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THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

Howling Bake Sale

Stop by Jester West from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the Howling Bake Sale for brownies and cookies (pre-decorated or do-it-yourself). All proceeds benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

TUESDAY

Art in Practice

Art in Practice presents a talk by Aaron Baker, curator of the Playboy Collection. The talk will be held in ART 1.110 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and is free and open to the public.

WEDNESDAY

The Miles Davis Experience

Miles Davis will be performing at the Bass Concert Hall, featuring a new multi-media musical production. The event is from 8 to 10 p.m. and tickets range from \$10-34.

THURSDAY

Study seeks participants

The UT Sound Lab seeks native speakers of American English ages of 18-35 to participate in a perception study. Email utsoundlab@gmail.com with "native speaker" in the subject heading. There is a \$10/hr compensation for participants.

FRIDAY

Day of the Dead

Las Calacas is a Dia de los Muertos show featuring dance, music and a spoken word performance about the cultural significance of the holiday. The event will be held in the Union theater 2.228 from 7:30 to 9 PM. Free punch and pie.

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Quote to note

I wrote this book in a way that reflects how I think. Sometimes it's an essay or story, and sometimes it's a pliest, which is a piece with a list-y quality, a term I've just made up.

— **Mindy Kaling**
Actress and author

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Three plans aim to improve higher education

By **Liz Farmer**
Daily Texan Staff

Each party in the Texas higher education debate presents their plan as the correct answer. But are the plans really that different? The Daily Texan compares the three plans meant to enhance the efficiency of higher education.

The final report from the Commission of 125,

one of the plans discussed, is a UT Austin document created in 2004 which established goals "for the purposes of reinvigorating UT's aspirations for the next 25 years."

The Texas Public Policy Foundation, a conservative think tank, published Seven Breakthrough Solutions for Higher Education to "strengthen higher education for Texas' future," Texas Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, chair of the Sen-

ate Higher Education Committee, said the Seven Solutions played a part in invigorating a public debate last Spring about the role of research at state institutions.

UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa presented his Framework for Excellence Action Plan in August in partial response to the significant cut in state funding. The framework is an effort to increase efficiencies at each of the UT in-

stitutions. Zaffirini said many of the initiatives in the framework touted as innovative by the UT System were presented in the Commission of 125's report.

"These are not new ideas in the action plan," Zaffirini said.

Thomas Lindsay, new director for the

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Thomas Allison | Daily Texan Staff

Drummer Ky Williams and other members of the marching club KreweDCM warm up before a gig Thursday at Abel's On The Lake. The self-described "Halloween marching club and parade Krewe" marches in elaborate costumes on sixth street every Halloween.

Halloween weekend activities continue

INSIDE: Halloween parade takes over 6th Street [on page 10](#) Museum shows off creepy critters [on page 5](#) **ONLINE:** Dorm creates haunted house

Occupy Austin demonstrators arrested after law confusion

By **Nick Hadjigeorge**
Daily Texan Staff

Thirty-eight Occupy Austin protesters were arrested Sunday morning for criminal trespassing on City Hall property after preventing the removal of a food table and refusing to vacate the plaza for pressure washing crews.

City hall officials released a memo on Saturday announcing new regulations that apply to the activities of the Occupy Austin protest. The memo states that sleeping and camping are prohibited and includes new regulations for the use of signs and food distribution tables.

Occupy Austin protester Michelle Millette said there was uncertainty among the group about the enforcement of these new regulations. She said the Occupy Austin protesters treated the memo as a list of propos-

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UT Olympic athletes share advice, discuss University influence

By **Sylvia Butanda**
Daily Texan Staff

UT Olympians earned 14 medals in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, enough to tie with Kenya for 18th in the national medal count.

Some of UT's former and current Olympians returned to campus to share their stories.

The Texas Program in Sports and Media hosted a panel discussion where Longhorn Olympians came together to share their journeys towards the world's biggest athletic stage and the lessons they learned along the way. From 1936 to 2010, UT has had 139 Olympians who have won a

total of 117 medals.

Five Longhorn Olympians representing various decades — swimmer Josh Davis, swimmer Tracey McFarlane, basketball player Andrea Lloyd, track and field athlete Johnny "Lam" Jones and swimmer Brendan Hansen — all discussed their Olympic experiences Friday.

Davis, a graduate of the College of Communication, competed in the Atlanta 1996 and Sydney 2000 Olympics in swimming.

He discussed his one-year road — training and trying out for the Olympic team when he was living in a non-air conditioned

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Zachary Strain | Daily Texan Staff

Johnny "Lam" Jones, former track and field Olympian and UT Alumnus, speaks to students at the Student Activity Center Friday.



Marisa Vasquez | Daily Texan Staff

The Texas Dragon/Lion Dance Team performs at the TASA Night Market on Friday. The event's activities, performances and food created an experience similar to night markets in Taiwan.

Taiwanese students host night market

By **Allison Harris**
Daily Texan Staff

Singing, dance performances and students eating green onion pancakes dominated the Main Mall at the ninth annual night market hosted by the Taiwanese American Students' Association.

Association co-president Bryan Han said night markets are an important cultural tradition in East Asia, especially in Taiwan, which has the biggest night markets in the region. Han said night markets are the Taiwanese equivalent to a state fair and of-

fer unique food at low prices. Han said the organization designed the event, which about 1,000 people attended Friday night, to highlight the Taiwanese culture, which is frequently overshadowed by the Chinese culture.

"There's this ongoing argument whether Taiwan is its own nation or whether it's under China," Han said. "We try to embrace the Taiwanese culture as a separate identity to China, but we also embrace our shared culture together."

Han said the night market's interactive elements, such as a food station that showed people how to

make green onion pancakes, allow non-Asian students to actively learn about Taiwanese culture.

"Food is just so universal that everyone can understand it," Han said. "This is a piece of Taiwanese culture that people can embrace and they can make it for themselves on a daily basis."

Seventeen student organizations hosted booths at the fair that offered games, face painting and crafts. Nine musical and dance acts performed, including a Chinese lion dancing group, tradi-

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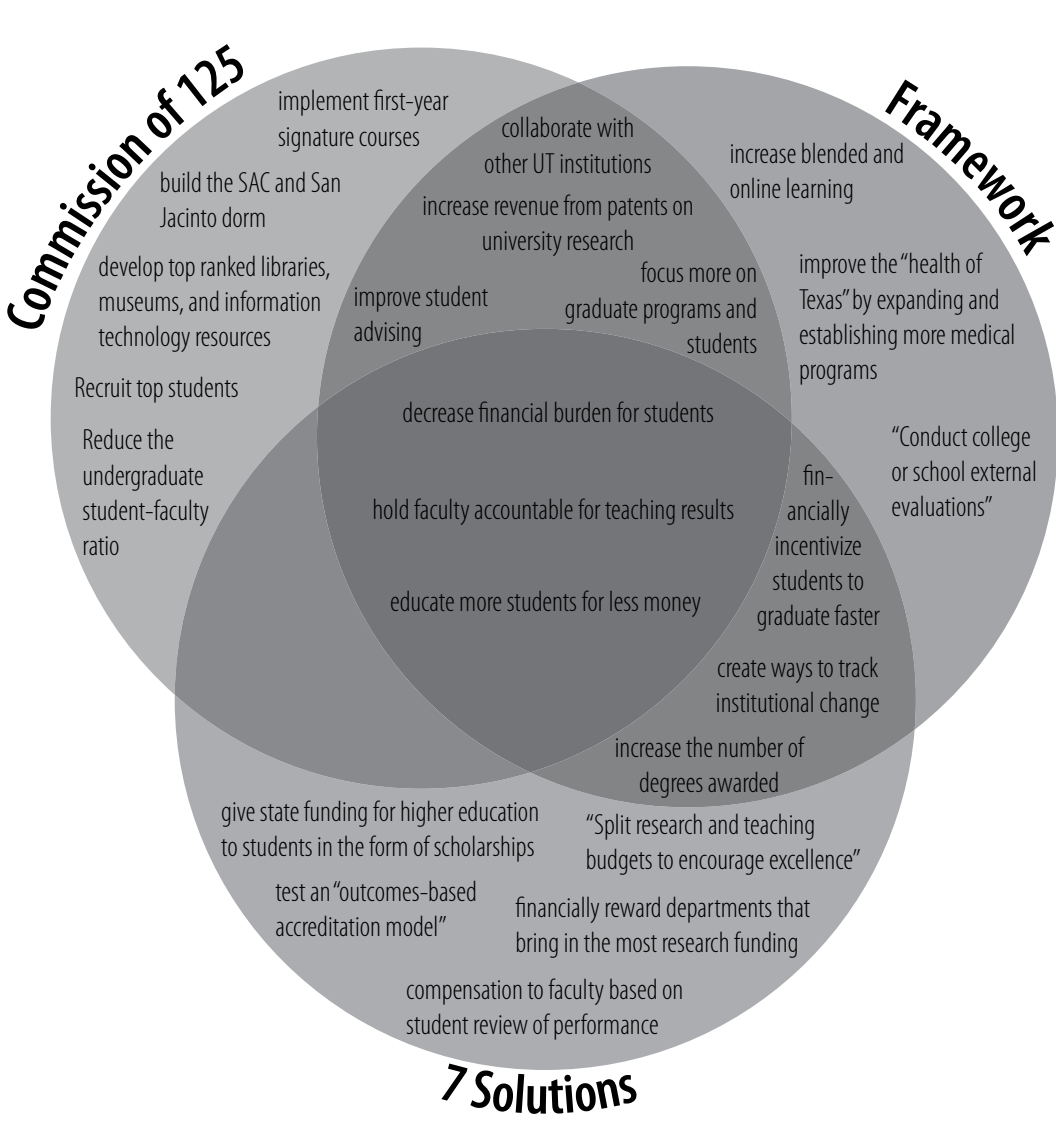


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als and not the actual law.

