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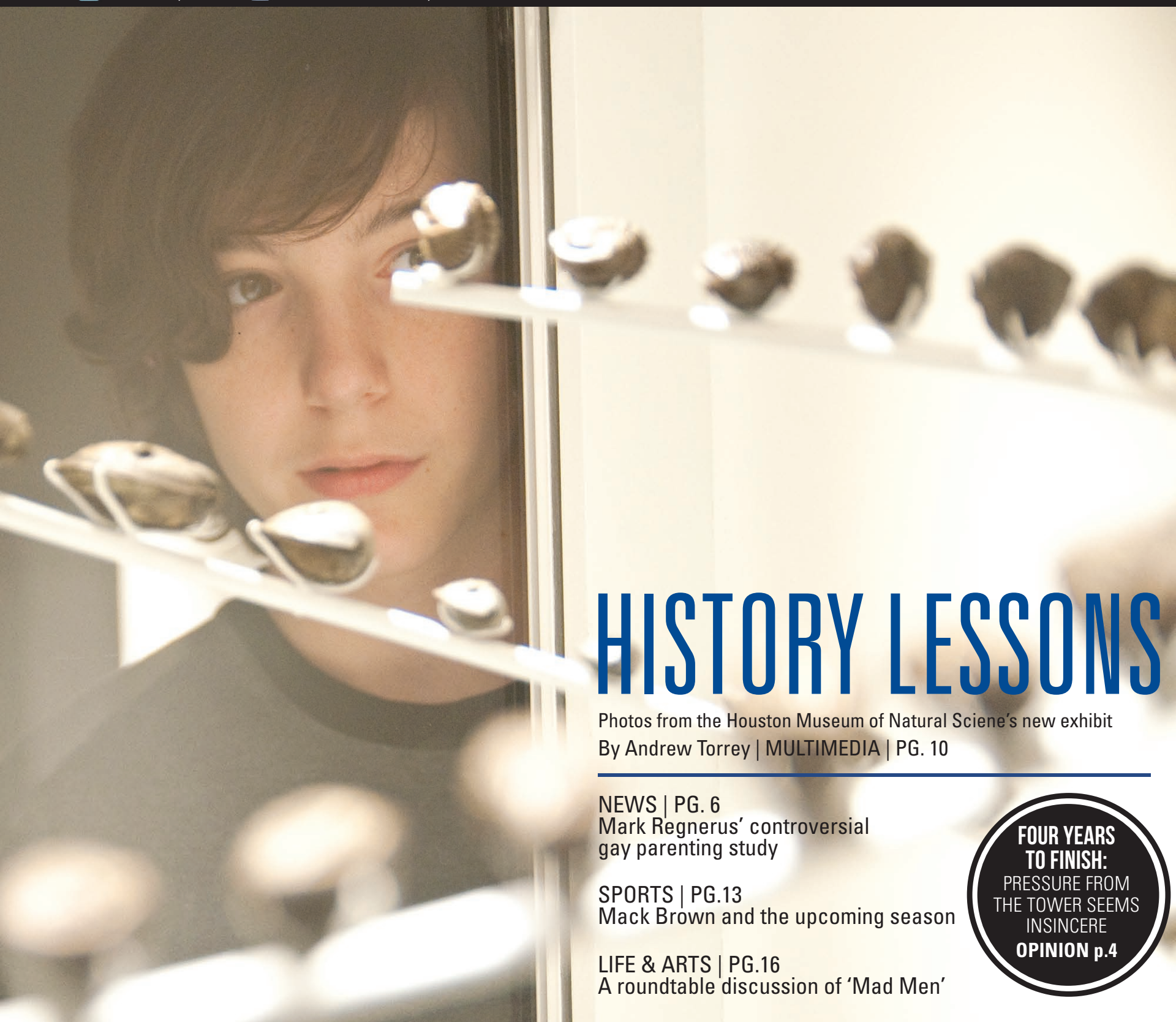


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Discrepancy causes stoppage on soldiers' tuition funding

By **Bobby Blanchard**

Representatives from the UT System will meet with the U.S. Department of Defense within the next few weeks in an attempt to negotiate a deal to keep tuition funding for active UT military students.

The Texas National Guard sent letters to active military students June 7 warning them to prepare to self-fund their education since the Department of Defense will no longer grant tuition assistance for students who attend schools that bundle tuition rates into a single, flat rate. A flat rate combines tuition fees and also includes other expenses that do not

only apply to tuition. Currently, both UT-Austin and UT-Arlington charge tuition by this method. The change will affect 46 students, 24 at Austin and 22 in Arlington. Veterans and their dependents who receive benefits from the GI Bill will not be affected. UT spokesman Gary Susswein said the University has been working to reach an agreement with the DOD for about two weeks and has been in contact with the UT System for several months.

"Our goal is that no students who are members of the military will lose their funding at UT," Susswein said. "We are absolutely committed to making sure that our soldiers, our veter-

ans and our guardsmen can take advantage of financial aid at UT."

The letter stated active military students who applied for tuition assistance before March 22 will receive their money, but applications submitted after that date will not be approved until an agreement is reached.

Susswein said he could not give any information on what a possible solution might look like.

"There are various ideas that have been discussed, but they have not been assessed enough for us to say what they are yet," Susswein said. "But everyone is on board with getting this solved as quickly as possible."

The new DOD criteria requires schools to itemize their tuition on a course-by-course basis to make sure students are using the funding only for tuition and not other expenses. Students who go to schools that do not meet this criteria will not receive tuition assistance.

According to the Texas National Guard's Education Office, the DOD's policy change went into effect March 22 and only impacts UT-Austin and UT-Arlington.

The letter said the Texas National Guard Education Office is hoping to see a solution reached between the UT System and the DOD by the end of June. The letter warned that students from neither

school will be able to receive federal tuition assistance until a solution is reached.

"Be cognizant that there is no guarantee that a solution will be reached and you may end up self-funding your tuition assistance," the letter stated.

Donnie Davis, a veteran and sociology senior, said he had confidence that the UT System and the DOD would reach an agreement. While Davis, who gets his tuition assistance through the GI Bill and will not be affected, said the University has become better at working with veterans and active duty soldiers than it used to be when he ended his military service in 2009.

"Since I have been here,

a lot of changes have happened," Davis said. "We were kind of thrown into the school and didn't get a lot of help when I first got here. Just within the last year things have gotten better."

Davis said the Student Veteran Center, which provides assistance by aiding with students' graduation plans, is an example of how the University has been better accommodating to Veterans.

"We're one of the first schools to have a [Student Veteran Center]," Davis said. "It would be quite a step back to pull back and say 'veteran students are cool, but these active military students are going to lose their financial assistance.'"



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Who's scared of four-year graduation rates?

Last month Dr. David Laude, current interim dean of the College of Natural Sciences, was appointed "Graduation Rate Champion." When he begins his new job in July, Laude will be charged with seeing that at least 70 percent of the incoming freshman class graduates in four years, a goal the administration has given outsized importance since the publication of a February report that made specific recommendations on how to graduate more students in less time. The superhero image Laude's "Champion" title brings to mind is not out of place given the good versus evil narratives that have played out during recent crises in higher education in Texas.

The list of villains is long and includes the Texas Public Policy Foundation whose proposal to split research and teaching dropped jaws, a Governor whose preoccupations with gaining political capital comes at the expense of thoughtful discussion of a public university's purpose, and a Board of Regents who have consistently failed to win the trust of both students and alumni.

On the other side of the media-hyped higher education drama are those depicted as victims: students beset by rising costs, faculty members laid off or denied incentives due to budget cuts, and a university administration hamstrung by state politics that contradict the University's own stated goals. Budget free falls, "breakthrough solutions" and \$10,000 undergraduate degrees have all been serious cause for alarm over the past two years. With hardly a single exception, none of those episodes' conclusions moved the University closer to its goal of being the number one public research institution in the country.

The crises continue unabated. Given the amount of attention and press coverage the issue has lately received, it appears that UT's weak four-year graduation rate may be the greatest existential threat faced by Texas' flagship university. Or maybe it's just the most recent, flavor-of-the-month crisis in Texas higher education.

