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# Pease Park's future uncertain



Jordy Wagoner | Daily Texan Staff

Austin resident Joshua Frenzell putts on the disc golf course at Pease Park, which city officials say will more than likely face closure.

## Officials say closure of 'loved-to-death' park may have to be permanent

By Destinee Hodge  
Daily Texan Staff

Stakeholders and Austin residents convened at the Lamar Senior Activity Center on Thursday to discuss the uncertain future of Pease Park, which, according to Austin Parks and Recreation Department officials, will more than likely face closure.

A 2007 study performed by the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center said the park was being "loved to death" because of factors such as foot traffic too close to the creek bed and people allowing their dogs to freely roam the grounds. This damage can be reversed by the temporary closure of the park, park officials said.

The department is investigating the ecologi-

cal condition of the park.

"The report we're doing is leading us to think that we won't be able to put [Pease Park] back," said assistant department director Kelly Snook, who also said they would not close the park until another park conducive to disc golf was in place.

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## Staff Council adjusts costs of employee health plans

By Collin Eaton  
Daily Texan Staff

The UT Staff Council elected new officers for vice chair and recording secretary Thursday and discussed changes to benefits for staff that included premium increases in three UT SELECT medical health coverage plans.

Vilma Santos, senior human resources representative from Human Resources Services, announced changes in benefits after the elections.

"If you are enrolled in the medical plan here at UT, you receive a \$10,000 term life benefit and a \$10,000 accidental death and dismemberment benefit at no cost to you," Santos said. "That applies to full-time and part-time employees enrolled in the medical plan."

The prescription drug plan will not change in costs, and will remain exactly the same. The UT SELECT medical employee-only monthly cost will not change from \$0, but employee-and-spouse plans will increase by \$20.31 per month; employee-and-children plans, by \$21.24 per month; and employee-and-family plans, to \$39.99.

Enrollment for staff plans is open the entire month of July, and barring a marriage or other significant life event, staff members may not change plans until the next enrollment period. Even staff members who are already enrolled in UT FLEX accounts — both medical and day care — must update those accounts during the enrollment pe-

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## City cameras' effectiveness questioned

By Michael Sherfield  
Daily Texan Staff

The armed man who demanded Linda Self's purse in downtown Dallas in May — as he had done to three other women that night — he might as well have turned over his right shoulder and smiled at the police.

The Dallas Police Department captured the man on tape moments before the attack, which ended with Self suffering a mild injury when a bullet grazed her head and the arrest of the assailant, DPD officials said.

While the arrest may seem like the latest victory for supporters of a citywide camera system, Self's attack shows both the possibilities and the limitations of the camera technology that could be implemented in Austin as early as October.

"We didn't catch the actual robbing," said DPD Lt. Tony Crawford, who oversees Dallas' 112 cameras. "We found him walking down the street the next day."

While security cameras have been involved in several high-profile arrests, most notably the London underground bombing in 2005 and the

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## White condemns Perry as 'part-time' governor

By Nolan Hicks  
Daily Texan Staff

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill White wasted no time attacking what he called the absentee governorship of Rick Perry at a campaign press conference held in Austin on Thursday.

White blasted Perry's work ethic — slamming him for not meeting with state employees, not holding working groups with teachers, principals or superintendents to work on public education and not working with state senators as the budget picture has grown increasingly worse.

"Despite this looming [budget] crisis, which threatens ... essential services to all Texans, the governor hasn't been working a full-time week," White said. "We've got a part-time governor working a full-time job."

The Perry campaign responded to White's attacks with a statement that read in part, "Gov. Perry's leadership has positioned Texas as the nation's leader in job creation and as one of the strongest economies in the world."

Perry's public schedules, compiled by the White campaign, show he did not conduct government business on 38 separate days during the work week, excluding public holidays, between January 1 and May 31.

"Real leadership consists of setting a good example at the top," White said. "How can the 'No. 1' state employee work, by our calculations, about seven hours a week and expect other state employees to do what they need to do to deliver services during a recession?"

When asked if the primary battle between Perry and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison excused many of the spring absences, White said no.

"When I was running for re-election as the



Jordy Wagoner | Daily Texan Staff

Gubernatorial candidate Bill White speaks to state Sen. Kirk Watson and state Rep. Mark Strama after a press conference Thursday.

mayor of Houston, I didn't take significant time off to campaign for re-election," White said. "There are a lot of hours in the week — you can go on nights and weekends and campaign."

The long-running controversy over possible gubernatorial debates also came up during the press conference when conservative journalist William Lutz asked if White was surprised that "with all of the holes in the governor's schedule, that he can't find time to debate you."

"No," White said. "He doesn't want to debate me because his handlers want him in a scripted environment so he doesn't have one of those 'BP act of God' moments, so he doesn't have to account for his action."

The Perry campaign insists Perry won't debate White until the White campaign releases his tax returns from 1993 to 1998, which the Perry campaign claims is necessary to ensure transparency in the election.

