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Palin's not here!

The Travis County Democratic Party hosts "An Evening without Sarah Palin" Serranos, 1111 Red River St., 6:30 p.m.

Mystery dishes

Cookbook author Diana Kennedy discusses the rarely published dishes and recipes of Mexico. Blanton Auditorium, The Blanton Museum of Art, 6 to 7 p.m.

Serve it up

Women's tennis begins play in the Big 12 Championships. Penick-Allison Tennis Center, all day.

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"But just as a mullet is business in the front, party in the back, Ruffin is business on the diamond and party in the locker room."

> — Chris Tavarez Daily Texan sports writer **SPORTS PAGE 7**

Workers protest unpaid wages

After deaths at complex, workers seek recompense for overtime labor hours

By Bobby Longoria Daily Texan Staff

Construction worker Gumercindo Rodriguez can still recall the events of June 10, when the scaffolding underneath his feet gave way as he and his fellow coworkers were applying stucco to the exterior of the 21 Rio Apartments complex. As the scaffolding fell apart, Rodriguez leaped onto a nearby patio and sustained minor injuries, but his three friends were not so lucky.

"Ever since that accident happened, it has had a big impact on me," he said. "Some of the things we suffered at work — they didn't treat us like people — they didn't treat us like human beings."

The incident, because of its proximity to the University and its location within a dense area, brought to light "unsafe and unfair" working conditions for construction workers, said Patricia Zavala, spokeswoman for the Workers Defense Project.

The project advocates for construction workers' rights, and on Wednesday, the group's

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Construction worker Sixto Jaimes holds a banner for the Workers Defense Project as he and several others gather outside of the 21 Rio Apartments in West Campus to protest unpaid worker wages. The project claims about 24 workers are owed approximately \$120,000.

Haiti's soccer team displays resilience, delivers message

Crowd of fans attends sporting event to show support to country

By Michael Sherfield **Daily Texan Staff**

For most of the victims and survivors of the Jan. 12 earthquake that shook Haiti to its core, killing more than 250,000 and shattering the lives of millions of others, there have been few days of optimism.

the illuminated backdrop of was overshadowed by an outa welcoming foreign city, the Haitian men's national soccer team played out its message of

endurance, survival, and most importantly, hope for its nation to see.

"We mean a lot for the peo-ple of Haiti," defender Peter Germain said. "It shows them soccer can come with something. The people here help Haiti a lot. We will never for-

get that." The result of the game, a 0-0 draw against the Aztex, Austin's USL-1 team in its second year as a professional team, But Wednesday night, under didn't matter much. The game pouring of support from the

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Mary Kang | Daily Texan Staff

Haitian National Team soccer player Jean Baptiste meditates during a break in the Austin Aztex vs. Haitian National Team soccer game on

Allergies signal spring's arrival

Austin offers alternate treatments including herbal medications

By Priscilla Totiyapungprasert Daily Texan Staff

Among the many things Austin is famous for — live music, festivals, blue politics in a red state — the city of constant pollination is also infamous for one year-round problem: allergies. While there are various methods that help alleviate allergies, students beset by itchy red eyes and an irritating tickle in the nose as they walk to class may be interested in trying something

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Catalina Padilla | Daily Texan Staff

Acupuncturist Katie McBrearty-Shields who runs the Ancient Arts Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine clinic in Central Austin, gives Priscilla Totiyapungprasert, a Daily Texan reporter, a session to help her with her allergies Wednesday afternoon.

Researchers unite to advance child health

By Collin Eaton **Daily Texan Staff**

Researchers from several institutions in the UT System are lending their efforts to a national children's health study that will track the effects of environment and genetics on a child's health from the time a mother is pregnant until the subject reaches 21 years old.

The National Children's Study will collect data on 100,000 participants. Dr. Debra Cherry, an assistant professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, is the location lead investigator of the UT study team that will, be-

ginning this summer, collect data from mothers and children from Lamar County, one of 10 counties already selected for the study. Cherry said the National Children's Study is the largest study ever conducted on the effect of children's environments on their health.

"[The study] has the potential to discover the causes of pre-term birth, asthma, obesity and autism," Cherry said. "With any research study, there's no guarantee, but it's a powerful study because it's a nationally represented sample, and nothing

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Cactus Cafe's fate depends on feedback

By Shabab Siddiqui **Daily Texan Staff**

The fate of the Cactus Cafe will not be determined until at least May 7 in order to accept feedback regarding the two options for future operations of the cafe.

Vice President for Student Affairs Juan González was originally charged with making a recommendation to the Texas Union Board of Directors for their April 30 meeting about what to do with the cafe. He and Dean of Students Soncia Reagins-Lilly have spent the last several weeks

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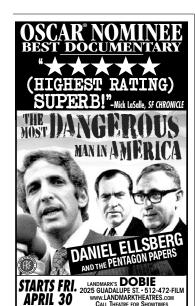
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21 RIO: Protesters demand improved safety

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100-plus supporters, including several workers, marched to The Gables Park Plaza and the 21 Rio Apartments complex. During the protest, staged during National Workers Memorial Day, the protesters demanded that the complexes push the developments' subcontractor, Greater Metroplex Interiors, to pay approximately \$120,000 in unpaid wages to more than 24 workers, whom Zavala said were never paid for overtime work and their last two weeks of work on the 21 Rio project.

"While [GMI] are the ones that technically owe the workers the money, really, it's the responsibility of everybody on the work site to ensure it's a fair site and that people are getting paid," Zavala said.

The families of the three workers who died filed a lawsuit against American Mast Climbers, the manufacturer and owner of the mastclimber scaffold, and alleged negligence against the general contractor of the project, Andres Construction Services Company and Great-

er Metroplex Interiors. A search warrant of the 21 Rio construction site concluded that employees of American Mast Climbers committed the offense of criminally negligent homicide, a state jail felony, by constructing the mast-climbing unit in a way that created a substantial risk of death.

As a result of the 21 Rio accident, the City Council passed a resolution October 1 that asked the city manager to develop a list of options to address safety at private construction sites. Sara Hartley, spokeswoman for the city's Department of Public Works, said the options have been presented to the council. The council has not made any final decisions about the options.

Zavala said the workers labored for about 70 hours a week on the project for six or seven days at a time, but they never received over-



Construction worker Gumercindo Rodriguez stands in front of Gables Park Plaza where he worked for several months. He is protesting for unpaid wages and claims he, along with several other workers, was not paid for overtime for his last two weeks of work on the 21 Rio construction project.

promised \$14 per hour, but he only received \$10 an hour, sometimes less. A study by the Worker's Defense Project found that 50 percent of Texas construction workers do not receive overtime pay and that one out of five have been seriously injured on the job.

Robert de Bruin, vice president for construction of Gables Residential, said that in August, WDP officials claimed the workers of the Gables Park Plaza were only owed \$35,000 by GMI. He said that Gables itself is not able to pay the workers because they are under contract with a separate entity.

He said Gables has facilitated three discussions between the project and other subcontractors. In May, Gables brought together the project and a now out-of-business subcontractor named Pro Rock and settled a \$6,000 claim of

time pay. Rodriguez said he was ers for the Gables development over the unpaid wages because on Fifth Street. They helped settle a \$1,000 claim for electricians not paid by Pro Rock on the same project, as well.

De Bruin said Gables helped settle an \$18,000 claim in January for cabinet installers of the Gables Park Plaza project.

"I am disappointed. We have a good track record of helping to negotiate settlements in the past, and we have told them we would help them with this one," de Bruin said. "I am really disappointed they would resort to a protest after everything we have done."

He said the WDP has not communicated with Gables for close to three months now and that the protest blindsided the property management.

Tim Hanson, spokesman for Campus Advantage Property, which manages 21 Rio, said the unpaid wages to cabinet install- management has little control

they are not under contract to pay the workers. It is the subcontractor who was under contract to pay the workers, Hanson said.

'We have fulfilled our duties. We certainly can sympathize and empathize with the workers, but we are the property manager of the building," Hanson said. "21 Rio doesn't have any involvement or input on it. Any of these grievances and issues needs to go back to the subcontractors that this all stems from.'

Doug Nies, the CEO of GMI, said they have always paid their workers correctly, and this also applies to overtime wages. He said that there is something not right with the project's claim of \$120,000, but he did not comment further on the issue.

None of the parties involved know when the issue will be re-

ALLERGIES: Doctor promotes acupuncture treatments

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outside of the usual over-thecounter pills and decongestants.

A multitude of local, natural ing of the immune system." medicine clinics offer everything from herbs to acupuncture to help cure ailments of the body, pollen allergies included.

"Allergies are the body's immune system overreacting to something that shouldn't be dangerous," said Dr. Vanessa Fritz, owner of Austin Natural Family Medicine. "A lot of over-the-counter medica-

tion will only take care of the symptoms, and only temporarily. To get to the root of the problem, we need

alternative and Oriental medicine because of the severe allergy problems she experienced while growing up. When twice-a-week allergy shots stopped helping, Fritz began looking into herbal remedies and eventually graduated from the National College of Natural Medicine.

When patients come in with

allergy problems, Fritz usually treats them with nettle, a medicinal herb that helps moderate the to get to the cause: the malfunction- immune system and decrease ex- acupuncturist Katie McBreartycess phlegm the body produces in Shields, who runs the Ancient Arts Fritz said she started exploring reaction to an allergy. Although it Acupuncture and Herbal Mediis best taken a month before a patient's allergy season, nettle can be eaten "as a green" or in capsule form in the middle of the season,

as well, she said. Nettle provides minerals to counterbalance the acidic diet college students tend to have from not consuming enough vegetables

This newspaper was written,

by The Daily Texan and Texas

Student Media.

and water, Fritz said

Another way to treat allergies is through acupuncture, said licensed cine clinic in Central Austin.

"[Acupuncture] usually works best if you come in for three to five treatments before your allergy season starts because the response is better, but coming in the middle of the season is just like putting a fire out," McBrearty-Shields said. "The response is still good for clearing symptoms and strengthening the body."

There are 389 regular points along the body's 12 meridians, or energy paths that connect the organs and carry blood to the neck, said McBrearty-Shields, who specializes in Oriental medicine. For her treatments, she inserts two to 12 needles through the allergy points. The procedure is typically painless and relaxes patients, sometimes even leaving them in a meditative state, McBrearty-Shields said.