While some of the crises in the past two years have been truly critical and unavoidable situations over which the University had minimal control – particularly a challenging financial climate – the majority have been manufactured political debates that jeopardized students' educations in order to advance a narrow agenda.

College students are taught not to expect that anything we hear is an absolute truth. After having heard so many conflict-

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ing pronouncements over the course of the past several years, it's hard for students to truly believe that graduating in four years is really as important as the administration is making it out to be. Most likely, the importance of increasing our four-year graduation rate will be eclipsed by a bigger, even more newsworthy problem before the incoming freshman class makes it to senior year.

Though it remains unclear why, out of all the other challenges facing the University, four-year graduation rates warrant the creation of a special, new administrative position, the fact that one has been created is a hopeful signal that the graduation rate crisis may actually help move the University forward. Portions of the "Final Report of the Task Force on Undergraduate Graduation Rates" are frustrating. The "slacker rule" would allow the University to charge nonresident tuition to in-state students who do not achieve a degree in a certain number of hours. But the report, which is responsible for Dr. Laude's new job, illuminates successfully some of the very real challenges that the University has struggled with for years.

So far, the only visible steps taken to address the four-year graduation rate have been changes to summer orientation, blatant messages in speeches, and promotional material distributed to incoming freshman – clearly the low-hanging fruit among the recommendations made in the report. Because the graduation rate issue touches on so many other challenges, it may well require the superhuman qualities implied by Laude's "Graduation Champion" title.

Though the graduation rate issue may be the least exciting episode, and not as menacing as an ideology-driven think tank or a free-falling budget, it may, in the end, leave the greatest mark on the University. It will be up to everyone, students included, to make sure that this story has the happy ending needed after so many other unproductive conclusions.

—The Daily Texan Editorial Board

Privatizing universities?

Don't bank on it

By Kayla Oliver

Authors of a recent Forbes article generated considerable buzz when they promoted a plan for the aggressive privatization of university services. While elimination of state political control may appeal to those put off by the latest rumors of the UT Board of Regents' dangerous partisanship, sweeping privatization of our campus invites trouble.

Successfully raising donations sufficient to compensate for the elimination of state funding is not the plan's only hurdle. The predatory practices of the banks and financial firms that now hold contracts with almost 900 colleges and universities—including Arizona State University and Texas A&M University—demonstrate the dangers of excessive privatization.

The Boston-based U.S. Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) released a report last month that shed light on the complicated financial and legal issues inherent to universities' relationships with banks and financial firms. Essentially, financial institutions offer schools incentives, including signing bonuses and direct payments, to privatize financial and administrative functions. The most basic partnerships allow a bank or financial firm to manage "closed loop" monetary functions of student ID cards. These systems, similar to Dine In Dollars or Bevo Bucks, turn student IDs into prepaid cards used to pay for on-campus services.

But most partnerships don't stop there. Banks and firms are increasingly adding "open loop" functions that tie a student's ID to his or her bank account and transform it into a debit card. In addition, students with accounts at their university's partner bank can access financial aid funds more quickly than they could through another bank or traditional checks.

In order to withdraw those funds, however, students often have to pay an ATM fee. These transactions raise a difficult ethical question: Is it acceptable for banks and financial firms to charge students to access taxpayer-provided money? Certainly, any process that funnels tax dollars into corporate coffers should be thoroughly and critically evaluated.

Even more disconcerting, this system acts counter-intuitively by charging unnecessary fees to financial aid recipients, the students by definition least able to afford those fees. In addition to ATM withdrawal fees, many banks and firms charge per-swipe and inactivity fees, forcing students to pay regardless of whether they use their card or not.

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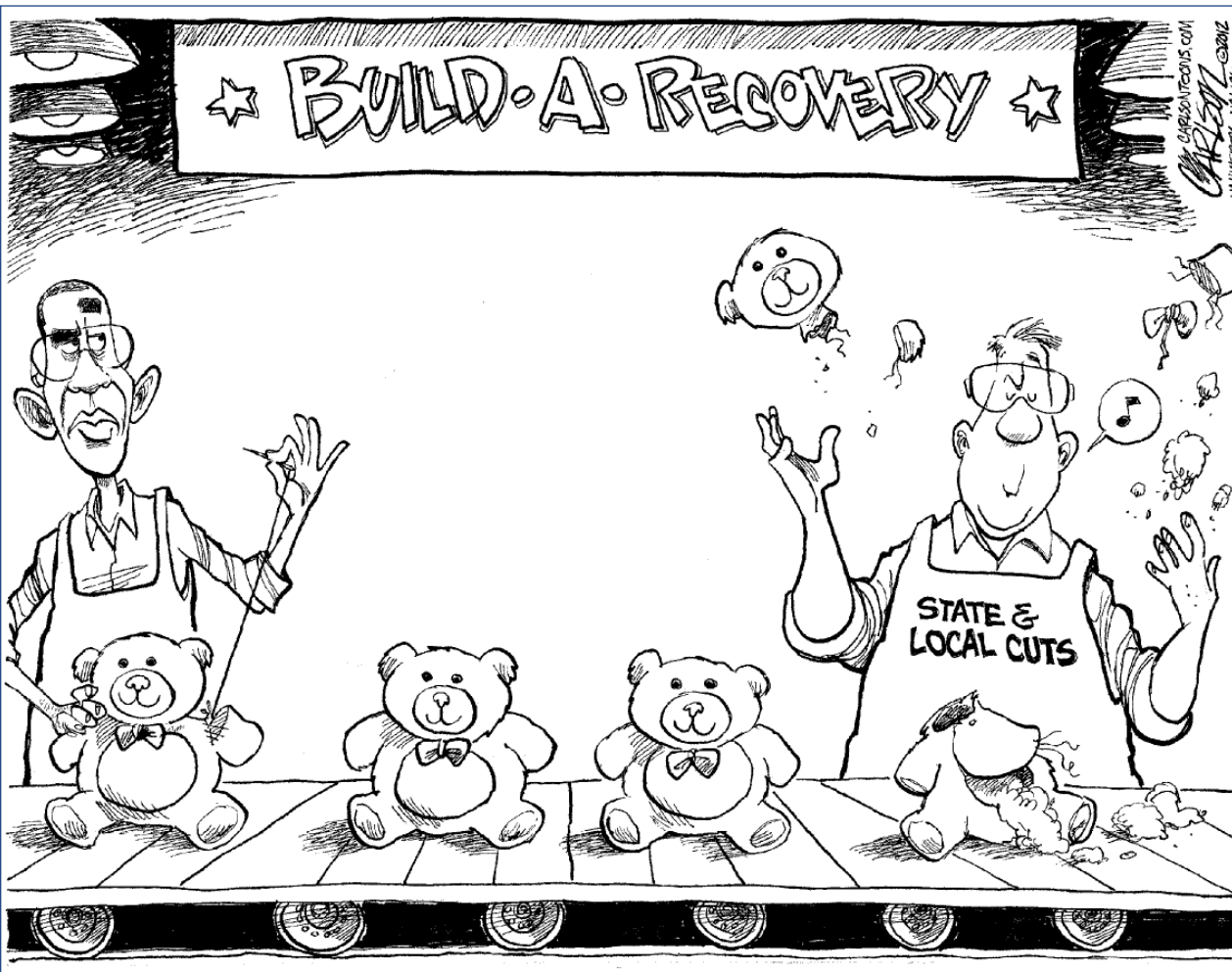
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The PIRG report also raises concerns about banks' and firms' deceptive marketing practices. A partner institution will often "co-brand" on student IDs, placing its logo next to the university's seal or mascot. Many students register this as their school's implicit endorsement of a particular bank, and automatically trust that bank more than its competitors. Some bank partners also gain the exclusive rights to table in common areas and give out "freebies" like sweatshirts or mugs. These strategies have the potential to turn naive college students into captive consumers, their choices influenced by what they see on campus and on their own IDs.

Some schools even force students to activate a card by refusing to disburse overpayment refunds, such as excess financial aid, through accounts at any bank other than their partner institution. Finally, PIRG speculates that some universities' distribution of student information to banks violates the Family

Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

On the bright side, the report notes that UT-Austin is the largest public university without such a contract. Jamie Brown, Department of Student Financial Services spokesman says UT decided not to partner with a specific bank because, "It doesn't make sense for us to participate in these kinds of programs, especially if we're trying to educate students on smart spending." UT follows a traditional financial aid disbursement protocol. The University will either deposit funds directly into a student's account, at any bank, or simply write the student a check. Although more conventional and less streamlined than a bank partnership, this approach remains the most ethical and straightforward method to distribute financial aid and overpayment refunds.

