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CAMPUS

Bake sale outrage leads to petition

By Van Nguyen
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A student-created petition calling for the University to suspend Young Conservatives of Texas as a result of their anti-affirmative action bake sale has gathered more than 800 signatures, while the Campus Climate Response Team has received 178 complaints in relation to the event.

Baked goods were sold based on the purchaser's race and ethnicity, with Hispanics, Native Americans and Blacks sold goods at lower prices compared to Asian-Americans and Whites, who were given the highest prices.

The 178 reports were filed on the day of the bake sale and more were filed yesterday, according to Leslie Blair, executive director of communications for the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement. Blair said on average, less than one report is filed per day.

YCT did not respond for comment at the time this article was published.

According to a YCT press release Wednesday, the bake sale was held to bring attention to the "absurdity" of giving preferential treatment to individuals based on race, ethnicity or gender.

"YCT-UT will not be deterred by liberal elites that would love nothing more than to silence conservative, common sense voices on campus," YCT said in a press release. "We will continue to speak out against policies that are harmful or give preferential treatment based on nothing more than immutable characteristics."

A similar bake sale hosted by YCT in 2013 led to the filing of more than 20 reports, Blair said.

Blair said more than 100 reports were filed when YCT hosted a "Catch an Illegal Immigrant Day" event in 2013, which involved catching students who wore shirts that said "illegal immigrant." The University did not punish the organization for either of the events, but DDCE Vice President Gregory Vincent denounced both events in official University statements.

"In seeking an audience for their ideas, the YCT resorted to exercising one of the university's core values to the detriment of others," Vincent said in a statement yesterday. "Such actions are counterproductive to true dialogue on our campus, and it is unrepresentative of the ideals toward which our community strives."

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Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff

Students protest an anti-affirmative action bake sale held by the Young Conservatives of Texas. The bake sale was held in the West Mall on Wednesday afternoon.

Ibrahim created the petition because she believes the bake sale targeted racial minority groups in a negative way. Ibrahim said this type of behavior should not be tolerated on campus, and she considers the bake sale to be a hate crime.

"I was talking to students who identify as people of color or non-

people of color, and both parties had negative reactions [to the bake sale], so I figured a petition would create a collective forum for students to voice their opinion and express their grievances," Ibrahim said.

Ibrahim said she believes YCT needs to be disciplined by the University in some way, otherwise similar events will con-

tinue to occur on campus without punishment.

The development of a hate crime policy has been in the works as part of the University's Diversity Action Plan, which President Gregory Fenves mentioned at his State of the University address, but no public announcements from the University have been made regarding the specifics of

the plan.

University-wide representative Ashley Choi was one of the first people to show up to protest the bake sale. Choi said she considers the event to be a hate crime and fully supports the petition calling for the suspension of YCT.

"When [universities]

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Jacob Peña, a government junior, is a second-generation Mexican-American who plans to vote for Clinton in November.



Alissa Jae Lazo-Kim
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Clinton voter cites second-generation background

By Cassi Pollock
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Editor's note: This is the fifth profile of a series The Daily Texan is publishing during the 2016 election season, featuring a wide variety of student political perspectives. Beginning with the first day of early voting, Oct. 24, the series will run up until Election Day, Nov. 8.

"I'm that 'bad hombre' Donald Trump tells you about," said Jacob Peña, a second-generation Mexican-American, with a

smile. "That's me."

Peña, a North Texas native and government junior, was referring to a remark made by the Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump at the third presidential debate. Peña, a self-defined liberal, said Trump's comment underscored why he didn't find the New York billionaire fit for the White House.

Peña said his grandmother entered the U.S. as an undocumented immigrant. "I'm a product of immi-

gration," Peña said. "And when Trump said those things, that's not what my family represents."

Peña also serves as a state leader for the League of United Latin American Citizens, a group that aims to advance the Hispanic community's welfare in America. He said his experiences in the organization helped him realize the importance of immigration as an issue in the election.

"These people I met in

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STATE

Polls suggest Texas will stay red

By Sarah Phillips
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A recent poll conducted by The University of Texas and The Texas Tribune found Texas will most likely remain a Republican stronghold in the presidential election despite Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton's recent polling numbers.

The poll shows 45 percent of Texas voters support

Republican nominee Donald Trump, 42 percent support Clinton, 7 percent support Libertarian nominee Gary Johnson, 2 percent support Green Party nominee Jill Stein and 5 percent will vote for someone else.

The poll found the most important issue for Texas voters is the appointment of Supreme Court justices, which leads the majority of Texan voters toward Trump

instead of Clinton, according to a statement released by the University.

The data revealed differences in motives for voter support: 70 percent of Clinton supporters said they were voting for her because they support her as opposed to voting for her in opposition to Trump, while 47 percent of Trump supporters responded

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Early voters break county record

By Sarah Phillips
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Counties across Texas are breaking early voting records, with more than 17 percent of Travis County's registered voters casting ballots in the first three days of early voting for the Nov. 8 election.

According to data released by the Travis County Clerk's office, 154,232 of the county's voters cast a ballot Monday



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Students and faculty line up at the Flawn Academic Center on the second day of early voting to cast their ballots.

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Rey Nerio a local to Austin, fishing for bass under the Ann and Roy Butler hike and bike trail on Lady Bird Lake.

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don't have concrete policy defining what constitutes a hate crime, a lot of the lines get blurred, and a lot of the racist, misogynistic, homophobic and transphobic incidents happening on campus are disguised as freedom of speech or academic freedom," said Choi, an international relations and global studies senior. "Because of [this] a lot of organizations, especially Young Conservatives of Texas, have been getting away with this kind of racist disaster."

The Campus Climate

Advisory Board, which consists of student leaders from across campus, released a statement condemning the actions of YCT, calling the bake sale "offensive, inaccurate, and hate-filled."

"In order for meaningful conversation to come to fruition, we must be educated on the matter," the Campus Climate Advisory Board said in a statement. "Affirmative Action does not put anyone at a disadvantage; rather, it provides an opportunity for members of marginalized and oppressed communities to stand on the same playing field as their privileged counterparts."