The needles act like jumper cables for when the energy paths are blocked, McBrearty-Shields said. Blocked paths can weaken the immune system, causing the body to produce an excess of phlegm, she said.

Allergy specialist Dr. William Otto, who works at the Austin Regional Clinic, said the overreaction of the immune system does not necessarily indicate a weakened immune system. While herbal remedies may work for some, the effects are questionable because of the lack of research. Not all of Otto's patients have experienced positive results from herbal medication.

"The [Food and Drug Administration] hasn't done any tests, and there aren't really a lot of good studies about homeopathic therapies," Otto said. "The effects of these therapies are questionable because we just don't know much about them.

Otto said there have been studies that show a favorable response of acupuncture to treat symptoms, but they have only shown shortterm results.

One natural method Otto recommends to clear decongestion is a salt-water nasal wash, which soothes the nasal cavity by washing out pollen and drainage, he said.

"I try to base treatment on good, strong evidence," Otto said. "Maybe the FDA should take a better look at some of these homeopathic therapies."

CACTUS: Added time beneficial for supporters

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engaging in discussions with interested parties and holding open forums.

The board meets Friday at 3 p.m. in the Texas Union Board of Director's Room. González will not be in attendance due to a death in his family.

Reagins-Lilly said she will read a statement and facilitate conversation in González's

Hayley Gillespie, an ecology, evolution and behavior graduate student and co-founder of Student Friends of the Cactus Cafe, said more time to discuss business models for the future operation of the cafe would be beneficial and that many in support of the cafe have previously asked González to delay decision deadlines for 60 to 90

Additional reporting by Collin Eaton.

RESEARCH: Act pushes lengthy, expensive study

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like this has ever been done before. This has the potential to really revolutionize health care for children."

In 2000, Congress passed the Children's Health Act, which charged the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and other agencies to conduct the nationwide study. The planning phase of the program, which lasted from 2000 through 2006, cost \$12.2 million. The implementation phase, beginning in 2007, has cost \$193.8 million to date.

Travis, Bexar, Harris, Hidalgo and Lamar counties were selected as study sites, and seven other counties are potential future study sites.

Margaret Caughy, an associate professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, said the researchers will frequently interview mothers during their nine months of pregnancy and throughout the first years of the newborn child's life. When the children are old enough, the researchers will begin to ask them questions and will continue to do so periodically until the children turn 21. Caughy said the study will be able to generalize its results because its participants are carefully selected to create a large and diverse sample.

"One of the reasons they have this very large sample size is that they're really trying to come up with a sample that is representative of children of the United States as a whole," she said. "They're trying to get children who represent the United States as a whole in terms of race and ethnicity, residence [areas such as] urban, rural [and] suburban.'

George Lister, a pediatrics professor at UT-Southwestern Medical School, will be the lead investigator of the UT physician research team. The participants, women who are pregnant or are of childbearing age, will be identified through their health care providers — one of their new strategies. Recruitment will begin this summer after a long delay, Lister said.

"We received this grant two years ago," he said. "It was put on pause because enrollment was more sluggish than [previous researchers involved with the study] thought. We are now exploring ways to improve enrollment."

Cherry said researchers tried new methods of recruitment because door-to-door recruitment is too resource-intensive. "In February 2010, 30 ad-

ditional locations across the country were selected to test alternative recruitment approaches," Cherry said. "Lamar County is one of 10 that will be testing provider-based recruitment. Our goal is to get [participants] as early in pregnancy as possible."

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Former President George W. Bush and former first lady Laura W. Bush receive the Southern Methodist University John Goodwin Tower Center Medal of Freedom on April 21 in Dallas. In her autobiography set for release next week, Laura Bush discusses her youth and her experiences

Ex-first lady to release memoir

Bush recalls fatal crash, husband's alcoholism before rise to presidency

> By Jamie Stengle The Associated Press

DALLAS — Former first lady Laura Bush says in her new book that she lost her faith for many years after her pleas to God to could hear Douglas' mother sobspare the life of a high-school classmate whose car she hit were not answered

Bush talks in detail for the first time publicly of the accident she was involved in as a 17-year-old in Midland that killed her friend

Mike Douglas. She says that she began to fully empathize with considered divorce. and a girlfriend were on their his parents. She says that after way to a drive-in theater on Nov. a high-school classmate of her 6, 1963, when she ran a stop sign twin daughters committed suiand hit Douglas' car.

The memoir, "Spoken from the friend's parents. the Heart," is set for release next week.

Bush says that in the emergency room after the accident, she bing on the other side of a curtain. Guilt over the accident consumed her for years, and she regretted not visiting Douglas' parents following the accident.

Bush says in the book that when she became a mother, she

cide, she insisted that they visit

Bush also talks about everything from her childhood to meeting George W. Bush — the man she fell in love with for his humor and steadfastness — to her time as first lady.

She also dispels rumors that she considered leaving her husband over his drinking. She says that while his drinking was indeed a problem at one point, they loved each other and never

But she says he was "a bore" when he drank too much and she felt he could be a "better man."

She says her husband would drink bourbon before dinner, beer during and B&B after, a combination she called "lethal" but "completely accepted" by their social circle.

The man who went on to serve two terms as president quit drinking in 1986. She says his decision came as a result of a growing religious faith, being a husband and father and recognizing that "failures are best met headon, clear-eyed."

British politician calls voter 'bigot' after tense meeting

By David Stringer

The Associated Press

LONDON — Britain's Prime Minister blundered into the first major gaffe in his country's short campaign season Wednesday when an open television microphone captured him slamming a voter he'd just been trying to

Gordon Brown, apparently forgetting that he'd left a microphone pinned to his chest, called 66-yearold Gillian Duffy a "bigoted woman" as he was being driven from a public meeting where she had needled him on immigration.

Within minutes, the bad-tempered aside had exploded across the British media, and within a couple of hours, Brown was rushing back to her home to beg Duffy's forgiveness and writing to his supporters to make his apology clear.

All the rest of the country could do was look on as the cringe-inducing drama played out over bigoted woman."

television and radio. The debacle dealt Brown a big setback on the eve of the last TV debate ahead of the May 6 vote.

Duffy, a retired widow and a self-described supporter of Brown's Labour party, met with the prime minister at a campaign stop in the northern town of Rochdale and questioned him about the influx of eastern European immigrants into Britain.

Brown brushed the question aside and explained that Britons were also working in Europe, jumping into his prime ministerial Jaguar before complaining to an aide about the awkward encounter.

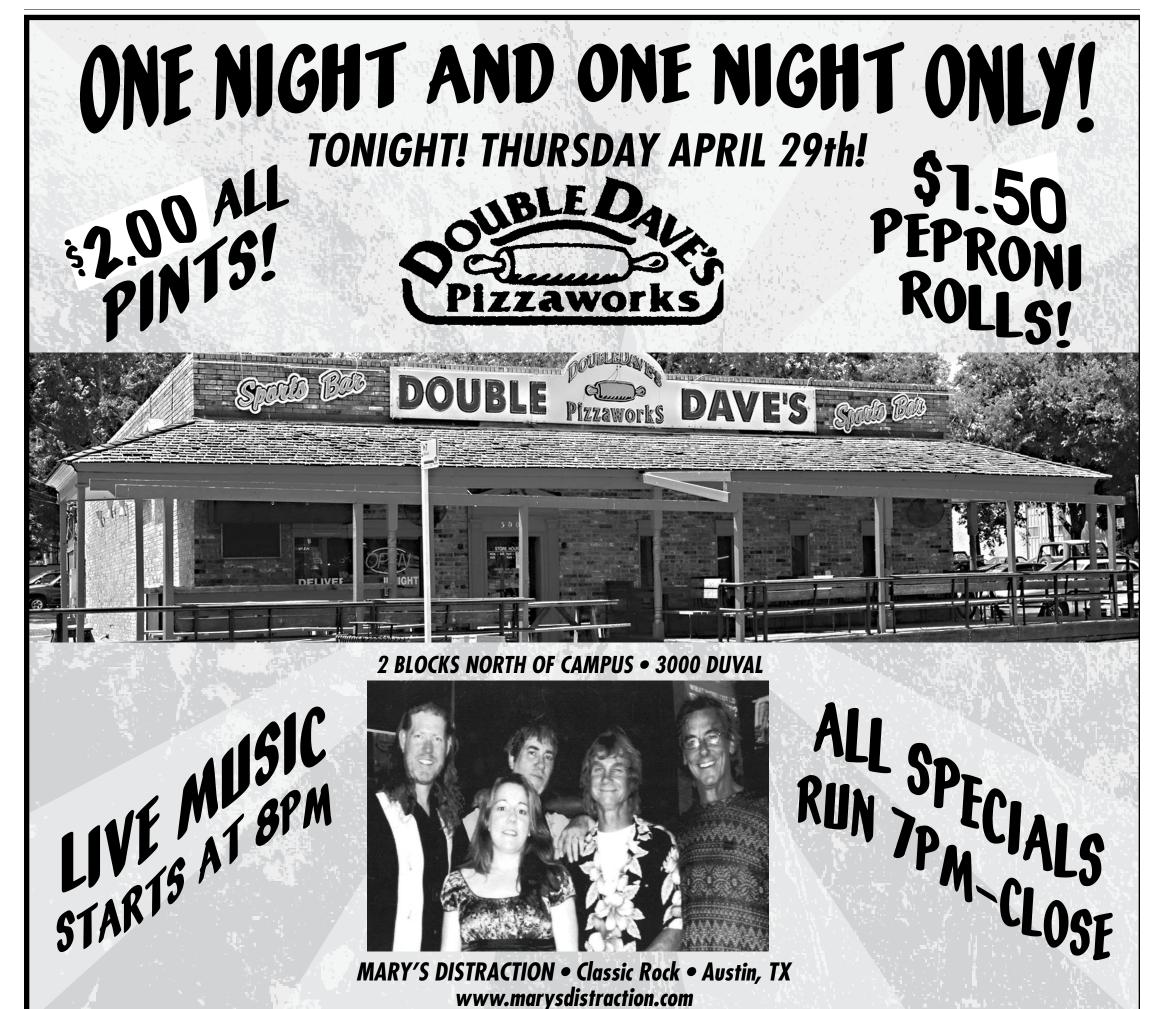
'That was a disaster. They should never have put me with that woman. Whose idea was that? It's just ridiculous," Brown is heard saying.