## TEXAS 4000

## Charity cyclist reports on group's progress

*Editor's note: Riders from the Sense Corp Texas 4000 for Cancer will correspond with The Daily Texan through a series of articles from the road. Each week over the 70-day trek, riders from the Rocky Mountain and Coastal routes will describe their experiences along the journey, depicting the places they pedal through and the people they meet along the way.*

By Shilen Patel  
Daily Texan Guest Columnist  
Rocky Mountain Route  
WOODWARD, Okla. — In 10

short days, we've managed to leave Texas and are already 300 miles into Oklahoma. We are currently in Woodward, but have passed through everything, from the sprawling metropolis of Dallas to Watonga, Okla., with a population of 2,800 or so. Riding has been eventful, and we have hit a few milestones: our first rain, our longest ride, our first rest day.

We started the week with a rest day in Dallas, but were kept busy with a presentation at a local middle school, a tour

of UT-Southwestern and a happy-hour fundraiser in the evening. The rest day was a welcome relief after being physically and mentally exhausted.

Day 5 brought us to Lindsay, our last stop in Texas, where we were greeted with a barn party. We had a border race to Oklahoma the next day, with the front-runners doing the 15-mile race at close to 30 mph.

Our first day in Oklahoma ended in Ardmore, where two of

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Courtesy of Sense Corp Texas 4000 for Cancer

John Fitch, Dyar Bentz, Lauren Waldrop, Ashton Dippelstand arm in arm at a ride dedication at the start of Day 9 in Oklahoma City.



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Sister Maria Becerrin and Sister Angel Gomez clean up after having lunch at their convent, located in East Austin, on Thursday afternoon. Becerrin and Gomez started training to be nuns when they were teenagers.

City welcomes input on traffic concerns

By Ashley Meleen  
Daily Texan Staff

By 2035, the number of people living in the Austin area is expected to increase by 1 million people, which is going to further stress Austin's already-strained arteries. City officials are trying to create a contingency plan to address the city's growing traffic congestion, but first they need to gather public input.

"At the open house, the goal is basically to continue to collect input," Transportation Department spokeswoman Leah Fillion said. "People can walk through and see the process. We have a room for public comments, and we can answer any questions people may have."

The event, which lasted from 4 to 8 p.m. at City Hall on Thursday, gave citizens a chance to speak directly with city staff and Citizens Advisory Task Force members be-

hind the project, as well as fill out comment forms and speak with representatives about the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan guiding the growth and development of the city.

After collecting 3,000 suggestions for improvement and construction all over the city, the Transportation Department organized a list of roughly 474 projects to focus on. From the list, they selected 45 top-priority projects to be funded by a proposed \$85 million mobility bond package.

Approximately 21.5 percent of the funds are estimated to go toward projects in the Central Austin area, according to a published draft of the bond proposal. These projects include bicycle improvements on Guadalupe, Rio Grande and Nueces streets, as well as expansions to Interstate Highway 35

and Riverside Drive.

Projects like these in the UT area could prove beneficial to both the safety and efficiency of bikers and commuters. For some students, however, the urgency of the projects is debatable.

"The congestion isn't an immediate concern for me," business junior Jessica Jose said. "When I travel to Houston, I see that Austin definitely has a designated traffic time. But Austin has lots of transportation. It's very health-conscious, and I think it caters to people trying to walk."

Once the public's comments from Thursday and the coming weeks are taken into account, city manager Marc Ott will present the final mobility bond package to City Council on July 29. If approved, it could be on the ballot for public vote in November.

STAFF: Council elects vice chair, recording secretary

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riod. Plans that are not updated will not continue next year.

The officer candidates were nominated at the regular Staff Council meeting held May 20.

The candidates for vice chair were Phillip Hebert, administrative associate in the College of Natural Sciences; Joseph Gregory, refrigeration mechanic with Facilities Services; Jackie Dana, senior academic advisor in the Department of Sociology; and Brandy Whitten, an administrative associate with University Health Services.

Only members of the Staff Council could vote in the elections; other staff members were not permitted to vote for Staff Council officer positions.

The candidates for recording secretary were Hebert and Margo Mitchell, an administrative associate at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Hebert won the position, 35 votes to 23 votes.

"I had no idea I would be nominated for two different positions, and I'm honored," Hebert said.

A motion on the floor to vote for only the top two candidates for vice chair resulted in an immedi-

ate runoff election between Gregory, who won 18 votes, and Dana, who won 17 votes. A total of 58 members voted in the initial vote.

Gregory won the runoff with 35 to 23 votes.

"What starts here changes the world," Gregory said. "Our voice on this Staff Council is how we project ourselves to the world, no matter what. As we see this economic crisis unfold, we can help make a difference."

The next Staff Council meeting will be held July 15, followed by a full Staff Council retreat on either July 16 or July 30.

CAMERA: Surveillance system scheme sparks controversy

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attempted Times Square bombing in May, they have also failed to clearly prevent and solve crime.

Much of the problem stems from the difficulty in identifying a perpetrator even when a crime is caught on tape. But as the city of San Francisco — which has a system comprising 76 cameras in 26 locations — has learned, what's even more important is who's watching.

While Dallas has set aside about \$250,000 a year for a full-time monitor of camera activity, San Francisco police are not allowed to view videos in real time, requiring special approval from headquarters.

"It's not a process that is conducive or encouraging to law enforcement," said San Francisco Police Department Lt. Mikail Ali, who took charge of San Francisco's surveillance program in December.

The Austin system, which Assistant Police Chief David Carter described as a "hybrid," will attempt to split the difference between the San Francisco and Dallas systems and balance the competing interests cameras represent: safety against privacy, vigilance against fiscal reality.