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my organization are the reason immigration matters so much to me," Peña said. "If [Trump] does the immigration plan, he's go-

ing to deport them. And I can't fathom that."

So, with immigration at the top of his list, Peña said he's casting his vote for president for Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee.



Katie Bauer | Daily Texan Staff

Students protest against the Young Conservatives of Texas bake sale held on the west mall Wednesday afternoon. A hate crime policy is in the works as part of the University Diversity Action Plan.

"Clinton has a plan for immigration, and she says she's going to do it," Peña said. "She said in her first 100 days, she's going to introduce legislation for comprehensive reform. If she does that, then great."

Peña said other reasons, including Clinton's experience in foreign policy and public service, impacted his decision. Given the polls, Peña said he's confident Clinton will win the presidency.

"I feel okay about how things are going to go," Peña said. "I think Clinton's a good leader. She knows how these things work, and I'm not afraid for our future."

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UT digitizes Latin American Collection

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As of last month, select materials from UT's Benson Latin American Collection library can now be digitally accessed by UT students and by people living in the furthest reaches of the globe through a combined effort by Google Books and HathiTrust.

UT Libraries entered into a contract with the Google Books Project in 2007 that digitized 500,000 volumes from the Latin American Collection to be added to the online Google Books collection, according to Travis Willmann, UT Libraries communications officer.

Google started facing

copyright lawsuits from author and publisher groups almost immediately after it began digitizing materials, and the process to transfer the digitized materials was halted. In 2008, HathiTrust was formed as a way to legally claim Google Book's digitized materials and put them into a repository, Willmann said.

"Whenever the Google files were thrown into this limbo as a result of the litigation, they thought, 'Wait a minute, maybe we can work with Google and the institutions that provided the original source materials, and we can leverage those and put those into a central repository and make those available to the larger world,'" Willmann said.

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think what [Trump] stands for politically is correct, but if I'm voting for Hillary, then I'm not voting for the change I want to see in this country, because she's one of those old-school politicians that say things but don't do things."

Susan Macicak, UT Libraries collection development officer, said she has been voting since she was 18.

"I was very excited and happy going into the election when Barack Obama was a candidate," Macicak said. "Working at a university, I appreciate an educated

and experienced candidate."

Charlene Mitchell, biochemistry and pre-pharmacy freshman, said she had time between classes, so she came out to vote because of the importance of this year's election.

"[Voting is] something everyone should do, especially with an election like this one," Mitchell said. "I had time in between classes so I could come out early."

Mitchell is voting for Clinton and said she thinks having a woman in the position will be a positive move for the country.

"Who wants Trump as president, [in] my opinion," Mitchell said. "Let's have a woman up there for

a change."

The deadline for mail-in voting is Friday, Oct. 28. Texas Secretary of State Carlos H. Cascos is encouraging those voting by mail-in ballots to get their ballots to the county clerk's office by Oct. 28.

"The deadline to apply to vote by mail is fast approaching, and we need to ensure that all Texas residents who qualify have the necessary information to receive their ballot," Cascos said in a statement.

Mail-in ballots can be submitted by mail or fax. Early voting will be available to students in the FAC through Nov. 4 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voters should

Haricombe said the recent triumph of the Latin American Collection underscores the Libraries' broader goal of open access. She contrasted her experience as a library director in South Africa with her experience in America and explained how that has pushed her to advocate for the open agenda.

"I take the motto of UT very seriously when it says what happens here can change the world," Haricombe said. "I know how it can change the world in South Africa if people had the kind of access to research that's happening here. [Open access is] a public good; it empowers people, it gives them equal access and equal opportunity."

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—Charlene Mitchell, Biochemistry and pre-pharmacy freshman

bring their voter registration card with them to the polls. Voting resumes election day, Nov. 8, in the FAC from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

CAMPUS

LGBT mayor reflects on past, weighs future

By Cassi Pollock
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“I had to figure out how to not make ‘lesbian’ my last name,” said Annise Parker, the former mayor of Houston, in a speech to UT students Thursday night at the SAC Auditorium.

Parker, the first openly lesbian mayor of a major U.S. city, reflected on her 45-year record of LGBT activism and politics, touching on her successes and failures.

“All this attention could have been a distraction,” said Parker, referring to the heightened attention she received in 2009 upon winning the mayoral election. “But I viewed it as an opportunity to take it, pivot and talk about the city I was leading.”

Coming out as a lesbian in the early 1970s was a different affair back then, Parker said, and despite it

being difficult, she said she had to learn how to be comfortable with herself.

“There was no pubic discussion, no role models,” Parker said. “The topic of conversation then was one of safety and how we could keep ourselves from harassment and from being fired.”

Parker was mayor in 2015, when 60 percent of Harris County residents rejected the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance, a measure that proposed outlawing discrimination on the basis of gender identity, sexual orientation and race.

“I couldn’t get the non-discrimination ordinance passed for Houston,” Parker said, dubbing it one of her biggest disappointments to date. “I also did it as mayor of Houston, not an LGBT activist. And I did it because it was important to Houston and for my constituents.”

Victor Fu and Alexander

Mutammara, two of Parker’s former constituents, said they were at the event to show their support.

“I feel, as allies of the LGBT community, it’s pretty important for us to be here,” chemistry freshman Mutammara said. “Parker is a really huge figure fighting for those kinds of rights in that field.”

Fu, a chemical engineering freshman, agreed with Mutammara and said he was curious to learn about Parker’s upcoming political plans.

“Parker has been a trailblazer for LGBT communities,” Fu said. “I want to hear about the things she wants to do in the future.”

When asked about plans for the LGBT community, Parker said a possible Supreme Court involvement could ultimately end up deciding the community’s future.

“We won this war, we may



Annise Parker, former mayor of Houston, discusses the highlights as well as the hardships she endured throughout her lifetime. Parker is one of the first openly gay mayors of a major U.S. city.

Alissa Jae Lazo-Kim
Daily Texan Staff

just lose a few more battles,” Parker said. “Even if we arrive to full equal participation in American society, we have the whole rest of the world to bring along with us as well. So, we can’t stop there.”