Asked what Duffy had said to upset him, Brown told the aide: "Everything. She's just a sort of



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Britain's Prime Minister Gordon Brown, wearing a microphone, speaks to local resident Gillian Duffy, 65, yesterday while campaigning for Britain's May 6 general election in Rochdale, England.



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QUOTES TO NOTE

The Washington Post reported Wednesday that Gov. Rick Perry recently shot and killed a coyote that interrupted his morning run. Perry, it turns out, carries a laser-sighted pistol, a .380 Ruger loaded with hollow-point bullets, while he jogs. Perry put the pistol to use when he felt a coyote was threatening his daughter's dog. Here is the story in Perry's words:

The problem with coyotes

"They're very wily creatures."

The confrontation

"I'm enjoying the run when something catches my eye, and it's this coyote. I know he knows I'm there. He never looks at me. He is laser-locked on that dog."

"I holler and the coyote stopped. I holler again. By this time, I had taken my weapon out and charged it. It is now staring dead at me. Either me or the dog are in imminent danger."

The coyote's fate

"I did the appropriate thing and sent it to where coyotes go ... He became mulch."

The moral of the story

"Don't attack my dog, or you might get shot ... if you're a coyote."

GALLERY



VIEWPOINT

Boycott burnt orange

exposed to a sea of burnt orange. Burnt orange longhorn shirts, hats and, unfortunately, Nike running shorts become wardrobe staples for most students while attending the University and long after they graduate. In appearance, this is a good thing. Many universities can only dream of having a student body that possesses the remarkable pride students here have for their school and choose to openly display. The popularity of its clothing also makes for a tremendous source of income for the University — UT sells more merchandise and apparel than any other university in the nation. Unfortunately, displaying this pride and generating this income often comes at the expense of human rights. Much of the UT's apparel is made under sweatshop conditions — a sadly under-publicized fact.

Fortunately, there is an organization called the Workers Rights Consortium that seeks to be an independent voice for laborers by inspecting factories that license University apparel to ensure they are engaging in fair labor practices. Unfortunately, unlike several other heavy hitters in the college apparel industry such as Ohio State University, Duke University and the entire University of California system, UT is not a member of this organization. UT solely affiliates with the Fair Labor Association, which has a pretty name on the surface, but is faulty in practice. The FLA has six apparel industry representatives sitting its board of directors, a conflict of interest to say the least. Not surprisingly, the organization's record reveals that it is particularly lenient on corporate misbehavior, and it allows corporatesponsored monitoring of factories as opposed to independent monitoring, which the WRC endorses.

Of note is that both College Republicans and University Democrats support the University becoming a WRC member, a rare consensus among the two student groups.

We're frustrated by the University's failure to work with the WRC, and after last night's Student Government meeting, it is apparent that they are too. Last night, SG voted in favor of AR 8, a bill voicing support of the University affiliating with the Worker Rights Consortium. Cait McCann, a member of Oxfam UT, who helped author the bill, was pleased with the vote, "We're really happy to have the resolution passed. It's been a long semester. It was exciting to

Walking across the campus on any given day, one will be see that the Student Government believes in this and sees that it's important."

While the bill was passed by a vote of 25-4, a striking majority, its passage would have been even stronger had communication representative Sydney Fazende, who voted against the bill, not been misinformed in her reasons for doing so. Fazende and fellow communication representative Ashley Carlisle voted against the bill for fear that it would force the University to sever lucrative ties with Nike. This is not the case as several WRC members associate with Nike. Fazende confirmed that had she known this, she would have reconsidered her vote.

While the passage of the bill is definitely a positive step, we feel its real significance could be felt if SG members unilaterally took further action. If SG wants to truly show its dedication to fair labor practices in the production of UT apparel, its members should boycott UT apparel made by companies known to not have fair labor standards and encourage other students to do so as well. The boycott should last until the University becomes a member of the WRC. SG, by virtue of its high standing at the University, has a unique opportunity to use its platform as representative of the student body to send a resounding message to the administration as well as the University Co-op.

Philip Wiseman, a liberal arts representative who sponsored the bill, expressed great interest in an SG-wide boycott until the University affiliates with the WRC. And we were especially pleased when Vice President Muneezeh Kabir, who often trumpeted her dedication to social justice while campaigning for office, told us that she, too, would support such an initiative by making a commitment to not wear clothing with a logo on it that comes from any company that is known not to support fair labor standards.

SG should follow this example, and by doing so, set an example for the rest of the student body.

By proposing a boycott of UT apparel produced by labor abusers, we are not saying that we believe students should stop supporting the University, but rather that they should show their support in a much more meaningful form — by holding UT to a higher standard.

— Dan Treadway for the editorial board

Student government misrepresents students



By Dave Player Daily Texan Columnist

Last Tuesday, Student Government passed A.R 5, "In Support of Efforts to Reform the State Board of Education," which condemned recent proposals put forth by the State Board of Education. The proposed reforms have drawn intense media scrutiny from national press, in turn fueling a sensationalized story run amok with our state's history textbooks. In reality, the board is a democratically elected body entrusted by decisions carry the backing of the general electorate, and as with any elected entity, the board is political in nature and thus motivated by partisan politics.

While I agree that the proposed reforms from the board merit further scrutiny, to use SG as a platform for partisan politics is deceitful and irresponsible.

The primary problem with A.R. 5 is the dangerous precedent it sets. A future assembly could use the same reasoning used to justify A.R. 5 to consider legislation on any issue, no matter how irrelevant it may be to

Representatives justified A.R. 5 by saying that, since the proposed reforms would be affecting Texas high school students, the quality of education for "future students who wish to attend UT" would be diminished. Additionally, they sought to justify the resolution under the premise that the reforms could affect current students "in the field of education who will soon seek employment in public education." Both are incredibly weak correlations.

President Barack Obama's recent health care initiative has proven extremely divisive, with passionate opinions on both sides of the issue. Those initiatives will have a broad impact and, while affecting UT students, will not disproportionately do so. Yet, the same reasoning behind A.R. 5 could be used by SG to justify giving their opinion on the issue. Since health care would affect Texans under the age of 18, some of whom could be future Longhorns, then clearly the University should be concerned. And, since some current Longhorns may be entering the field of medicine, then SG certainly has a stake. Such an ambiguous interpretation on the scope of SG's jurisdiction allows representatives to consider any issue, no matter how little it pertains to student welfare.

It is unreasonable to expect SG to be a partisan-free assembly. Representatives were elected by students to serve as their collective voice, much in the same way Texans elected the current State Board of Education. and irresponsible. They must be relied upon to vote their conscience on any issue that comes before the assembly, even if those issues are of a political nature. The assembly has passed several resolutions, such as A.R. 48, "In Support of the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act" passed by the last assembly, that ex-

pressly and directly affected significant segments of the student body. However, the assembly crosses the line when it seeks to advocate a political position for issues unrelated to students.

Members of the assembly did not run on partisan platforms. Issues like affordability and transparency were not accompanied by labels of Democrat or Republican. To campaign on student-oriented issues but then pursue a partisan agenda is a betrayal of student trust.

When SG lobbies the Legislature, it is serving as the collective voice of UT students. Just as with any lobbyist group such voters to use their best judgment in evaluat- as the AARP or the NRA, SG has political ing state curriculum. While unpopular, their clout insofar as their constituency (in this case, students) represent a voting bloc. Consequently, politicians in the Legislature care about what SG says because they believe its representatives are echoing the sentiments of a large pool of potential voters. When SG passes a resolution of a political nature that has nothing to do with student affairs, they are both forsaking their constituents and deceiving lawmakers as to those constituents'

> The real danger behind pursuing a partisan agenda is not an off-topic SG assembly that neglects student issues. Rather, SG risks having its autonomy usurped by outside influences. Currently, the University Democrats are the largest political organization on campus. Additionally, they have a larger presence in SG than any other outside organization.

> That presence manifested itself in this past March's SG elections when several UDems won election to the new assembly. Most disturbing of all was the intervention of three Texas House Democrats, Representatives Valinda Bolton, Eddie Rodriguez and Mark Strama, who endorsed the executive alliance of Scott Parks and Muneezeh Kabir. Operating on the maxim that politicians will scratch a back so long as the favor is returned, one wonders what those Reps expecting in return?

> The Save Our History campaign, spearheaded by the Texas Freedom Network and UDems, should be lauded for their efforts to check an over-zealous State Board of Education. However, they cannot make the assumption that their views are universal to all students.

> In a column published in last Friday's Texan, University-wide representative and UDems vice-president Jeremy Yager wrote that "On Tuesday, Student Government unanimously passed a resolution asserting our student body's opposition to the board's actions." For SG representatives like Yager to assume that school-wide opinion on the SBOE issue is unanimous is presumptuous

UDems have a right to lobby for the causes they believe in, but they should do so under their own name and with their own voice. Appropriating the student voice is not an option.

Player is a plan II and history junior.

THE FIRING LINE

Arizona's law is justified

I'd like to remind Bobby Cervantes and the many others making noise about Arizona's "new" immigration law that there is really nothing new about it, other than allowing local law enforcement officers to actually enforce

This bill is nearly identical to a federal law on the books. The Alien Registration Act of 1940 was signed into law by none other than Democrat Franklin D. Roosevelt. In fact, the Alien Registration Act requires that "every alien, eighteen years of age and over, shall at all times carry with him and have in his personal possession any certificate of alien registration or alien registration receipt card issued to him."

The simple fact is that under federal law, documented aliens should already be carrying this documentation with them, and this outcry against Arizona for deciding to actually check for this documentation is not founded in reality.

The Arizona law even goes so far as to state that race alone is not sufficient reason to check a person's immigration status. The federal government is failing Arizona in immigration and border enforcement, and Arizona is justified in banning the practice of turning a blind eye to immigration status within their

> — Josh Perry Government senior

Other nations are exceptional

In his firing line Monday, Jeremy Grodin talks about U.S. aid after the 2004 Tsunami. I would like to correct his claim that the U.S. was the largest donor.