For most students, college offers the first opportunity to manage their own finances. University-bank partnerships discourage smart shopping and responsible financial practices by limiting choices and normalizing excessive, unfair fees. More universities should follow UT's example by resisting financial incentives that come at the expense of following through on their responsibility to students.

THE FIRING LINE

A fair trial for Omid Kokabee

A recent article in The Daily Texan discussed the concern of the fairness of the proceedings in the trial of Omid Kokabee who, when he was a graduate student in the UT Department of Physics, was detained by the Iranian government in Jan., 2011, as he was attempting to return back to UT after a winter break visit to his family in Iran. In May 2012 he was convicted and sentenced to ten years imprisonment for collaboration with enemies of Iran. His trial, which took place simultaneously with more than 10 other defendants, was extremely rapid. Kokabee was the only defendant to not admit guilt and Kokabee did not have access to legal help. As an attempt to obtain a fair trial for Kokabee, a petition directed to the authorities in Iran has been placed online at <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/fair-retrial-for-omid-kokabee.html>. I urge Daily Texan readers to support this call for a fair re-trial of Omid Kokabee.

— Herbert L. Berk
Professor, Department of Physics

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Children of same-sex parents disadvantaged

By Hannah Jane DeCiutiis

When Austin resident Dawn Bayer looks at her three adult children, she considers her parenting journey a success. Although she began raising her children within a married heterosexual relationship, Bayer has been in lesbian relationships for 14 years. She is one of the people who disagrees with a new UT study finding children raised by gay parents are at a significant disadvantage.

Published in the June issue of Social Science Research, the study was led by UT associate sociology professor Mark Regnerus and encountered a swirl of media scrutiny last week. Regnerus said his study hoped to answer the question, "Is there no difference between growing up with a gay parent as opposed to other forms of family structures?" Critics have said Regnerus' study is flawed because he did not include enough stable gay couples in his analysis. He has also received backlash because he received funding from the Witherspoon Institute and the Bradley Foundation, two organizations known to support conservative ideals.

In an interview with The Daily Texan, Regnerus said he stands by everything he wrote.

"I stand by everything I did, said and wrote," Regnerus said. "I don't have a political axe to grind. I know the funders are conservative. I don't know what they make of this. I will always follow where the data leads."

Bayer said her success in raising children while maintaining same-sex relationships made the results of the study particularly upsetting.

"I was disappointed," Bayer said. "That might be an

understatement. I have three thriving adult children who have been raised in a lesbian household since the ages of seven, nine, and 11."

Bayer said she has been with her current partner for three years. After divorcing her children's father, Bayer was told that revealing her sexuality could cost her the custody of her kids.

"The attorney told me, 'You cannot tell anyone in the state of Texas that you are gay. It is absolutely possible that you could lose your children because of your sexuality,'" Bayer said. "At the time, it was a different world."

Regnerus compared adult children raised in family structures such as "intact bio families," which include married heterosexual couples, with children raised by gay or lesbian parents. Regnerus began the study in fall 2010 and used a nationally representative population-based sampling method, the same method used in the U.S. census, which differs from other studies that seek out individual people to survey.

The study compared children using 40 different categories which observed aspects of their adult life, such as income, voting status, current sexual orientation, depression level and current self-reported level of happiness.

"We found that there are differences between kids who grew up with a mom in a lesbian relationship and kids who grew up with mom and dad who were married and who are still married today," Regnerus said. "It's challenging because family structure is not a static thing, so deciding who is going to be analyzed and what the categories are calls for a lot of objective decisions."

In one instance, Regnerus reported significant statistical differences between children raised by heterosexual couples and those raised by women who had lesbian relationships in categories such as education, employment status, depression and marijuana use.

Regnerus said the study has been widely criticized for not including stable lesbian households. Only two of the children from the study spent their entire lives raised by a lesbian couple, he said.

"There's not enough to statistical power to tell if there are differences between those small handful of stable lesbian couple families," he said. "I would assume that they would be doing better. Stability is good. That was one clear message of the study."

Travis Knoll, a Latin American studies senior, was adopted when he was six years old by a single gay man after spending much of his childhood in foster care. Knoll said the sacrifices made by his father and those who helped raise him were invaluable parts of his upbringing.

"My father's orientation did indeed influence how I was raised," Knoll said. "It influenced my character positively. I felt I was being raised in a community. I wouldn't trade my life for anything."

Knoll said the results of the study were presented without an articulated point, which made the ultimate intention of the study unclear.

"A public intellectual has a responsibility not to just publish numbers, but to also be very clear about what they mean. I think [Regnerus] has yet to clarify that," Knoll said. "It almost seems kind of naïve to think that someone who's



UT associate professor of Sociology Mark Regnerus has received national attention for a new study questioning "How different are the adult children of parents who have same-sex relationships?" Regnerus denies claims of political bias in his research.

Pu Ying Huang
Daily Texan Staff

funding his project with such a [conservative] history doesn't have an agenda."

Knoll also said he hopes Regnerus' "numbers won't be used to justify issues" against homosexuals.

He said the larger issue revolves around what is best for children who are currently in need of stable homes.

"There are thousands of children waiting for adoption by competent gay couples, and they can't be adopted through certain agencies because it's against their principles, or because the state still prefers to keep them in the foster systems, which are very temporary and don't provide stability for the child," Knoll said. "So regardless of the study, the real question is how can we assure society that gay couples will raise children in a similar fashion to straight couples?"

Ryan Haecker, information studies graduate student and founder of UT's Anscombe Society chapter which aims to protect the ideals of heterosexual marriage on campus, said he found Regnerus' criticism of the "no differences" paradigm to be the most significant aspect of the study. According

to the study, the "no differences" paradigm suggests children of same-sex couples display "no notable disadvantages" to those raised by heterosexual married couples.

"Often, defenders of alternative sexual lifestyles and familial forms will use such research, either overtly or covertly, to silence and dismiss with, rather than to engage with, moral criticisms," Haecker said, referring to those who use the paradigm to suggest that children raised by same-sex couples are the same as all other children. "The policy of not discussing the moral criticisms of same-sex erotic relationships is presently observed among proponents of same-sex lifestyles."

Haecker said proponents of a more traditional family structure, particularly in a religious context, are often

overlooked as recent research continues to support the "no differences" paradigm.

"We have observed how the scholarly discourse regarding same-sex parenting and 'marriage' has shifted dramatically in the past decade," Haecker said. "If this secularizing trend should continue, we may expect sociological and legal discourse to more and more exclude, dismiss and silence moral criticisms of alternative familial forms."

Despite the study, Bayer said it's up to parents to realize the importance of bringing up children in stable and loving families no matter the structure.

"It's important to remember that love is love, and when we do things with intention and purpose, kids aren't left out," Bayer said. "Gay or straight, it doesn't matter."



ON THE WEB

Video interview with
UT associate sociology
professor Mark Regnerus

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Date: June 18, 2012
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'Imagine Austin' plan set to overhaul Austin

By Hannah Jane DeCiutiis

Austin's City Council unanimously voted to adopt a comprehensive plan June 14 that will guide city development over the next 30 years in order to turn Austin into a more "compact, connected" city.

Titled "Imagine Austin," the plan outlines an overall vision for what city officials hope to accomplish in Austin in areas such as land use and transportation, housing and neighborhoods, conservation and environment and the local economy. Garner Stoll, Austin's assistant director of planning and review, said although some residents have raised concerns over Imagine Austin's effect on currently established neighborhoods and housing affordability, the plan is a continuing process with annual reviews.

"The plan recommends looking at encouraging growth where we want it to happen," Stoll said. "Austin keeps growing rapidly. There's been concern about whether this destabilizes established neighborhoods. We're not pretending we can plan for 30 years out."

The plan includes input from City Council, the Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force and the city's Planning Commission. Stoll said since 2010, about 18,000 Austin residents have taken part in surveys in order to include their input in the plan.