Parker’s speech, organized by the Pride Policy Alliance, Queer Graduate Student Alliance and UT’s Gender and Sexuality Center, ended with

defining an LGBT agenda.

“We want to walk down any street in America without being assaulted,” Parker said. “We want to serve our country open and honorably. We want to pay taxes to the country that doesn’t always acknowledge. And we want to adopt children and raise them with love. That is the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender agenda.”

Even with wins at the Supreme Court on same-sex marriage and advancements on state legislation, Parker said the LGBT agenda still has issues and policy areas it still needs to address.

“When you stop counting the milestones, you’ve arrived at your destination,” Parker said. “And for the LGBT community, we still have a long way to go.”

UNIVERSITY

Petition takes on challenge to rename Robert Lee Moore Hall

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Robert Lee Moore Hall is one of the largest buildings on campus, but the shadow of the man it was named after looms even larger in the mind of some students.

A petition created by Bradley Wolff, a business honors and finance junior, is demanding the University rename the hall due to Moore’s well-documented racism during his time as a professor at UT.

“The fact that African-American students are required to go into class and go meet with their professors and know that they’re stepping into a building where, if this

was X amount of years ago, they would not be welcomed because [Moore] would not teach people of their race, is disgusting,” Wolff said.

Raymond Johnson, a math professor at Rice University, was a UT alumnus and one of the first black students enrolled at UT. Johnson wrote in his teacher profile that Moore once told a black student “he was welcome to take his course, but that he would start with a C and could only go down from there.”

The petition has 101 signatures, mostly from UT students, and has already sparked discussion between Student Government and the UT administration.

SG President Kevin Hel-

gren said he plans to meet next Wednesday with Gregory Vincent, the vice president for Diversity and Community Engagement at UT, to begin a dialogue regarding the name of RLM Hall.

“When it comes to something like a name change, there is undoubtedly a whole lot of red tape we need to cut through,” Helgren said. “The removal of the Jefferson Davis statue indicated that there was hope. The distinction is, though, that Jefferson Davis had no real ties to UT. Robert Lee Moore, on the other hand, was a professor here for years, and he has contributed a great deal to education as a whole and, more specifically, to math.”

Helgren said he didn’t advocate for or against renaming the building because of complicated ties Moore had with the University.

“Back then, that type of ideology, that type of mindset, unfortunately, was normal,” Helgren said. “Now that doesn’t justify or validate that mindset by any means, but we have to keep that in mind. By traveling down this road, for the sake of consistency, we would also have to travel down a lot of other roads. The University of Texas as a whole has racist underpinnings, so if we want to wage war against every racist tie at the University, we would need to consider revamping the entire process.”

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The fact that we honor a man who was a white supremacist is not reflective of UT’s core values

—Vivianne Tu,
SG representative and business honors sophomore

Despite Helgren’s recommendation of caution, Vivianne Tu, SG representative and business honors sophomore, was contacted by Wolff and is considering creating a resolution to recommend the University change the name of RLM Hall.

“The fact that we honor a man who was a white supremacist is not reflective of UT’s core values now,” Tu said. “While he was a great mathematician, I feel that can be celebrated in other ways than plastering his name on a building in which thousands of students go through every day, and of those students, there were those who he would have never even wanted to come through his building.”

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in their respective position in backing Trump.

“While Republican ambivalence towards their nominee is unsurprising given the turn that Trump’s campaign has taken in recent weeks, the degree to which Texas Democrats have rallied around Clinton is really striking given her rejection by Sanders’ supporters in previous polling in addition to the ever-present meme of this campaign that she, like Trump, is an ‘unlikable’ candidate,” said Josh Blank, polling and research manager at the Texas Politics Project, in a statement.

According to the Texans polled, both Trump and Clinton are considered to



Juan Figueroa | Daily Texan file photo

Attendees watch the first presidential debate and play bingo at the LBJ School of Public Affairs. A poll conducted by UT and The Texas Tribune shows that Trump holds a narrow lead over Hillary in Texas.

be “poor” candidates. While 52 percent of self-identified Republicans in Texas said Trump would be a good president, 73 percent of Texas Democrats said Clinton would be.

The poll is the latest in

a series conducted by a partnership between UT’s Texas Politics Project and The Texas Tribune. The poll was conducted by YouGov, a public opinion research firm, between Oct. 14 and Oct. 23 of this year.

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Forum: Politics at its best — and its worst

By Jordan Shenhar
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This week's forum features two articles showcasing a competition of political ideas — and one that serves as a sobering reminder of the racially motivated vitriol that has all too often precluded those sorts of fruitful conversations this election season.

Over the next 10 days, Austin's residents will vote on a ballot initiative that would allocate \$720 million towards improving the city's infrastructure. To complement this week's editorial on the subject, we're running pieces from Mayor Steve Adler and Gonzalo Camacho, a candidate for City Council running in District 4. Adler argues that the bond will provide long-needed improvements to the city's traffic woes, particularly during rush

hour and at intersections. Camacho, a transportation engineer by trade, fears the resolution is too costly and should prioritize minimizing accidents over renovating roadways.

And in light of Wednesday's demonstration against affirmative action organized by UT Young Conservatives of Texas, we conclude the forum with a column by Jasmine Barnes of Students for Equality and Diversity on the challenges black students face at this

University — including, and especially, the insinuation that they shouldn't be here at all.

As always, the Forum team welcomes contributions from anyone in the UT community and beyond. You can reach us at editor@dailytexanonline.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Shenhar is a Plan II, economics and government senior from Westport, Connecticut. He is the Forum Editor.

FORUM

To black students at UT: Your education matters

By Jasmine Barnes
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To my black siblings, you are not alone. For those of you reading this on your laptop right now sitting in a lecture, the only black person, your presence matters. So often we spend our time talking to white people about our experiences. Justifying them, qualifying them, creating bar graphs and quantitative analyses to legitimize them.

But we forget to speak to each other. So right now, I'm speaking to you. When I graduated high school, I was the only black girl in my graduating class. I dreamed of a university where I could see people of color and other black people, who, like myself, were ambitious and quirky and passionate about learning. Making it to UT seemed like a gateway to the education I deeply desired and the community I'd lacked in high school.