Australia, Japan and Germany all gave more than the US, even without taking into consideration the size of the economy, the population or government expenditure of the respective countries.

He also asks how many of the countries affected by the tsunami offered aid to the US in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. Countries affected by the tsunami — India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand and Maldives -- all offered aid to the US. The nations of the world offered a combined aid of about \$850

> — Suriya Subramanian Computer sciences graduate student

A clearer picture of the U.S.

In response to Jeremy Grodin's firing line, "Why deny American Exceptionalism?" America isn't exceptional, and America isn't evil.

It is fine to be nationalistic, to a point, but if we don't address our failures, we might repeat them (Vietnam and Iraq, for example). America is a great country, with high standards of living and an important place in world affairs, but for every good thing we've done, we've done something equally

In the mid-twentieth century, the

U.S. deposed (or attempted to depose) popular leaders from Guatemala, Cuba, Vietnam, Iran and Korea while killing millions in wars that eventually earned us nothing but global contempt. For over 150 years, a large portion of this exceptional country's economy was supported on the backs of slaves.

This country dropped two bombs on Japan at the end World War II, which decimated two cities and killed hundreds of thousands of civilians, despite the fact that the best military minds realized that the war would have ended in less than a year due to attrition. And a bipartisan House of Representatives report says plenty about the failures of the government following hurricane Katrina.

It is unsettling to see how malleable facts can be at the hands of extremists afraid that "their" history is in danger. Mexicans aren't part of American history, so they are out of the Alamo story. Jefferson coined the term "separation of church and state" so he's gone. The history of white America starts at Columbus, so Native societies and the atrocities they endured at the hands of European colonizers aren't important.

The deeper events are in America's past, the easier they are to forget. America has done some things right. But that doesn't mean we haven't been wrong. Often.

We need to give students an accurate portrait of our nation — wrinkles and

— Dustin Stonecipher Alum

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UT professor of architecture Talia McCray listens to Germine Awad speak at Garrison Hall on Wednesday. Awad's research indicates that African-American women are as likely as white women to experience body

Female body issues may transcend race

By Nehal Patel **Daily Texan Staff**

A study by a UT educational psychology assistant professor found that African-American women are just as likely to experience body dissatisfaction as white women, despite previous studies indicating the contrary.

After studying 275 African-American women at the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 2008, researcher Germine Awad found that when studied in their own right and not compared with European-American women, African-American women also suffer from issues related to body image. Awad presented her findings Wednesday in Garrison Hall as the last lecture of the New Faculty Colloquium hosted by the College of Liberal Arts.

"Most of the research about body image has focused on white, middle-class women and usually eating disorders as opposed to body image," Awad said. "These studies usually use a comparative framework where minorities ropean Americans, and any dif-

attributed to cultural factors, although these factors aren't measured. Race is often used as a proxy for culture."

Awad said that before starting her research, she believed that African-American women with high levels of enculturation — the adoption of ethnic traditions, values and beliefs — would exhibit low levels of body dissatisfaction.

But she found that women in the study with higher levels of enculturation tended to be heavier, and the higher the weight, the more dissatisfied the woman was with her body. Heavier women also had higher levels of overweight preoccupation, meaning body dissatisfaction seemed to come from weight and not from enculturation or cultural factors,

"African-American women don't seem to be insulated from society's overemphasis on thinness," Awad said. "They're getting the message that if you are heavy, it's not socially acceptable."

The participants in the study are evaluated in relation to Eu- ranged from ages 18 to 60 with a mean age of 29 years old. Because ferences between the groups are the average age was higher than

that of most universities, the sample may not have been representative of a "usual," non-commuter college, said Jodi O'Brien, visiting sociology professor from Seattle University.

[Studies] suggest that nontraditional students, especially women, already suffer from lower self-esteem," O'Brien said. "If the mean age of the sample was over 29 and they were in college, it could be skewed. People's sense of self-image and self-esteem varies directly with the environment they're in."

Awad is working on a second study to create measures of body image for African-American women specifically so they are culturally relevant and tap into unique issues that African-American wom-"In the future, I may expand

my research to examine body images of other minority groups, depending on the results of the [second] study," Awad said.

Awad also plans to examine specific body image issues for African-American women beyond weight and body size, such as hair, skin tone and facial features.

University professor under scrutiny for mine tragedy

Company's lead director faces questions following heartbreaking explosion

By Shabab Siddigui

Daily Texan Staff While the sounds and aftermath of the April 5 mine explosion in Montcoal, W.Va., may have been more than 1,000 miles away, at least one of the individuals dealing with the situation is much closer to home.

Adm. Bobby Inman, a professor and two-time interim dean at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, is the lead director and the longest-serving member on the Board of Directors of Massey Energy Company. Massey, one of the five largest coal-mining companies in the country, owns Performance Coal Company, which operates the Montcoal mine. This month's explosion killed 29 people and injured two — the largest mine-caused death toll since the 1970s.

As lead director of the board, Inman said it is his job to oversee all the actions of the board and its committees. Recently, he has been handling phone calls and letters that ask for the ousting of the company's CEO, Don Blankenship. Blankenship has worked for the company since 1982 and has been known for his outspoken political views.

Inman has continued to support Blankenship throughout the process. He said Blankenship is the best coal miner in the business but not the best in politics. Inman said less than 2 percent of the people who have called for Blankenship to be fired have an actual investment in the company.

"The last thing you do in the middle of crisis is change the leadership," Inman said.
The U.S. Department of Labor's

Mine Safety and Health Administration is charged with overseeing and enforcing federal regulations on coal mines across the country.

President Barack Obama faulted both MSHA and Massey Energy for the explosion, citing a failure of management, oversight and loophole-riddled laws that allow unsafe working conditions. Obama emphasized that the investigation is ongoing.

Inman said the most frustrating part of the entire ordeal has been people accusing the company of trading "safety for profits," a statement he said was once mentioned by a plaintiff lawyer in court and later echoed by union leaders. Inman said Obama was poorly served by his staff. than required for safety expenditures, he said.

'How can you deal with those kinds of sweeping statements?" Inman said. "If you're trying to a coal miner, said she feels not save money from safety for profits, [the extra expenditure] is where you'd look first."

Safety issues have been brought up against Massey for many years, including 515 citations in 2009 alone.

Inman said citations have to be dealt with immediately. He said the number of D Notices, the worst type of violation issued, have gone down over the years, and the company also dropped its habit of contesting citations a few years ago, opting instead to of the employees, some of pay the penalties.

The MSHA also faces a series of questions. Business law professor David Spence said the MSHA — along with its larger counterpart, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration — are often criticized for weakness due to a lack of reand monitoring, as well as a lack of power to crack down and enforce violations.

Spence said OSHA has a tendency to issue more citations and stronger penalties after disasters. He said the federstringent this time around be- actual cause was."

In an April 15 press conference, cause of a change in the presidential administration. Many of the citations often issued to companies are extremely detailed, Spence said.

> 'When you buy a ladder and there are warnings on it, those are there for OSHA," Spence said. "It's really difficult for every company to be perfectly in compliance at any given time."

> Massey's non-unionized mines have also caused friction between the company's leaders and major unions, including the AFL-CIO and the United Mine Workers.

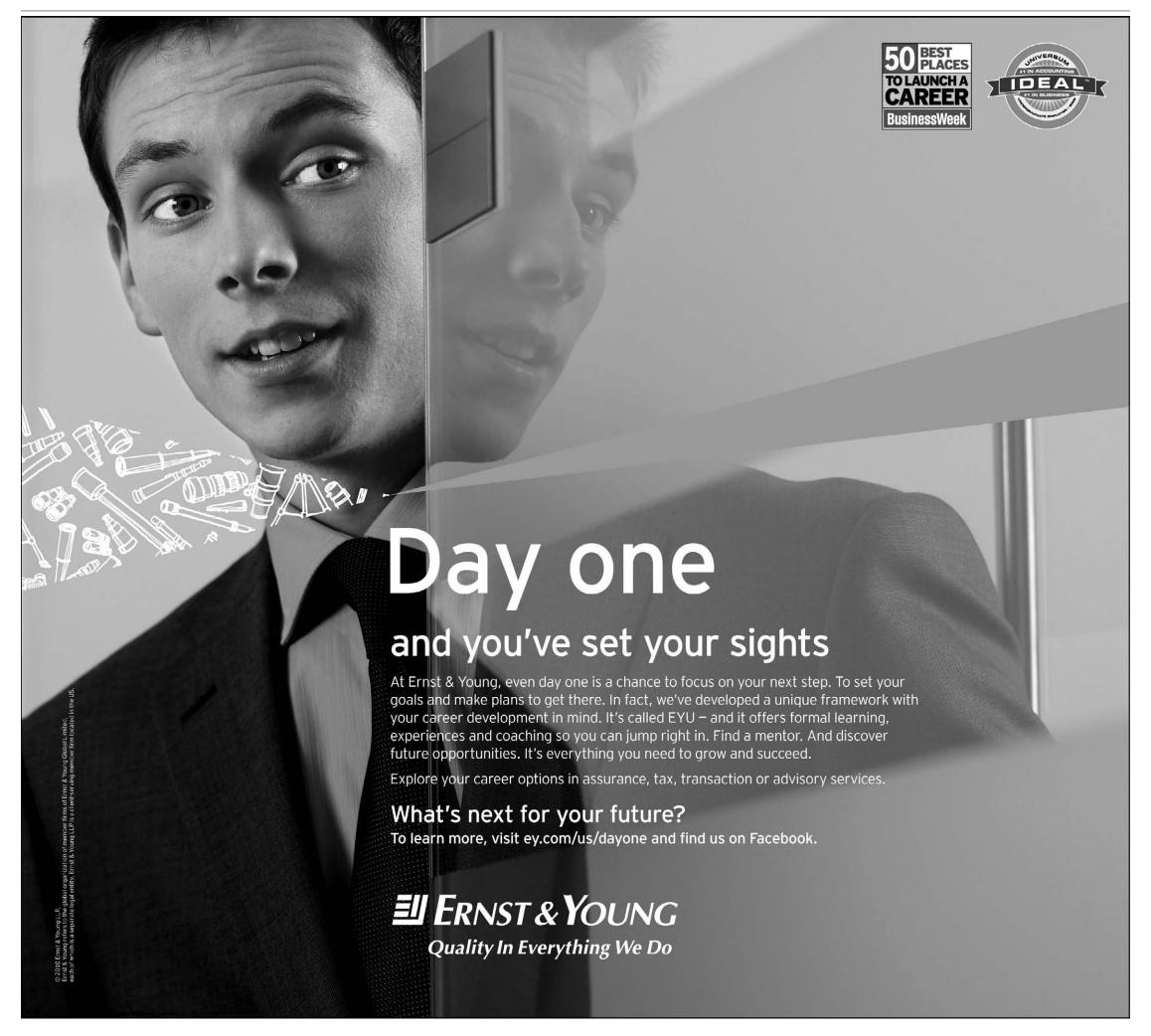
Anne Lewis, radio-television-film lecturer and a mem-Massey spends \$45 million more ber of the Texas State Employees Union, directed a 1984 documentary, "Mine War on Blackberry Creek," about Massey Energy. Lewis, whose husband was much has changed in the way the company treats people.