“The general assembly wanted to let people know about what the memo said,” Millette said. “We requested 48 hours to discuss the proposals, but they never got back to us.”

At a press conference Sunday afternoon, Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo addressed the arrests and reflected on what they mean for the city of Austin and the Occupy Austin protests.

Acevedo said the new regulations and the regular power washings are required to make the environment safe and comfortable for the Occupy Austin movement and anyone who wants to participate in it. He said many of the new regulations came at the request of people who were concerned about the environment of the protests.

“There are a few folks that created an environment that is challenging for the occupiers, visitors and workers around city hall,” he said. “Some families with children showing up to show support Occupy Austin have been discouraged because of these conditions.”

Acevedo said the vast majority of the Occupy Austin members, including those who were arrested, have been extremely respectful and

he is proud that 38 people were arrested Sunday morning without injuries to protesters or police officers.

“I’m very proud of the fact that folks that chose to challenge the rules did so in a responsible manner without resorting to violence,” Acevedo said. “We have shown that people can engage in civil disobedience and the police, the city and everyone can work together.”

Eighteen protesters were arrested for criminal trespassing after refusing to allow police to remove Occupy Austin’s food table after the new regulations stated the tables must be taken down from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

A second group of 20 protesters were arrested for refusing to vacate City Hall for the scheduled power wash cleaning. Bryson Gilreath was among the second group to get arrested and said he wanted to engage in civil disobedience after the protesters were arrested earlier for standing by the food table.

Zechariah Vasquez, one of the protesters arrested for guarding the food table, said he helped a woman who was pushed to the ground by a police officer. He said he was arrested after telling another police officer to arrest the one who pushed the woman.

“They said I was an organizer and an antagonist, and I couldn’t be involved with the rest of the protesters,” Vasquez said.

Protester Kirk Goodman said the police were arresting people who refused to move and people who were compliant with moving.

“Some police were just picking random people from the crowd,” Goodman said.

ON THE WEB:
A look at Sunday's arrests through photos, tweets.
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apartment — to his three gold and two silver medals.

He said making a commitment to excellence, with the help of UT, will help someone achieve in whatever field they choose.

“The opportunities, faculty and resources here at UT coupled with commitment to excellence can take you anywhere, just like it took us to the Olympics and beyond,” Davis said.

Fellow swimmer McFarlane discussed her path to the Olympics and the issue of the East German swimmers using performance-enhancing drugs.

“Our relay team ranged from a height of 5’8 to 5’10, and once we stood next to those women from Germany, we looked like elementary school kids,” Mc-

Farlane said.

Steven Ungerleider, a visiting scholar with the Texas Program in Sports and Media, wrote a book titled “Faust’s Gold: Inside the East German Doping Machine,” in which he discussed the subject.

He said that the athletes featured in the panel, especially in McFarlane’s case, learned their values at the University.

“Sure, they came as gifted athletes and they had great coaches, but their value system was built upon the UT experience with faculty, coaches and mentors,” Ungerleider said.

Lloyd, a gold medalist in women’s basketball, discussed her experience with Title IX, a law enacted in 1972, which stated no one could be discriminated against under any educa-

tional program or activity based on gender.

The Title IX law allowed her to play basketball, traditionally a men’s sport, and later go on to compete at the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

Moderator for the discussion was Longhorn Olympian Donna de Varona, who competed in the 1960 and 1964 Olympics in swimming.

De Varona said all the Olympians had great lessons to share about achieving their goals as shown by their experiences.

“The Olympians’ experiences really are a metaphor of how to achieve in life,” De Varona said. “As they all basically said, the way you succeed is hard work, reaching out to a mentor, dedicating yourself and setting goals.”

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tional Chinese fan dancers and Los Angeles Taiwanese-American musician Dawn.

The Texas Dragon/Lion Dance Team performed a lion dance with two performers under a red and black lion while six other performers danced and played percussion. Client contact manager Jin Kwon said their lion performance, frequently used in Chinese New Year celebrations, helps spread awareness of East Asian culture.

“America is a diverse, multicultural country,” Kwon said. “I feel like it’s always important for people to see what other kind of cultures there are and what other cultures do.”

The three members of the Texas Chinese Fan Dance Company performed a dance with fabric fans that incorporated modern elements like music that featured saxophones. Company co-founder Janet Zhou said the group’s performance helped overturn misconceptions people may have had about Chinese dance.

“Our main thing was just showing them how unique, how beautiful Chinese dance can be,” Zhou said. “When I say I do Chinese dance, [people] think ‘Oh, is that the really slow kind of thing the granies do in the parks?’ And it’s like, ‘No, not really, there is a different side to it.”

Studio art freshman Briana

Blacknall said she enjoyed the large number of activities at the event and the large crowd.

“It’s really lively and when I first got here it was really exciting,” Blacknall said. “It makes me want to go to Taiwan and go to an actual night market.”

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Heavy October snow storm surprises Northeast

By Michael Melia
The Associated Press

SOUTH WINDSOR, Conn. — When winter’s white mixes with autumn’s orange and gold, nature gets ugly.

A freak October nor’easter knocked out power to more than 3 million homes and businesses across the Northeast on Sunday in large part because leaves still on the trees caught more snow, overloading branches that snapped and wreaked havoc. Close to 2 feet of snow fell in some areas over the weekend, and it was particularly wet and heavy, making the storm even more damaging.

“You just have absolute tree carnage with this heavy snow just straining the branches,” said National Weather Service spokesman Chris Vaccaro.

From Maryland to Maine, officials said it would take days to restore electricity, even though the snow ended Sunday.

The storm smashed record snowfall totals for October and worsened as it moved north. Communities in western Massachusetts were among the hardest hit. Snowfall totals topped 27 inches in Plainfield,

and nearby Windsor had gotten 26 inches by early Sunday.

It was blamed for at least nine deaths, and states of emergency were declared in New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and parts of New York.

Roads, rails and airline flights were knocked out, and passengers on a Jet-Blue flight were stuck on a plane in Hartford, Conn., for more than seven hours. And while children across the region were thrilled to see snow so early, it also complicated many of their Halloween plans.

More than 800,000 power customers were without electricity in Connecticut alone — shattering the record set just two months ago by Hurricane Irene. Massachusetts had more than 600,000 outages, and so did New Jersey — including Gov. Chris Christie’s house. Parts of Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, New York, Maine, Maryland and Vermont also were without power.

“It’s going to be a more difficult situation than we experienced in Irene,” Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy said. “We are expecting extensive and long-term power outages.”

Thirty-two shelters were open around the state, and Malloy asked volunteer fire departments to allow



Sarah Arel clears snow from her roof in Ashburnham, Mass. on Sunday. Millions of people in Northeast lost power as a storm dumped heavy, wet snow over the weekend.

people in for warmth and showers. At least four hospitals were relying on generators for power.

In New Jersey’s Hamilton Town-

ship, Tom Jacobsen also recalled heavy spring flooding and a particularly heavy winter before that.

“I’m starting to think we real-

ly ticked off Mother Nature somehow, because we’ve been getting spanked by her for about a year now,” he said.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Nationwide ‘Occupy’ protests escalate over weekend

COLORADO
Officers in riot gear moved into a Denver park late in the day where protesters were attempting to establish an encampment, hauling off demonstrators just hours after a standoff at the Capitol steps degenerated into a fight that ended in a cloud of Mace and pepper spray and the arrests of 15 people.

OREGON
Police have begun arresting demonstrators with the Occupy Portland movement who refused to leave a park in the affluent Pearl District after a midnight curfew. An Associated Press photographer says at least one protester has been arrested and police appear poised to make more.

CALIFORNIA
Demonstrators held a festive march through San Francisco Saturday, but tension marked another march in nearby Oakland as protesters rallied against police violence in the name of an Iraq War veteran who was injured during a police clash. Hundreds marched through the streets of Oakland in protest of police violence, as helicopters hovered overhead and officers in riot gear lined the streets.

