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## Candidates discuss affordability

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Five Austin mayoral candidates met Wednesday at the Alamo Drafthouse on South Lamar Boulevard to talk about affordability and early childhood education.

The event, hosted by United Way for Greater Austin, sold out the theater in which the debate was held, prompting the organizers to open a second theater livestreaming the debate.

During the candidates' discussion on affordability, candidate Todd Phelps said he thinks everyone

should be able to live in Central Texas and that tax initiatives should help long-term residents.

"We need to give them relief, and lobby state government and anticipate property value raises and protect people in that zone," Phelps said. "Another way would be to not support initiatives and bonds that would push them out of town just because they would not be able to afford tax increases, and that's what we're looking right now at the rail bond tax."

Council member Mike Martinez said he worked to help Austin become more



affordable by holding down property taxes.

"We [have been] doing everything we can over the last four years to lower or hold your tax rate flat," Martinez said. "Providing that upward mobility, ensuring

that the entry-level position is not the only one you stay in when you enter the workforce. I'll continue to push for a higher living wage than \$11 per hour."

The candidates' discussion also focused on

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providing early childhood education opportunities. Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole said child care is important to Austin's infrastructure, citing her role as a mother

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**FOOTBALL**

## Two tackles suspended from Texas football team

**By Drew Lieberman**  
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Senior offensive lineman Desmond Harrison and junior offensive lineman Kennedy Estelle have been suspended for this Saturday's game against BYU.

Multiple reports first said both starters had been dismissed by head coach Charlie Strong on Wednesday evening; however, Texas announced later that night they were just suspended for this weekend's contest.

With the loss of senior center Dominic Espinosa — who started all 40 career games — to injury, Estelle was Texas' most experienced offensive lineman with nine starts. Harrison was suspended for the game against North Texas, but, on Monday, Strong announced him eligible to play this Saturday against BYU.

Texas' most experienced offensive linemen are now junior guard Sedrick Flowers and sophomore tackle Kent Perkins, who have both started just two games.

The Longhorns are down to 14 active offensive linemen on the roster for this Saturday, including three walk-ons and three true freshmen, making Flowers the only letter winner left on the offensive line.

Since Strong took over last January, he has dismissed seven players.

Junior running back/wide receiver Daje Johnson and safety Josh Turner are also still suspended for Saturday's game.

**CAMPUS**

## After buyout, Players prepares to close

**By Eleanor Dearman**  
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Players is closing down after 33 years of feeding the UT community's late-night burger cravings.

The University purchased Players in 2012 for University expansion from owners Carlos Oliveira and Edward Hempe, according to an email obtained by The Daily Texan.

Hempe said, when the University approached them with the offer to buy the property, they agreed and made a deal that allowed the restaurant to operate until the University was ready to take over the property. The owners received \$4 million as compensation for the sale, \$1 million of which would be used to fund the restaurant for, at most, 10 years.

"We were hoping to get to 40 years or maybe 50, you

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Lauren Ussery | Daily Texan Staff

Employee Joshua Cook serves a customer at Players on Tuesday night. Players will close Nov. 30 after 33 years of business to make room for Robert B. Bowling Hall, a graduate student building for the McCombs School of Business.

**THROWBACK**

## Not all traditions stand the test of time

**By Fred Tally-Foos**  
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In its 131 years of existence, the University has seen traditions come and go.

"Some traditions are humorous, some serious, some historical, but all are a part of the school," Daily Texan staffer Marjorie Menefee said in a 1958 edition of the paper.

According to Menefee, when the University was established, "a charm against rheumatism, locks of beautiful girls' hair, a cigar, a street-car token, a pecan, copies of current newspapers, and various official documents" were laid into the foundation of the original Main Building. But campus lore is not always common knowledge. At the time the article was written, most students were unaware

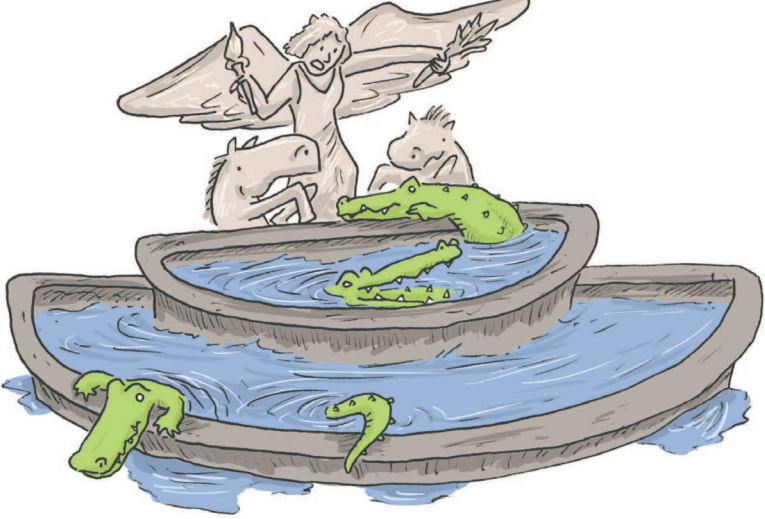


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of the building's superstitious beginnings, and this fact is less commonly known today.