Carter said the Austin Police Department will not be able to constantly monitor cameras, and will selectively use them during large events in high-crime areas, or to view a reported crime.

Security cameras have a history of mixed results. In the U.K., one of the most heavily monitored countries in the world, studies have not found cameras to consistently offer the deterrent effects and investigative tools proponents cite.

Yet, there is also evidence to the

contrary. Ali said San Francisco has seen a 25-percent drop in property crime in areas around the cameras, while Dallas has seen crime rates drop since the camera program began, although no clear link can be established between the two.

"Statistically, crime is down since we put the cameras in," Crawford said. "It's down in all areas."

The APD initiative, to be voted on by the City Council in July or August, is the culmination of a slow march toward an increased technological presence in policing. It was helped by a \$350,000 grant from the federal government and a \$250,000 donation from the Downtown Austin Alliance, which will cover most of the program's costs.

But concerns remain over the cameras' effectiveness, their cost and, most stridently, the potential privacy infringements that may result.

Different cities have taken different approaches, but Crawford and Ali said neither DPD nor SFPD had any serious complaints about privacy violations.

"The courts have absolutely ruled you don't have a right to privacy in the public eye," Ali said.

Austin, meanwhile, has taken the most expansive approach, with plans to create an oversight board and conduct random audits of the surveillance system.

But no matter how the City Council votes, Ali had words of warning to his fellow police departments.

"My suggestion to cities looking at cameras is, you can't do it piecemeal. It has to be strategic," he said. "It's important for people to understand there is no one approach to dealing with crime. It has to be comprehensive."

PARK: Closure seems 'fairly certain' from damage, cost of renovation

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Authorities discussed the options available to salvage the park, although all solutions involved a temporary closure.

"We were thinking of closing the park in phases," said Morgan Beyers, who has been assessing the park's ecological issues. "There would be limited use during that time period."

In 1875, Texas Gov. Elisha Pease donated the acreage to the city. In 1989, it became the first park in Austin with a disc golf course. The UT community has been a large contributor to the foot traffic at the park because of its proximity to the campus. "I know when I was an under-

graduate at UT, I could walk to Shoal Creek [and] I could walk to Pease Park," avid disc golfer Pete Fredriksen said.

The Q-and-A segment of the meeting was characterized by passionate arguments against closing the park.

"This is sacred ground," park regular Justin Davis said. "We need you to understand the impact on hundreds of people."

Although authorities have not come to a final decision, closure seems fairly certain.

"When it comes to Pease, the magic just doesn't work," department golf course manager Gene Faulk said. "Renovating these courses is just not cheap."

CYCLING: Texas 4000 starts strong

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the riders and I made some time to play with some local kids at a splash pad. The kids, much like everyone else we meet, loved the red Superman cape I've been riding around in since Day Zero. The cape has become a dedication banner displaying the names of those affected by cancer. From Ardmore we rode 120 miles to Oklahoma City. I was pretty surprised by the Oklahoman landscape. I expected it to be flat but was happy to see some beautiful hills.

For all the Red River Rivalry, we were welcomed at Oklahoma Christian University in Oklahoma City with open arms. We had another rest day here, and some of us

checked out downtown Oklahoma City while a few others took the time to see some World Cup action.

While we do enjoy races, Frisbee and the occasional random dance party, it's not all fun. When we gave a presentation at Liberty Junior High School in Richardson, more than half of the 11- and 12-year-old children there knew someone who had been affected by cancer. Jackson, only 6 years old, drew us a picture to wish us luck, and let us know his grandmother, who lost her fight against cancer earlier this year, was watching us. Seeing young children affected really keeps me riding. I ride for my grandpa and my dad, and all of this helps me remember why I'm here.

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VIEWPOINT

## Heed the homeless

A homeless Austin couple, Maggie and Danny, recently bore the brunt of unfair criticism from some community members. The couple was given a trailer by the nonprofit organization Mobile Loaves and Fishes. Soon after receiving the trailer, Maggie and Danny returned to panhandling — after all, they were given a house but not jobs, and they need money to pay the bills. Maggie is disabled and unable to work. She also needs frequent care and supervision. This limits Danny's job options, and his lack of job history adds to the difficulty of finding employment.

In a recent survey of 221 homeless people in Austin, more than 30 percent identified job loss or unemployment as the main cause of their situation. Other reasons cited in the survey included alcohol and drug addiction, Hurricane Katrina, domestic abuse and poor health — all of which posed an obstacle to gaining employment.

There are certain luxuries that we take for granted — luxuries that many homeless people don't have. For one, we have addresses, phone numbers, showers and a good supply of decent, clean clothing. Employers won't hire a person who doesn't have access to all of the above, and it's extremely difficult to receive assistance from the state and nonprofits without an address. One also needs an address to renew a driver's license, receive food stamps and be served at many food pantries in Austin.

When walking down the Drag, it's hard not to encounter some outlandish, unbathed characters who are covered in tattoos, surrounded by dogs and asking for money. Especially since many are our age, it's hard not to compare them to ourselves and assume that they are irresponsible, lazy and deserving of homelessness.

Many fail to fully understand the complex circumstances of the homeless, and this speaks to a common prejudice against them. It's important to understand homelessness before passing judgment on these individuals.