"It's a city-wide plan to guide future growth and development," Stoll said. "It contains visions for

the city and it contains actions for what the city officials should do. I think we certainly hope to see mobility improvements in the future, meaning a more walk-able, bike-able pedestrian community."

There are several core principles that will guide city officials over the course of the plan, such as sustainability of water and other resources, integration of nature into the city and affordability of living for all residents, according to the Imagine Austin website.

Rob D'Amico, Citizens Advisory Task Force member, said the plan is not to be used as a step-by-step guide toward improvement.

"There's not necessarily a first step," D'Amico said. "It's more of a blueprint for when you reach decision points. There are certain milestones that we want to reach, but it's more of a guide than a road map."

D'Amico said much of the plan calls for corridor planning, which involves densifying corridors such as Airport Boulevard

and Riverside Drive with mixed-use land planning initiatives that combine residential and commercial elements. Current examples of mixed-land use planning in Austin include the Triangle and the Domain, where businesses and residences occur on the same footprint of land.

Civil engineering professor Chandra Bhat said important factors for the success of such comprehensive plans include the ability to keep the entire community engaged across

a spectrum of demographic groups. Providing plenty of options for city elements such as transportation are crucial to making the plan work, Bhat said.

"Different elements of development can provide choices," Bhat said. "It can allow for easier access to various activities, and it can promote walking and bicycling. That can have useful benefits on traffic congestion, it can have energy benefits and it can have public health benefits."

Despite the flexible nature of the Imagine Austin plan, Bhat said it is important to have a firm grip on the overall vision for the city.

"These kinds of plans and visions might not exactly pan out the way they are initially structured, but having this type of vision is very important," Bhat said. "What are we wanting Austin to be in 30 years? As long as that is articulated with enough clarity and enough vision, these plans will be beneficial."



Illustration by Colin Mullin

Six month search for undergraduate dean detailed

By Bobby Blanchard

For Paul Woodruff, stepping down as dean of the School of Undergraduate Studies to return to teaching means changing jobs, but for the school it means an international search for a new dean that could take more than six months.

More than 10 faculty members and students will lead a search committee to find Woodruff's replacement. These committees are the groups that seek out and hire the University's president, provost, vice presidents and deans. Architecture professor Larry Speck, who has served as the chair of three vice president search committees in the past decade, sat down with The Daily Texan to talk about his past experience on search committees and explain the process of picking a new dean.

Speck most recently served as the chair on the search committee for the Vice President of Student Affairs, a hunt that started in October 2011 and ended in May 2012 when Powers selected one of three recommended applicants, Gage Paine of UT-San Antonio.

Before the search

Speck said search committees for deans are typically composed of appointed students and faculty members. Speck said the college in question gets to elect around five members and President William Powers Jr. will appoint several more. Among the appointees, Speck said usually one dean from another college or school is included. In the case of the new dean for the School of Undergraduate Studies, which does not have professors in its department, it is not clear what faculty will serve on the committee and if they will be involved.

Once the members are ap-

pointed, the committee for a new dean appoints a chair and receives advice.

"They get some advice from the president and whoever else is relevant about what the criteria is for this position and what we are looking for," Speck said.

Speck said the search committee will then start posting job descriptions and waiting for applications.

In the search for the vice president of student affairs, Speck said the committee had about 100 applications before the winter break.

"We first made one quick cut of people who just weren't qualified," Speck said. We said 'Here is the criteria, and these candidates just don't match it.'"

After that, Speck said the search committee read all the other applications and scored them over winter break. Speck said the committee had come up with almost a dozen criteria points that each candidate was scored on.

The search

"We saw which ones came to the top and we had a discussion of those people," Speck said. "Then we narrowed it down to about nine people to invite to what we call airport interviews."

Airport interviews are a secretive part of the process. In the search for the vice president of student affairs, Speck said the search committee invited all nine candidates to Austin for a weekend. The committee met with each candidate in secret. The meetings were held at hotels close to the airport and not on campus.

"They don't have to tell their University or their employer, 'I'm thinking about taking another job,'" Speck said. "That's why we keep it completely confidential and the interview out

at the hotel and not on campus, so somebody doesn't see them and say 'What are you doing on campus?' and make it a very awkward position."

Speck said one of the challenging parts of the search committee is organizing the schedules of all nine candidates and the entire committee to be available for one weekend of interviewing. While arranging this around busy schedules was challenging, Speck said it is a useful strategy.

"What was really good about it actually is that you saw everybody in close proximity," Speck said. "So you were able to make those comparisons pretty easily."

After that point, in the search for vice president of student affairs, Speck said the committee was able to narrow it down to four people.

"We brought them into the campus and they go through a two or three day thing where they talk to everybody and their brother that might have anything to do with their job," Speck said.

From this, Speck said the committee gets feedback from the faculty, the students and the president. The final step is to submit three unranked recommendations to Powers, who makes the final decision.

The road ahead

Speck said the long and intense process is taken very seriously.

"All of these would be international searches," Speck said. "You're trying to get the very best from anywhere in the world. They take a long time. This is true at most Universities, this is just the way it is in academia when you are hiring people at this level."

Woodruff, who announced he was returning to teaching on Wednesday, said he expected an

interim dean to be announced sometime within the next week. Speck said sometimes the interim dean becomes the next dean, but that is not always the case.

"All this committee stuff, it is a clean slate," Speck said. "The committee does what the committee does. The President appoints an interim, but that

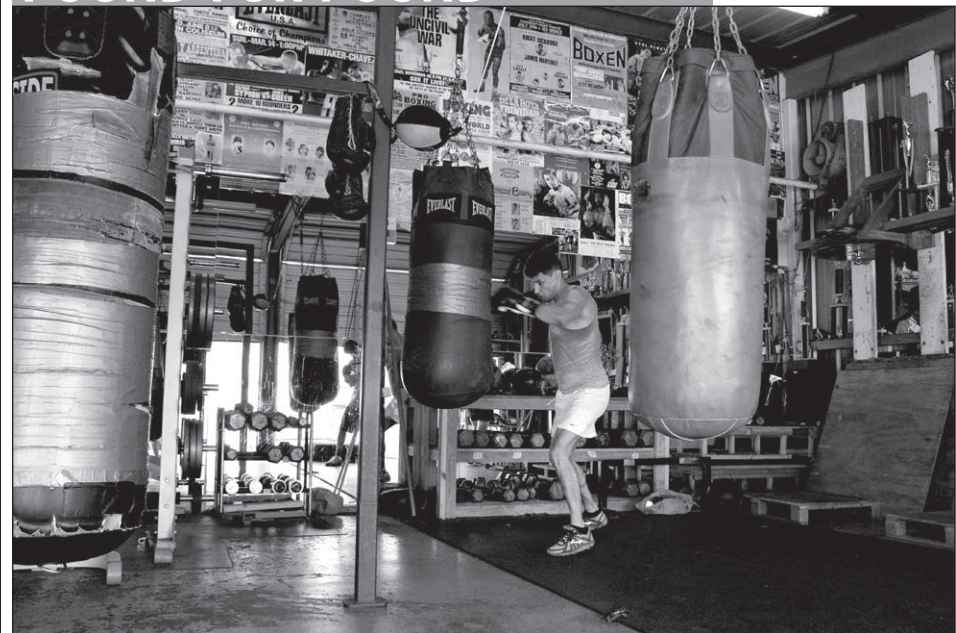
person may have intentionally been appointed because they weren't a candidate."

Woodruff's announcement comes at a time when the school is expecting a 66 percent increase in student enrollment. Despite this, Speck said the transition from Woodruff, to interim dean and back to

a new permanent dean will be seamless.

"The University does this all the time," Speck said. "We have one person who is really good at their job and very responsible and then they decide they're going to move on and do something else, so we replace them and it happens all the time."

POUND FOR POUND



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A man trains on a heavy bag during an open gym session at Lord's Gym Saturday. The boxing gym, on North Lamar, is open air and without air conditioning.

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Walking with the Dinosaurs

*Daily Texan Senior Photographer **Andrew Torrey** traveled to Houston to see The Houston Museum of Natural Science. The museum offers a wide range of exhibits, including the recently opened Hall of Paleontology.*



Examining trays of rocks for fossils is one of the many hands-on activities offered by the museum.