What I, like many of us, found was a history of bleach bombs and border patrol parties. I found myself the only black person in literally every one of my honors seminars. I found statues praising the "achievements" of confederate leaders. I found court cases questioning the legitimacy of my acceptance to the University.

And this Wednesday, I was again reminded that my very presence — my very desire to receive a high quality education — could provoke outrage and indignation.

So we learn to keep our heads down. To get the best grades. To swallow the racism and harassment and exclusion with a laugh or a sigh.

But we shouldn't have to. If anything, Wednesday's events have reminded me that even though the black student body is less than 4 percent at UT, we are here. We take up space in all the best ways. Our allies and friends are fighting in solidarity for our right to be here. Most importantly, we are here for each other.

Every day we not only battle the trauma of seeing another black person systematically killed by the police in our own country, but we feel smaller waves of anti-blackness while existing at our own university campus.

So this is a love letter to you. The 4 percent who find themselves constantly fighting to have a voice — fighting be recognized and included — know that you're not alone. Know that your unwillingness to back down in the face of injustice is beautiful. Remember that your joy is radical. Your existence is revolutionary.

To my black siblings, you matter.
Your education matters.
Your communities matter.



Gabriel Lopez | Daily Texan Staff

Students protest an anti-affirmative action bake sale held by the Young Conservatives of Texas. The bake sale was held in the West Mall and attracted controversy for several hours.

Your experiences and fears and emotions matter.
Your black UT matters.
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#MyBlackUTMatters
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FORUM

Repairing Austin's traffic woes will require public investment

By Steve Adler
Mayor of Austin
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I urge you to vote FOR Prop 1, the \$720 million mobility bond, because we can't wait any longer to address traffic congestion and make our streets safer. Every year we wait, congestion will get worse, and solutions will get more expensive. It's time to put the plans we have into action and start to do something about traffic.

It simply takes too long to get anywhere in Austin. We need to fix our corridors, Guadalupe, North and South Lamar, Burnet, MLK, East Riverside, Airport Boulevard and William Cannon and Slaughter. These are the roads most of us live near and all of us drive on at one time or another — and they don't work.

The truth is that these are old state highways built for a much smaller town. We need to do a few smart fixes to make these roads work for today's Austin: left- and right-turn lanes so you don't get stuck behind someone trying to turn, bus pullouts so you don't get stuck behind a bus stop (and queue jumps to get buses back into traffic quickly) and smart signals that time themselves automatically every 10 minutes.

If we do these changes, traffic will improve. For example, traffic engineers tell us making these improvements on South Lamar would improve wait times at intersections during morning rush hour by 61 percent. If we do nothing, wait times at intersections in the mornings will increase 216 percent.

There are huge benefits in the mobility bond for the University of Texas. In particular, two great transit bottlenecks in this city that affect UT students — East Riverside Drive, where many students live, and the Drag, where everyone ends up — are included on the corridors in this mobility bond. We all know what the problem is: Buses are getting stuck in traffic. So we're looking at creating rapid transit lanes to relieve these choke points and get traffic moving again.

The other big benefit for students is all the money in the mobility bond for safety improvements. The mobility bond includes \$15 million to make the most dangerous intersections in Austin safer for everyone, \$20 million for protected bike

lanes, \$26 million for urban trails, and \$65 million to build sidewalks in neighborhoods where there are none. All this gives you more safe options for getting around.

All of this is why The Daily Texan, UT Student Government and the University Democrats — as well as Bike Austin and the Alliance for Public Transportation — have endorsed Prop 1. The groups looking out for the interests of UT students want you to vote for the mobility bond, but be careful: You have to go all the way to the bottom of the ballot to vote on it. So when you go to vote, remember that you're not done until you vote for Prop 1.

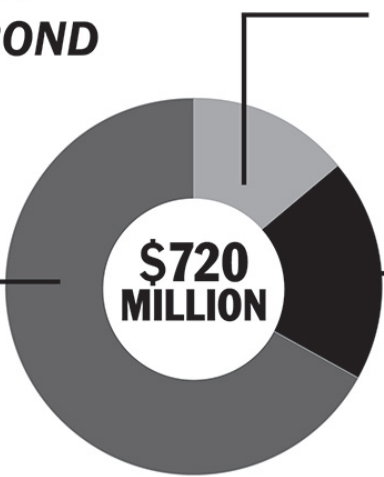
To be sure, many UT students will be long gone by the time all the work in the mobility bond is completed. But that's not the bargain we make when we vote. When you cast your ballot, you're voting to make a better future for everyone, not just yourself. After we're gone, more will come after us, and it's up to us to leave a better Austin behind for them.

For decades, the "do nothing" voices in Austin have said anything to keep us from doing something about traffic. It's time to stop talking and start doing something to fix traffic, and UT students can help lead the way. I'm counting on you, and so are all the Longhorns who are coming up after you.

Adler is the mayor of Austin.

2016 AUSTIN
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PROJECTS

\$482M
Corridor Improvement
Airport Boulevard, Burnet Road, Guadalupe Street, N. Lamar Boulevard, S. Lamar Boulevard, E. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, E. Riverside Drive



\$101M
Regional Mobility
Anderson Mill Road, Courtyard Drive, FM 2222, Lakewood Drive, Loop 360, Old Bee Caves Road Bridge, Parmar Lane, Spicewood Springs Road/Bluffstone Drive

\$137M
Local Mobility
Bikeways, fatality reduction strategies, safe routes to school in 10 City Council districts, sidewalks, substandard streets, urban trails

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FORUM

Costly transportation proposal fails to address safety concerns

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Prop 1, the \$720 million mobility bond (debt), is deficient and flawed. It will not deliver public expectations and diverts resources from accessibility and roadway safety.

