count, we both have the confidence that we can get back up," said senior catcher Amy Hooks. "Even when she

walks a batter, you can see it in her face. She's always ready for the next hitter."

With the first two at-home tournaments out of the way, Texas is settling into its identity this season.

"Everyone didn't know what to expect because we've only been playing ourselves, and I think we were all pretty excited with what we came out with in the beginning and are excited to carry it out throughout the rest of the season," Bennett said.

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Music festival set to rock West Campus

By William James
Daily Texan Staff

South By Southwest requires the same endurance needed to run a major marathon, and like every good marathon runner, training beforehand is crucial. Fortunately, West By West Campus can be the first step toward getting in shape for the big event.

This Saturday, the 21st Street Co-op, House of Guys and Eden House Co-op are kicking off this spring season of live music by throwing an all-day music festival. With a lineup of more than 30 bands and nearly 3,700 people confirmed to attend on Facebook, this festival will be one of the largest single music events to take place in UT's most popular neighborhood.

WXWC was founded last year by John Wittenmyer, a producer at Face Plant Studios. During the event's inaugural year, an estimated 1,500 people attended and more than 15 bands were lined up to play.

The festival's coordinator Tessa Hunt said the event ran very smoothly last year with no major complications or damages to the building. Although the festival is now almost double its original size, the 21st Street Co-op's elected residential officials are prepared to handle the masses.

"Shows start at two in the afternoon, and to get people out early, we're going to give out free hot dogs at one," Hunt said.

Wittenmyer said this year's festival will be full of unbelievable bands from a broad spectrum of different genres including alternative, rock, folk and electronica. Headlining this year is Clyde and Clem's Whiskey Business, a southern-folk bluegrass band that has been performing in Austin for nearly 10 years.

Another headlining band performing is indie-pop band For Hours and Ours, which is expected to leak a few new songs from its upcoming album. This is the

second year for the band to perform at WXWC. Henry Widener, the band's lead vocalist and bass player, said that the previous year's show was amazing, and he looks forward to playing again this year.

"WXWC has been really great for building the live music scene in the University area," said Brendan Bond, the For Hours and Ours trumpet player.

Despite the popularity of WXWC, Hunt said that this may be the last year for the festival.

"Just like how Bill Watterson stopped writing Calvin and Hobbes while it was still funny, I want West By West Campus to end on a strong note," Hunt said.



Because of the efforts of Robert Camp, Tessa Hunt, John Wittenmyer, and Phil Aulie (left to right), West By West Campus has come to Austin for its second and perhaps final year.

Ryan Edwards
Daily Texan Staff

OSCAR OUTLOOK

'King's Speech' favored to win Best Actor, Original Screenplay

By Christopher Nguyen

Best Actor

Javier Bardem, "Biutiful"
Jeff Bridges, "True Grit"
Jesse Eisenberg, "The Social Network"
Colin Firth, "The King's Speech"
James Franco, "127 Hours"

Say what you will about the diversity of nominated films, just about all the major categories have been decided long ago starting with the Best Actor race. After Bridges walked his way to a career appreciation win for his mediocre performance in "Crazy Heart" and defeated the more deserving Colin Firth for "A Single Man," every organization has awarded Firth almost as an apology for last year. Whether or not Firth actually gave the best performance this time around playing King George IV as he struggles with a stutter is beside the point. This

category pretty much wrapped itself after Bridges walked off the stage at the 2010 Oscars.

Best Original Screenplay

"Another Year"
"The Fighter"
"Inception"
"The Kids Are All Right"
"The King's Speech"

"The King's Speech" will take the Original Screenplay along with it in the film's sweep of the categories. It told an engaging tale of the story of King George IV's trials with stuttering in the midst of World War II. The only screenplay that can match "The King's Speech" in overall consistency is "The Kids Are All Right," a movie that may have flaunted its open-mindedness a tad too much for the Academy's tastes.



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UFO spotted over
war-time Los Angeles!

PANIC!

ganybwseyteeth

Hey, high-five!

Oh, yeah,
I forgot.
You can't!

"Pretentious
Hand Turkey"

AW/gr

KNOWING IS STILL ONLY HALF THE BATTLE

brianne k.

WE KNOW YOU'RE HERE,
INVISI-BEAR, AND WE'RE
READY FOR YOUSE

THAT'S RIGHT, COME
AND GET ME...

HA!

FOOMP

AAAAAA'AAAAA

I ate your burger
out of LOVE

And I'm Not
Sorry

but I am afraid!

only?

What? Are you
serious? Didn't you
hear all the allegations?
This taco isn't 100%
real beef!