(left) The Hall of Paleontology offers a wide range of fossilized, prehistoric animals.

(below) Brenden Kipfer enjoys a ride in the main lobby.



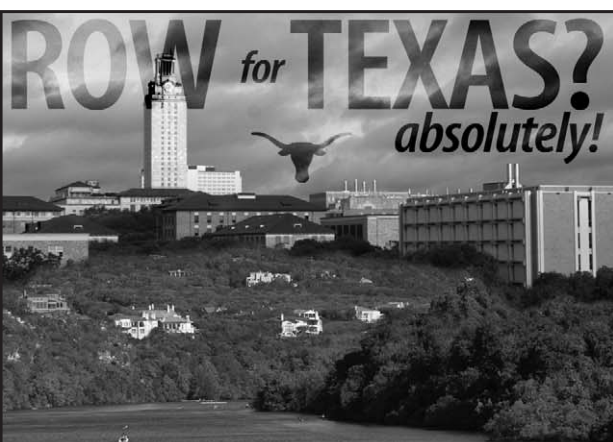
(above) Jonah NeSmith and Jean Steinhardt examine the life cycle of troglodytes in The Hall of Paleontology.

(left) Museum goes examine fossilized shells beneath a fossilized Archelon, a prehistoric turtle.



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Housing on the rise west of campus

By David Maly

After years of moving at a slow pace, high-rise construction in West Campus has started up again as part of the city's plans to attract Austin's student population to the area.

The construction is a result of the University Neighborhood Overlay Plan, a 2004 Austin City Council initiative to create more housing opportunities for students and decrease commuting issues. Although West Campus construction has been slow in recent years due to economic turbulence, officials said construction has resumed in the recent economic recovery. Currently, there are plans of at least six new high rises in the West Campus area over the next two years.

Upon approval of the plan, construction of about 20 high-rise buildings such as Quarters, 21 Rio, The Block and Calloway House around West Campus



A construction team works on a new West Campus apartment complex on Nueces and 26th Streets Thursday afternoon. High-rise construction has recently started up again in West Campus, as a result of the University Neighborhood Overlay Plan.

Marisa Vasquez
Daily Texan Staff

began. Of the proposed six new buildings, some have been started and others are still in planning phases.

Land Development and Construction LLC, an Austin-based commercial real estate company, recently broke ground on a new six-story building at 21st Street and Pearl Street. Robert Lee, the real estate company's CEO, said student housing is a top target for financiers to invest in following the recent recession.

"Everyone is seeking investment-based properties right now, and student housing is near the top of the list," he said.

Lee said although the student housing market at other schools

has been captured, the University Neighborhood Overlay Plan has opened parts of West Campus for expansion, and Austin's population growth is making it a prime target for investors.

According to the Austin Business Journal, Austin is the ninth fastest-growing metropolitan area in America and gains 151 residents every day.

Monte Davis, owner of Austin-based real estate firm Davis Company Real Estate, said this expansion is necessary to meet the needs of students and young professionals moving into West Campus.

"Currently, we are about 18,000 beds short of what we

need," he said. "There are only about 6,000 [under construction], so we will even still be off the mark."

Richie Gill, a Plan II and economics senior and owner of Mr. West Campus, a local real estate agency, said people are beginning to realize more and more what a favorable investment Austin is, and he will be interested to see how construction changes the city in the future.

"It has just taken a while for people to realize that the economy here is not nearly as volatile as it is on the east or west coast," he said. "In five years, how in the world is the city going to look?"

DREAM Act supported by Obama decision

By Bobby Blanchard

On Thursday, UT graduate Daniel Olvera would not have been able to apply for a high school job teaching social studies because of his undocumented status. Today, it is a different story.

President Barack Obama made an executive order Friday morning halting the deportation of young immigrants if they came to the U.S. before the age of 16 and lack a criminal history. The executive order

also allows undocumented immigrants to apply for a two-year work permit if they meet the above requirements and are under the age of 30.

"This is relief; it is something that will grant release to nearly one million students who are undocumented right now," Olvera said.

"Dreamers," a term people who support the DREAM Act use to describe themselves, and members of University Leadership Initiative gathered in front of the Littlefield fountain Friday, chanting, shouting and

holding up signs in celebration and support of Obama's executive order. The University Leadership Initiative is a UT organization that advocates for the DREAM Act, a bill that would give undocumented immigrants a pathway to citizenship. At the celebration, many members said while they are happy for the executive order, they will continue to push for the DREAM Act.

In a statement Friday, Obama said his action was targeted to young people who study in U.S. schools.

The president said his executive order would go into effect immediately but was not a pathway to citizenship.

"This is not amnesty, this is not immunity," Obama said.

"This is something that happened because of the push and because of the activism of the youth movement nationwide," Olvera said. "And we managed to make sure President Obama granted us relief before the re-election. If this was a political move, he would have promised to do it after the election, but he did it beforehand."

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WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Outlaws fall to Power as season ends

By Sara Beth Purdy

You have to look closely to tell the difference with their helmets on, but the women of the Austin Outlaws play with every bit of enthusiasm on the gridiron as their male counterparts.

"It is a player's sport, not a man's sport or a women's sport," said Tanea Clay, a corner for the Outlaws.

The little known, but proud group of ball players finished up their Spring 2012 season this past weekend against the Houston Power. Despite losing 30-0, the Outlaws celebrated after the game with the Power and their fans.

The Austin Outlaws are one of 64 teams in the Women's Football Alliance (WFA), a full-contact football league that has adopted most of the same rules as the NFL. The Outlaws, who operate out of Round Rock, are members of Division 12 in the American Conference. The Dallas Diamonds, Houston Power and Lone Star Mustangs are their division rivals.

The Women's Football Alliance started in 2009 and just finished its fourth season. They field a regular 11-person contingent. The

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Longhorns ready to R.I.S.E.

By Sara Beth Purdy

Be "Relentless," have "Intensity," "Sacrifice" in order to achieve "Swagger," and play with "Emotion," or R.I.S.E, is the slogan that the Longhorns are living by as they prepare themselves for the upcoming fall football season.

After winning just 13 games over the course of the past two seasons, everyone around the Forty Acres is looking forward to September and the start of a new chapter in Texas football.

This year's slogan arose from the belief that eight wins, while better than five, is not enough for the Longhorns. This summer, the Longhorns believe they can R.I.S.E up above eight wins and are hard at work trying to prove that.

The Longhorns have concluded spring workouts and have been diligent in the weight room and on the practice fields for a summer of player-led workouts.

With the start of summer workouts comes a new freshman class that has both the coaching staff and upperclassmen excited. So far the freshmen are fitting in well during summer workouts.

"The varsity guys are already buzzing about the freshman class," said head coach Mack Brown. "They think they're really good."

At the conclusion of spring practice, Brown had a laundry list of concerns



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Head coach Mack Brown meets with the media during a press conference to discuss his team's progress during the offseason and to address the forthcoming football season.

to be dealt with when the team reconvenes in August, a list that keeps him up at night. Among those concerns are: who will step up at tight end, how the Longhorns will deal with the loss of kicker Justin Tucker, and whether or not he can keep his team healthy. Above all, Brown is hoping to improve his offense's passing game and get back to an elite status as a program.

"We need to get more explosive plays. We need to throw it more often and we need to throw it better," Brown said. "We got all over the place offensively last year because we had people hurt at receiver, we had people hurt at running back. We were shuffling quarterbacks ...it was re-

ally hard to do anything except try to win a game. You couldn't build in a certain area and get a lot better."

Next year look to see the emergence of a new position under the label "T and Z." Offensive Coordinators Bryan Harsin and Major Applewhite and receivers coach Darrell Wyatt are in the process of developing a new offensive position which combines the tailback and Z receiver. The position is designed to utilize the talents of senior running back D.J. Monroe and freshman athlete Daje Johnson, both exceptionally elusive athletes that will push each other for playing time come fall.

"We feel those guys are speed guys and can get

the ball in their hands and help us with explosive plays," Brown said. "They're working hard this summer on getting packages to get [Monroe] more involved and [Johnson] to get him involved early in the process because we think he has a chance to be a good player with his explosive speed."