Last June, Robert Goode, assistant city manager, sent a letter to Austin's City Council about the bond. According to this letter, the projects identified in the bond will cost \$1.5 billion; that is more than twice the proposed \$720 million. In addition, among other potential cost increases, the city will need to increase the monthly Transportation User Fee (TUF) to pay for future roadway maintenance. How is the city planning to deliver \$1.5 billion of transportation projects at half the cost? It cannot. The city will either have to request additional funds or cut back in projects. It begs the question: What projects will not be constructed?

Prop 1 does not address negative impacts to local businesses during construction. Reconstruction of heavily traveled corridors, such as Burnet and Lamar, requires careful traffic management planning and consideration for impacts to local businesses. Will local businesses survive construction activities?

Prop 1 includes \$137 million for local mobility projects such as sidewalks, bicycle facilities and reduction in traffic fatalities. However, the city has indicated it needs \$800 million for sidewalks only. Prop 1 is an eight-year-long bond

program that will fund only half of the proposed projects. What about the need of \$800 million in sidewalks and ADA access? Many students walk, ride bicycles and use public transit. Bicycle lanes require maintenance every one to three years. If Austin does not maintain its current needs, which this bond will not do, what can we expect eight years from now?

In 2012, Austin had 78 traffic fatalities, a 42 percent increase from 2011. In response, the city published the "City of Austin 2012 Traffic Fatality Report." This report listed six recommendations, such as: develop a Mobility Safety Plan, develop strategies to improve safety along I-35, improve crash data access and analysis and prepare an annual transportation safety report. In 2015, Austin had 102 traffic fatalities, many of them along I-35. Shouldn't reducing crashes and fatalities take a higher priority, more than reconstructing corridors and reducing traffic capacity?

The mobility bond is a financing tool, a \$720 million debt that requires payment of principal plus interests. Bonds include overhead costs that take funding away from other projects. It is not necessary to issue bonds (debt). We already pay the monthly TUF through our utility bills. The TUF is less than \$10 per month. The TUF could be increased to \$15 without adding to our public debt.

Instead of the \$720 million debt, I propose the following:

Develop a transportation plan that addresses reduction of crashes and fatalities as highest priority.

Develop traffic management strategies using common sense, such as improving operation of traffic signals and roadway maintenance. Implementing reversible lanes during peak hours is one relatively low-cost strategy.

Develop a funding program for sidewalks and bicycle facilities that does not depend on debt.

Improve public transit service, such as adding bus shelters and free access for AISD students, retired people and the disabled.

Introduce new technologies to transportation corridors. In the next five to 10 years, we will have the opportunity to benefit from new transportation technologies. The city should partner with the private sector in the development and implementation of new technologies.

There is no need to reinvent the wheel and add more debt to working families in Austin. What Austin needs is a well-planned transportation system that improves safety and is financially sound.

Camacho is a traffic engineer and candidate for City Council running in District 4.

MOVIE REVIEW | ‘INFERNO’

‘Inferno’ entertains despite contrived, peculiar plot

By Justin Jones
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Two-thirds of the way through “Inferno,” a plot twist caused as many exasperated laughs as it did shocked gasps. This reaction defines the movie, as “Inferno” manages to be as contrived as it is thrilling. Director Ron Howard first adapted Dan Brown’s bestselling conspiracy thriller novel “The Da Vinci Code” 10 years ago. The Tom Hanks vehicle was a self-serious labyrinth of a film but addressed a fascinating conspiracy. From there, the sequels have grown more bold, more entertaining and more convoluted. In Howard’s latest adaptation, Tom Hanks’ Robert Langdon awakens in a hospital in Florence, Italy, unsure how he arrived there. This helps the story wisely skip the typically exposition-loaded first act and jump straight to the chase. Almost immediately, ambiguous groups begin firing at Langdon as he takes off to follow a trail left by a recently deceased billionaire, with his new female

sidekick (Felicity Jones). The mysterious puzzle is loosely tied to Dante’s “The Divine Comedy: Inferno,” but the film never gives a convincing reason why the epic poem figures so heavily into the story. For some reason, the billionaire who left the puzzle loved Italian art and Dante, using paintings as hints. Though entirely nonsensical, this enables Hanks to have strange visions of hell on Earth, including visually arresting sequences of heads turned backwards, people halfway buried in the ground and “The Shining”-like raging rivers of blood. The plot unravels through flashbacks and plot twists, never really making much sense. In order to decode what actually happened in this movie, one would need a full day, a notebook and a symbologist as smart as Hanks’ character in the film. Despite the disappointing plot, the entire cast is superb. Jones delivers a strong portrayal of a confused yet eager-to-help doctor, and she works

INFERNO
Rating: PG-13
Runtime: 121 minutes
Score: ★★ ★

surprisingly well with Hanks. Irrfan Khan is dynamite as the mysterious leader of a secretive corporation. His performance is convincing as a charmingly arrogant business man who is also an assassin with uncertain motivations — a ridiculous but extremely fun turn from the dramatic actor. As Hanks’ character regains his memory, “Inferno” becomes less bold. Hanks’ freaky visions appear less frequently, and the movie starts to cave under its own weight, bending over backwards to make sense of the tangled plot. But “Inferno” never grows dull — whenever the plot hits a wall, its characters travel to another country, solve puzzles and dodge bullets there. The film’s last flaw is its paint-by-numbers, typical Hollywood finale. For a series



Courtesy of Image Entertainment

Director Ron Howard’s latest Dan Brown adaptation, “Inferno,” is preposterous, convoluted and a fun time at the movies.

that finds its identity in being unpredictable, the ending comes up supremely disappointing. Further frustrating is the decision to stray from the conclusion to Brown’s novel, an ending as bold, preposterous and bizarrely awesome as the first 90 minutes of the film. On the whole, Ron Howard’s “Inferno” is neither a good nor bad movie. It makes plenty of mistakes, but beautiful cinematography of historic buildings combined with an enjoyably absurd plot makes for an amusing time at the movies. Those who are looking forward to “Inferno” should go to the theater, buy some popcorn and prepare for an awesome mess of a movie — but don’t forget your tin foil hats.