Before Austin was the nightlife mecca of Central Texas, students had far fewer evening activities at their disposal. They often found themselves spending their date nights wandering around the 40 Acres along a familiar path. This tradition originated when "Maj. Littlefield donated \$3,000 in 1901 for the construction of a walk that would surround the original Forty Acres. It begins at Twenty-First Street and Guadalupe, goes north to Twenty-Fourth Street, east to Speedway, south to Twenty-First Street, and west

to Guadalupe." According to Menefee, Maj. Littlefield deemed the path "Peripatus," derived from a Greek word meaning "to walk around." This walk has long since fallen out of popularity, largely because of the expansion of campus

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**STATE**

## Abbott calls for easing college education costs

**By Jackie Wang**  
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Greg Abbott, attorney general and Republican gubernatorial candidate, advocated Tuesday to make credits transfer more easily and expand online credit-eligible courses in his higher education plan.

Abbott unveiled the plan at UT-Dallas and outlined six points that would be hit by the fourth phase of his policy. Calling for UT and Texas A&M University to become two of the top three public universities in the U.S., Abbott said affordability was key for higher education in Texas. He said community college courses need to be more transferable to increase affordability.

"For many high school students and returning adults, community college is the next step up the ladder,"

Abbott said. "But these students sometimes spend an additional year taking courses that don't transfer to four-year universities. That's a waste of their time, and it unnecessarily adds to their tuition expense and debt burden."

Abbott promised to be involved with the education improvement process.

"I will work with [universities] to recruit the best talent, to develop partnerships with the private sector and to elevate their national research standing," Abbott said.

In his plan, Abbott also said public universities in the state should accept Advanced Placement test scores of three and above for college credit.

Education associate professor Anthony Petrosino said, while the policy may have had good intentions, there may be unintended consequences.

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## UNIVERSITY

# Committee publishes report on technology commercialization

By Alex Wilts  
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The Technology Commercialization Committee published a report Wednesday that discussed ways to improve the commercialization of technology developed at the University. The committee was formed based on recommendations produced in “Smarter Systems for a Greater UT,” a report compiled by a group of 13 alumni and business leaders to examine the University’s business operations. The committee’s recommendations included creating a web-based portal to allow people not affiliated with UT to benefit from its

“intellectual capital” and adding two licensing associate positions to the Office of Technology Commercialization to increase the capacity of its licensing team. Juan Sanchez, chairman of the committee and vice president for research, said in an email that the licensing team is responsible for protecting and promoting intellectual property developed by faculty and students. The report also recommended the creation of a commercialization and entrepreneurship council, which would consist of deans from schools and colleges whose faculty members are engaged in technological research

and entrepreneurship. “Although the primary role of the council will be to provide strategic guidance in commercialization and entrepreneurship activities across campus, it will also develop mechanisms for avoiding, decreasing or resolving actual and potential conflicts relating to University commercialization and entrepreneurship activities,” the report stated. According to the report, it will also be the council’s role to facilitate ideas and innovative thinking. “The intention of the recommendations is not to centralize entrepreneurial activities, which at present are quite healthy across campus,” Sanchez said.

## CITY

# Pilot program of Safe Ride planned to begin Thursday

By Eleanor Dearman  
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A pilot program of Safe Ride will begin Thursday after being postponed last week. Safe Ride is a student driving service that provides users with rides home from downtown Austin. According to an email sent out to students Wednesday, the program will service West Campus and East Riverside areas and run from 11:59 p.m.-3 a.m. Thursday through Saturday for the fall semester. The program will drop off students directly at their homes, apartments and dorms. Student Government President Kori Rady set the initiative in his campaign platform. Rady said he planned for Safe Ride to begin during the first

“We’re really excited to bring this program to UT. It has been a long time coming. A lot of our peer institutions have programs similar to this.”

—Kori Rady  
Student Government president

class week of the 2014 school year, but because of issues with the insurance contract for uRide — the driving company

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and previous PTA member. “I always say I went to City Council for rest because I have three boys,” Cole said. “I believe in child care because not only for economic development but for purely your sanity.” Cole said she has advocated for child care before, while working to promote equal pay for women so they can

afford their own child care. Martinez agreed with providing early educational opportunities and child care. “We don’t create dropouts in their teenage years; we create them at the age of 4 by not providing that early childhood education,” Martinez said. “It is our responsibility as a community to understand that impact and issue that we face.” Candidate Randall Stephens supported the idea of