MASSACHUSETTS
Boston Mayor Thomas Menino urged Occupy Boston activists who’ve been camped out on a downtown square for weeks in an anti-Wall Street protest to leave for the night due amid an October snowstorm. But media volunteer Jason Potteiger said Saturday night that about 200 people still staying in tents at the site were in good spirits and the people running the food tent had more donations of hot meals than they knew what to do with.

NEW YORK
Drenched protesters in Central Park hunkered down in tents and under tarps as the plaza filled with rainwater and melted snow. Technically, tents are banned in the park, but protesters say authorities have been looking the other way, despite a crackdown on generators that were keeping them warm.

— The Associated Press

Prisoner exchange fails to improve Israel-Palestine relationship

By Ibrahim Barzak
& Josef Federman
The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — A new round of violence between Israel and Palestinian militants has Gaza’s Hamas rulers caught between reluctance to take on Israel and discomfort with reining in fellow Islamists from smaller, more radical groups involved in the fighting.

The fighting has killed 10 Pal-

estinians and an Israeli, casting doubts on assessments that the recent prisoner swap between Israel and Hamas might improve relations between the bitter foes. Despite the worst bloodshed in months, both sides indicated they were interested in restoring calm.

Hamas, which has ruled Gaza since 2007, has avoided direct involvement in the latest burst of fighting.

At the same time, the group, which has killed hundreds of Is-

raelis in suicide bombings and other attacks, remains committed to armed struggle against Israel. Threatened by even more radical rivals in Gaza, Hamas has not criticized anyone for attacking Israel.


Most of the violence this weekend has been between Israel and Islamic Jihad, an Iranian-backed group that is considered even more extreme than Hamas. Israel says it holds Hamas responsible for attacks from Gaza, and there is little doubt that Hamas’ control

— when it wants to exercise it — is strong.

In the latest violence, an Israeli airstrike hit a pair of militants in Gaza on Sunday as they prepared to fire a rocket into Israel, the military said. Gaza’s Health Ministry said one man was killed and a second was wounded. The fighting Sunday came a day after eight Palestinian militants and an Israeli civilian were killed. It took place as Egyptian mediators were trying to broker a truce. Egypt, which bor-

ders Gaza to the south, brokered this month’s prisoner swap between Israel and Hamas.

That deal has raised speculation that the two enemies might somehow create a working relationship despite their rejection of each other, perhaps with Israel easing its blockade on Gaza. Israel says the closure — which enables basic goods to get in through Israel’s border and does not affect Gaza’s border with Egypt — is needed to halt arms smuggling.




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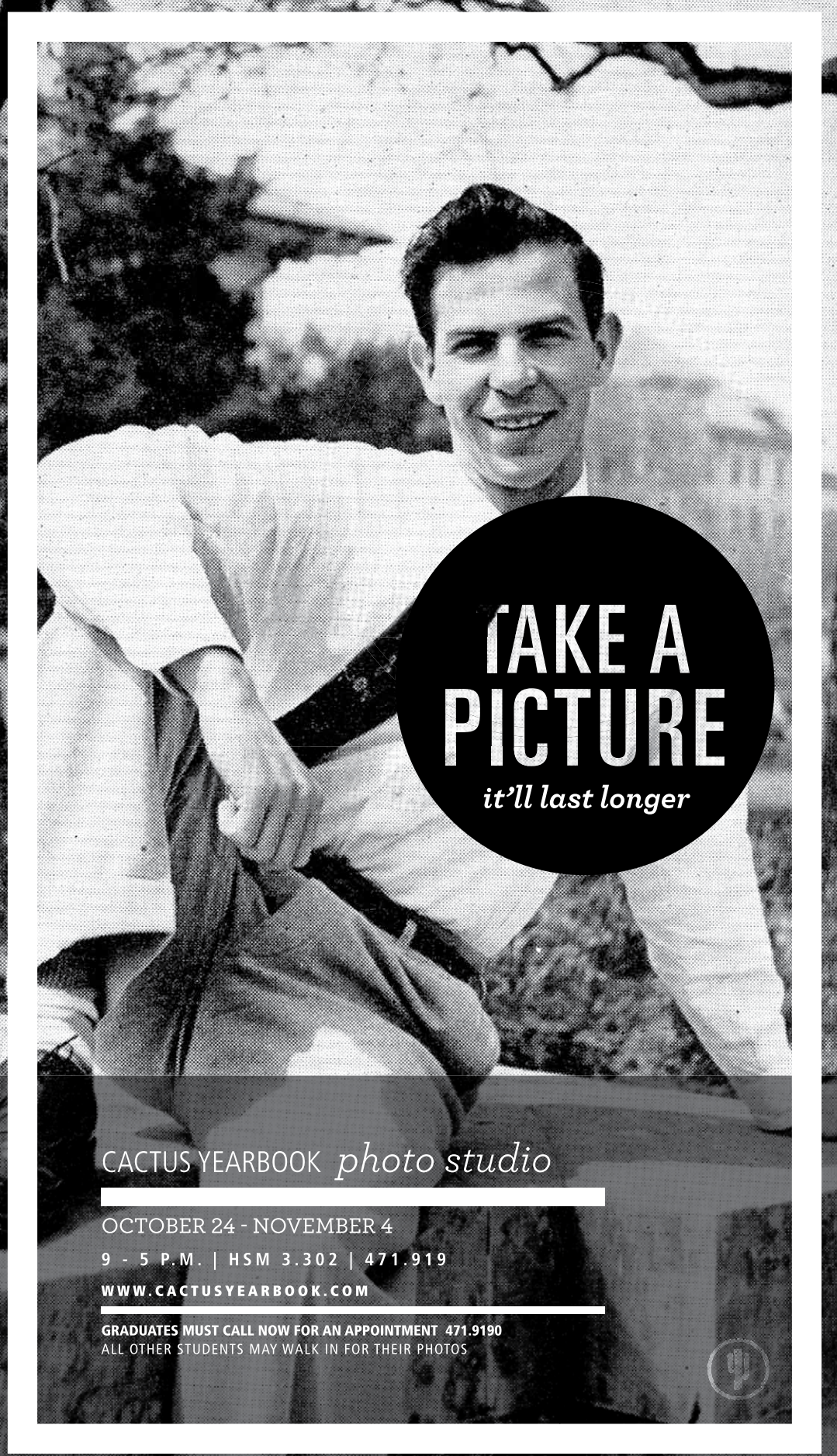
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UT invests in MyEdu

The UT System Board of Regents recently invested \$10 million from the Permanent University Fund in the Austin company MyEdu as part of an effort to improve four-year graduation rates at system institutions. The board's decision was surrounded in secrecy, and the Austin American-Statesman revealed on Sunday that former UT System chancellor William Cunningham owns a \$175,000 stake in the privately held company. Cunningham's son John is MyEdu's senior vice president for information architecture. The Board of Regents made the investment "unconditionally," but MyEdu will develop UT system-specific tools for use at system schools. The following quotes are from the Statesman's story.

"I have no knowledge of that, either. Nor was it pertinent to this agreement. We felt comfortable with exactly how this agreement went forward."

— UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa on whether he had knowledge of former UT System Chancellor William Cunningham's \$175,000 stake in MyEdu.

"It was not an issue we felt was controversial or required public input."

— Gene Powell, chairman of the UT System Board of Regents, on the lack of public disclosure and transparency surrounding the system's investment in MyEdu.

"These things are often undertaken with positive purposes and good people, but when they're not fully disclosed, it really hurts them. It's much better to be transparent about it, and then you don't run into conflict."

— Aims McGuinness Jr., a senior associate with the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, on the secrecy surrounding the system's investment.

"I don't think so. I'm not a major shareholder in the company. I have no administrative input. I don't think that's relevant, and obviously they didn't think it was relevant."

— Cunningham on whether his stake in MyEdu should have been disclosed by the regents prior to their investment.