BOOK REVIEW | ‘WE GON’ BE ALRIGHT’

Stanford diversity director’s essays critique U.S. race relations

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Thousands have marched in Black Lives Matter protests across the U.S. while “Alright” by rapper Kendrick Lamar has played triumphantly in the background — the unequivocal protest song for the movement. Although the chorus finds hope in community, each of Kendrick’s verses detail the realities of police brutality and racism. “We Gon’ Be Alright,” a series of essays by Jeff Chang, gets its name from the chorus of “Alright,” similarly recognizing the growing antagonism between the police and black youth as

well as the growing worries concerning overall race relations in the U.S. Jeff Chang, executive director of the Institute for Diversity in the Arts at Stanford University, focuses on topics ranging from affirmative action to student protest to Beyoncé in the seven stellar essays of “We Gon’ Be Alright.” Chang will talk about his recent publication Nov. 6 at the Texas Book Festival. Chang opens the book by detailing the cycle of crisis that has plagued this nation since its inception. “Race makes itself known in crisis, in the singular event that captures a larger pattern of abuse and pain,” Chang writes. “We

react to crisis with a flurry of words and, sometimes, actions. In turn, the reaction sparks its own backlash ... The cycle turns next towards exhaustion, complacency, and paralysis. And before long, we find ourselves back in crisis.” Following this stark realization, Chang’s essays analyze this crisis cycle and act as a call to action for all who have remained silent and complacent. They each provide ample history, context and detailed analysis told in Chang’s concise yet powerful voice. In the first essay, “Is Diversity for White People?,” Chang explains how those in power have exploited the idea of diversity while at the same time

justifying inequality. Chang retorts that although it is “a bit vibe-killing” we must face the reality that Hollywood remains overwhelmingly white and diversity has been cheapened and used by corporations and colleges who push ads that feature happy, diverse consumers. Chang’s last essay, “The In-Betweens: On Asian Americanness,” is notably different from the previous essays in the fact that it is written in second person. It emulates Ta-Nehisi Coates’ “Between the World and Me,” a second-person narrative about Coates’ experience with blackness in America. Chang honestly wrestles with his own privilege and identity while relaying his relationship to being

an Asian American. “Here you are, the evidence of American warfare and familial risk and survival,” Chang writes. “A tiger clan, a model fucking minority, a blueprint for multicultural democracy ... so innocuous that teachers and policemen and figures of authority allow you the benefit of the doubt.” At times the essay topics in “We Gon’ Be Alright” feel fragmented, but Chang’s beautiful prose and strong command of the subject matter make up for any shortcomings. Chang’s work is best read an essay at a time so that the reader can digest and grapple with the reality that Chang depicts. Although it is small in size,

“WE GON’ BE ALRIGHT”
By: Jeff Chang
Genre: Social Science
Pages: 192
Rating: ★★★★★

“We Gon’ Be Alright” is enormous in its captivating and compelling content. Chang concludes with a question readers must ask of themselves: “Can we, given all the pain that we have inflicted upon us and that we have inflicted upon others, ever learn to see each other as lovers do, to find our way towards freedom for all?”

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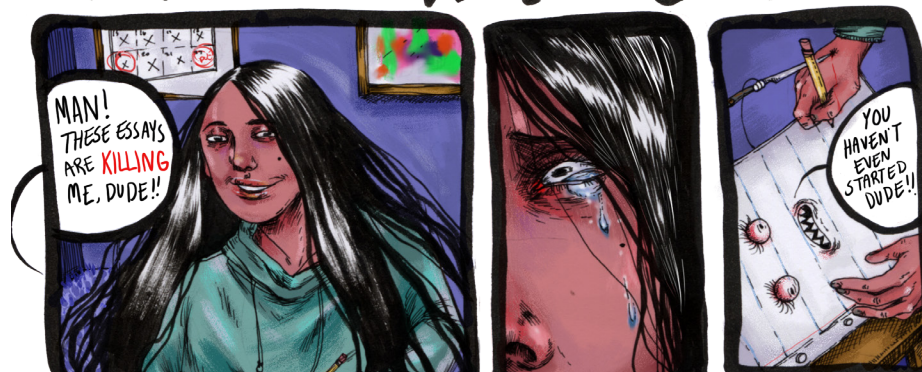
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Panel 2: A person's legs in blue pants and orange shoes are shown. Text: "OK I'M COMING LET ME SEE THE DOG".

Panel 3: A dog in a white shirt and red tie sits on a yellow bag. A girl with pigtails and a choker stands next to it. Text: "HONESTLY I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FEEL ABOUT THIS" and "COME HERE SPOT, SIT SO I CAN GET A PICTURE".

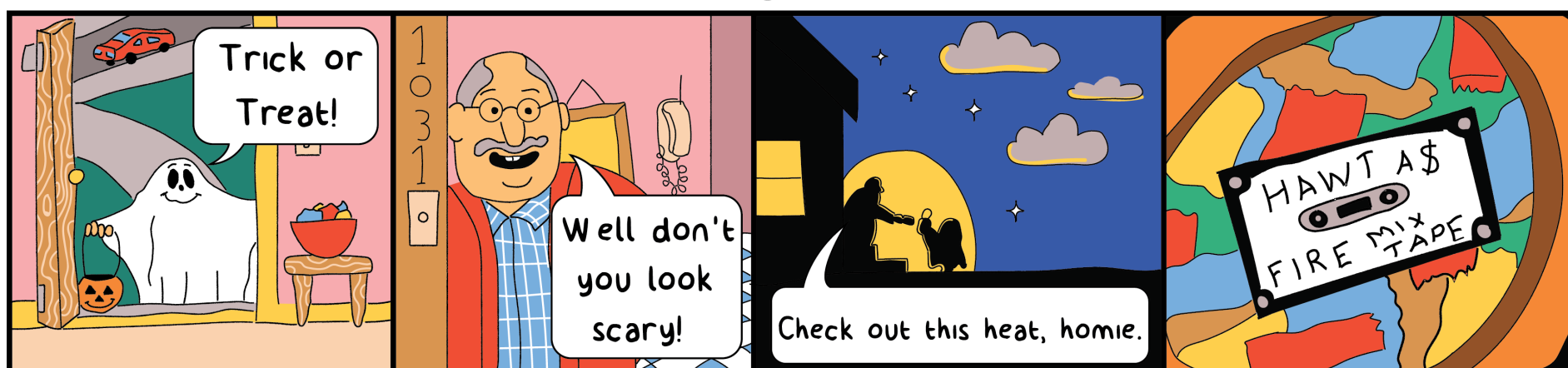
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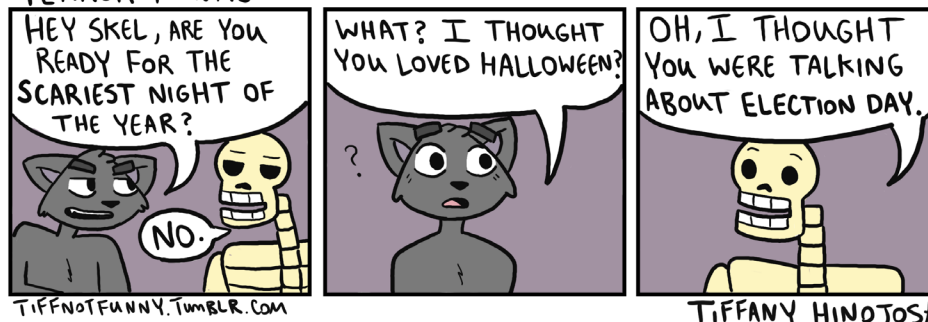
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FOOTBALL