The battle with homelessness often begins during childhood. Currently, according to the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, children, with or without families, account for 39 percent of the homeless population. The importance of stable economic backgrounds and safe family environments, something that a disproportionate number of homeless people lack, are often overlooked by critics. According to the National Coalition for the Homeless, those who are more likely to experience poverty are most likely to experience homelessness.

Domestic abuse is another contributing factor to homelessness. A 2008 report by the U.S. Conference of Mayors found that 15 percent of the homeless population of more than 20 cities were victims of domestic violence. Several of the cities also listed domestic violence as the primary cause of homelessness.

As college students, we also have a tendency to underestimate the importance of a healthy mind. While 6 percent of the U.S. population suffers from a serious mental illness, 26 percent of the homeless population is afflicted, according to the survey. A severe mental illness can make it very difficult, and often impossible, for sufferers to maintain regular jobs — especially when left untreated. Severe mental illness commonly results in self-medication with alcohol or drugs.

There isn't any quick solution to homelessness, and, as evidenced by Maggie and Danny's situation, it's not as simple as giving someone a home. The transition from homeless to homeowner is difficult and confusing for all parties involved, but vilifying any homeless person, whether it is Maggie and Danny or a person on the Drag, is only slowing the process.

— Heath Cleveland for the editorial board



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# Public should push for name change at Simkins open forum



By Dan Treadway  
Associate Editor

On Tuesday, University administrators and student representatives will be holding the first of two open forums to hear the public's thoughts on the renaming of Simkins Hall Dormitory.

The possible renaming of Simkins Hall, whose namesake, William Stewart Simkins, taught at the School of Law for 30 years and organized the Ku Klux Klan in Florida after the Civil War, has become a hot-button issue on campus in recent weeks.

On a base level, it doesn't seem like that difficult of a decision.

William Stewart Simkins was, by all accounts, a deplorable human being. Some people may say he was only playing into the sentiment of the time period in which he lived. Regardless, any person that participates, much less organizes, a group that advocates for the murder of individuals on the basis of race is horrible, no matter what era he or she lived in.

Simkins' transgressions became a topic of discussion recently as a result of an article posted in the Social Science Research Network by Tom Russell, a former UT law professor.

"Simkins engaged in illegal, terrorist behavior during Reconstruction and doesn't merit having a building carrying his name," Russell told the Austin American-Statesman. "It's particularly true in view of the fact that he was a law professor."

The dormitory opened 55 years ago, and it was then that administrators overlooked Simkins' past. It's unfortunate that this oversight went more than half a century without being addressed, but because it took so long to review the practices of the dormitory's namesake, some feel that the name should stay.

William Stewart Simkins' presence on campus is an unfortunate part of our history, but part of it nonetheless. By simply painting over the ignorance UT administrators displayed more than half a century ago, we may be rewriting history.

In addition, if the University is going to make a point of changing the name of this structure because of the unsavory character of its namesake, they're likely going to have a laundry list of other buildings and monuments to rename as well. Even the Texas Student Media building, in which The Daily Texan is located, changed its name to the William Randolph Hearst building in 2008. The Hearst foundation may have made a valuable donation to the school, but that doesn't override the fact that William Randolph Hearst himself is widely considered one of the fathers of "yellow journalism" and was a Nazi sympathizer in the 1930s.

By renaming the building, the University would certainly set a significant precedent, but that's perhaps why the change is necessary. The University of Texas is not the same place today that it was in the 1950s, and as such, equipped with the knowledge we now have about who Simkins was as a person, it's appropriate to strip him of the honor of having a dormitory named after him.

To draw an analogy, if a person wins a gold medal in the 100-meter dash and tests positive

for a performance-enhancing substance after being awarded their medal, that person still has his or her prize revoked. That's because the person earned the distinction on false pretenses, and as such, his or her character and integrity are compromised. In light of this, he or she is no longer deserving of the medal.

It would be most fitting, both practically and poetically, to rename the dormitory after Ervin S. Perry, the first African-American to be appointed as a professor at UT, or even Julius Whittier, the first player to break the color barrier on the UT football team. But, most importantly, regardless of who the dormitory is named after, officials should place a plaque in the entrance of the residence hall to explain its history and, ultimately, its justified renaming.

If individuals are worried that officials would be sweeping this unfortunate part of our history under the rug by renaming the dorm, I'd say that by forming a committee to debate the re-naming of the dormitory in the first place, the University has already given the name behind the Simkins dormitory more publicity than any other residence hall on campus — and it only holds 200 male students.

I'd bet only a handful of students on campus could tell me who Beauford H. Jester was, much less his important individual accomplishments, and he has one of the largest residence halls in North America named after him.

The meeting on Tuesday will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Main Building in room 212. The second meeting will be held Wednesday, June 28, from noon to 2 p.m. in the San Jacinto Hall multipurpose room.

*Treadway is a political communications senior.*

## GALLERY



### THE FIRING LINE

#### Why I drank a beer for every goal Brazil scored against North Korea

It's the thought behind my pregame vow to drink one beer for every Brazilian goal that counts. But even though Brazil only scored two goals and I was, unfortunately, unable to inebriate myself before mid-afternoon, the true disappointment was that I didn't get to see North Korea — excuse me, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea — humiliated.