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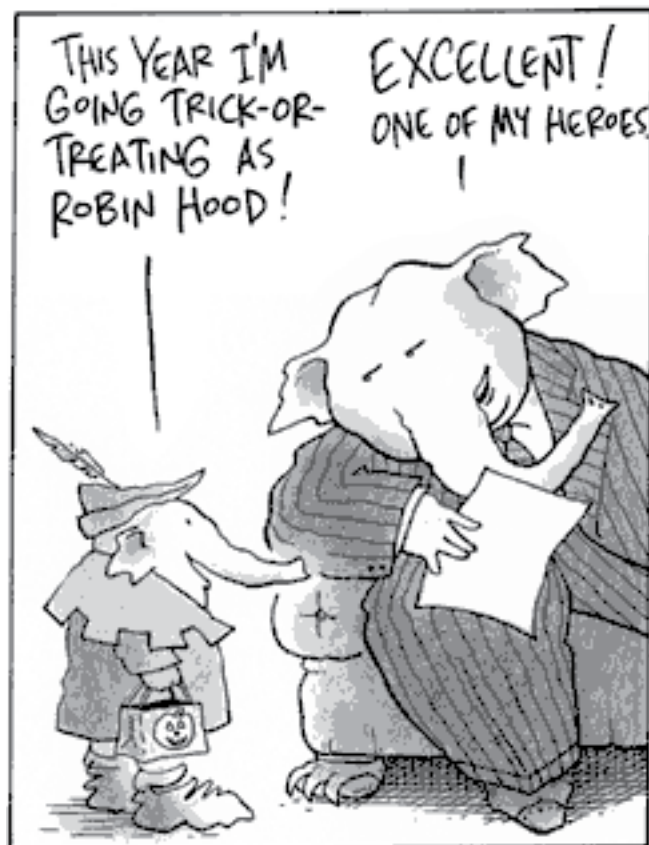
The University's iconoclastic, divisive and ESPN-backed Longhorn Network broadcast its first conference game on Saturday, as Texas took on Kansas at Darrell K Royal Texas Memorial Stadium. Because Verizon is currently the network's largest carrier, many Longhorns fans were unable to watch the broadcast.

"It's not our decision to play or not to play the LHN. Some people would say we just don't want to pay the extra money, but I would have LHN playing here every day if I could."

— Munson Stodder, general manager for Pluckers on Rio Grande, according to The Daily Texan. The popular West Campus destination has Time Warner Cable and DirecTV, but neither company has come to an agreement with ESPN on offering the network.

"We haven't been as successful at explaining to the public that this is a slow-growing process, so unfortunately, you might not find it on your TV screen right away. It's a start-up — we've only been on the air since August. The Big Ten Network started slow, the Yankees' YES Network started slow. ... In the end, though, we know this is something really, really good. People will enjoy it."

— DeLoss Dodds, UT head athletic director, according to TexasSports.com.



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Lobby to effect change



By Zoya Waliany
Daily Texan Columnist

When meandering through the West Mall, one is certain to catch a glimpse of dozens of vibrant student organizations fundraising, informing and advocating for a variety of causes. While these student organizations excel at spreading their messages, many groups are forgetting to use our city's most important asset to cause the change they wish to see. At an impressive 308 feet, the Texas Capitol puts the Washington, D.C. capitol building to shame. The 150 state representatives and 31 state senators are not simply in office to pass questionable legislation; they are here for our use, too.

On the weekend of Oct. 22, alongside a number of students from around the country, I lobbied at the D.C. offices of U.S. Senators John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison to co-sponsor the Syria Sanctions Act of 2011. Though the senators receive lobbyists often, they rarely encounter lobbyists from Texas. While I was fortunate to experience lobbying in our nation's capital, I still have access to an entire network of influential politicians in Austin, as do the rest of us. UT students need to place a greater importance on lobbying our representatives and senators to achieve the changes we often discuss and rally behind.

Voting is the main mechanism Americans use to select their representatives and have their voices heard. However, after the results of the election are published and many of our chosen politicians lose, apathy begins to invade our system. Americans aged 18 to 24 are generally considered politically apathetic. This stereotype often proves true, as the Economist cites that only 24 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds voted in the 2010 midterm. As a result, politicians do little to cater to this demographic, and many of the political issues we find important, including higher education reform and the international crises and efforts that so many of us advocate in West Mall, are not priorities. Increased voting and campaign participation may demonstrate the youth's interests in politics, but a more influential demonstration is lobbying. Entering a politician's office and demanding that our voices be heard is the most powerful message we can transmit.

Lobbying seems a daunting task, involving business-casual dress, concrete facts about current and previous legislation and, the most intimidating of all, interacting with members of the governing elite. However, normal citizens interacting with these elites is vital to the democratic process. While the lure of continued reelection is a powerful motivator to ensure that our elected officials represent our viewpoints, decisions on which pieces of legislation to create or support falls to these representatives. Furthermore, if one's elected officials' political views fail to align with one's own views, important issues will remain unresolved, ignored or mishandled.

Lobbying gives the average citizen an opportunity to communicate which issues are of importance and to educate our elected officials, who often are ill-informed. In D.C., my colleagues and I made our appeals to one of Hutchison's staffers and one of Cornyn's staffers. The senators use these employees to research legislation, investigate domestic and international conflicts and inform policy choices. As many of the staffers are recent college graduates, lobbyists who provide information about complicated, convoluted issues can immensely benefit policy decisions.

While lobbying itself is a powerful action, what you do while lobbying also influences policy makers. Bringing along petitions with hundreds of signatures or dozens of hand-written letters urging representatives to take action or delivering a giant, hand-painted banner, as we did in D.C., further demonstrates one's commitment to an issue. The trick of this political game is to raise your voice loud enough so the representatives have no choice but to listen.

The results of my lobbying experience were fruitful, as we better educated the staffers on the situation in Syria, argued persuasive points as to why the senators should co-sponsor the legislation and warned of repeated follow-ups until our demands were met. Both staffers responded positively, and our cause has now advanced. If student activists at UT realize the importance of lobbying our policy makers and take their protests from West Mall to the Capitol, they may begin to effect change.

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THE FIRING LINE

No loans means no bad loans

The Know Before You Owe initiative, as reported by The Daily Texan in Thursday's paper, fails to address the root of the problem of student debt, which is the government's own intervention in the education industry.

If more people have access to a college education, then the price of that education will go up. But price increases lead only to calls for more student loans, which again lead to higher tuition and more debt. But as more college degrees are granted, degrees necessarily become less valuable. If everyone has a college degree, then a college degree says no more about a job candidate than that he is a warm body. The result of government student loans is quite predictable: a generation of underemployed adults laden with crippling student loans they cannot pay.

By contrast, a system without government intrusion would be very different: No student would be able to get a loan without strong evidence that their future degree would lead to a lucrative career. People not likely to benefit from a college degree would be less likely to be approved for a loan and therefore less likely to be tricked into the mistake that so many graduates have today.

In a perfect world, not everyone will have access to a college education. The benefit a person provides to his society comes from how he differentiates himself from the rest. Some will be college-educated, but others will be educated by their own deliberate efforts, careers or experiences in everyday life.

Daniel Krawisz
Electrical and computer engineering graduate student

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Children in costumes watch a green slime creation at the Texas Memorial Museum on Sunday afternoon. The museum hosted several free themed exhibits to celebrate Halloween.

Museum hosts fright fest for kids

By Sylvia Butanda
Daily Texan Staff

The 3rd Annual “Fright at the Museum” at the Texas Memorial Museum featured special exhibits that highlighted the museum’s scariest specimens and offered a variety of Halloween-themed children’s arts and crafts activities.

This Halloween event was aimed at educating kids about animals they might think are “spooky” and “creepy,” said Christina Cid, education director at the Texas Memorial Museum.

“Animals such as insects and snakes that are considered to be scary are ones that we can help the kids learn about and get excited about with the booths we have set up,” Cid said.

The central focus of the event included several booths that exhibit-

ed live scorpions, spiders, worms and bugs for the public to learn about.

One of the three scorpion booths featured African Emperor scorpions in a white box with a black light. The effect of this black light showed kids how all scorpion species have a fluorescent outer shell.

“We’re trying to show kids that [scorpions are] really interesting and there’s no need to be afraid of the animals,” said Lynne Marie Weber, a volunteer at the Texas Memorial Museum.

The Blood Center of Central Texas hosted a blood drive in front of the museum and an activity titled, “Who’s out for Blood?” where kids explored the museum exhibits about blood-drinking animals.

One station transformed the museum’s paleontology lab into the “Skele-

ton Sorcery,” which featured several animal skulls for the public to view and learn about.

“This is a chance for visitors to explore the beauty of skulls,” said Pamela Owen, senior paleontology educator for the Texas Memorial Museum. “We’re showing skulls from the museum’s teaching collection and talking to people about them.”

Kids gathered around a station that featured a variety of fossilized insects which are uncommon to find with as much detail as the examples at the museum.

“The level of resolution that you need to get a fossil insect well preserved is incredible and really rare so to have these fossils on display is something pretty cool for the kids to see,” said geological sciences graduate student Natasha Vitek.

Local church aims to give out Thanksgiving meals to poor

By Allison Harris
Daily Texan Staff



Julia Bunch | Daily Texan Staff

Children decorate trick-or-treat bags for Halloween at the Hands for Hope event Saturday morning. The event registered 1,000 families who would be eligible to receive Thanksgiving meal baskets.

With almost 18 percent of the city’s approximately 750,000 residents living in poverty, a local church is registering families to receive Thanksgiving care packages for the 21st year as part of the organization’s ongoing efforts to fight hunger.