"Had those men had union protection, I think they would've felt they should have closed the mine down," she said. "There's a major difference between having a union operation and not."

Inman said there has been a deep animosity between Blankenship and union leaders for 25 years but that the willingness to work such a dangerous job shows the loyalty of many whom have worked at Massey for generations.

He said he's thoroughly enjoyed working with the diligent and dedicated mine personnel, though he plans to step down sometime next year — an idea he toyed with last year. Inman said it was important that people not sources for thorough inspection jump to conclusions about the cause of the explosion.

"What we kept saying is, 'Don't rush to judgment,'" Inman said. "All we know at this point is that the explosion was massive. As I look at all of this, I would have to tell you, it may be al agencies may also be more weeks before we know what the



Project finds a home, offers help

By Alex Geiser **Daily Texan Staff**

Yellow wooden worktables with multiple sizes and varieties of wrenches hanging on the backboards lined the inside of Austin Yellow Bike Project's new East Austin location.

After years of moving around between different city-owned warehouses, the nonprofit bicycle advocacy project — joined by supporters and City Council members Chris Riley and Laura Morrison — held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday at the new, permanent workshop.

The 13-year-old project, composed entirely of volunteers, teaches bike mechanics and maintenance to Austin residents. The project's goal is to put more bikes on the streets of Central Texas and to educate people on bicycle safety.

"People can come in and fix minor things on their bikes and learn more while they are here," Yellow Bike volunteer Tom Wald said.

Volunteers at Yellow Bike recondition used bikes to either sell or donate for the community's use during events like the Austin City Limits Music Festival in September and the East Austin Studio Tour in November. People can also bring their broken bikes to Yellow Bike, where a volunteer will show them how to make the necessary repairs. After 12 hours of volunteer work with the project, Austinites can earn their own free bike.

Wald, a UT alumnus, also helped found the Orange Bike Project, a volunteer-based organization at UT that teaches basic bike maintenance to students, faculty and staff.

UT's project, established in 2006 and modeled after Yellow Bike, is housed in the Guadalupe Garage at 16th and San Antonio streets. Similar to Yellow Bike, UT's project also fixes old bikes and lends them out to members of the UT community.

Wald said both the Austin and UT projects are important because they help bikers learn basic repairs and laws of the road. He said many students around campus are oblivious to the fact that bikers are bound by the same Texas



Community members and volunteers attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the permanent location of the Yellow Bike Project on Wednesday. The project seeks to promote bicycle-riding and bicycle safety.

laws as motor vehicles, and the bi- yellow and allow people to take income. Despite the small sums cycle advocacy groups help spread the knowledge.

"One of the challenges of Orange Bike is the natural turnover of students at UT," he said. "You may find a great student volunteer, but they are gone in a few years."

them around town and drop them off for someone else to use, the organization quickly realized that method wasn't going to work. Schaffer said the bikes were being stolen and that when the bikes

broke, riders would leave them

This is one of the best examples of a public-private partnership."

— **Chris Riley**, City Council member

Unlike UT's project, some Yelalong the side of the road. low Bike volunteers work with the project for many years. Shop coordinator Jennifer Schaffer has been with the Austin project for seven years.

"I like what's going on," Schaffer said. "I like making bikes the

"It was never successful," Schaffer said. "We know that doesn't work. But we do so much more. We fix them and give them away."

In addition to giving bikes away, she said the organization sells them on a sliding scale based on While the original goal of the what people can afford. Bike sales project was to fix bikes, paint them are currently the only source of

of money coming into the organization, Schaffer said they were able to raise \$200,000 and another \$100,000 from lenders, which the group intends to pay back within five years.

Councilman Riley, who spoke at the ribbon-cutting event, said the program has helped extend the reach of bike programs in the city.

"This is one of the best examples of a public-private partnership," he said. "It is exciting to see things come together."

In April, the city issued its final recommendations for a Downtown Bicycle Boulevard that will create additional bike lanes and make certain roads safer and more navigable for bikers. The exact layout has yet to be finalized.

The Yellow Bike headquarters, located at 1216 Webberville Rd, will open to the public on Tuesday, coinciding with the start of National Bike Month. The organization will host an open celebration that day from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. with shop tours and performances.

Citizens gather to address issues of gentrification

It's going to take a

collective effort to

address a historic

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to stay rooted [in East

Austin]."

— Kaleema Al-Nur

Human rights attorney

By Shamoyita DasGupta Daily Texan Staff

The second annual Freedom Weekend will address gentrification in Austin and other issues facing black communities from a human rights perspective beginning today and continuing through Sunday.

Austin community members and leaders will attend film screenings, religious services and workshops. The weekend will also feature an open forum with Ajamu Baraka, the executive director of the U.S. Human Rights Network, on Satur- rience. It's going to take a collec-

day afternoon and an official after-party that night.

One of the main goals of Freedom Weekend is to allow community members to come together and share information and resources with each other. Kaleema Al-Nur, a human rights attorney and

research feland African American Studies, came up with the idea for the event after working with the Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice following law school.

"We were working with black communities abroad in Ecuador and in South and Central America, and it occurred to me that we weren't using a human rights framework for local black communities," Al-Nur said. "Very often, when we talk about human rights, we just don't apply it to black communities.'

Last year, Freedom Weekend focused on the criminal justice system. This year, however, the weekend will emphasize gentrification in the East Austin area. As more people are moving further into the Austin city limits, many people who were members of the original East Austin community are being pushed to Pflugerville, Manor and Round Rock, Al-Nur said.

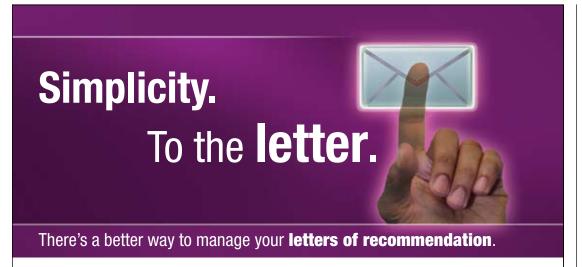
"The black population has decreased significantly, and it's continuing to decrease," she said. "This is a really hard expe-

tive effort to address a historic community being able to stay rooted [in East Austin]."

As more of the community is being forced to leave East Austin, the diversity of the area is decreasing, said Armando Sanchez, a social work graduate student.

The weeklow with the Center for African end's events are hosted by UT's Warfield Center for African and African American Studies and the Department of African and African Diaspora studies, and they are free to the oublic. Al-Nur said she hopes the weekend will encourage Austinites to work to maintain their communities.

"We're just [gathering] the groups, the organizations [and] the individuals who are involved in change work in their community," Al-Nur said. 'We're sharing resources [and] strengthening our voice and our power."



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NBA

Thunder will ultimately be the death of the Lakers



By Sameer **Bhuchar Daily Texan** Columnist

Ten years ago, predicting the outcome of the NBA playoffs was easy.

There was an understood, unfair concentration of power lying in the hands of the Los Angeles Lakers.

My, how things have changed. Of course, the Lakers are still a powerhouse, as displayed by their championship victory last year and their extreme depth up and down the court. But for some reason, other teams that merely used to exist in the playoffs have cast off their submissive roles. Now, these scrappy, ragtag teams and B-list stars actually believe they can win — and upset the mighty Lakers.

Oklahoma City Thunder

Whether the Thunder upset the Lakers in this first-round series is irrelevant. The Thunder are still a big factor in why the Lakers will ultimately fall, even if that fall comes later rather than sooner. Sure, the No. 8-seed Thunder got walloped in Game 5. What else would you expect from a Lakers team playing at home? The real reason the Thunder are so instrumental in stopping the Lakers is because they love to run.

The Thunder are the youngest team in the NBA and have the legs to prove it. Prior to Game 5, the Thunder had 72 fast-break points against the Lakers. The

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WOMEN'S TENNIS



Senior Sarah Lancaster returns a volley in a match against Stanford in February. The start of the Big 12 Championships today will give Lancaster one last chance to redeem the loss to Baylor during her freshman year that cost Texas the conference title.

Senior has one last shot at Bears

By Alexandra Carreno **Daily Texan Staff**

Sarah Lancaster has been waiting for this moment for more than three years. It's a chance for redemption.

"In my four years [at Texas] as a player, we have never beaten Baylor in the finals of the Big 12 Championship," the senior said.

Competition runs in Lancaster's blood. That's why she can never forget the fact that she had a chance to beat Baylor.

"In the finals of my freshman year, we were tied at threeall against Baylor, and it came down to my match. I was the

ing," Lancaster said. "I could of this weekend's Big 12 Chamhardly play, hardly move or do anything, and I ended up losing the third set 6-0.'

That match has defined her career as a Longhorn. For one, it caused her to revamp her style

"It was our best chance to beat Baylor, and since then, I've always wanted to get off the court quickly and never be put in that position again — basically, making my team lose," Lancaster said.

Saying competition is the same thing as seeking out revenge may be a stretch, but for Lancaster, having the chance to one who, of course, was cramp- meet Baylor again in the finals

pionships — and winning — would be the ideal way to finish her time at Texas.