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es for students and public university outsiders. “If high schools decide to make a big push and make more people take more AP classes, [then] that high school may put more of their better teachers on AP,” Petrosino said. “What will that do to the general courses for high school students?” Government professor Henry Dietz said it is difficult to determine whether courses can transfer from a community college to UT for credit. “It’s a matter of equivalence,” Dietz said. “Do ACC students really get

the same training and value if they take the same class here at UT? It’s a very tricky question.” Petrosino said online courses also raise questions of credibility. “This notion of expanding access to online courses and counting them towards degree requirements — there’s an area that needs

pre-kindergarten programs and after-school programs being supplemented by funding from tax-exempt organizations. “I believe in a safe place after school and where a child can find a tutor, but, if the city can’t pay for that tutor, the tax-exempt organizations can,” Stevens said. “Austin is a city on the move, and by supporting our children we’re protecting the great nature and soul of the city.” Phelps said he supports

development,” Petrosino said. “I do think we have to be a little reflective of the issues that come up with quality. Is it the same experience for the students? Is the content learned online a similar experience to taking courses in person?” Petrosino said the policy points only touched on the edges of a bigger issue.

after-school programs — if there are sufficient funds. “I think we need to make sure the money is there by not wasting money on frivolous things like the water treatment plan and bonds that don’t make sense,” Phelps said. The November mayoral election is the first under the city’s new 10-ONE plan, which reformats City Council into 10 district representatives with one citywide, elected mayor.

“There’s this fundamental issue about how much the state, in general, supports public education at the university level,” Petrosino said. “As they pull away from supporting public universities, operating budgets put more pressure on families for tuition [and] on universities for being more efficient. It puts some pressure on the whole system.”

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## Perry indictment debate misses the heart of the coercive matter



**By Noah M. Horwitz**  
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At the risk of sounding like a cliché of the political novice, I do not find a whole lot of sense in either of the political angles presented to this paper last Friday on the topic of Gov. Rick Perry's recent indictment. From the Democratic perspective, it appears that Perry is at the center of some type of grand conspiracy, nefariously scheming to silence a righteous prosecutor who was closing in on the hotbed of felonious lawbreaking going on at CPRIT. From the Republican perspective, it appears that Perry is a wondrous moral crusader, one who put his neck on the line to stand up against a drunk driver in the DA's office. In reality, of course, it is not quite as exciting.

First, the notion that the investigation of CPRIT — the embattled cancer research institute long investigated for impropriety — is connected with the veto and threat in question is just completely untrue. A recent affidavit released to the public by Perry's legal team shows that the Travis

County DA's office was not targeting Perry in its CPRIT investigation in any way.

Similarly, this indictment is not the work of a political hit-man. The entire Travis County DA's office recused themselves from proceedings, and the brunt of the investigation was undertaken by Michael McCrum, a special prosecutor who is definitely not a Democrat. McCrum himself was first appointed to this case by Judge Bert Richardson, who is actually the Republican nominee for a seat on the Court of Criminal Appeals this year.

At its core, this indictment is about coercion. Perry threatened Rosemary Lehmberg, the Travis County DA, telling her that he would slash her funding if she did not resign. Yes, Lehmberg is a drunk driver who perhaps should have resigned anyway, but Aesop teaches us a tyrant always finds a pretext for tyranny. What if Perry had demanded UT President Bill Powers' resignation, or threatened to veto the University's appropriation from the state? He could have surely used the dubious allegations raised by Regent Wallace Hall.

But the most important part of all this is that it is merely an indictment. I, for one, zealously look forward to a trial. But remember, UDeMs, this means he's innocent until proven guilty. Innocent people don't typically resign.

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COLUMN

## Daily Texan piece on UT in 2083 shows that work remains to be done



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Last week, I made the trek to the Briscoe Center, located next to the LBJ Presidential Library, in search of a Daily Texan article from the 1970s. I was unsuccessful in my pursuit, but I didn't leave the center empty-handed. While looking for one article, I came across another, more interesting one that asked students in 1983 what they thought UT would be like 100 years later, in 2083.

The introduction to the piece read, "I would hope that by the year 2000, we no longer have to be concerned about ethnic, economic and cultural diversity on campus. The future student body should represent the full range of society. And access to education should be related to intellectual skill and ability." Margaret Kidd, the associate director of the International Office at the time, said, "[What] I hope to see happen is more equitable distribution of foreign students."

Even 41 years later, the main goal expressed by the article is still being pursued. UT is still not nearly as diverse ethnically, culturally or economically as it should be. This lack of diversity is now more apparent than ever, and if students aren't made more aware of it, the issue will continue to rear its ugly horns.

Almost half of the 40 Acres is populated by white students — 46 percent of the total student body, to be exact. In surveys conducted by UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute at hundreds of universities across the nation, a whopping 49 percent of UT-Austin students came from families making \$100,000 or more a year, almost twice the median income — \$50,740 — for Texas families. Sixty percent of UT Austin students' families make more than \$75,000 a year.