The El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission registered an additional 444 families for its Hands for Hope charity program Saturday to pick up Thanksgiving care packages on Nov. 19, which brings the total number to 844. The church plans to have another registration drive to reach its goal of 1,400 families, said Communication Coordinator Ivan Dávila. Dávila said the Thanksgiving holiday highlights stark income inequalities.

“We are sitting at the table with an abundance of food on Thanksgiving, but there might be people who don’t have that,” Dávila said. “I will feel so much better, sitting at the table, seeing all the abundance of food on Thanksgiving, knowing that I did what I could to help those in need.”

An estimated 17.5 percent of Austin residents live below the federal poverty level, according to 2005-2009 American Community Survey estimates. This is higher than the state value of 16.8 percent during the same period and the U.S. Census 2009 national poverty rate of 14.3 percent.

Dávila said the number of new clients visiting the mission’s food pantry has doubled in the past three months, up to an average of 60 new clients every week for the past month and a half. Poverty and hunger affect more people than is commonly assumed, he said.

“People often think the face

of poverty is homelessness, and that’s not the case,” Dávila said. “Our families are working or recently lost their job due to extenuating circumstances.”

About 65 staff members and volunteers screened applicants and input data from those who registered. To qualify, an individual had to show proof of address, a birth certificate and proof that household income was at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level, which is \$22,314 of annual income for a family of four, the average household size of people served by El Buen’s food pantry.

Miranda Tacoronti, a UT graduate curriculum and instruction student, said the Thanksgiving program helps people feel more integrated into mainstream U.S. society, especially recent Hispanic immigrants.

“They come to this society, and they’re told Thanksgiving dinner is such this big deal, but then they don’t have the money to buy the food,” Tacoronti said. “They feel like that’s one more way that they’re not able to be able to incorporate into society.”

“I will feel better on Thanksgiving, knowing I did what I could to help those in need.”

— Ivan Dávila, Mission Coordinator

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GROUND AND POUND

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Staff

Texas defensive coordinator Manny Diaz sent the second-team defense in for Kansas' final drive. His starters took the field instead. "We kind of all snuck back on the field," said freshman defensive back Quandre Diggs. "We wanted that shutout. We all went back on the field to make sure there was a goose egg on that scoreboard."

And that's exactly what they did. The Jayhawks got their third and final first down before turning the ball over on downs, allowing the Longhorns to preserve the shutout and a 43-0 win over Kansas on Saturday at Darren K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium. The defense turned in its best performance of the season, stuffing Kansas for -2 rushing yards and just 46 yards overall.

"It was huge for them to get a shutout," said head coach Mack Brown. "Those seniors were going to back out there. I told them if they had gone in there and gotten hurt, we would have had a discussion. But it was okay. I was happy for them."

Texas was just as physical on the offensive side of the ball, with Malcolm Brown running for 119 yards and Joe Bergeron picking up 136 to become the first freshmen duo to run for more than 100 yards in school history. They both scored twice to pace a ground game that racked up 441 yards, the Longhorns' highest total since 2004. Senior Fozzy Whittaker had 68 yards on nine carries and junior receiver Marquise Goodwin pitched in 52, making the most of his five carries to help Texas surpass its goal of 300 rushing yards. Even junior Jeremy Hills, who ran for 31 yards on six carries during Texas' last possession, took advantage of an opportunity to shine against an atrocious Kansas run defense.

"Running the ball was our game plan for the week," Malcolm Brown said. "We focused on it a little bit more, and the offensive line did a great job of getting the push,

and we kept pounding the rock."

A rushing attack of that caliber made David Ash's job a lot easier. The freshmen were more efficient in his second career start, going 14-of-18 and scoring on a 2-yard run after having trouble against Oklahoma State two weeks ago. Ash still made some mistakes, taking a sack for a 20-yard loss and throwing an interception trying to find D.J. Grant in the end zone. But he threw just four incompletions, 14 less than he had in his last game, making crisper throws downfield and benefitting from an effective screen game.

"He made some good decisions out there," said co-offensive coordinator Bryan Harsin. "I thought he managed the game well. He was seeing what we needed him to see. The sacks and interceptions — when we eliminate those, we'll be headed in the right direction."

Texas' offensive outburst was not surprising considering it was facing a defense that gave up more yards than any in the country. But the Longhorns were not expected to blank a Kansas offense that averaged more than 30 points in its first seven games. Jackson Jeffcoat got his first sack of the season, as did converted running back Chris Whaley, and Alex Okafor had two tackles for loss, forced two fumbles and also notched a sack.

"It was big," Jeffcoat said. "It is very special when you can do something like that."

With Texas having the ball for more than 44 minutes, its defense was on the field for just 36 plays, providing the defense to pitch its first shutout since 2005.

"We were talking about how we should scrimmage tomorrow," Diaz said. "It was unbelievable watching them chew up the clock. We're hard to score on when we're on the bench."

With Texas Tech, Missouri, Kansas State, Texas A&M and Baylor left on the regular season schedule, Saturday likely marked the last time the Longhorns will conceivably pick up an easy win. And it was about as easy as it gets.



Jaxon Shipley attempts to catch the ball during Texas' win over Kansas on Saturday. Shipley left the game early with a knee injury in the second quarter, but head coach Mack Brown said he will be fine.

Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

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241 yards
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Running back Joe Bergeron celebrates after scoring a touchdown. He led the Longhorns with 136 yards and two touchdowns.

Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

Bergeron gets his chance and runs with it

By Austin Laymance
Daily Texan Staff

It was worth the wait. After not carrying the ball in a game for more than six quarters — a span of three weeks — Joe Bergeron exploded for 136 yards against Kansas on Saturday. The freshman tailback averaged 10.5 yards per rush and scored twice in the Longhorns' rout.

Bergeron, who's been in the shadow of the other Texas backs for six games, shined against the Jayhawks in the second half. He entered the game with just 18 carries for 87 yards and rushed for 78

yards in the fourth quarter alone. He hadn't touched the ball since the final minutes of the Oklahoma game on Oct. 8, but the lack of carries wasn't a problem against KU.

"I didn't really let it get to me," Bergeron said. "Just getting a lot of mental reps, waiting my turn, waiting for my number to be called. And when they did, I showed what I had."

What he displayed was a bruising running style that will serve the Longhorns well over the next few weeks.

The freshman ran through, over and around the Jayhawks, making a defense that's ranked second-to-

last in the nation against the run look even more hapless. Bergeron pinballed his way for 35-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter, the second of his career.

"He did a nice job of setting the play up and getting vertical," said Bryan Harsin, the Longhorns play-caller. "I thought he finished the run well. Just his mentality, the way he ran and watching him out there, he was running with a purpose. That's what we want. When there was a crease, we weren't dancing around."

The 6-foot-1, 230 lb. Mesquite, Texas, product didn't waste any

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VOLLEYBALL TEXAS 3, IOWA STATE 0

Horns sweep Cyclones, sit at first in conference

By Chris Hummer
Daily Texan Staff

Texas took a big step toward its goal of winning its fourth Big 12 title in the last five years by defeating Iowa State in straight sets (25-14, 28-26, 25-21).

The No. 9 Longhorns (17-4, 8-1 Big 12) moved into sole possession of first place in the conference with their second defeat of the No. 14 Cyclones (15-4, 8-2 Big 12) this season.

"I think going in, we both knew that we were tied for first place. Our goal, first off, was to win Big 12," said freshman Hayley Eckerman. "So to get past Iowa State was to get another step closer to [win-

ning] the Big 12. So we knew that we had to go in thinking that they were going to be a tough team."

Texas set the tone early, winning the first set in dominating fashion 25-14 — spurred on by a 14-3 run in the middle of the set to put it away for good.

The second set was much closer, with both teams fighting hard for every point. Texas was up in the set 24-21, but Iowa State clawed back to tie it on three different occasions. The Longhorns were finally able to put it away with a Khat Bell kill and an Eckerman ace.

The last set was more comfort-

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Bailey Webster (23) jumps for the ball during Texas' win over Iowa State on Friday night. Webster had 13 kills and hit .323 in the win, which extended the Longhorns' winning streak to seven.

Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

Junior Hannah Higgins fights for the ball on Saturday. Texas had seven shots in the second half, but the effort was not enough to get back in the game.



Kiersten Holms
Daily Texan Staff

SOCCER
TEXAS 0, TEXAS A&M 3

Texas falls to A&M, faces Texas Tech next

With a 3-0 shutout victory at Mike A. Myers Stadium, the visiting Texas A&M Aggies said goodbye to Texas in a convincing way.

The loss gives the Longhorns a final record of 10-7-1 on the season and 3-4-1 in Big 12 Conference regular season play. However, since Texas A&M was ranked second in the Big 12, Texas remained ranked fifth in conference standings and will play in the Big 12 Conference Championship Tournament that starts this week.