"It has definitely been one of our goals all season, to beat them and get back on top," she said.

But for the senior, just winning her own matches this weekend would be quite a way to leave her mark after four years on the squad. She's already ended the regular season with a remarkable 38-1 record against conference opponents. Having such an impressive record under her belt could easily go to her head, but for Lan-

caster, it's quite the opposite. "I feel pretty fortunate to have

that record and have been able to do that. I don't really think about [winning matches]. I just go out and play and try to win," Lancaster said. "That's definitely my mindset going into every match, I just want to win."

Winning in sports has played a fundamental role in Lancaster's life. She played everything growing up, but she ultimately chose tennis over her other love, basketball.

"I saw that I had a better future in tennis, and I've always liked that tennis is an individual sport," she said. "I like that you

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SOFTBALL

Horns hope to return to winning ways against Tech

By Kate Guerra

Daily Texan Staff At the beginning of the season, Texas coach Connie Clark

once referred to her team as "road warriors," due to the Longhorns' grueling early-season travel schedule. But it's been a while since

the Longhorns have been on the road. Texas hasn't had an away game since April 7 in College Station. The team finally gets on the road again tonight as they take on Big-12 opponent Texas Tech.

The Red Raiders may be unranked, but don't let that fool you. They are an impressive 35-12 on the season and are quickly moving up in the Big 12 standings. Just before Texas faced Oklahoma State last weekend, Tech swept them in Lubbock.

"It should be really exciting," senior outfielder Kori Cook said. "They've turned it around and are doing really well. They just swept Oklaho-

ma State, so it should be inter- lot about the standings yet," esting going up there."

The Longhorns are coming off of a tough loss to that same Cowgirl team, cruising to a run-rule victory on Saturday but falling Sunday when the balls just couldn't find a gap to drop in. The Horns finished the game hitless.

'Although the team was really quiet in the locker room, there was a lot of good conversation going on," Clark said. "You tip your hat to a pitcher any time she throws a no-hitter, but [the Oklahoma State pitcher] only struck out three of our batters

... You just have to get ready to come back to work, and I think they're in that mindset."

Despite the loss, Texas still moved up two spots in the rankings to No. 12 in the country, and they still hold the top spot in the Big 12 standings. But don't expect the coaches or players to keep up with that.

"You know, we won't talk a

Clark said. "We have to take care of business one game at a time."

Her players have adopted the same attitude.

"Nobody really knows about anything like that unless our coaches come in and tell us," Cook said. "We try not to get

caught up in [the rankings]." One thing that the Longhorns are acutely aware of is the fact that their next few opponents know how highly ranked Texas is.

'This week, we'll talk about the challenge of going on the road and that absolutely, sometimes people might not be in contention to win it, but they can be a spoiler," Clark said. "But more than anything, we're just going to stay focused on playing Texas softball. We're not going to think so much on what other people want to do or what their goals are. We just have to focus on what our plans are."



Daniela Trujillo | Daily Texan Staff

Senior Talllie Thrasher, left, junior Raygan Feight, center, and freshman Kim Bruins watch from the dugout as Texas takes on Texas Southern University. The Longhorns will return to the road for the first time since the start of the month as they take on Texas Tech in Lubbock.

BASEBALL



Lauren Gerson | Daily Texan Staff

Chance Ruffin helps secure Texas' win against Texas State earlier this month. Ruffin's move to closer this year has been a success this far.

Ruffin succeeding in new role as Texas' closer

By Chris Tavarez Daily Texan Staff

grass, Chance Ruffin lay on his back and watched hundreds of explosions light up the Denver night in reds and blues, greens and yellows. It was the perfect way to end the perfect Fourth of July.

Except, Ruffin wasn't watching from the stands with the thousands of fans in attendance. He was laying on the field that his dad, Colorado Rockies pitcher Bruce Ruffin, had just pitched on.

This was the life Texas' new closer lived as a child.

"[I grew] up around these guys that were major league baseball players," Chance Ruffin said. "The Larry Walkers and Andrés Galarraga, and those guys. Eric Young throwing me onto a couch when I was in the locker room every time I'd see him."

"Most of the motivation for me to play major league baseball is just how great of a life I had as a kid," Ruffin said. "I'd like to be able to give to my kids [that] one day and share that kind of a life."

Those experiences helped spark a desire in Ruffin to be a pro baseball player. When Ms. Reynolds, his kindergarten teacher, asked him what he wanted to do for the rest of his life, he had an easy answer: play baseball.

"I'm pretty sure she said, 'Well,

what do you want to do just in case that doesn't work out?"" Ruf-In a field of perfectly manicured fin recalled. "I was like, 'What do you mean? Of course it's gonna work out. I don't even have to consider that."

After the graduation of closer Austin Wood last year, Coach Augie Garrido decided that Ruffin would be the best person to fill the hole that Wood's 41 appearances and 15 saves left behind.

Garrido's experience with Huston Street in 2002 further emphasized to him the importance of having a strong closer to win the College World Series. That year, Street led Texas to its fifth national championship with 14 saves.

But for Ruffin, who had grown accustomed to being one of Texas' starting pitchers, the switch was a difficult one to make.

"I was a little tentative," Ruffin said. "I had established myself as a successful starter. Starting is one of the most esteemed roles a pitcher could have, so it was a little tough giving that up."

That's when pitching coach Skip Johnson intervened and called on Street, who was the 2005 American League rookie of the year and signed a three-year, \$22.5-million contract with the Colorado Rockies this off-season.

"We asked Huston to talk to him.

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Astros lose second straight after winning 8 of last 10

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Rookie Mike Leake pitched sev en sharp innings and the Cincinnati Reds beat the Houston Astros 6-4 on Wednesday night.

Leake (2-0), who never pitched in the minors, gave up five hits and struck out five.

"He is a quick learner," Reds manager Dusty Baker said. "He's very confident, but not cocky with his confidence. Like I said in spring training, he came there to make the team. He didn't come there to attend his first big league camp, so that says a lot for his confidence and poise and his ability to learn and retain very quickly."

The Reds were up 2-0 in the fourth inning when Pence lost the ball in the sky at dusk with the Minute Maid Park roof open on a high fly hit by Brandon Phillips. The ball dropped just beyond his glove for an error that cleared the bases.

"It's a play that has to be made," Pence said. "Here, when the twilight hours are going on the balls disappear and you just have to keep going with it and try to find it. I lost it and found it late and wasn't able to recover." Lance Berkman hit a two-run

homer in the ninth off Nick Masset. Closer Francisco Cordero gave up Geoff Blum's run-scoring single before retiring the last two batters with runners on first and second. Leake, the eighth overall pick in

last year's draft, is the 21st player since the draft started in 1965 to play in the majors without spending a day in the minors. Humberto Quintero drove

in Houston's first run with his groundout that made it 6-1. Leake walked pinch-hitter Cory Sullivan but was able to limit the damage by striking out Michael Bourn to end the inning. Orland Cabrera singled and Ra-

mon Hernandez doubled with one out in the fourth. Drew Stubbs walked with two outs to load the bases before Pence's costly error made it 5-0. Scott Rolen added an RBI double off Felipe Paulino (0-3).

Bourn said he couldn't see that ball in the outfield either and yelled to Pence to help him out. 'It's always around the fourth

or fifth inning ... the sky makes it tough to see and you just hope that the situation doesn't come up in the game," Bourn said. Joey Votto hit an RBI triple in the

third. Stubbs singled to start the game, stole second and scored on Rolen's grounder.

– The Associated Press

NBA: James wins if Cavs meet Lakers for title

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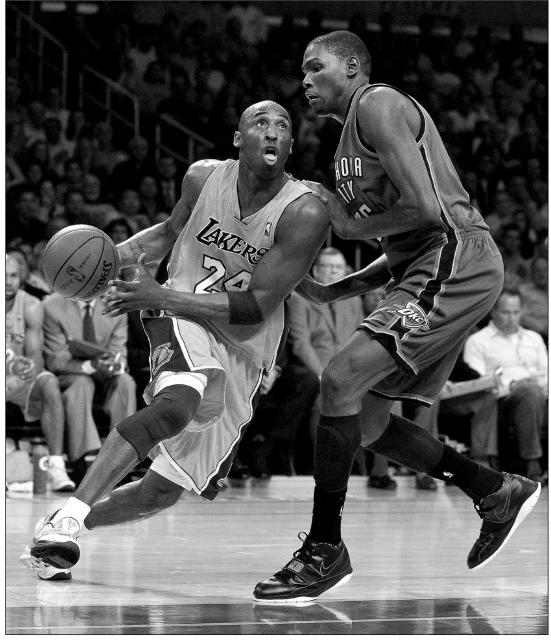
Lakers had 12. The aging Lakers are reliant on tall, lanky centers to work their game inside. This gives Kobe Bryant some freedom from the outside. Asking Lakers like Andrew Bynum, Pau Gasol and Lamar Odom to keep up with the speedy Thunder team will take its toll. Not to mention that when Oklahoma City plays at home, it has the support of an electric crowd.

The series should go seven games, and even if the Lakers come out on top, they will be battered. They will then have to immediately turn around and play a series against either the Utah Jazz or the Denver Nuggets. Though Kevin Durant continues to laud Bryant and the rest of the Lakers as a team that can more than keep up, the signs are obvious. Bryant's point-production is down, and their reliance on their slower big men will be their downfall.

Phoenix Suns

Assuming the Lakers make it past the first two rounds, they will likely face the Phoenix Suns in the Western Conference Finals. The Suns are expected to close out their first-round series against the Portland Trail Blazers very soon. They will then most likely face the San Antonio Spurs — barring a miraculous comeback by the Dallas Mavericks. This is the unfortunate truth for the Mavs, who, up until Game 5, were down three games to one. After all this plays out, the Suns will be the favorite against the Spurs, largely due to the renaissance of Steve Nash and Amare Stoudemire

When and if the Lakers and Suns meet up in the conference finals, don't expect Phoenix to be an easy obstacle. The Suns' advantage comes in the form of the two aforementioned players. Nash is a superior point guard to the Lakers' Derek Fisher in both his scoring ability and team-control ability. Similarly, Stoudemire is a much more physical and athletic pow-



Chris Carlson | Associated Press

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant drives around former Longhorn and current Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant during the first half of Game 5 on Tuesday.

er forward than Gasol. He can fore the NBA finals. The final score at will and snag rebounds like a magnet. The Suns, like the Thunder, will try to outrun the Lakers. Los Angeles will be collectively gasping following this series, victory or not.