This article, as well as the cold, hard facts of the current makeup of UT's student body, should serve as a reminder of the work that has to be done. In the 40-plus years since this article was written, many positive changes have been made at UT, but in terms of fulfilling the crystal ball prophecies of UT's students and employees circa 1983, we are a long way off.

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COLUMN

## In midst of Ferguson violence, Islam teaches racial lessons



File photo / Associated Press

In this May 21, 1964 file photo, Malcolm X speaks during a news conference at the Hotel Theresa in Harlem, New York.

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*Editor's Note: "Peace be upon him" (abbreviated "pbuh") is a salutation for the prophets of Islam. Who receives salutations depends on the school of thought. It is a mandatory practice per the Quran and hadiths.*

Malcolm X once said, "America needs to understand Islam, because this is the one religion that erases from its society the race problem." In the context of the aforementioned quote, Malcolm X addresses the point that western imperialism and the colonization of foreign lands led to the subjugation of its native peoples, which, among other things, led to the deprivation of identity and heritage. Institutional racism was at the heart of the grievances of civil rights activists. Considering our foreign policy, immigration policy and the legal system, these grievances are still dangerously relevant. Nothing better demonstrates this than the tragedy that is unfolding surrounding Ferguson. As a Muslim UT student, I'm reminded of the bleach bombings in West Campus, and that Islamic wisdom would prevent such racism, regardless of religiosity. Islam addresses all the different roots of racism, from the social to the economic causes. To briefly explore how Islam rejects racism, I will address four types of racism.

Pre-reflective gut racism is racism that describes the progression of feelings of wonder to fear to aggression, to things which are alien to us. This is where emotions rule over the intellect, and a difference in appearance evokes fear. The Quran tells us that God made us into different peoples and tribes so that we might know each other. The Quran goes beyond accepting diversity by celebrating it. By commanding us to know each other, ignorance is removed, making pre-reflective gut racism impossible because fear is supplanted with curiosity and community.

Post-reflective gut racism is racism that describes the rationalized belief in a race's superiority over another, like Zionism. The previous Quranic reference also notes that all humanity shares a common origin, and it's only those who are God-conscious who are honored in the eyes of God. Humanity's common origin undermines any claim of a race's superiority. In addition, it's the metric of "God-consciousness," not one's race, that determines self-value. This is exemplified in one of the narrations of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), which states: "...all of you are from (Prophet) Adam and Adam was (created) from mud... best servant of Allah is that servant who has consciousness of Him."

Cultural racism is racism that describes the belief in the superiority of one's culture. This is

wholly rejected by Islam in many accounts since cultural racism in the form of tribalism was one of the major signs of ignorance that was abolished by the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). To address tribal and nationalistic racism, the Prophet Muhammad is said to have stated, "...all of mankind — from the time of Adam until our time — are like the teeth of a comb (all equal to one another) and there is no greatness for an Arab over a non-Arab and no greatness for a red-skinned person over a black-skinned person, except due to one's consciousness of Allah."

The rejection of racism goes beyond scripture and narrations. When Muslims were being persecuted, the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) sent his followers to take refuge with a black Christian priest. This same priest, who later converted to Islam, performed the marriage rites between the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and his wife, Umm Habiba.

Institutional racism is racism that describes institutional differential treatment based on race. This form of racism manifests itself in different ways, such as discriminatory policies, immigration laws and legal systems. Considering the points made thus far, institutional racism cannot stand, but to be thorough, consider the Islamic rituals which institutionalize community, thus rejecting institutional racism. The primary examples of such rituals are prayer and Hajj. Prayer, especially congregation prayer, is a ritual wherein five times a day Muslims submit to God, evoking humility and God-consciousness. Hajj, the once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to Mecca, is a ritual where unity is constantly reinforced to participants in a myriad of ways, like shaving one's head and donning a white cloth, a symbol of unity and submission to God's will.

Malcolm X notes that poverty is racism. Without economic freedom, a people will be disadvantaged, deprived and oppressed. That is why Islam, in rejecting racism and its causes, mandates that the economics of a society must protect the values of Islam, sharing wealth and opportunity. The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) gave, against protests of the racist Arab elites, Bilal, who was a black ex-slave, the important religious post of Muaddhin, or the one who made the call to prayer. The Prophet Muhammad explained his action as a denunciation of racism and the promotion of character.

Remember, racism has many faces with many causes. Racism in Ferguson or in Austin cannot be resolved simply by equality in the eyes of the law; we must recognize first what racism truly is, all four of its types. More than equality, we need justice in the execution of law, in society, and economics. Islam taught me this.

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CAMPUS

# Party on the Plaza finishes off Longhorn Welcome

By Caleb Wong  
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The Gregory Gym plaza was filled with students Wednesday attending the annual Party on the Plaza event.

The event, hosted by the Division of Recreational Sports, provides student organizations and commercial vendors a venue to connect with UT students at the beginning of each school year.