The attrition of several players to transfer and injuries, notably two offensive tackles, does not worry Brown, who insists that the losses don't hinder the Longhorn's offseason progress. However, Brown had little to say about the starting quarterback position and who had the upper

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Game 5
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Astros place RHP Bud Norris on disabled list

ARLINGTON, Texas—The Houston Astros have placed right-hander Bud Norris on the 15-day disabled list because of a sprained knee and called up lefty Dallas Keuchel, who will make his major-league debut against the Texas Rangers.

Outfielder Carlos Lee returned to the Astros' lineup Sunday after a stint on the DL because of a strained hamstring. To make room on the roster, Houston optioned Brett Wallace to Triple-A Oklahoma City.

The move with Norris is retroactive to June 12 at San Francisco. To create space for Keuchel on the 40-man roster, Houston moved left-hander Sergio Escalona from the 15-day disabled list to the 60-day DL.

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only difference between the NFL and the WFA is the size of the ball— the Alliance has adopted a smaller ball.

The Austin Outlaws was founded in 2001 as a member of the Independent Women's Football League. The Outlaws have two division titles, one in 2001 and another in 2009, and a league Championship from 2001. They are represented by their mascot at games by Annie Outlaw, a pop-gun toting cowboy with a big sparkly hat.

Despite the intensity and physical exertion

that accompanies a football game, the Outlaws were not afraid of contact — this is no powder puff football team.

"There is no time to be scared," Clay said. "It is either hit them or get hit, and at the end of the day, you want to be the one to hit."

Penalties were called, injuries were sustained and the crowd was rambunctious, everything you would expect from any other football game.

Roslyn Martin was a little hesitant at first to let her 5-foot-2 inch daugh-

ter Chantele Martin, a defensive back, play tackle football, but she still enjoys watching her daughter do something that she loves to do.

"She is really little and I was worried she would get roughed up," Martin said. "It is still a little scary to watch, it doesn't get better."

The Outlaws finished the season 1-7, their lone win coming against The Tulsa Eagles in their season opener back in April. However, you wouldn't know they held a losing record by talking to them.



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The Austin Outlaws finished this season with a 1-7 overall record.

The team members reveled in the fact that they had an opportunity to play and were supportive of anyone wishing to join them.

"Go for it, there is noth-

ing that you cannot do," Clay said. "Anything you put your mind to— if you dream it, believe in it, you can do it. Nothing is stopping you, but you."

Revamped USFL plans to evolve

By Louis San Miguel

Reggie White, Jim Kelly and Steve Young all had storied Hall of Fame careers in the NFL. The 25 Pro Bowls, 15 All-Pro selections and four Super Bowl victories between the three are more than enough to prove that. However, few remember that from 1984 to 1985 they played for a different football league altogether.

The United States Football League, originally founded in 1985 and then went out of business in 1987 after losing millions of dollars, is poised for a comeback in March of next year. Rather than directly competing against the NFL directly, the modern USFL is planning to shape itself as a developmental league.

"We will not try to compete with the NFL at all," USFL CEO Jaime Cuadra told the AP. "We will play in markets where there are no NFL teams or major league baseball teams. It's a league for guys who are

on the bubble for making NFL teams, and we will have complete open access for the NFL. We want to build a model that is sustainable."

Players that the league is targeting are far from the marquee signings of Heisman winners Herschel Walker and Doug Flutie that announced the arrival of the original USFL. They're planning to target younger players on the fringe of NFL rosters.

In line with this, the 14 game USFL season will run from March to June, during the NFL offseason, so its players could then attend NFL training camps in hopes of signing as free agents.

The support for a USFL in Austin has been overwhelming so far.

Heisman winner and UT alumnus Ricky Williams and Houston Astros vice president John Sorrentino have both shown their support for the league. Even Drew Brees, starting quarterback of the New Orleans Saints, called in to try to land a team here in Austin.

"The Austin/San Antonio area is of serious interest to us," USFL board chairman Jim Steeg said. "Passionate fans, great access to colleges — I mean UT is right there. We have meetings scheduled in a group of markets, but Austin is one of major interest where we'll have a few. That's what this is about."

Longhorns like Fozzy Whitaker, Michael Huey and John Chiles could all benefit from the league's plan. After struggling to assert themselves in the NFL and missing the roster cut that sees the training camp roster of 90 men cut down to 53 with an eight-player practice squad, the trio could use a second chance to impress scouts and make a jump to the NFL.

The league hopes to begin its inaugural season with eight teams. The cities being considered for franchises are Portland, Ore.; Salt Lake City; San Antonio or Austin, Texas; Columbus or Akron, Ohio; Oklahoma City; Omaha, Neb.; Raleigh/Durham, N.C.; Birmingham, Ala.; and Memphis, Tenn.

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hand at the conclusion of spring workouts.

On the other side of the ball the coaching staff is focusing on creating turnovers and developing more quality depth at each position. With the loss of four-year starting linebacker Emmanuel Acho and safety Blake Gideon the defense is also still searching for a leader on the field.

"We've got to have ends that can pass rush. We have to have tackles that can pass rush," Brown said. "You have to have enough depth to go five and six defensive backs and still have the linebackers that can cover if they're throwing it on the early down. Our staff is continuing to work on that."

On special teams, the arrival of Duke transfer Alex King is helping to ease the pain of Tucker's departure. King, along with sophomore Will Russ and freshman Ben Pruitt will be competing for kicking duties when camp resumes in August.

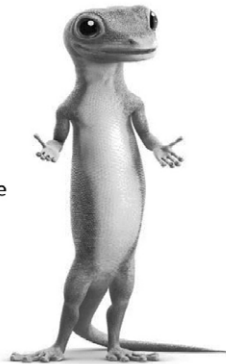
Fall camp begins on August 2, a month before the Longhorns season debut against Wyoming.

"It's always amazing to me when people say, 'How is your team going to be?,' Brown said. "Nobody really knows ... if they work, yes, we'll be a top team. If they don't, we won't be. We have a tough schedule. We're going to have to play well, be physical, tough and confident."

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SOCCER

Aztex find home at House Park

By Nick Cremona

It's easy to become a spoiled soccer fan as the UEFA European Championships are ubiquitously broadcast on the ESPN family of networks and we're all treated to exciting matches between Europe's top teams. Some of the best players in the world are on display, and we're all reminded just how good Spain's midfield is. But it's also easy to overlook the fact that there is another exciting team to watch right in our backyard.

The Austin Aztex aren't going to feature any of the world's best footballers, or draw crowds bigger than a few thousand people, but what they do bring is an intensity and energy level that is lost in some levels of the sport. Europe may be home to some of the highest skilled players to ever dribble a ball, but domestically, the Aztex are nothing to scoff at. A member of the Mid-South division within the United Soccer League's Premier Development League, the Aztex are in the middle of their inaugural season and own a record of 4-3-2. The team plays all of its 16 games between May and July, and is comprised of unpaid amateurs hoping to make a professional roster.

The Aztex called Austin home once before back in 2008, but were relocated when former owner Phil Rawlins moved the franchise to Orlando, Fla. to become Orlando City Soccer Club before the move in 2010, the Aztex provided Austinites



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The Aztex's Jesus "Chuy" Cortes looks to pass around an El Paso defender in a recent match.

with a legitimate soccer team that looked as if it was poised to grow in coming years and possibly earn promotion into the top league in the U.S. soccer pyramid, the MLS.

Currently playing in the fourth division of U.S. soccer, the Aztex have once again positioned themselves for promotion. It hasn't taken long for fans of the Aztex, new and old, to rehash their support for the team after a short hiatus. Led by coach Paul Dalglish, a former player for England's Newcastle United and Blackpool F.C., the Aztex employ a style of play very reminiscent to European teams. Dalglish is no stranger to winning either, having captured two MLS titles in 2006 and 2007 as a member of the Houston Dynamo. He took over as head coach at the beginning of this season and has turned

the team into a contender in just his first year.