Despite several scoring opportunities, the Longhorns could not mount a rally. They had a total of eight shots

on goal. The Aggies took 13 shots.

With the win, the Aggies were awarded 1 point and took the league in this year's edition of the State Farm Lone Star Showdown by a score of 1-0.5. The half-point awarded to the Longhorns was from a volleyball victory earlier in the month.

"A&M played quite well," said Texas head coach Chris Petrucelli. "We're going to have to rebound and get ready to play next week."

Texas will take on Texas Tech on Wednesday in San Antonio for the first round of the Big 12 Championship Tournament.

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able; the team came out firing and never relinquished the lead, winning the set 25-21.

Compared to their last game against the Cylcones, in which they had to go to five sets, this one was easy for the Longhorns.

"We're getting a lot better," said sophomore Bailey Webster. "We're a totally different team from the beginning of the season, and it's a good thing. Not

that we weren't good in the beginning, but we were still trying to find ourselves, in the simplest terms."

"Now, we're getting our groove, and we know what we want to do, and we can say, 'We want to win this game. Let's go out and do the things that we want to do to win the game.' We weren't able to execute that in the beginning of the season," she said.

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time when his number was called. He broke free for a 21-yard gain on his second rush. On the next play, he scored from four yards out to put Texas ahead, 33-0. Bergeron also had a 21-yard score called back because of a holding penalty.

The Longhorns rushed for 441 yards on the night, prompting head coach Mack Brown to call it the most physical game he's seen his team play in a long time. Bergeron was no exception.

"I knew we were going to come out and dominate," he said.

The Longhorns running attack didn't skip a beat in the second half once Bergeron replaced fellow freshman Malcolm Brown, who rushed for 119 yards and two touchdowns.

"Joe was doing great," said Malcolm Brown, who leads Texas with 635 rushing yards. "Joe did a real good job. Nothing really slowed down when he got into the game."

The two are the first pair of freshman to each rush for more than 100 yards in the same game in school history.

"We're a one-two punch," Bergeron said.

Bergeron benefitted from a dominating performance from the offensive line, which was bolstered by Luke Poehlmann, a backup tackle who often lined up at tight end.

The coaches decided to move the 6-foot-7-inch, 295-pound junior out

on the edge during the bye week.

"It worked out well," Harsin said. "Just having him out there is an opportunity to get another big body on the edge. He set the edge. He got us out there on the perimeter by just being physical."

Bergeron will have another opportunity for a big game this week against a Texas Tech defense that ranks No. 114 nationally against the run.

PRESS BOX OBSERVATIONS — FOOTBALL

HERE ARE THREE OBSERVATIONS ABOUT TEXAS' WIN OVER KANSAS. [BY CHRISTIAN CORONA]

Marquise Goodwin is back

Even before playing Oklahoma State, Mack Brown said that his offense needed to get Marquise Goodwin more involved. The junior wide receiver has been clocked at under 10.5 seconds in the 100-meter dash but had only recently gotten into football shape, according to Brown. Because Goodwin did not re-join the team until after Texas' season opener against Rice, it took him some time to get used to the new offense. Goodwin did not touch the ball in either of the Longhorns' contests against Iowa

State or Oklahoma but was productive against Kansas, catching four passes for 36 yards and running for 52 more on just five carries.

"Marquise is a guy that, along with what we're doing inside, really complements us on the outside on the perimeter," said co-offensive coordinator Bryan Harsin. "Finding more ways to try to distribute the ball is what we were doing — getting the ball in our playmakers' hands."

Texas found solution at tight end

For the fourth-straight game, no Texas tight end had more than two catches for 19 yards. But the Longhorns got their most productive performance from a tight end since D.J. Grant caught three touchdown passes against UCLA. Junior Luke Poehlmann, listed as the backup left guard behind senior David Snow, moved over and helped pave the way for Texas to run for a season-high 441 yards.

"We put Luke Poehlmann in at tight end tonight and that really helped us," said head coach Mack Brown. "We've been having some trouble knocking people around on the edges. It looked like he did a great job."

Secondary holds its own without Phillips

The Longhorns were not facing a quarterback nearly as good as they had in their last two games, which made the absence of sophomore defensive back Adrian Phillips hurt a little less. But Jordan Webb helped develop a respectable Kansas offense and threw for an average of more than 200 yards per game coming into Saturday. Thanks to sophomore Carrington Byndom and freshman Quandre Diggs, who intercepted his second pass of the year, Texas held the Jayhawks' aerial attack in check, allowing just 48 passing yards.

Thanks to the Longhorns' prolific running game, Texas was able to dominate the time of possession battle, and Kansas attempted just 16 passes. The Longhorns had 93 passes attempted on their defense in their last two games. "The sky is the limit with this defense," Diggs said. "It was different from playing offenses like Oklahoma and Oklahoma State when you're on the field maybe 75 plays. When you go from playing 75 to 36, it's a relief on your legs. Playing those 36 snaps was great."

West Virginia officially accepted into Big 12

By Chijoke Okorie
Daily Texan Staff

This past week, West Virginia University was officially accepted into the Big 12 Conference. The Mountaineers were voted in unanimously during a teleconference call involving the Big 12's Board of Directors on Friday morning and are expected to leave the Big East Conference and become a full member in Big 12 athletics starting July 1, 2012. The move to add West Virginia resulted from the anticipated departure of the University of Missouri from the Big 12. The admission process for West Virginia was first put on hold because of a late push by the University of Louisville and Senator Mitch McConnell, who desired acceptance into the Big 12. Texas A&M will be starting play in the Southeastern Conference next summer as well.

West Virginia was a founding member of the Big East during its inception in 1991. Its football program has the most FBS victories

“Our intent is clearly July 1 we'll be a member of the Big 12. We're in discussions with the Big East regarding how we make that happen.”
— James Clements,
West Virginia University President

without ever having won a national championship and has made it to two BCS bowl games. Its other various athletics, such as the men's and women's basketball teams, have also had success over the last few years.

"The addition of West Virginia, while expanding the reach of the Big 12, brings an impressive institution with esteemed academics and a proud athletic tradition

into the conference," said Burns Hargis, the chairman of the Big 12 Board of Directors. "This is another step in building a strong foundation for the future of the Big 12."

Though both the Big 12 and West Virginia have agreed to July 1 as the day that West Virginia officially joins the conference, the Big East has bylaws requiring a 27-month waiting period before the teams can leave the conference. The departures of Syracuse and Pittsburgh from the Big East to the Atlantic Coast Conference have been delayed by these laws.

However, James Clements, President of West Virginia Uni-

versity, does not seem too concerned about the laws.

"Our intent is clearly July 1 we'll be a member of the Big 12," Clements said on Friday. "We're in discussions with the Big East regarding how we make that happen."

Though this movement may have caused a bit of drama over the last week between the conferences, West Virginia Senator Joe Manchin may have summed up the feelings of the West Virginia University community best when he told the Associated Press, "It's a great day to be a Mountaineer."

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IS EVERYONE HANGING OUT WITHOUT ME? (AND OTHER CONCERNS)

‘The Office’ writer showcases witty humor in ‘Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me?’

Mindy Kaling's debut book includes humorous musing on everyday life, childhood

By Katie Stroh
Daily Texan Staff

Casual viewers of NBC's "The Office" probably don't realize how much influence Mindy Kaling, the actress behind the ditzzy, boy-obsessed Kelly Kapoor, has on the show. In addition to her small role, Kaling is an executive producer and writer for the show and has written some of its most standout episodes including "The Dundies" and "Diwali."

Those who have been following Kaling's career and those who are familiar with her lighthearted, self-deprecating sense of humor via Twitter (@mindykaling) and her blog, "The Concerns of Mindy Kaling," will be thrilled with Kaling's new book, "Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And Other Concerns)."

Kaling draws on her own personal experiences, neuroses and ideals for material in this collection of essays. She discusses everything from her childhood as the chubby, androgynous "obedient child of immigrant professionals" who was afraid of riding her own bike to her time living in a tiny apartment in a dangerous neighborhood when she began working on "The Office," unsure if the now-classic show would even get a second season.

The short vignettes are written in a conversational, self-effacing style that works perfectly for her subject matter. Her story about trying to find work in New York City after graduating from Dartmouth is called "Failing at Everything in the Greatest City in the World," she vents her frustration with the cur-

rent state of American marriages in "Married People Need to Step It Up Already," and she describes her imaginative motivational workout techniques in "Revenge Fantasies While Jogging."

Although she doesn't delve too deeply into her role on "The Office," Kaling does dedicate an entire chapter to the subject, offering her thoughts on the mega-star Steve Carell ("I've always found Steve very gentlemanly and private, like a Jane Austen character") and guiltily recalling her first big fight with her boss, executive producer Greg Daniels.