Sara Beirne, co-chair of the Party on the Plaza committee, said the purpose of the event is to raise money for the Student Emergency Fund, a reserve of money designed to help out students with short-term financial needs. The event raised money from the mandatory \$20 Student Emergency Fund fee organizations must pay in order to host a table at Party on the Plaza.

“If [students] are dealing with different types of bills they can’t keep up with, we have a fund to help with lease assistance,” said Krista Anderson, coordinator for Student Emergency Services. “We will work with students through any type of financial crisis.”

Party on the Plaza was the last part of Longhorn Welcome, two weeks of events hosted by the Division of Student Affairs intended to help new students acclimate to campus. Aerospace engineering freshman Shawn Killian said Party on the Plaza helped him become familiar with various student organizations.

“I thought [Party on the Plaza] was well put together,” Killian said. “I feel like I was exposed to a lot of things I would have never even considered.”

Undeclared freshman Bailey Saldana said the event helped her find organizations that made her feel like more than just a number.

“I think it’s been really helpful so far,” Saldana said. “It makes you feel like a part of UT and not just someone that goes here.”

Organizations, such as Texas Quidditch, use the event as a



way to recruit students.

“We really like Party on the Plaza because it draws out a lot of the freshmen,” said Audrey Wright, physics senior and vice president of Texas Quidditch. “Not only are we getting students from Party on the Plaza looking for something to be a part of, [but] we’re also getting the people on the way to the gym.”

Braydon Jones, Party on the Plaza committee co-chair and Student Government assembly speaker, said the party is important for new students to attend.

“You can always make a large university small, and you can do that by being involved,” Jones said. “We have a lot of great events, and the dean of students’ office wanted Party on the Plaza to wrap it up and be the final event.”



**Above:** Members of the Indian Students Association greet students attending Party on the Plaza, providing them with information about the organization. Party on the Plaza gave organizations like ISA a chance to connect with students and recruit new members.

**Left:** UT students spin a prize wheel at The Princeton Review booth during Party on the Plaza.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## SG examines FERPA, interview procedures

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Members of Student Government met Wednesday to discuss the handling of interview notes for external and internal appointments.

The meeting was called by the Rules and Regulations Committee to discuss specific ways of altering the appointment process for internal and external positions to increase the involvement of SG assembly members, while still following rules under the Office of the Dean of Students.

The discussion follows an August decision from the Office of Legal Affairs not to release interview notes for

internal and external positions under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act — a federal law protecting certain student information. The SG Judicial Court previously ruled in May that the notes should be released.

At the meeting, Sergio Cavazos, College of Liberal Arts representative, said SG should meet with UT legal representatives to better understand FERPA.

“I think that getting anything from legal specifying what information is protected or isn’t protected is something that we need to do,” Cavazos said. “Especially with everything that has come up in the past couple of months concerning

what happened in interviews — things people have said.”

Cameron Crane, College of Natural Sciences representative, said he had done research on his own and was confused about how students releasing information of their own accord would be considered a violation of the federal law.

“In my opinion, UT legal is just being cautious because they want to keep the University from a potential lawsuit, so they’re just going to say most things are FERPA related to prevent a potential lawsuit against the University,” Crane said.

Melysa Barth, Rules and Regulations Committee chair, said the committee discussed

the possibility of creating a waiver for all applicants of internal and external positions that would allow the information to be reviewed by SG assembly members.

“The point of the checks that we wanted to have in there was that you understand by applying that your application is going to be released to these entities,” Barth said.

Another proposed solution from the committee was the inclusion of assembly members during the interview process.

“We were elected by students on this campus to vet the candidates that are being put up for appointment,” Cavazos said. “I think that, at

that point, if we can’t get a hold of the notes or understand their credentials, then I think there should be an inclusion of assembly members in the interview or the assembly itself running the interview.”

SG Vice President Taylor Strickland said, while some limitations may need to be set, including assembly members in the interview process would help individuals not affiliated with SG to have more confidence in SG appointment decisions.

Barth said the Rules and Regulations Committee will wait to propose a bill for the changes until the entire governing document has been reviewed for rule changes.

### SAFE RIDE

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partnering with UT to create Safe Ride — it was postponed.

“We’re really excited to bring this program to UT,” Rady said. “It has been a long time coming. A lot of our peer institutions have programs similar to this. It’s something that I think we really do need, and a lot of students have expressed to me previously that it’s needed. The University and Parking and Transportation Services are bringing this to the University and our students.”

According to Rady, Safe Ride is sponsored by the Office of the President and SG, making the service free to students. Students can sign up for Safe Ride on the University’s Parking and Transportation Services website.

### PLAYERS

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never know,” Oliveira said. “But the way things transpired, it probably worked out for the best.”

The Players property and surrounding area will be the site of the new Robert B. Rowling Hall, a separate graduate student building for the McCombs School of Business. The building will have an underground expansion of the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center, a food service area and a 400 space parking garage.