REAL squirrels don't
eat REAL beef.

but, but...

DAMN IT!

FOREVER TARNISHED

Under pressure!
that burns a building down
Splits a family in two, Puts people on
streets. Um ba ba be

I know
this song!
Ice Ice Baby!

What?

What happened to you?

Vanilla Ice.

Nice hat.

Rrrr...

Just...
Just shut up.

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GOVERNOR PERRY! THIS
SONOGRAM BILL IS
GENIUS!

YES

LABELING IT AS AN
EMERGENCY PRIORITY IS
WONDERFUL! CLEARLY YOU
CARE FOR HUMAN LIFE!

YES

SO, WILL YOU ALSO START
INTERVIEWING PRISONERS
BEFORE YOU SENTENCE
THEM TO DEATH?

YES

WAIT! NO! I MEANT NO!
EW! NO! NEVER!
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!

Space/Time

T.Sud

Hey!
Ya wanna
hear a fart
joke?!

well
too bad

what is a robot monkey?
answer:
A chip-anzee.

damn it

THE MIND BUBBLE

The Fever

Justin,
can you
explain
your
song
Baby
Oh?

"Oh" represents
the continuous
cycles of life in
this landscape
of aging cells.

My allegory of
"Baby" reflects
on the larval
orientation of
humanoids
on the verge of
4th dimensional
transition.

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Crossword

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Across

1 Ancient gathering place

6 ID card issuer

9 Drink whose name means "little water"

14 Subatomic particle

15 "Rocky" ____

16 Mesmerizing designs

17 Jai alai catcher

18 Fool

19 Insinuate

20 With 54-Across, opposite of 18-Across

23 Male swan

24 Chinese for "water"

25 Launches

26 Part of a preconception?

28 It's breath-taking

30 To be, to Benicio

31 Tea option

33 Putting one's foot in one's mouth, e.g.

35 Opposite of 32-Down

40 Odysseus saw him as a shade in the underworld

41 Gulliver in Lilliput, e.g.

43 Mythical monster

45 First option

48 Ancient Greek vessel

49 Nickname for baseball's Leo Durocher

51 End

53 Fish tale, essentially

54 See 20-Across

57 Onetime Facebook president Parker and others

58 It may be taken at a gun range

59 Stumped, after "up"

61 "All the King's Men" woman

62 Big camping inits.

63 Send, as to a specialist

64 Vertical

65 NBC fixture since '75

66 Prefix with sound

Down

1 2 letters

2 Reviews

3 Veal shank dish in un ristorante

4 March org.?

5 Writer Nin

6 Obsolescent alternative to broadband

7 Opposite of 58-Across

8 Woodworking class holder

9 Ostensible backdrop of the 2003 roman à clef "The Devil Wears Prada"

10 Many a Handel work

11 Kind of case

12 Bowl for mixing wine and water in ancient Greece

13 Court figs.

21 "Oh, I see"

22 Worthless matter

23 Cape ____

27 World-famous institution in Rochester, Minn.

29 Ring holder ... or receiver?

32 Much

34 Flying hazard

36 Painter Fra Filippo ____

37 Instant messaging pioneer

38 "Carmina Burana" composer

39 Mastermind

42 XXX part

43 "This can't be good"

44 Newly fashioned

46 Like a body temperature of 98.6°

47 Org. that rates members of Congress on their liberalism

49 Thé cup, maybe

50 Feature of many a ring

52 Centipede maker

55 Neiman Marcus competitor

56 L.A.-to-Jacksonville rte.

60 Time on earth

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WEEKEND

Worst Tattoo in Austin Contest

WHERE: Red 7 Nightclub
WHEN: Tonight, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.
COST: \$5

In an evening dedicated to permanent misspellings, odd ink and all-around bad ideas, Austin's finest will have the chance to show off their terrible tattoos. More than \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded in the following categories: weirdest, most poorly done, heavily regretted, career-ending and all-around worst tattoo. Registration is open tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. at Red 7. And if one mistake wasn't bad enough, the prize package of the grand winner includes free tattooing.

New Wave Ball 2011

WHERE: The Parish
WHEN: Friday, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.
COST: \$20 General admission; \$100 VIP

Rewind to the '80s in this annual dance party thrown by the Austin Children's Shelter to support abused and neglected children. DJ Christian Barbuto will spin old-school jams while photographer Annie Ray works the photo booth. There will also be a costume contest.