It was not until the second half, when Brazilian player Maicon snuck the ball into the back of the net, that I finally felt some relief. Before this, while I twisted and turned in my seat, waiting in agony for the Brazilian strikers to break through the stifling North Korean defense, I discussed North Korea's government and my disdain for the so-called republic with my roommate.

Of all the negative things I could have said about the country's government, the state's racist totalitarianism stood out most strongly in my mind.

Amongst other strategies to control its people, the regime indoctrinates its population with xenophobic ideologies to scapegoat the population's ills on the outside world and dissociate its problems away from its rock-star leader and "provider of good," Kim Jong-Il.

This strategy is irresponsible from a practical standpoint. Pragmatically, North Korea does not have a self-sustaining economy — the government relies on foreign aid from countries such as China, the U.S. and South Korea to survive. Ironically, by promoting radical nationalism, the regime guarantees itself problems with the nations upon which it depends.

One day, North Koreans will recognize the discrepancies between their government-induced fantasy world and the injustices that their tyrannical leadership subjects them to.

Until then, I hope that the Portugal and Ivory Coast soccer teams give them thumping defeats to speed up the process.

— Mario Portocarrero  
Chemical engineering senior

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## EVENT PREVIEW THE PAPER SHAPES

# Post-punk band generates electric style

Austin's The Paper Shapes transport 'robust' sound from EP to Stubb's stage

By Kiersten Marian  
Daily Texan Staff

Amid the high-energy electronic dance music and the soft, folk-rock sounds that permeate Austin's music scene, it's rare to come across a band catchy enough to get your foot tapping but still rough enough to warrant bona-fide headbanging.

And yet, The Paper Shapes are able to distinguish themselves from other local talent by combining these sounds to create in-your-face, pop-inspired rock.

Though The Paper Shapes have only been playing shows since October, they already have a very distinct style. After a five-year stint with local band Prom Nite, Aaron Pearson (vocals) and Alex Brown (drums) left to start what is now The Paper Shapes. Through a random web of friends, friends of girlfriends and acquaintances, Pearson and Brown recruited Jason Bearden (bass), Austin Haines (keyboard) and Guerra to join the band.

"We had run in the same social circle, but we all kind of knew each other through chance," Bearden said.

The Paper Shapes' eclectic sound was born not only from the spontaneity of the band's creation, but also from a deliberate devotion to its music. The band members capitalized on their individual styles and harvested them through countless practices to come up with their unique sound before ever playing a show.

"It was about six months of getting everything together," Bearden said. "It got to the point where it was depressing. It was like working and not getting paid. We would come to practice, and we would practice all the time, but no one heard it or anything yet."

Making it through the depres-

**WHAT:** The Paper Shapes at the official Passion Pit aftershow

**WHERE:** Stubb's Bar-B-Que (inside), 801 Red River St.

**WHEN:** Friday at midnight

**TICKETS/ON AIR:** \$6; free with Passion Pit ticket stub

sion of having their work unheard for so long, The Paper Shapes capitalized on their time spent under wraps. Unlike most bands that have been playing shows for less than a year, The Paper Shapes already have one EP under their belt, and another on the way.

Their first EP, *Shape Invasion*, is a collection of songs that start off unapologetically loud and maintain a continuous momentum throughout the EP.

"We were trying to think of something that would catch people's attention," Bearden said with a laugh. "And, I mean, the three of us can play really fast."

Pearson said once the band "found their chemistry a little more," The Paper Shapes' music matured into what is now a multifaceted and robust sound. Newer songs such as "Bed Bugs" and "Castles" begin with airy introductions juxtaposed with the faster sound found in the body of the songs.

While fans may be thrown off by the genre divide between The Paper Shapes and headliner Passion Pit, the undeniable energy found in The Paper Shapes' music should keep their attention.

"The energy onstage always helps, no matter who you play with or what kind of music you play," Pearson said. "The energy we have is always going to be appealing. That's all we can do to fit in everywhere — and that is to give a substantial amount of energy onstage."

Despite sharing a bill with Passion Pit and Tokyo Police Club, The Paper Shapes have



Kiersten Marian | Daily Texan Staff

Austin band The Paper Shapes will play the official Passion Pit aftershow tonight at Stubb's.

no intentions of piggybacking off the fame of the two bands.

"I would love if there is a lot

of foot traffic, but at the same time we're treating it like it's our show," Pearson said. "We're

not going to slack off and hope people will just find their way in there."

## Shop co-owner spills the beans on his top jams

*Editor's note: This is the first installment of a weekly series that explores the musical tastes of notable Austinites and UT students.*

By Mary Lingwall  
Daily Texan Staff

Though a Houston native, Thunderbird Coffee co-owner Chris Cusack has called Austin home since he came to the city in 2002 to attend UT.

"I'm one of those people who never left," Cusack said. "We have such a great beer and food culture, and our coffee culture is really growing a lot. And I think you would be hard-pressed to find a city with as many beautiful people in it."

Cusack's current favorites include tracks by Captain Beefheart, LCD Soundsystem, Wreckless Eric, Clinic, Beck, Duran Duran, Brian Jonestown Massacre and Biz Markie, but one of his favorite new songs is local favorite International Waters' "Olympia."

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Chris Cusack is the co-owner of Thunderbird Coffee, and one of his favorite new songs is International Waters' "Olympia."