The University announced in May that the \$172 million project would be completed in 2017. Oliveira and Hempe also received an email in May from Kirk S. Tames, the University’s interim executive director of real estate, notifying the owners that Players must be closed by Nov. 30. In the email, the two were told they would

receive \$738,773.27 as compensation for the early termination date.

According to Hempe, their contract with UT states the University could ask Players to close at any time, as long as the restaurant was given six months’ notice. Hempe said they were given warnings the notice was coming a few weeks before it was officially sent.

“We figured it would take them two-three years to get all their dominos in a row, and that’s about what it took,” Hempe said.

Oliveira and Hempe opened Players in 1981, offering around-the-clock service to students and other locals.

“We thought it would be a good idea to have something here for the students,” Oliveira said. “We were one of the first places to be open 24 hours. We got a lot of the late night business, and it kind of transformed from there.”

After 33 years of business, Oliveira said Players gained

many regulars and served everyone from students and government workers to athletes and politicians. He said their support is what kept the restaurant running for so long.

“We hit a second-generation years ago,” Oliveira said. “It’s pretty neat to see the parents, then their kids both coming to UT 25, 30 years apart.”

Hempe said there are three smaller Players locations around Austin that he and Oliveira will focus on and relocate many of their current employees to.

According to Hempe, he and Oliveira are open to starting a new main restaurant if they could find a comparable property, but he said that seems unlikely.

“Right now we have a half-acre in the middle of Austin with parking and a drive-thru,” Hempe said. “To duplicate that is going to be real difficult for us. We’re looking, but we haven’t found anything that would suit our needs.”



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## FOOTBALL



Last year, Texas gave up 550 rushing yards to BYU, but senior defensive tackle Desmond Jackson and a revamped defense are ready to avenge that loss.

Amy Zhang  
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## Defense ready to stop BYU QB

By Jori Epstein  
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If the Texas defensive linemen could erase one memory from their college football experiences, it would be their time in the locker room in Provo, Utah, last fall.

"It was terrible and bewildering," senior linebacker Jordan Hicks said. "We went into the game feeling ready, and it got handed to us."

Last season, in embarrassing fashion, the Longhorns lost to an unranked BYU team as then-sophomore quarterback Taysom Hill trampled them for 259 yards and three touchdowns, gathering a program-record 550 rushing yards.

"That's the most embarrassed I've ever been in my life," senior cornerback Quandre Diggs said. "[The film] was embarrassing then, and it's embarrassing now. But it's a new year, day, team and coaches."

Much has changed since

the Longhorns faced BYU. After then-head coach Mack Brown thought the defensive line needed new guidance, he replaced defensive coordinator Manny Diaz with Greg Robinson, who won the 2005 Rose Bowl with Texas. Vance Bedford has since replaced Robinson as defensive coordinator.

"He came in and tried to simplify things, with the terminology and the schemes," Hicks said. "Now, we need to make sure that every player understands the game plan, is on the same page and is working toward the same goals to execute his job."

Hicks believes creating that solid game plan is the key to reversing Texas' luck against BYU. He said Texas' downfall in the 2013 matchup was missed assignments that caused the team lost leverage. Now, the team stresses the need for accountability and gap integrity on the field, which it achieved in last week's 38-7

victory against North Texas.

After allowing just 94 yards of total offense against the Mean Green last Saturday and picking four balls, Texas experienced something that it never even considered in Provo — it had fun.

"We don't care what other people do or what the media says — we're just going to do what we do and go out and have fun," Diggs said. "You could see last week we had fun, getting the sideline going and the crowd going. It's a big week for us, and we want people in the stands to get the game sold out."

Although Diggs said the stadium energy factored into the enjoyment of last week's game, the team's desire to have fun dates back to weeks earlier. Strong and Bedford emphasize enjoying the game throughout practices and camps, introducing inter-team competitions and prizes to up players' motivation. The

defensive teams compete for the weekly "takeaway belt," a bragging right the linebackers won first, but every squad has won at least once now.

"If you emphasize stuff in practice and camp, it'll carry over to the games," Hicks said. "The habits become reality."

Coming into the locker room Saturday, the Longhorns won't dwell on the Provo postgame experience from last year. They're ready to put the loss behind them and show fans the new defensive prowess. If the nerves start up, or memories of last year's locker room scene do begin to surface, the players just need to look at the walls of their home locker room. A series of signs were posted up on the walls before the season opener, all reading the same word — "FUN."

## VOLLEYBALL

## Dalton contributing after missing last year

By Jacob Martella  
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When sophomore utility player Nicole Dalton stepped onto the court in the Lobo Classic last weekend, it was the culmination of a year-and-a-half of hard work and rehab.

Following the Longhorns' national title run in 2012, Dalton had surgery on her left and right hips last season, forcing her to sit out for the majority of the year.

After a tough rehab, Dalton returned to the court Friday against UTEP and played a key part in Texas' three wins over the weekend.