King James (and the Cavs)

Say the Lakers run through every hurdle presented to them beand the biggest — one is LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers. Though he seems to have issues with his right elbow, James is still the best athlete on the hardwood every night. Assuming NBA fans and advertisers get what they have long been lobbying for, a Kobe versus Lebron championship series, James will most likely come out victorious.

James is confident that he can play despite discomfort in his elbow. After beating the Chicago Bulls in Game 5 of their firstround series, James does not believe the injury is serious.

'It bothers me because I don't know what it is," James told reporters. "Hopefully, it doesn't continue to bother me. But I'm not concerned. Cleveland fans have nothing to worry about.

They have no reason to panic. I don't think it's that serious."

If he recovers from whatever this injury is quickly enough, it is safe to say his Cavaliers will be the Eastern Conference representative happens, James will be fueled by the memory of seven years of almost achieving his goal but falling short. James thinks Bryant and the Lakers have enough championships, and he will stop at nothing to bring one to Cleveland.

CLOSER: Ruffin's 'goofball' traits fit new role perfectly

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There's no doubt you've got one of the best closers in Major League Baseball, and he's an alumni here. He ... sat down and ... talked to him to try to figure out a routine that he could go into."

Street's advice worked. Ruffin has made the seamless transition from starter to closer. He leads the nation with a 1.06 earned run average and has already recorded 10 saves this season.

While Ruffin's success comes from his physical ability, he also has the unique personality that a closer must have in order to be successful.

"It's a combination of an instinctive personality and a competitive personality that matches up with quality pitches," Garrido said. "He throws in the low 90s with his fastball. When his instincts take over, he's pretty hard to beat."

For Johnson, one of the key aspects of Ruffin's personality is his short-term memory.

"[He's] a guy that can forget about negative things that happen," Johnson said. "That bulldog mentality. He wants to be in that tight-game situation. He's a very competitive person."

The right personality for a closer is more than just having a shortterm memory and being competi-

tive, though. It's also about being a little off the wall.

"The cliche is that there's always one goofball on the team, and it's usually a reliever on top of that," Ruffin said after working on his handstand at the end of practice. "I feel like I fit that role perfectly."

Pitcher Taylor Jungmann definitely sees the clown in Ruffin.

"He is rocking a mullet," Jungmann added with a laugh. "He likes to flare it out a little bit."

Ruffin's mullet, which he'll keep growing out as long as Texas keeps extending it's current 17game win streak, mirrors his approach to the game.

"[He's] business on the field, party in the locker room," Jungmann joked. "Once he gets on the field, he's all serious.'

When Ruffin gets serious, the pitchers know they're in good

"He gets as zoned in and locked in as anyone I've ever seen," pitcher Brandon Workman said. "It's comforting knowing that somebody like that is coming in with your runners on base."

For batters, knowing that Ruffin is exiting the bullpen is anything but comforting. If Ruffin keeps striking fear into batters like he has been, one day he may be on the mound pitching on the Fourth instead of laying on the field watch-

TENNIS: Senior hopes home-court advantage helps UT this weekend

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can control your own destiny and not rely on other people."

Only 18 months younger than her sister, Lancaster's competitive nature quickly matured as a product of sibling rivalry.

"We were pretty close in age, so we would always go back and forth," she said. "Anything I did, I wanted to make a contest out of it and beat whomever I was going up against."

But the tennis court is not the only place where Lancaster proves to be a competitor. For the past three years, she has been honored first-team selection on the Big-12 All Academic Team. This year's players on the team who can boast

a 4.0 GPA. "I'm the kind of person that wants to do my best in anything that I do. I think that's why I take school so seriously," Lancaster said. "It's great to be recognized with these types of awards, but I have definitely worked hard for it, and the hard work has paid off."

Lancaster will graduate in the fall and hopes to attend law school. But, for now, she is focused on this weekend's Big 12 Championship, which will be played at the Longhorns' very own Penick-Allison Tennis Center.

Texas' impressive play over the last couple of weeks secured them the No.-2 seed in the tournament along with a first-round bye. The Horns will play the winner of today's Oklaĥoma State and Iowa State matchup Friday at 3 p.m. The last time the championships were held in Austin, in 2005, Texas took the title.

"Last time women's tennis won Big 12s, it was here [in Austin]. I think being at home is going to selection is extra special for Lan-help us a lot," Lancaster said. "Not caster, as she is just one of two only will we feel comfortable, but I think it will give us a definite edge over other teams coming in."

To take home the title, the Longhorns will likely have to go through the top-seeded Bears. If the teams do meet up, it will be in the championship match.

That's perfectly fine with Lancaster. She has some unfinished business to attend to.

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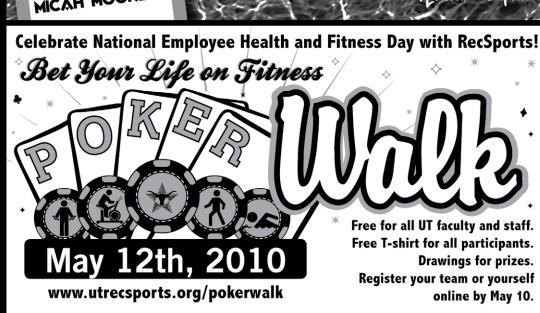
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HAITI: Team finds its footing on the field after natural disaster

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community as the thousands who filled House Park brought with them banners, signs, donations and plenty of

now, hearing this and see- but Austin local — Louise daily lives. Narcisse, who moved to Texas 15 years ago.

Narcisse was one of several Adrian Heath had traveled

Haitians in the stands, proudly holding up a Haitian flag. While much of It was nice to see her family has left the island the players with a over the years, smile on their face. she has been It was a great night doing her part to raise donafor football, but more tions of food importantly, it was and clothing a great night for while saving money for a humanity." trip home.

— Adrian Heath

Aztex head coach

ground," she said. "We will not die. We will not sit down These people still need everyand die. That's not who we

want

to take the

plane, walk in

and kiss the

Austin finishing a series of practices and scrimmages afin Port-au-Prince reduced to rubble and its stadium

turned into a camp for Haitians whose homes were de-

With a match against world heavyweight Argentina approaching May 5th in Buenos Aires, the team took the op-"It's like being home right portunity to train and refocus on soccer even as family and ing this," said Haitian native friends still struggle in their

> It was also a natural connection after Aztex head coach

> > to the island to scout players last year and midfielder Jean Alexandre played several games for Austin last season.

"I don't think we realize, really, what they've been through the past three months, Heath said. "What we have

body's help. The Haitian team was in part to help as the 4,132-person crowd raised more than for much of the game while \$11,500 in aid and donated ter seeing its home building mounds of soccer equipment and clothing for Haiti.

"It went beyond our wild- coming the closest to scoring night for humanity."



Above, Haitian National Team member Wings Pierre Louis warms up during a break at House Park on Wednesday night. Below, Haitian National Team member Paulin Jean drinks water after the soccer game Austin Aztex vs. Haitian National Team soccer game Wednesday night.

Polk, director of camps at T Bar M, the organization that to be careful has housed the team since it of now is that arrived in Texas. "They told we don't leave me the message of love and them down acceptance Texas gave them there and think was bigger than anything it's finished. else, bigger than the match with Argentina."

Austin assumed the role The city of Austin did its of gracious host, playing a young, inexperienced lineup Haiti found its footing. In the end, both teams created a few half-chances, Austin

est dreams," said Johnny when substitute Sullivan Silva headed against the crossbar in the closing minutes.

But goals and wins were an afterthought as the crowd streamed out after the final whistle. Many stayed behind the Haiti bench, holding signs that said "L'Union fait la force," meaning "Unity makes strength" or simply "Let's go, Haiti."

"It was nice to see the players with a smile on their face," Heath said. "It was a great night for football, but more importantly, it was a great



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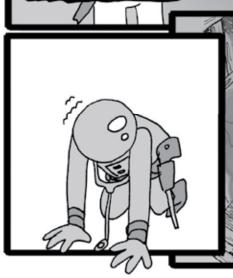
















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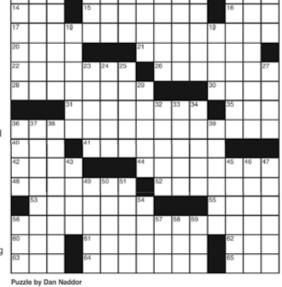
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Yesterday's solution

SEX: Columnists attempt to ask 'whys' of behavior

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pointed out a month later in her CampusProgress.org response to DiBranco's article, "It's not just progressive students [or women] who are writing about sex — it's everybody."

"Though men are readers in equal numbers, the sex columnist is a (straight and queer) female-dominated profession, with a small minority of queer men," DiBranco wrote.

But Hess' "everybody" shouldn't refer only to political affiliation. It should also implicate the growing numbers of men who use college newspapers to participate in the discourse on sex, too.

Berkley's resident sex columnist Mustafa Shaikh identifies himself as straight, as does the University of New Orleans' former sex columnist, Wes Mueller. And Alex Knepper, opinion columnist at American University, though gay and not formally a "sex columnist," is also an active writer on issues of sexuality in his paper. And we can't forget American University's actual sex columnists, the pseudonymed males "Buster Darkhole" and "Maxwell Hillcrest."

In 2010, for men and women alike, it just doesn't seem to be enough to write about sex for its own sake. Increasingly, sex coldiscussions on the "whys" of serving a purpose?

sexual behavior, not just admitting that they behave sexually (as was the norm in the sex columns of the past).

This seems to suggest that the increased ire directed at the sex columns of today is a response to this sort of meta-inquiry.

When a cute, pithy twentysomething like Datskovsky muses about anal sex — it is notable that in her 2006 column on the subject, she disclosed that she hasn't done it because "there is only so far" she'll go — it can be well received. She's entertaining and almost provocative, but she always lands on the safer side of the shock button. She'll write the word "anal" but she won't really talk about it tete-a-tete.