The Aztex play their home games in cozy House Park, a 6,500 seat stadium situated in the historic Judges' Hill neighborhood. Originally erected in 1939 and still home to the Austin High football and soccer teams, House Park provides the Aztex with an intimate game-day atmosphere that doesn't exist in the PDL. The 6,500 seats are rarely filled, but it doesn't take much for House Park to turn into a hostile environment for opposing teams. The distance between the field and the fans is no more than 10 feet, and coincidentally, it is those fans who sit closest to the action that are the most vocal during games. There does exist a small contingent of "rowdies" that do their best to distract the opposition, and

of course give the officials a piece of their collective mind on occasion. This interaction between the fans and what is happening on the pitch has always been an experience unique to soccer and it gives House Park a genuine feel, not to mention the gorgeous downtown backdrop and uncanny summer breeze that makes it a near perfect venue for the Aztex.

If the Aztex continue to grow as a franchise, they can one day dream of becoming a part of MLS. But in order to reach the pinnacle of U.S. soccer, the team would likely have to part ways with its current home field to accommodate more fans and vendors. But for now, House Park remains home for the Aztex and will continue to provide fans with a fun and welcoming experience that can't be duplicated.

Moffat's late strike gives Dynamo edge

HOUSTON— Adam Moffat scored his first goal of the season in the 76th minute to give the Houston Dynamo a 2-1 win over FC Dallas.

Moffat converted a big rebound for Houston (5-4-4) after FC Dallas goalkeeper Kevin Hartman made a save on a corner kick by Brad Davis.

FC Dallas (3-9-4) is winless in its last 10 games and played the last 26 minutes with just 10 players after Jair Benitez was given a red card. Benitez hit Dynamo midfielder Colin Clark in the head.

That play started a minor scrum between both teams, but cooler heads prevailed.

Jackson Goncalves tied the game in the 59th minute when he put a rebound past Tally Hall after Scott Sealy's initial shot caromed off Dynamo Houston defender Jermaine Taylor.

Both teams created multiple scoring chances in the first half, but Houston

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grabbed a 1-0 lead in the third minute on Bruin's goal. FC Dallas defender Hernan Pertuz tried to clear the ball, but his attempt deflected off Bruin and past Hartman from about eight yards out.

Dallas had six shots in the first half and nearly tied the game twice. The best chance came in the 16th minute when Scott Sealy beat Hall from 15 yards out, but his left-footed shot hit the far post.

Hall finished with three saves, and Houston improved to 9-3-7 all time against FC Dallas and 6-1-3 at home against its intrastate rivals.

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Houston Dynamo coach Dominic Kinnear leaves the field after the team's 3-1 to the Vancouver Whitecaps during an MLS soccer game in Vancouver, British Columbia.



‘Mad Men’ Looking back on season five

By Aleksander Chan, Katie Stroh & Alex Williams

It's been one week since the fifth season finale of "Mad Men" and we've pulled together our experts in a roundtable postmortem on Matthew Weiner's acclaimed '60s drama. Spoilers ahead.

THE SEASON FINALE

Katie Stroh: What an incredibly strange episode of ‘Mad Men,’ let alone season finale. Matthew Weiner’s upbringing at ‘The Sopranos’ has never been more evident; that show excelled at anticlimax, and never has ‘Mad Men’ been more anticlimactic, especially considering Lane Pryce’s dramatic suicide last week and the remarkable lack of significant plot developments in the season finale. The only moment that offered any kind of revelation was the episode’s coda: a Heather Graham type approaches Don at the bar, asking him if he’s ‘alone’ and practically begging him to go back to his philandering ways, and then ... cut to black.

I can’t decide whether this episode was incredibly disappointing or incredibly brilliant; I’m looking forward to your insight and opinions, as I’m still in a state of bafflement.

Alex Williams: I wrote in our series recap about just how difficult it is to predict what’s going to happen in a ‘Mad Men’ finale, and this episode only reinforced that hypothesis. While ‘The Phantom’ certainly didn’t deliver much of a climax, and was often bafflingly oblique, it was befitting of a season that’s been ‘Mad Men’s’ most ambitious by a long shot. The show has made some bold stylistic choices this year, some of them successful (Sterling’s acid trip), some of them overwrought (Don’s stran-

gle-happy fever dream back in ‘Mystery Date’), and this has often resulted in it losing a bit of its thematic subtlety. Even so, ‘The Phantom’ had plenty of striking moments, and even managed to wrap up a few story lines. Weiner also took a book from “The Sopranos” in his seasonal structure, letting many of the big events go down in the penultimate episode.

Aleksander Chan: I’m torn between thinking season five as the series’ most masterful or appalling glib. Weiner has helmed this season so that it oscillated between inexactness and broadness, most evident in the finale and Don’s hot tooth. ‘There’s something rotten in you and it’s not your tooth,’ says Don’s hallucinated brother Adam. I can get past the opaqueness of this lame metaphor, but only as far as its ambiguous underlying meaning. What’s rotten? Megan? Don’s old self, his inner Dick Whitman? Repressed mournfulness for Lane’s death? I get embracing uncertainty in storytelling — done right, it can tease the viewer along and maintain tension and stakes.

But here, that tooth underlies how many of the season’s symbolism has been too on the nose. It’s as if in the pages of the script, the messages get bolded, italicized and underlined twice: Those Heinz beans ads trying to target Vietnam protesters (These old folks, so out of touch!); Pete Campbell and his leaky kitchen faucet (Pete Campbell’s no man! But Don is!); Betty’s (benign) nodule (Her listless marriage to Henry might literally kill her!); Don pulling rank on Ginsberg and snowball ad (There’s a snowball’s chance in hell Don will let some wunderkind take his place!) — plot devices laid out in not nearly as subtle a way we’ve known ‘Mad Men’ to do.

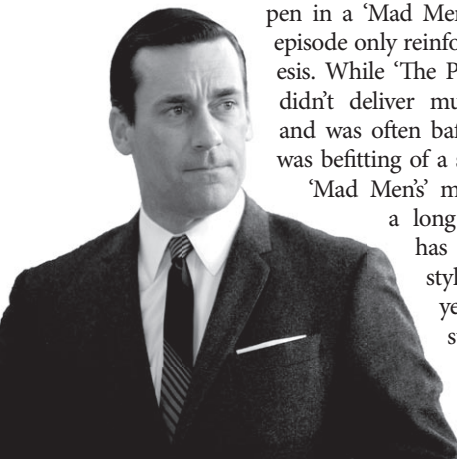
And I do think Lane Pryce’s phantom haunted the finale (that wide shot of the partners in the new offices was like a retro “Ocean’s Eleven” moment), but also specters of the show’s past: that final scene, as Don leaves Megan to shoot her commercial, he cozies up to the bar and lights a cigarette with the same easiness and palpable machismo of his season on self. When psuedo-Heather Graham asks



him, “Are you alone?” he is isn’t — the ghosts of seasons past surround him.

‘FAT’ BETTY

Stroh: Poor January Jones. I’ve always defended her place on the show; it’s true that in other roles, Jones is often wooden at best, but I still hold that something — whether Weiner’s direction, the harmonious match of Jones’ frigidity to her character’s, or perhaps just





► her stunning good looks — makes January Jones a strangely compelling presence when she steps into Betty's high-heeled shoes. Still, Betty remains one of the most maligned characters of 'Mad Men's' world, (next to Pete Campbell, maybe). And now, as a product of the actress's recent pregnancy, Betty has been imprisoned all the more firmly than she ever was in the Draper home — by that mausoleum of a house, by her ever more matronly wardrobe, and, of course, by that unfortunate fat suit, once worn with so much quiet sadness by Elisabeth Moss's Peggy. And for all that, Jones barely appeared this season, only popping up in four of the season's 13 hours and only garnering one major episode arc. It follows logically that Betty would appear less and less in the show, as she's taken less of a role in Don's life. But call me crazy — something has had me rooting for a Don-Betty reunion fling, if Don has to cheat on Megan at all. I kind of miss those crazy kids making each other's lives a misery.

Chan: Betty's shorter arc this season made it difficult to sympathize with her and her vengeful lashing out at Don and Megan. Understandable given the terms of their divorce, but the show seemed to go out of its way to make us revile Betty — in her behavior and her body. That gratuitous body shot of Betty rising from the tub was abhorrent, and not because of her weight. It was because you feel Weiner and the show working really hard to make you revile the heavier Betty. I almost buy into her empty and unexciting marriage to Saint Henry and their McMansion as what's boring her into Weight Watchers and subzero iciness, but the story line was too threadbare to ever going anywhere but mean.