Juana Diaz | Daily Texan Staff

Cory Skuldt, co-manager of Treasure City Thrift, looks over a Mickey Mouse sheet for alterations. She and her co-workers will prepare for the Treasure City Thrift Recycled Fashion Show, which will showcase a variety of designs created from items in the store.

## 'Recycled fashion' show benefits nonprofit collective

By Gerald Rich  
Daily Texan Staff

A riot shield, a green suit jacket from Neiman Marcus and an antique typewriter all sat waiting to be purchased at Treasure City Thrift during a fitting Wednesday, as models and fashion designers picked through the eclectic collection of items and clothes.

This year, 30 designers have re-worked various items from the store into new dresses and other garb for the third annual Treasure City Thrift Recycled Fashion Show on Saturday, celebrating the repurposing of materials as well as collective organizations in Austin.

Treasure City — a nonprofit, collectively operated thrift store based in East Austin — will be using members from the La Semilla Childcare, Queer Sol and Texas Roller Girls Rock-n-Rollerderby collectives as models in the fashion show to showcase a range of ages and body types.

"Nonprofits generally have a hard time trying to get traditional

funding," Treasure City co-manager Cory Skuldt said. "So, we try to support them financially and redistribute materials and [get] them into the hands of people who need them."

Skuldt is one of eight managers who help run the collective, which operates purely on consensus from all the managers.

"Part of what we're doing is showing the world that it is possible to run a business without a boss," Skuldt said as she watched people browsing through the store. "Sometimes that's confusing to customers who say they want to talk to a manager, and [we] say that you can talk to any one of us. But we tend to get a really positive response when people wrap their head around the idea that there's not some guy in charge. We're all sharing decision-making power equally."

In addition to advocating what they feel is a fairer business model, the members of Treasure City try to generate as little waste as possible from their shows by reusing sheets for the backdrop and scrap wood

for the runway. Even the designers have repurposed materials and clothes from the store for their collections.

"Some of the pieces [for my collection] were made out of a shower curtain," designer Dominique Bedford said. "I found one in the back that was a big, ocean-blue mirage of sea life. I wasn't looking too much for things that were clothing pieces, but more like fabric I could reuse."

Farther back in the clothing section, Yeni Woodall looked for a new top while her daughter begged her to buy a used cell phone.

"You realize it's just a cell phone," Woodall reminded her daughter. "We'd still need to buy a plan."

Woodall is a part of Mamas of Color Rising, a local organization that assists working-class mothers with accessing housing and food, and she will also model in the show with her daughter for La Semilla Childcare.

"La Semilla provides day care for us whenever we have meetings so we can continue our work," Wood-

**WHAT:** Treasure City Thrift Recycled Fashion Show

**WHERE:** Treasure City Thrift, 2943 E. 12th St.

**WHEN:** Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m.

**TICKETS/ON AIR:** \$5 donation

all said. "I knew this show was going to benefit La Semilla, so I wanted to be a part of it."

La Semilla Childcare, Queer Sol and Texas Roller Girls have been matched up with three of the 30 designers. Proceeds raised from the garments those three designers sell at the postshow auction will go back to their partner collective. All other proceeds will go back to Treasure City Thrift to help continue its community work.

"We believe thrift stores should be thrifty," Skuldt said. "We want to be truly accessible to everyone and hope that anyone from our neighborhood can come into the store and buy what they need."

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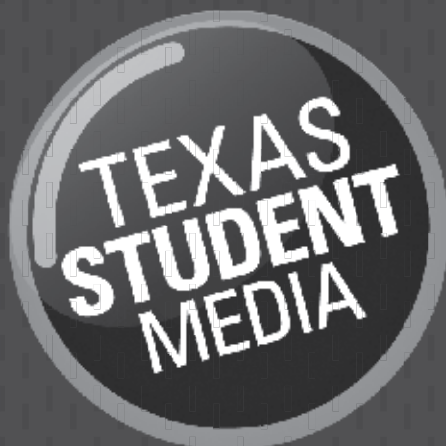
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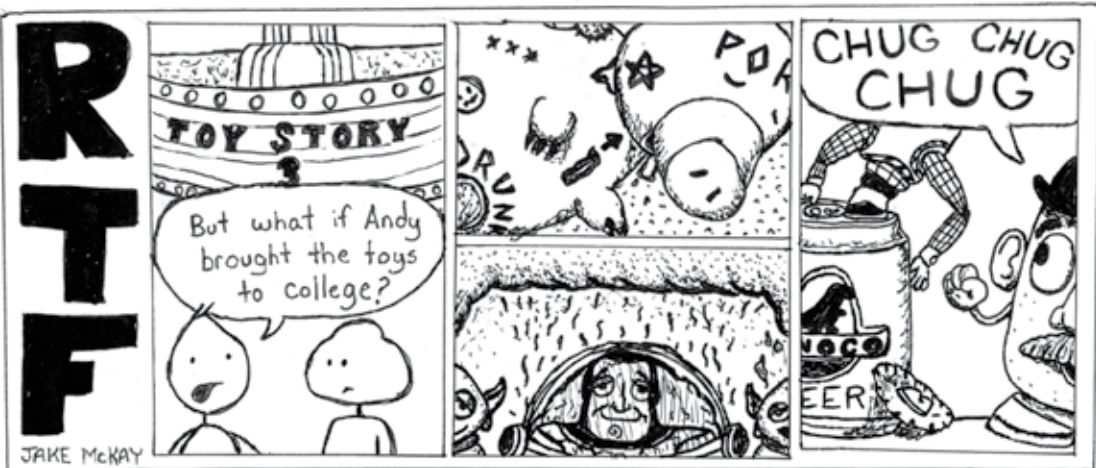