Longhorns ignite rivalry with Baylor

By Michael Shaprio
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It's safe to say there's no love lost between Texas and Baylor. What once was an afterthought — Baylor finished below .500 every year from 1994–2009 — on the Longhorns' schedule has become a heated in-state rivalry. Last year's contest in Waco featured an on-field brawl in the first quarter. Texas safety DeShon Elliott, a freshman at the time, mirrored the emotion of the Longhorn fan base, taking off his helmet and putting his fists up at the 25-yard line. And while the I-35 rivalry doesn't hold the same weight as the Longhorns' war with Oklahoma, Texas and Baylor have more than enough animosity to go around. "I remember last year there was almost a fight — the tension was crazy," senior offensive lineman Kent Perkins said. "I don't like Baylor. I'm a Texas boy all the way." Once known as the Longhorns' little brother, Baylor has owned the conflict since former head coach Art Briles took over the program in 2008. The Bears finished with a better record than Texas in five of its last six seasons and won four of the last six matchups. And as the Baylor offense set a new standard for offensive firepower throughout the country, Texas' offense languished behind a slew of unsuccessful quarterbacks and offensive coordinators. The two teams sit in a



Senior offensive lineman Kent Perkins remembers the brawl between the Longhorns and the Bears in the first quarter of last year's regular season finale. Many expect more fireworks as Baylor visits the 40 Acres on Saturday.

similar position heading into Saturday's contest at Darrell K. Royal–Texas Memorial Stadium. The Bears once again rank atop the Big 12 at 6–0, while Texas is reeling at 3–4 with a 1–3 conference record. It's no secret Texas' defense has struggled in 2016. In three contests against top-15 scoring offenses, the Longhorns have given up 48 points per game. They surrendered 50 points to California, 49 to Oklahoma State and 45 to Oklahoma, unable to slow opponents' aerial attacks.

Things won't get any easier against Baylor. The Bears rank No. 4 in total offense with 550 yards per game. Junior wide receiver KD Cannon and senior quarterback Seth Russell make up an efficient passing attack, while senior running back Shock Linwood heads the Big 12's top rushing attack. Even without Briles at the helm — he was fired this summer for his handling of players' misconduct — the Bears have continued their offensive onslaught under head coach Jim Grobe. "It's been just amazing to

watch how that program has really turned it on and come on strong the last few years," Texas head coach Charlie Strong said. "[Grobe] hasn't tried to change anything. He just came in and has a way of getting guys ready to go play." Briles' imprint will be evident on the other side of the ball as well. Longhorn offensive coordinator Sterlin Gilbert comes from the Briles school of spread offenses with a system predicated on spacing and tempo. And with Texas averaging over 36 points per game, Gilbert looks to have

installed his own version of Baylor-lite on the 40 Acres. Texas now sits three games from the top of the Big 12 with little chance to win the conference. But with a rivalry game looming on Saturday, the Longhorns say they're as ready as ever to take down their conference foe. "There's that sense of pride that you want to be the best team in Texas," senior safety Dylan Haines said. "There's definitely a certain energy around this game that you don't get with other games."

Karen Pinilla | Daily Texan Staff

VOLLEYBALL



Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff

Junior outside hitter Ebony Nwanebu and the Longhorns will travel north to Lawrence, Kansas, to play the Jayhawks this weekend. No. 6 Kansas ranks second in the Big 12 standings.

Texas ready to play Kansas with undefeated Big 12 record on line

By Steve Helwick
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The Longhorns will pack their bags, board a plane and head to the Midwest this weekend for their toughest road test yet. No. 2 Texas (17–2, 9–0 Big 12) looks to defend its undefeated conference record against No. 6 Kansas (19–2, 8–1) in Lawrence on Saturday. The two conference powers collided in Austin one month ago, resulting in a 3-1 Texas victory. Despite the Jayhawks' recent run of success, the Longhorns have triumphed in every match in Lawrence since 2004. Kansas nearly clashed with Texas in last year's NCAA Tournament in the championship round. The Jayhawks fell 3-1 to Nebraska in the Final Four, depriving the Big 12 opponents from an additional meeting. Since losing to Texas in September, Kansas has rallied with seven straight victories. The team remains undefeated at home. And the Longhorns know they must strengthen their defense and limit mistakes to come out

of Lawrence unscathed. "We've been working on our defensive mentality and what our rhythm is defensively," head coach Jerri Elliott said. "Because of [the target] we have on our back, teams are playing out of their mind." Service errors have been the Longhorns' Achilles heel throughout the season; Texas ranks second from the bottom in the Big 12 in service aces. After recording double-digit errors in the category in four straight October matches, Texas took massive strides against Oklahoma, nearly eliminating the issue in the final two sets. "We know we can be a good serving team," Elliott said. "That is the biggest thing, is getting comfortable with serving in front of fans and serving at a high level. When we do that, it gets teams out of the system." The offense has improved as Texas has become more middle-blocker-oriented. The Longhorns have recorded at least 20 blocks four times in conference play, led by the emergence of sophomore middle blockers Morgan