The Kids Are Alright Fest

WHERE: The Mohawk
WHEN: Saturday 2:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.
COST: \$10

Gaming, music and athleticism come together in a medley of performances from local bands, skateboarding battles, Halo contests and interactive demo panels by members of the gaming community. Performers include Riverboat Gamblers, Motel Aviv and The Frontier Brothers. Tickets are available at the door or buy online at thekidsarealrightfest.com.



Trent Lesikar | Daily Texan Staff

Brian Sears (DJ BSears), and David Haffner (DJ Coolhands), spin soul records at Spiderhouse on the last Saturday of every month. This month's party includes guest DJ David Griffiths of Daptone and Kay-Dee Records.

United States Art Authority hosts retro soul music event

By Christopher Nguyen
 Daily Texan Staff

Harmonizing high-pitched vocals whirl around the song. The instantly infectious lyrics

WHAT: The New Day: Austin Soul Party

WHERE: The United States Art Authority

WHEN: Saturday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

WEB: austinsoulparty.com

TICKETS: \$4 at the door

pine for discovered, reunited or finished love. The hand drumming and the picking of an electronic guitar build a wondrous melody. This is soul music.

This music, with songs unironically named "Ain't Goin' to Run No More" and "Time is Right for Love," will be booming from the United States Art Authority this Saturday night at The New Day, a monthly event hosted by Friends of Sound Records. It's not your typical West Campus party music and is not meant to be a typical party. Open to all ages, it will showcase soul music from the '60s

to the '80s, an era before auto-tune kidnapped every song, synths became commonplace and even before rap infiltrated the Top 40.

Because the time period featured a prolific amount of soul music, an important part of the event is playing lesser-known artists, focusing on those beyond Aretha Franklin. Moreover, David Haffner and Brian Sears of Friends of Sound Records pride themselves on playing collected, genuine vinyl records rather than digital files in

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Low-priced wines, alternative brands not in lousy taste

THIRSTY THURSDAY
By Gerald Rich

Editor's note: This is the second of a three-part series exploring cheap ways to try fine beer, wine and spirits.

Good, cheap wine — the three words put together may seem as dysfunctional as trying to bash a square peg into the round hole of an old Fisher-Price playset.

Nevertheless, enjoyable and inexpensive wine does exist.

Ignore some of the Old World elitism that's codified and coddled various stereo-

types, and you can easily find a gem without going broke for the red, white or bubbly.

First and foremost among the wine stereotypes is that there are objectively good wines out there. This is perpetuated by the complementary image of a wine snob who labels such things as ultimately good or bad.

"We recognize [other culture snobs] as grotesques, at best euphemizing them as 'intense,' at worst calling them out as scary nutjobs," wrote David Kamp and David Lynch in "The Wine Snob's Dictionary."

Kamp and Lynch go on to paint a caricature of your typical oenophile — Latin for

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Inexpensive wine not only satisfies the taste buds, but the wallet as well. Despite notions that a higher price correlates to better taste, many people prefer the taste of affordable wine.

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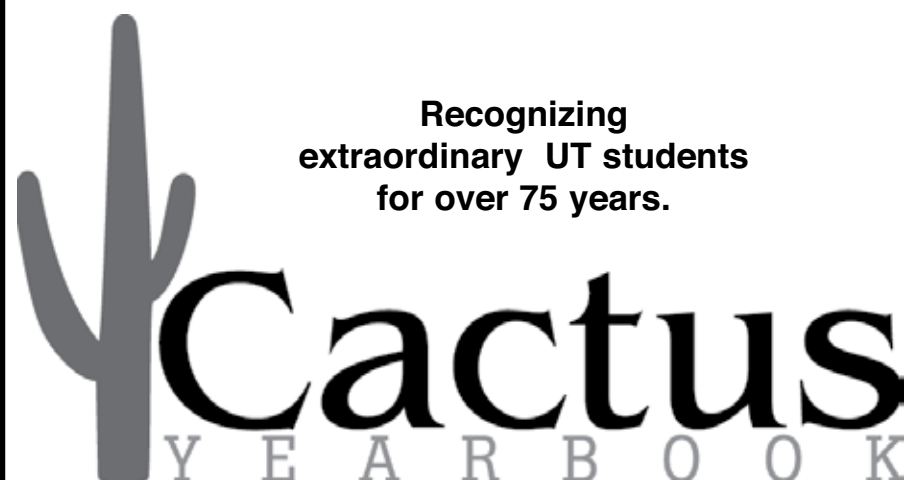
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<http://www.utexas.edu/tsm/media/cactus/>

All rules and instructions are included, so all you have to do is either print the nomination form or pick up one at the William Randolph Hearst Building (HSM), 25th and Whitis Avenue, Room 3.304.

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