Kaling manages to write about the things she's interested in ("romance, female friendships, heartache, and my childhood ... Just that really hard-core, masculine stuff men love to read about") in a thoughtful and entertaining way that never comes off as shallow or irritating as her on-screen alter ego Kelly.

"I wrote this book in a way that reflects how I think," Kaling writes. "Sometimes it's an essay or story, and sometimes it's a pliest, which is a piece with a list-y quality, a term I've just made up."

"Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me?" proves not just entertaining, but incredibly, insightfully funny. Beware of reading this book in public. It's nearly impossible not to laugh audibly reading pieces such as "The Exact Level of Fame I Want" (enough that she could never go to jail, even if she murdered someone, and would never have to stand in line for brunch) and "Someone Explain One-Night Stands to Me."

The real heart of the book, though, is its relatability. Any girl — or guy, for that matter — who was an obedient wallflower in high school or who has geeked out over compiling a list of their favorite comedy moments



Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And Other Concerns)

Mindy Kaling

Genre: Humor

Pages: 219

For those who like:

"Bossypants," Nora Ephron

Grade: A



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"The Office" writer and producer Mindy Kaling's collection of humorous essays, "Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And Other Concerns)" will be released tomorrow.

(Kristen Wiig's Bjork impression on SNL, anyone?) will find a kindred spirit in Kaling. The only deficiency of "Is Everyone Hanging Out

Without Me?" is that, at 219 pages, the book is far too short. It's hard not to want more of Kaling's bubbly but sharply-written wisdom.

Austin residents celebrate nonreligious Halloween

Spirit of Austin

By Audrey White

I wanted to write an article about the religious aspects of Halloween in Austin.

I set out expectantly, seeking pagan groups celebrating Samhain, an ancient tradition that celebrates the dead. I thought I might find examples of Austin Christian groups protesting the holiday or using it as an opportunity to evangelize.

But in a city famous for its Halloween spirit on Sixth Street and in West Campus, I found little mention of religious activity. Sure, there were dozens of Facebook events for Halloween carnivals and fundraisers at churches. But these are not by nature religious events. Tejas Web, one of the most active Witchcraft communities in Austin, will celebrate Samhain on Tuesday at the Vortex. They'll erect an ancestor altar, participate in a ritual trance and collect donations for SafePlace, a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

"Join us as we journey to commune with our ancestors and descendants," says the group's website. "We restore the balance and heal ourselves and our communities." And the Mexic-Arte Museum held its annual Day of the Dead festival on Oct. 22, 10 days before the holiday itself.

But that was all I found. No protests, no celebrations of the tradi-

tional Oct. 31 Gaelic Harvest Festival, nothing city-wide to mark the Christian All Saints' Day.

It seems that in Austin, the period from Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 is celebrated in an almost entirely secular fashion. And this city is not unusual in that capacity. According to a Sept. 29 Time Magazine article, the National Retail Federation estimated that Americans will pour \$7 billion into secular Halloween paraphernalia this year, including costumes, candy and decor.

But Time also recently reported on JesusWeen, an initiative Canadian pastor Paul Ade started in 2002. Ade told Gawker for an Oct. 7 article, "Halloween is not consistent with the Christian faith ... We think people should choose an alternative activity."

The group uses Halloween as an opportunity to evangelize by encouraging followers to give out Bibles instead of candy.

But on nearly every article and blog I found, including ones posted on *Jesuwween.com*, the concept was met with derision or amusement. Famed conservative Christian Pat Robertson chimed in last

month, calling Halloween "Satan's night" and online commentors largely scoffed at him too.

In Austin and throughout North America, Halloween is almost entirely a nonreligious holiday. Festivals such as Samhain and Day of the Dead have their own celebrations divorced from Halloween, honoring ancestors while the majority of Americans dress as cats or slutty beer mugs and eat chocolate.

Enjoy your candy tonight, and store up some energy for what is to come — tomorrow begins the ultimate secular vs. religious throw down known as "holiday shopping season."

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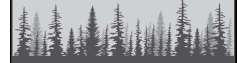
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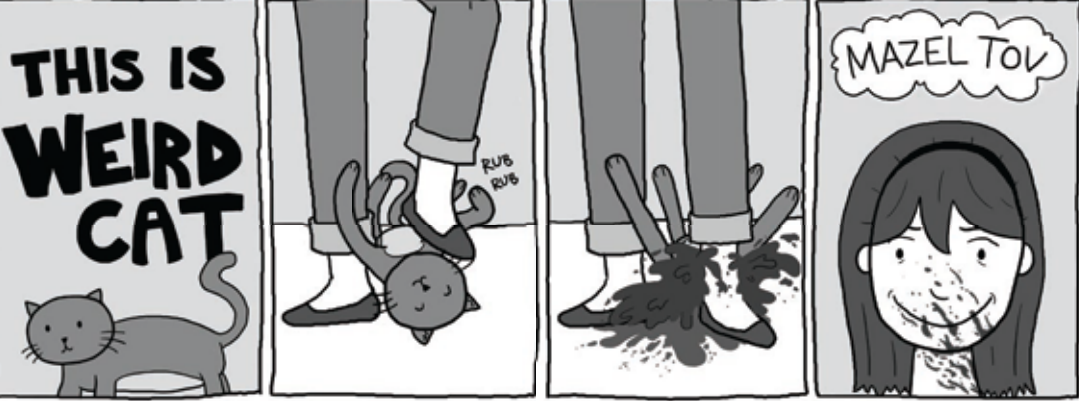
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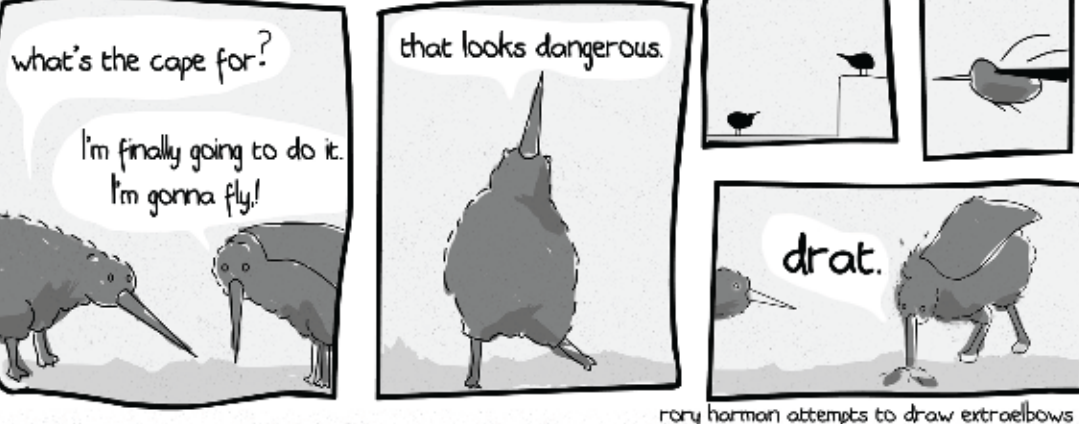
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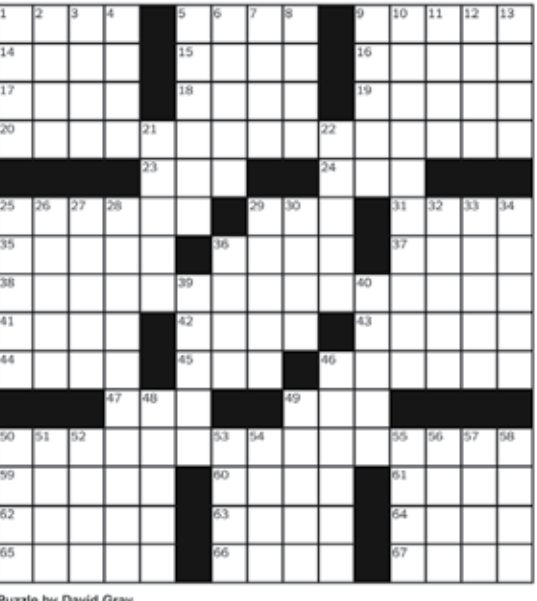
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Paranormal researchers to tour historical house

By Elizabeth Hinojos
Daily Texan Staff

"I'm trying to keep myself from sounding completely insane," said Robyn Ramsey, a paranormal researcher. "But it's difficult to do."

Ramsey is part of the team of paranormal researchers that will lead the Haunted History Mystery at Austin's oldest home, the French Legation Museum. On Halloween night, Ramsey and her colleagues, Darla Andrews and Melissa Burk, will guide museum-goers in groups of 10 and demonstrate ways to detect paranormal presences with investigative tools.

The 170-year-old home will undergo preservation work starting in early November. The construction provides impeccable timing for paranormal investigation since all museum collections have been moved away from the site. The house is now completely empty — with the exception of eerie chandeliers and light fixtures — for the first time in almost 60 years.