"I've been waiting for almost a year-and-a-half to get back onto the court," Dalton said. "It felt good to just get out there and play."

In her freshman year, Dalton played in 31 of the Longhorns' 35 matches and posted a .206 hitting percentage, along with 35 kills and 184 digs. But two days after Texas claimed its national title, Dalton underwent surgery on her left hip to help fix a labral tear.

Dalton, a Colorado native, went through the rehab process during the offseason, only to have a setback with her right hip, forcing her to have a second surgery in September and redshirt last season.

"It's almost been a year, and I'm slowly but surely getting back onto the court," Dalton said.

Dalton described her time away from the court as one of the hardest things she's done. However, during that time, Dalton found a new role for herself on the team as almost

another assistant coach, helping the setters figure out where to go with the ball.

"They were really good with communicating with me and taking my feedback," Dalton said.

While the typical length of recovery for Dalton's injury is six to eight months, it took her eight to ten months to complete her rehab. And once team doctors cleared her for action, winning a spot on the court wasn't an easy task, considering the Longhorns' stacked lineup. Still, Dalton was confident she would make the most of her opportunities and win a spot on the roster.

In three matches this past weekend, she totaled 56 assists and 19 digs and was named to the all-tournament team.

Head coach Jerrett Elliott is finally ready to have Dalton back. With such a young team, he hopes Dalton continues to be a leader off the court, as she makes her way back on it.

"Everybody thinks that this is a great team at this point, but we are extremely young in terms of the amount of time players have had on the court," Elliott said. "[Dalton] has done a really nice job of being a veteran in this program and leading them and having the confidence to keep them calm."

With both hips now healed and the Longhorns eyeing a return to the national championship, Dalton isn't worried about injuries. Instead, she simply wants to play her game.

"I have nothing to lose," Dalton said. "Everything's fixed."

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SCIENCE SCENE

# Happiness linked to daily doses of charity



By Robert Starr  
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The average social media stream as of late has been overrun with people, across all ages, genders and backgrounds, taking the “ice bucket challenge.” The specifics of the challenge vary, but the gist of it is that a person has to choose to either dump a bucket of ice water on his head or donate some money to an organization — typically one supporting research for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, known as ALS. Usually, the participant does both and then challenges several of their friends to do the same.

There have been many variations, ranging from chemistry students dumping liquid nitrogen on their heads — don’t try that

at home — to comedian Orlando Jones showering himself with a bucket of bullets in an attempt to call attention to hatred in its various forms around the world. The origins of the challenge are unclear, as are the ways in which ice water has anything to do with ALS, but what isn’t unclear is this: People are helping others, and they’re having fun doing it. This is not very surprising.

There’s quite a bit of literature supporting the idea that helping others is one of the quickest pathways to happiness. Counter to most people’s assumptions, the amount of money given away has a much stronger impact on how happy a person will be than the amount of money a person has earned — at least once enough money is made to cover basic necessities.

Studies have found that even the thought of money tends to make people less social and charitable, which, in turn, tends to make them less happy. However, if money is spent in what researchers refer to as a “prosocial fashion,” it can improve one’s life.

“Although most cynics might jump up and say that people only help others to make themselves feel good, charity doesn’t have to be arduous or painful to be effective.”

A short paper in a 2008 issue of Science Magazine sums up the issue in its title, “Spending Money on Others Promotes Happiness.”

As part of this study, researchers gave money to 46 people and told them how to spend it. Those who were told to use the money on someone else, either as a gift or donation, ended up feeling better at the end of the study than those told to spend it on themselves. This effect was confirmed in a more recent paper that used subjects from Canada and South Africa, suggesting that the good feelings people get from giving may be an intrinsic part of human nature and not a product of cultural upbringing.

Whether subjects

donated \$5 or \$20, there was no change in the amount of happiness they felt after the fact. Still, one doesn’t need to give away money to help others; a different study from 2008 showed that volunteering may actually feel more rewarding than giving away a cash donation. Scientists also found a correlation between the amount of time a person spent volunteering and how healthy they were.

Although most cynics might jump up and say that people only help others to make themselves feel good, charity doesn’t have to be arduous or painful to be effective. The “ice bucket challenge” has brought in more than \$100 million for the ALS Association over



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the last month. When compared to the \$26.3 million the organization raised during the entirety of 2013, it’s easier to put those cynical

thoughts on ice. Or, better yet, put them into an ice bucket and dump it on your head. That is, if you’re willing to accept the challenge.

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beyond the familiar 40 Acres. The familiar burnt orange and white that covers the campus each game day could have easily been burnt orange and maroon. Burnt orange and white, a color combination that is now so closely connected to the UT tradition, was not a unanimous decision. Before orange and white was

adopted, public opinion was split.

“Students in Austin wanted orange and maroon; alumni, orange and white; and medical students, royal blue,” Menefee said. The decision came down to a vote. Orange and white prevailed with a slim 252-vote lead against orange and maroon.