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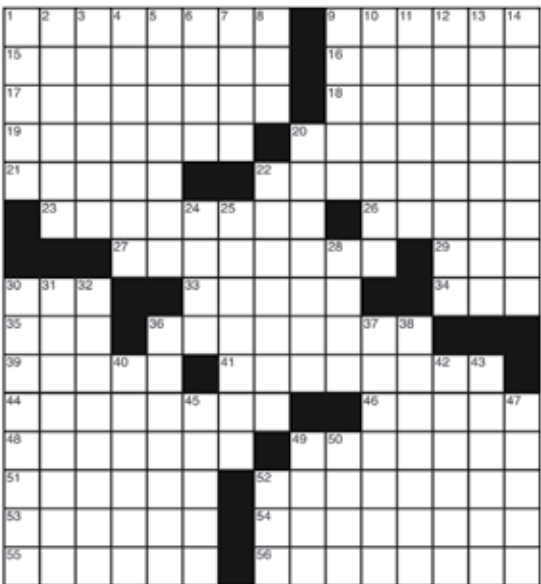


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BASEBALL

Smaller conference brings few changes

Garrido does not see many differences with a Big 12 minus Nebraska, Colorado

By Austin Ries  
Daily Texan Staff

Now that the dust has somewhat settled from the recent conference-shifting fiasco over the past few weeks, Texas is staying put in the now 10-team Big 12 Conference.

Of course, the most dramatic change affects football, for which there will no longer be a conference championship game as there was before. Now, the regular season will decide the outright champion.

Basketball will also play every team in the conference twice in a round-robin-style regular season, meaning Longhorn basketball fans will get to see Kansas and Kansas State every year at home in the Frank Erwin Center.

But as for the next-biggest men's sport behind football and basketball, the conference shake-up doesn't really change things for the baseball team, whose season ended last weekend in the Super Regionals against TCU for a shot at Omaha, Neb., in the midst of conference speculation and reports.

Like football coach Mack Brown and men's basketball coach Rick Barnes, baseball head coach Augie Garrido is pleased with the decision to remain in the Big 12.

"I think we'd lose a lot of identity if we went in a different direction," Garrido said after Tuesday's press conference. "I feel good about the conference. Having our own presence is better than being the second cousin to the Pac-10."

While conference realignment was the least of the Horns' worries last weekend, having lost to TCU in three games, losing Nebraska and Colorado really won't impact Garrido's bunch at all.

The Buffaloes didn't even have a team, and Nebraska finished second to last in the conference with a .370 winning percentage. Interestingly enough, the Hus-



Bruno Morian | Daily Texan Staff

Texas baseball head coach Augie Garrido answers questions from the media after Tuesday's press conference.

ers did hand Texas one of its three regular-season Big 12 losses, but overall, Garrido thinks the conference is as strong as any in the nation.

"From our point of view, baseball-wise, the conference is very strong," Garrido said. "We put five teams in the playoffs, and Oklahoma is going to the College World Series. The conference as a whole has established itself in the United States as a powerhouse conference."

One of the big tipping points in Texas' staying put was considering the longer trips to the West Coast and how it would affect the student-athletes.

"It's gonna be a lot easier on the players, too, but we'll be playing 27 games exactly how we've been, so baseball stays exactly the same,"

Garrido said.

While there hasn't been any formal talk of inviting two other schools to bring the conference number back to 12, according to The Houston Chronicle, state Reps. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, and Bill Callegari, R-Katy, co-authored a letter petitioning the Big 12 to allow former Southwest Conference member the University of Houston into the conference.

"UH is the third-largest university in Texas, and is on track to rank among the top research universities in this state," they said in the letter. "The Cougars, the city of Houston and the state of Texas deserve better."

The Houston legislators also asked the Big 12 to consider admitting TCU into the conference as well.



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Sophomore Kevin Lusson slides in safely at home plate in a 13-3 win against Nebraska on March 21.

WORLD CUP

United States go from underdog to favorite against Slovenia



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There's a funny thing about the U.S. soccer team and the World Cup. The supposedly biggest game in history — at least, in the past eight years — is quickly followed by one that's significantly bigger.

As highly anticipated as the first Group C match between the U.S. and England was, and as much as American fans salivated over the prospect of an upset against one of the old guard of international football, a 9 a.m. CST kickoff against a country few people can find on a map might decide the fate of American football for the next four years.

There will be no celebration of a draw, no 1-1 victories this morning against Slovenia, the European minnow that currently looks

down on the U.S. from its lofty perch atop the group.

Of course, the way it got there might be familiar to the Americans.

Both teams have benefited from incredible goalkeeping errors in their opening games against England and Algeria. While Robert Green's error rescued a point for the Americans in the 1-1 draw with England, Algeria's Farouzi Chaouchi gifted Slovenia all three points when he misplayed a tame shot 11 minutes from time in the 1-0 loss.

That error means the United States must now stay on its toes in navigating one of the kindest draws FIFA has ever handed it.