Director of the French Legation, Lise Ragbir, said the basis for the belief of "paranormal activity" in the house is likely because of the Robertson family, who owned the home for more than 100 years. Joseph and Lydia Lee Robertson raised their 11 children there. Ragbir said Mrs. Robertson was the first to be born in the house in 1850 and the last to die there in 1940. Other residents also lived on Robertson Hill during the family's time at the home.

Ramsey was a child when the paranormal sparked her curiosity. Ramsey and Andrews, whom she has known since third grade, recorded "EVP sessions," also known as electronic voice phenomena, on a cassette recorder.

"We knew we were getting sounds we didn't make," Ramsey said.

Ramsey explained that it was the death of an immediate family member that was the main reason she decided to delve into the field. Acquaintances would tell Ramsey that spirits are stuck on earth when they are "violently killed."

"That's when I decided to re-

WHAT:
Haunted History Mystery

WHERE: The French Legation Museum

WHEN: Oct. 31 from 3 p.m. to 2 a.m.

WEB: \$15 to \$35

TICKETS: <http://frenchlegationmuseum.blogspot.com/2011/09/haunted-history-mystery-october-31-2011.html>

search myself instead of obsessing and being scared over the situation," Ramsey said.

But it was her paranormal experience during her first visit at the French Legation which led her to inquire about the site further.

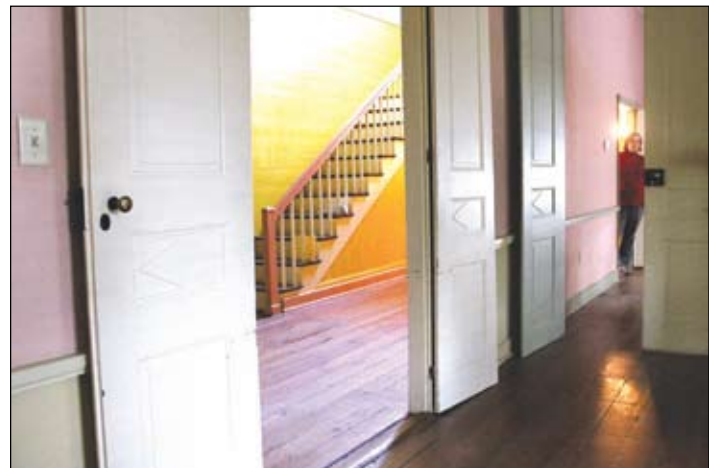
Ramsey said the home is a site which holds a strong place memory. This is a theory that a deceased person's emotional scenarios from their past life can be replayed and that living onlookers can eventually catch a glimpse of the spirit re-living the scenario, unaware of viewers.

"Some people say they have heard noises or felt a presence," said Ragbir. "Though I haven't had any paranormal experiences myself."

When asked whether she believes in paranormal activity, Ragbir declined to comment.

At a venue filled with possibilities for the paranormal, Ramsey said there could be a variety of presences. There is potential for a residual haunting, which happens in a place memory situation. There is also potential for a poltergeist, which is a noisy source that could be a ghost. There could be sources of high energy that can move items around, or transparent cardboard-like cutouts of people may also arise. Demons, animal spirits and other sources are also a possibility.

"It's natural to get scared, but there's this zone you get into," Ramsey said. "If you put so much time and effort into an experience that may last a few seconds, you don't want to lose it, so if I feel there's real activity going on, I get into work mode ready to catch it."



Pu Ying Huang | Daily Texan Staff

Programs coordinator Franke Smith at the French Legation Museum peers around the corner of the recently emptied out house. Tours will be conducted Monday with ghost hunters scanning the house for paranormal activity.

Parade brings dead to life



Patrick Marshall practices saxophone before a rehearsal march in Slaughter on Wednesday. Marshall and his fellow bandmates will perform at Sixth Street on Halloween night.

Lawrence Peart
Daily Texan Staff

Annual celebration features marching bands, crowds on Sixth Street

By Aaron West
Daily Texan Staff

On Halloween, the restless, undead souls of the Circus of the Seven Dawns — a haunted, New Orleans style carnival-parade that, according to legend, resides in the world of the dead until the new moon rises seven days before All Hallow's Eve — will invade Austin's rowdy downtown streets and show the world of the living what we've been missing out on.

The cast of characters in the parade are all over the place, as long as that place is a hair-raising, supernatural circus. There will be three undead marching bands fronted by skeleton zombie drumlines, dozens of DIY, twisted carnival creature-puppets with reptilian legs and lifeless souls and cursed costumed stilt-walkers.

Throw in a haunted clown float the size of a VW Beetle and a homemade mythical, bat-winged wraith elephant that glows different colors and the Circus of The Seven Dawns is all accounted for. Between 150 and 200 parade participants are expected to show up, according to parade captain Chris McMillan, 32, who said that when the circus begins its death march at 9 p.m., everyone on Sixth Street will know.

"We have to warn marchers to keep their heads down because of the camera flashes," McMillan said. He also organized the Circus of the Seven Dawns and the local parade club behind it, KreweDCM. "It's just crazy. The flashes will totally blind you."

The Halloween parade, the fifth McMillan and KreweDCM have arranged since 2007 and the first they've needed a police escort and a special event permit from the city for, will start at Auditorium Shores by the South First Street bridge. It will then march down Congress to Fifth Street, take a left onto Brazos Street and then "be released," according to McMillan, "into the Sixth Street enclosure," where they'll mingle among thousands of drunken onlookers.

After braving the sea of camera flashes and the Sixth Street hoards — who McMillan said are welcome to dance along "in the back, behind the clowns" — the zombie marchers will split at the intersection of Seventh Street and Red River and host two haunted carnival after parties, one at Red 7 and one at Elysium.

KreweDCM, a local nonprofit started by McMillan in 2007, describes itself as a "Halloween marching club and parade krewe" on its website. The club recruited local circus-punk brass bands Major Mayhem, Best Best Best Friends and the Dead Music Capitol Marching Band — which McMillan is a part of — for music.

The music will be performed by the three marching bands and include original compositions like "The Monster March," written by local music producer and composer Ron Carson, McMillan's own "Circus of the Seven Dawns" and also carnival variations on spooky classics like Chopin's "Funeral March."

McMillan said the haunted sound is a big part of what gives KreweDCM's New Orleans-style parades "an Austin twist." He said Austin is a city that's ripe for a parade movement — especially a Halloween-themed one — since it's a city that is built around music and is infamous for its downtown Halloween celebrations.

He came up with the idea for KreweDCM while driving back to Texas from New Orleans, where he has family.

"It couldn't be Mardi Gras, but Halloween — my other favorite holiday — that could work," McMillan said. "Halloween is the big holiday that a lot of people celebrate in Austin."

McMillan, who will lead the march while pounding a bass drum and screaming through an electronic megaphone like a zombie Tom Waits, said surprise is a big part of the parade's thrill. People on Sixth Street on Monday probably won't be expecting the parade, which is bigger and more



Lawrence Peart | Daily Texan Staff

KreweDCM march through a school parking lot while practicing for its Halloween performance.

ambitious this year than ever before.

"Austin has definitely grown," McMillan said. "Even though we've been doing this for five years, a lot of people are still unaware that there's a New Orleans-style parade group for Halloween. There's a lot of folks downtown that see us, and its just a kind of 'holy crap' moment."

That "holy crap" moment is partly because of the totally outrageous puppets and visuals that KreweDCM prepared for this year's march. Ben Williams, a local metal fabricator and the group's official Master Builder and Lieutenant of Logistics, oversaw much of that aspect of the parade and said that every year the creations get "a little bit bigger and a little bit cooler."

In 2009, Williams and his crew constructed a 60-foot-long "Chinese light dragon" that blew both smoke and minds when KreweDCM unveiled it during their march. The dragon was featured in the 2010 documentary "Halloween on 6th Street."

The visuals this year include an evil clown float that will release menacing, clowns out of its mouth, circus animal puppets with mutated features and the "Skelephant" — a 7-foot-long, aluminum-framed ghost elephant.

WHAT: Circus of the Seven Dawns parade

WHERE: Downtown Austin

WHEN: 9 p.m. at Auditorium Shores

WEB: krewedcm.com

"I'm going to carry it on a backpack harness and pull its wings up and down," Williams said. "He's a flying elephant. He's got bat wings, elephant ears, tusks, we put a smoke machine inside of his trunk, he's got seven eyeballs. He's kind of a mythical creature."

When Williams and KreweDCM's work is combined with the marching bands and a legion of clowns and stilt-walkers and then set loose downtown, McMillan said that Halloween-revelers won't know what hit them.

"We get pretty much the same reaction every year from people who haven't seen us before," McMillan said. "They freak out at first because there's a zombie skeleton drumline up front parting the crowd. Then, they look up and see these visuals above the crowd, and it's this amazing jaw-dropping moment."

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