Another story explains how Longhorns began singing “The Eyes of Texas.” The song was originally a parody of former UT President William Prather’s “habit of ending his speeches with these words: ‘Students of the University, remember—the eyes of Texas are upon you.’” In 1903, John

Sinclair wrote the present wording and set it to the tune of “I’ve Been Working on the Railroad.” The song was sung seriously for the first time at President Prather’s funeral.

Reading Menefee’s 1958 article, it is clear that traditions arise when there is a need for them. Longhorns maintain their love for their

school and show it by engaging in Hex rallies and travelling to the OU game every year.

“The campus has grown,” Menefee said. “It is closer to 200 acres rather than the original 40 — and with it has grown traditions. What the present has left behind, tradition will carry on.”

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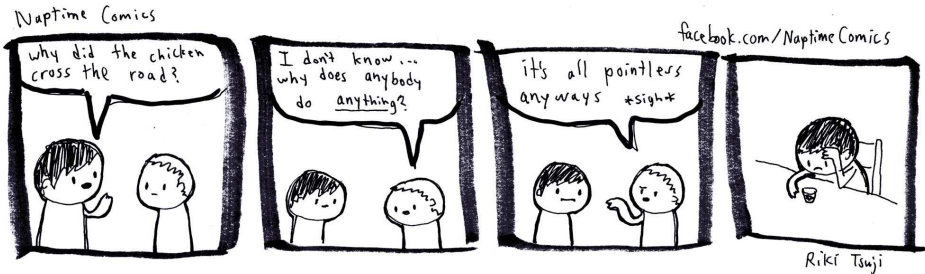
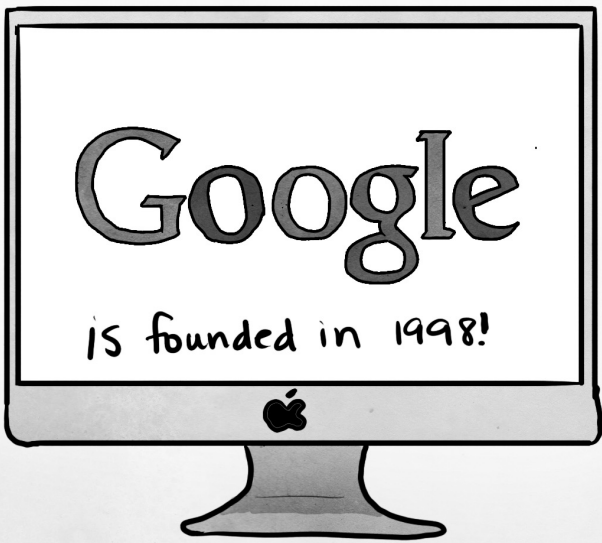
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**ACROSS**

1 Financial writer Marshall

5 Girl of Guatemala

10 Captain played by Patrick Stewart

14 Shade provider

15 Chinese province known for its spicy cuisine

16 Plumb crazy

17 Be long and boring

18 Prayer starter

19 Ruined, in a way

20 55-Across, e.g.

23 Shark

25 Dangling piece of jewelry

28 55-Across, e.g.?

32 Come to

33 "Amazing!"

34 Antipolipioneer

35 Second of all?

36 Sardonic Larry

38 Journal

39 Low state

42 Drops

45 Lender's assessment

46 Mars, e.g.

47 Edit

50 Easily prepared lunch item, informally

54 Fire truck item

55 Visual representation of this puzzle's theme

59 Jackie's #2

60 Insults

62 Left or right

63 Short news item

65 Sign word after "Ye"

66 Ottoman V.I.P.

67 \_\_\_ rings

68 One with a staff position?

69 \_\_\_ Noire (Russie borderer)

70 Lather

**DOWN**

1 Trailblazed

2 Stroke, in a way

3 Empties

4 Irish oath

5 Who said "The less you open your heart to others, the more your heart suffers?"

6 Alternative to standard TV

7 "How could \_\_\_?"

8 Attention to detail

9 Bargnani of the N.B.A.

10 Home of Banff National Park

11 People swear by it

12 Strikeout star

13 Where the nose is

21 Whimper

22 Nebr. neighbor

23 You, on the Yucatán

24 Pilot's place

26 \_\_\_ rings

27 Feature of some cuts

29 Howard of Ayn Rand's "The Fountainhead"

30 Part of U.S.S.R.: Abbr.

31 Word with honey or flower

36 You might need a lot of it for your files

37 It's far out

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40 Master

41 Areas that may be protected by military jets

43 Regions within regions

44 Nine-digit no. issuer

47 It might make one's shadow disappear

48 The Roman dramatist Seneca, once

49 Proceeds indirectly

51 Pacific nation once known as Pleasant Island

52 Like prunes

53 Agrees

56 Hit 1996 live-action/animated film

57 We're living in it

58 Name for 55-Across

61 Fetch

64 Bev. units

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