'THE OTHER WOMAN' (OR THE JOAN INCIDENT)

Stroh: You know, the entire Joan-as-sportscar metaphor had the potential to be disastrously overwrought and clumsy. "You see? Just as cars are merely objects onto which men project all their mid-life crises and suburban ennui, so too are beautiful women! Joan is a commodity to be sold ... just like Jaguar cars!"

But if the analogy itself wasn't anything all too profound,

the execution elevated it to a rapturous level. That entire montage intercutting stone-faced Joan's five percent partnership prostitution with Don's own prostituting ad pitch to Jaguar made the blatancy of the "women are just products!" idea practically transcendent.

Chan: Critics have been divided about the sort of streamlined decision making of this episode, where Joan effectively agreed to prostitute herself for the sake of the company to land the Jaguar account. Would Joan, specifically the Joan who had just been abandoned by her husband and struggling and in a place of disillusionment come to such an awful decision in what appeared to be a matter of days? I'm not sure. There was definitely something missing from the whole sequence to me — like they cut out the middle to get the money shot of Joan swelling with disgust as the Jaguar man takes off her coat in the hotel room. And making Don seem like the good guy by objecting but without any real urgency, or sense of actual responsibility for Joan (let's be real: Don tried to stop her more to make himself feel better than to actually save her), was gross. But collectively, I thought the episode worked because it ultimately stayed true to 'Mad Men's' modus operandi: the tugging between the desire for who we want to be and who we have to be. 'The Other Woman' was that at its most grey.

LANE'S SUICIDE

Stroh: Oh, Lane. Sweetly bumbling, well-intentioned, "chocolate bunny"-loving Lane. How you'll be missed.

Although the signs that it was still somehow a horrifying shock when Joan opened the door to Lane's office, only to find it obstructed by ... something. And then the realization set in. That moment alone would have been enough to make Lane's suicide by hanging horrifying, but then having to see Lane's stiff, purpled face was the most grotesque thing 'Mad Men's' done since the lawnmower incident.

Williams: The aftermath of Lane's suicide gave us an interesting but fairly standard scene between Don and Lane's widow, but was ultimately worth it for that gorgeous shot of the five partners gathered in the office space that Lane's suicide was paying for. His absence was never felt more than in

that moment in the sprawling empty office space, but it still felt like he was in there in spirit, having given the firm the finances to definitively expand. In fact, there's a good case to be made that Lane is the metaphorical phantom who gave the episode its title.

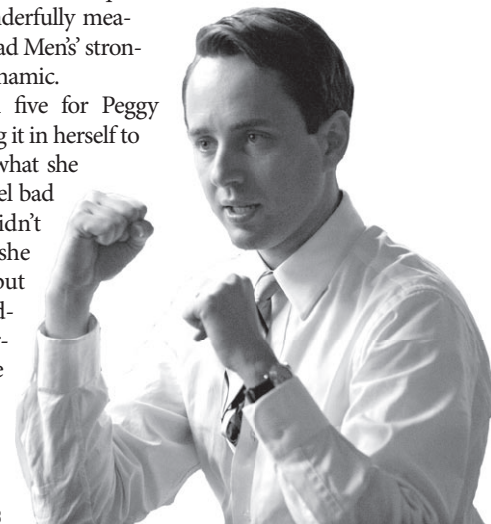
Chan: It was almost Hitchcockian, Lane's demise. That scene where he has to hold up (one) broken eye-glass to try and fix that shoddy new Jaguar in order to properly kill himself was the definition of tragicomedy. I never much cared for Embeth Davis' performance as Lane's wife, but that final interaction between her and Don was a tour de force. "Do you know how the rest of us live?!" she screams at Don, who practically whimpers out the front door of the Pryce apartment. He does, actually, but Dick Whitman has been Don Draper for so long, he's forgotten how money can just as easily ruin as he found success.

PEGGY'S UPWARD MOBILITY

Stroh: What a conflicting scene it was when Peggy finally got the balls to leave SCDP for bigger things. On the one hand, it was about time Peggy got hers after years of being underappreciated by her mentor Don, her fellow copywriters and the many misogynistic clients she's served. On the other hand, Don's final kiss goodbye was completely wrenching, and as Peggy struggled to hold herself together, so did I. I have no doubt that Peggy will return to SCDP at some point, but for now it will be fun to see her stretch her wings and ordering around subordinates over at Ted Chough's firm.

Williams: How great was Peggy in these final episodes? The moment where she told Don she was leaving was beautifully played by Hamm and Olsen, and, combined with that episode's Joan-related events, felt like the end of an era at SCDP, the moment where the firm lost its innocence and heart at the price of success. Even better was the scene between her and Don in the finale, as they serendipitously ran into each other at the movies. It's the way 'Mad Men' pays off small character notes like this that makes it such a special show, and showing them engaging in the same worktime dalliance spells out perfectly how close these two became in their time working together, and how much they still mean to each other. For my money, that was the best scene in a finale that was often too oblique by a mile, a wonderfully measured coda to 'Mad Men's' strongest character dynamic.

Chan: Season five for Peggy was about finding it in herself to finally demand what she wants and not feel bad about it. She didn't get everything she had hoped for, but it was so rewarding for her character and the viewer for her to try. She couldn't



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get Abe to completely commit. And she couldn't quite elevate herself above liberal well-meaning by fearing Dawn might steal the money from her purse, but she found the tenacity to leave SCDP. Her pride in herself is magnified by our own.

PETE CAMPBELL

Stroh: Pete ignobly defended his title as 'Character Most Fun to Despise' this season, as the multiple punches he received to the face are any indication. His cowardly, passive-aggressive persuasions in favor of selling out Joanie to that disgusting Jaguar exec was surely his most despicable, but what really got

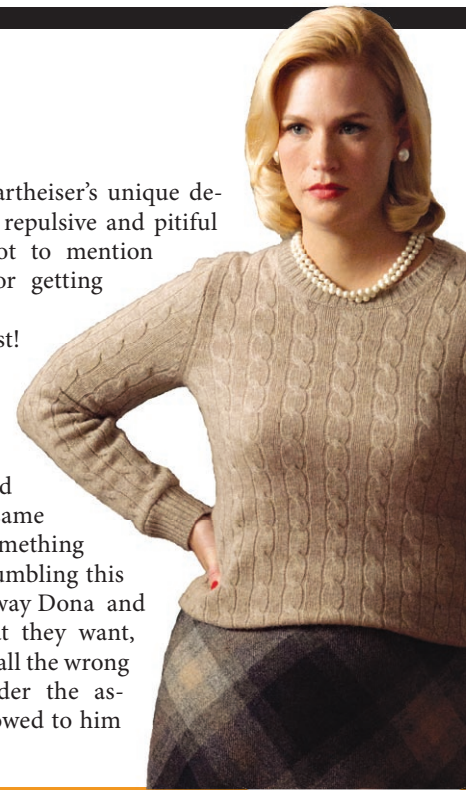
me this season was the way he treated poor Trudy. It seemed that in the past few seasons Pete and Trudy had one of the healthiest and supportive marriage on the show. Now that they've moved to the stultifying suburb of Cos Cob and Trudy's "let herself go" post-childbirth, Pete seemed to have lost all enjoyment of or respect for his ever-supportive wife, engaging in an affair with the dull, depressive Beth and lashing out at home. No, Pete. You can't have good everything good all at once, so you better appreciate what you do have, or else you'll go the way of Mr. Pryce.

Williams: 'The Phantom' had plenty of frustrating moments, but surprisingly, the only character whose storyline truly resolved was Pete Campbell, who was forgotten by his fling (one of the season's weakest links, Alexis Bledel) and came to fisticuffs with her husband. Vincent Kartheiser also delivered a stunningly sad monologue that summed up his character perfectly, and also wrapped up the actor's strongest season yet. Pete has been at his most compelling this

season, thanks to Kartheiser's unique deployment of equally repulsive and pitiful character details, not to mention his strong knack for getting punched in the face.

Chan: The worst!

Campbell was at his most weaselly, spineless self this season. And was appropriately punched for it. But at the same time, there was something tragic about Pete's bumbling this season. In the same way Dona and Peggy fight for what they want, Pete went about it in all the wrong ways, operating under the assumption it was all owed to him and never earned.



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