Anything but a win today against the smallest nation at the World Cup could take the U.S.'s destiny out of its own hands or place it on the verge of elimination.

So be ready to see a very different U.S. team this morning from the one that cautiously tried to stifle England and grind out a

draw. As heroically as that team defended, and as close as it came to a second goal, the 1-1 draw suited America just fine.

That won't be the case today. America needs a win, and it needs to play like it.

Clint Dempsey and Landon Donovan, who spent much of their time trying to stop English attacks in the second half, will have to take charge of the game. Jozy Altidore, who came so close to a shocking second goal Saturday, will have to lead the forward line and take advantage of the chances he wasted.

Most of all, America needs to perform like the favorite it is.

That's more difficult than it might seem. America is used to being the underdog on the world's biggest stage and has played its best when everyone's expectations are low. The U.S. has drawn and defeated England in two World Cup games, and both beat heavily favored Portugal and pushed Germany to the brink in 2002.

Yet it has struggled when it shouldn't, which was most apparent in its meek defeat at the hands of Ghana four years ago, when a win was necessary to stay in the tournament.

The U.S. is a better team than

Slovenia. It proved its determination and grit in a physical draw against England. Now it has to prove its progress from four years ago.

The knockout round is beckoning. All it takes is a win.



Michael Sohn | Associated Press

Midfielder Clint Dempsey celebrates with his team after scoring a goal against England, and the match ended in a 1-1 draw.

SIDELINE

2010 FIFA World Cup

Argentina 4  
South Korea 1

Greece 2  
Nigeria 1

Mexico 2  
France 0

NBA Finals

Boston 79  
LA Lakers 83

MLB

Interleague Play

Houston 2  
Kansas City 5

Oakland 2  
Chi Cubs 3

Colorado 5  
Minnesota 1

Washington 3  
Detroit 8

Texas 6  
Florida 4

Tampa Bay 1  
Atlanta 3

NY Mets 6  
Cleveland 4

Philadelphia 7  
NY Yankees 1

Chi White Sox 5  
Pittsburgh 4

SPORTS BRIEFLY

South African officials urging fans to cheer for other nations

It's come to this. With the home team at risk of an embarrassing early exit, South African officials are asking local fans to find other World Cup teams to root for. Even the vuvuzelas, those din-creating plastic horns, are quieting down.

To most of the soccer world, South Africa was a decided underdog in this tournament. To millions of South Africans, their beloved Bafana Bafana, as the team is known, was bound for glory, and Wednesday night's 3-0 defeat by Uruguay was devastating.

"As people walked home, for the first time the vuvuzelas were silent — they were dragged home in pain," said Danny Jordaan, CEO of the local organizing committee, in a day-after postmortem.

"The entire country fell into the kind of quietness you find at a monk's funeral," said The Sowetan, a daily newspaper, describing the mood when Uruguay seized the lead.

South Africa, with a tie and a loss in two matches, still has a slim chance to advance with a victory over France next week, depending on other results in its group. But there's a strong possibility it will become the first host nation to fail to reach the knockout phase of a World Cup.

NFL commissioner admits four preseason games are too much

NEW YORK — Commissioner Roger Goodell says the NFL no longer needs four preseason games, but the league should change its off-season training programs.

"It's clear the fans don't want four preseason games," Goodell said Thursday after speaking to high school players at an NFL football clinic in Queens. "It's clear the players don't want four preseason games. They tell me that all the time. You ask them that question and they'll tell you. And we really don't need it to make the game better. So we have to evolve just as we did a couple of decades ago when we went from six preseason games to four."

NFL and union officials discussed adding two games to the regular season when they met Wednesday for their first negotiating session since February. Teams would still play a total of 20 exhibition plus regular-season games under the proposal. The league would go from four in the preseason and 16 in the regular season to two and 18.

Players have expressed concerns about an increase in injuries. Goodell suggested adjustments in the offseason programs could alleviate that.

"I think you do have to make changes," he said. "We've been very open about that from Day 1. I think we have to do it regardless."

Tables as of Thursday

Group A	W	L	D	P
Mexico	1	0	1	4
Uruguay	1	0	1	4
South Africa	0	1	1	1
France	0	1	1	1

Group B	W	L	D	P
Argentina	2	0	0	6
South Korea	1	1	0	4
Greece	1	1	0	4
Nigeria	0	2	0	0

Group C	W	L	D	P
Slovenia	1	0	0	3
U.S.A.	0	0	1	1
England	0	0	1	1
Algeria	0	1	0	0

Group D	W	L	D	P
Germany	1	0	0	3
Ghana	1	0	0	3
Serbia	0	1	0	0
Australia	0	1	0	0

Group E	W	L	D	P
Netherlands	1	0	0	3
Japan	1	0	0	3
Cameroon	0	1	0	0
Denmark	0	1	0	0

Group F	W	L	D	P
Italy	0	0	1	1
New Zealand	0	0	1	1
Paraguay	0	0	1	1
Slovakia	0	0	1	1

Group G	W	L	D	P
Brazil	1	0	0	3
Ivory Coast	0	0	1	1
Portugal	0	0	1	1
North Korea	0	1	0	0

Group H	W	L	D	P
Chile	1	0	0	3
Switzerland	1	0	0	3
Honduras	0	1	0	0
Spain	0	1	0	0