But when Shaikh begs the question of what would happen if men were the sexual gatekeepers instead of women, as he did in his April 13 "Sex On Tuesday" article "Going Around in Circles," people want his head.

The fact that honest, non-partisan writing about sex almost always prompts letter-writing campaigns calling for censorship of college newspapers is worth thinking about.

Because not every campus has the support for sex writing as Berkeley does, and if only the most topical and obvious of student-penned sex columns can umnists are venturing toward stay in print, then are they even

Multimedia systems engineer Tom Densford takes a break at the University Teaching Center on Wednesday afternoon.

FASHION: Professors transform the catwalk

OK, LET'S TAKE FIVE

Mary Kang | Daily Texan Staff

AIDS: Texas ranks high in HIV cases

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first place.

"I don't think this event will help bring awareness," he said. "The people who are coming to the show are already educated. The event is not reaching out to those who need the education, like youths."

Guli Fager, coordinator of University Health Service's Healthy

ing about sex can be scary for people, so Condom Couture is a great way to highlight how serious HIV and AIDS are without the tension.

"Texas has the fourth-highest rate of HIV in the U.S. behind New York, California and Florida," Fager said. "So it's an issue

Fager also said only 37 percent of UT students use condoms years in a row, they took the show to the arena.

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UT in 1997.

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After meeting her Austin-na-

ty, the fashion show was held in a

variety of smaller events and ven-

ues — including a fashion lun-

cheon or in the Texas Union Ball-

It was through the '97 senior

class' work under Nicols that

the event was moved to the Er-

room — without a real runway.

"I've had one student every tive husband while teaching and year come up and tell me, 'When putting on fashion shows for the I was a kid, I used to dream Hong Kong Polytechnic Univerabout being in the UT senior fashion show," Bravo said. "It sity, she moved back to Austin makes you feel like you're dowith him and started teaching at ing more than just a presentation Before Nicols joined the faculof all [the seniors'] hard work; you're also shining a light to inspire a future student.'

On the other hand, this will be Bravo's third fashion show. Through the duo's combined efforts, they have encouraged the program and seniors to embrace sustainable fabrics with new technologies, like digital prints, into their collections and portfolios.

"When they graduate from the University and go on to their internships and jobs, they will be designing for specific companies and customers," Nicols said. "This is their time to create their dream, and this is the first time to work with such fine fabrics to put together a whole collection in that amount of time."

Despite budget cuts this year, Nicols said all of the participating companies have been accommodating and will continue to work with UT on the fashion show.

place where we help and support one another," Nicols said. be something fun, enjoyable "I think we're in the business of giving people a psychologi-

WHAT: UT High Voltage Fashion Show 2010

WHERE: Frank Erwin Center

WHEN: Tonight, 8 p.m.

ADMISSION: Free

cal lift because you know how good it feels when you have something that makes you look good. It doesn't need to be frivolous — just something that's "The fashion industry is a appropriate, that gives you a moment of joy. Fashion should and a little moment of lightness in our lives."

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'Sexpectations' place columnists under student fire



Editor's Note: This special Thursday edition of Hump Day is the final installment of a two-part series that explores sex columns in student newspapers across the country.

By Mary Lingwall **Daily Texan Staff**

In 1996, the University of California, Berkley's student newspaper, The Daily Californian, introduced the first student sex column in an effort to placate the student body after a series of heated political debates took hold of the paper's editorial section.

Ironically, though the college sex column was introduced to student newspapers as a diversion, sex columns have become one of the leading points of contention at college and university newspapers in little over a decade.

Politically liberal-leaning sex columns attract scathing reactions even at some of the most historically liberal institutions in the country — like Berkeley. However, conservative universities throughout the nation have started running their own student sex columns, as well. Dartmouth College has two.

So what has changed?

Perhaps there has been a significant political, cultural or ideological shift in our nation's college-aged demographic. Maybe there has been a conservative resurgence, and more traditional views on sexuality are growing. But I doubt it.

What seems more likely is that intentions have changed.

"By and large, student sex columnists have higher standards for inclusive, woman-positive sex journalism [than] their off-campus counterparts," wrote Alex DiBranco last September in "The Student Sex Column Movement" in The Nation.

And during the nascent stages of college sex writing, this seemed to be true. When Mindy Friedman was a student at Berkeley and the Columbia Spectator was publishing weekly "Sexploration" columns from Miriam Datskovsky (circa 2004-2006), the name of the game was pithy writing about sex - period. These were articles written by women with the simple (read: simple, not easy) task of showing that women can be sexually empowered and even humorous.

But DiBranco's assertion that college sex columns inherently promote this kind of political progressivism is misleading. Because, as Amanda Hess of the Washington City Paper blog "The Sexist"

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Eve Nicols, left, and Karen Bravo, textiles and apparel lecturers, work on light designs on Wednesday afternoon for the upcoming UT fashion

Senior show reaches 'full scale'

Editor's note: This is the fifth story in a series that highlights trends in the UT fashion show.

show at the Frank Erwin Center.

By Gerald Rich **Daily Texan Staff**

The massive, dimly lit Frank Erwin Center has played host to a number of events ranging from honors ceremonies to comedians and musicians to pro-wrestling out a runway for one of the biggest fashion shows in Austin.

With the enthusiasm of design seniors and the guidance of textiles and apparel lecturer Karen Bravo and senior lecturer Eve Nicols, the UT textile and apparel senior event has grown from humble beginnings to a full-scale fashion show. The show has averaged matches. It's only once a year, about 5,000 guests in the past

though, when the venue brings thanks to UT Co-op sponsorships, and this year, it will feature 32 distinct collections.

> "Most fashion shows in schools are smaller-scale and intimate with a focus on family and friends," Bravo said. "We put ours out there for the whole public, and the UT Co-op society sponsorship means we don't have to charge \$50 to \$100 per ticket. It's free, so we can invite everybody, and it can be an Austin event."

Nicols and Bravo both attended the highly competitive Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design in London for their masters degrees, at separate times, and went on to pursue their own designs. Nicols sold her line across Europe and went to Hong Kong for what she calls "an adventure that wound up being 10 years."

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Condom Couture looks to raise AIDS awareness

UT FACE AIDS debuts unique fashion designs in second annual show

By Julie Rene Tran

Daily Texan Staff torium as photojournalism junior Ryan Edwards raises his Queen of Hearts-inspired dress to show off the structural bodice he made out of clothing hangers. The dress was undeniably a fashion statement — not because of its loud color scheme or armor-like structure, but because it was made almost entirely out of condoms.

ers will debut their original con- and hopefully, double the mondom designs tonight for the UT FACE AIDS second-annual Condom Couture fashion show.

hoping to raise awareness about made clothing. The smell of latex fills the audi- AIDS and HIV with a fun, whimsical approach, said Amanda Dafamily sciences senior and committee chairwoman for the event.

Last year, the organization was able to raise about \$2,000 from ticket sales. This year, the cost to attend the fashion show is \$5.

Dalessio said this year's show will be larger with double the

Edwards and 24 other design- number of designers and outfits, luminous and flirty with layers ey raised.

Each designer was given 1,000 non-lubricated condoms, and the The nonprofit organization is only rule was to not use any pre-

Edwards, who won last year, said working with the condoms lessio, human development and was difficult. He said it took him almost three weeks in work hours over the course of 2 1/2 months to put his dress together.

The thought of making a dress out of condoms was a lot more exciting than the production, Ed- a design he created last year won

wards said. The bottom of his dress is voof stretched-out orange and vellow condoms. Shredded metallic condom wrappers cover the bodice, providing a rough textured contrast to the condom rosettes that fill the shoulder caps.

To attach the rosettes, Edwards twisted pins through the rub ber material and tacked it firmly into the bedsheet he used as the dress's form.

Edwards said he didn't make a dress in hopes of making a change. He just did it because a

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Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

Angela John fixes two inflated condoms onto a headband while Robyn Curts, left, and Amanda Poe wait for the start of the Condom Couture

BOOK REVIEW

Tale of Southern debutant reinforces outdated ideals

Jennifer Ross would

have been much better

off just writing a

cupcake cookbook —

although, because of

the recent cupcake

fad, there are already

plenty of those to

go around.

By Kate Ergenbright

Daily Texan Staff

the Cupcake" is sweet — sickly sweet. Ross is a former Wall Street Journal and Dallas Morning News reporter who currently resides in Austin. Her novel reinforces the stereotypical and antiquated ideals of Southern belles.

Ansley Waller, the quintessential Southern debutant with a knack for baking cupcakes and a strict been raised to believe that one of

ciety's code of proper behavior. Everything in Ansley's life is going great as she prepares to graduate from **Baylor University** with a business degree she never intends to use and a fabulous engagement ring from her perfect Southern gentleman, Parish.

adherence to so-

According to Ansley, "... she had followed ev-

ery Dallas girl's dream life ... College, engagement and love were all happening like clockwork," something she had dreamed of since she was a little girl. But, alas, during a keg party one night, Ansley is publicly humiliated when Parish suddenly asks for his engagement ring back after he witnesses Ansley being viciously mean to one of her sorority sisters. Ashamed and cast out of wealthy Dallas society,

Ansley jets off to New York City to live with a grandmother she's nev-Jennifer Ross' "The Icing on er met who abandoned her family when Ansley's mother was only 5

years old. In "The Icing on the Cupcake," Ross' prose is completely formulaic, and the morals of many of the characters are enough to make any self-respecting woman cringe Her novel follows the story of in disgust. For example, within the first chapter of the novel, the narrator tells us, "Ansley had

> the highest honors a woman can achieve is to marry right out of college and never have to work." Although Ansley later changes her tune, the sentiment still seems so outdated it's laughable.

At the end of each chapter is a cupcake recipe with a name corresponding to an idea or an event that occurred in the chapter. Al-

though this is an interesting idea, it is executed poorly. Ross would have been much better off just writing a cupcake cookbook although, because of the recent cupcake fad, there are already plenty of those to go around.

If you're in the mood for some good chick lit, just leave "The Icing on the Cupcake" sitting on the shelves.

Grade: C