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—Jerri Elliott, Head coach

Johnson and Yaazmeen Bedart-Ghani. Although a familiar opponent, Texas must accelerate its level of play on the road to emerge victorious in Lawrence. Both of Texas' losses came against top-10 opponents in No. 4 Wisconsin and No. 1 Nebraska. "It would be awesome to get a sweep against Kansas," junior outside hitter Ebony Nwanebu said. "Kansas is a really good team, so we want to do what we did [against Oklahoma] and stay with it and be calm." The Longhorns and Jayhawks begin play at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

SOCCER

Confident group aims for tournament berth

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Before their match with Texas Tech last Friday, the Longhorns knew what was at stake for them moving forward. With three games left on the schedule, Texas (8–8–1, 1–5–1 Big 12) could control its own destiny if it wanted to solidify its spot in the Big 12 tournament. The team couldn't afford to look ahead and lose track of where it was. "I think we did a really good job of it starting last week," senior defender Isabelle Kerr said. "We told ourselves [last] Friday our season is 90 minutes tonight. Sunday, our season is 90 minutes today. So [Friday], our season is 90 minutes, and we got to go get a W." The Longhorns beat the Red Raiders last Friday and lost a close match with No. 1 West Virginia on Sunday. Texas still controls its own destiny with a win over TCU in Fort Worth on Friday. Texas is currently tied for No. 7 in the Big 12 standings, and the top eight teams make the tournament in Kansas City. The Longhorns hope to solidify their fate in the Big 12 tournament with a win over the Horned Frogs. "But that only happens by everybody doing their role,

believing and staying motivated," Kerr said. "So that's our focus right now." It's no secret Texas likely needs to win the Big 12 tournament to make the NCAA tournament. But the Longhorns' confidence has not wavered. Last Sunday's match against No. 1 West Virginia, in which the Longhorns outshot the Mountaineers in the first half 6-3, proved to the team that it can hang with the best of the best. "We played them really tough," senior midfielder Julia Dyche said. "That's the level that we know that we can play at, and that's what we expect." If the Longhorns do beat TCU and punch their ticket to Kansas City, they likely won't see the No. 1 Mountaineers again until the Big 12 title match — if they happen to make it that far. However, if Texas ties TCU and Texas Tech beats Oklahoma on Friday, then the Longhorns would face the Mountaineers in the opening round. Either way, the Longhorns are preparing for a deep postseason run. "I think that just this [past] weekend, it shows the power of when we all believe," Kerr said. "We can go toe-to-toe with the No. 1 team in the nation. I look forward to beating them in the Big 12 tournament."





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Senior defender Isabelle Kerr and the Longhorns look to clinch a berth in the Big 12 tournament with a win over TCU on Friday in Fort Worth.

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1978

Hockey legend Bobby Orr scores goal No. 270, the last of his historic NHL career.

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Longhorns look for first Big 12 cross country championship

Texas kicks off its postseason with the Big 12 Championship on Saturday at the Rawls Course in Lubbock. The conference championship is the first of three postseason events the Longhorns have set their eyes on. "We want to bring home the triple crown, and it all starts with the Big 12," cross country coach Brad Herrbster said. "We want to step up and have the best showing." The Longhorns know they're the underdog. But they are determined to surprise the doubters. "We've had a lot of good guys come through, and they haven't been able to get a team title," senior Robert Uhr said. "It's only been Oklahoma State and Colorado since the Big 12 was formed. It's time to change that." Despite all that's at stake, the Longhorns feel their countless hours of training and past meets will serve as good physical and mental preparation. "It's exciting," redshirt senior Nate Moore said. "There is a little bit of pressure, but that's something that comes with being at the University of Texas. There's a lot of expectations because we are a great university and a great athletic program." Both sides are currently unranked but receiving votes after finishing fifth at the Penn State Open. They face off against several ranked conference teams this weekend, including No. 9 Oklahoma State on the men's side and No. 12 Baylor on the women's. With a win, they hope to prove they are just as deserving of a place in the polls. "It'll be fierce competition," senior Mary Beth Hamilton said. "But it'll be competition we know we can go up against. Luckily, I have a great team, and I know we are about to have our best race yet." The women's 6,000-meter race starts at 10 a.m., followed by the men's 8,000-meter run at 11 a.m. — Maria Cowley

THEATER & DANCE

Dance student wins \$10,000 from ‘Live Mas’ scholarship

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Growing up in a military family that transferred from base to base, Khorii Tinson was used to movement. Amidst the constant changes, she found solid ground in dance.

“I was moving schools, and dance was that thing that connected me to my family and myself,” Tinson said. “I feel that I’m a dancer first, before anything else.”

Tinson, a freshman studio dancer at UT, was selected from over 2,000 applicants to receive a \$10,000 “Live Más” scholarship from the Taco Bell Foundation with 220 other winners across the nation. Applicants were tasked with creating a two-minute video showing how the scholarship would help reach their goal. Tinson sent a video on a whim, highlighting various dances with a voice-over describing what dance means to her.

Instead of rewarding students conventionally, based on their test scores and academic averages, the Taco Bell Foundation hopes to promote creativity.

“The scholarship was for the creators of the world,” Tinson said. “There are always scholarships for sports and the greatest GPA. This targeted what your passions are and your talents.”

Debra Baile, Tinson’s dance instructor from Jacksonville, North Carolina, has been watching Tinson dance from a young age and has seen her grow as an artist.

“I used to always say to her mom when she was little, ‘You need to do something with her — she needs to be on TV,’” Baile said. “She didn’t tell any of us that she had applied for [the scholarship.] She’s incredibly humble; she didn’t make a big deal out of it.”



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Freshman studio dancer Khorii Tinson received a \$10,000 “Live Más” scholarship from the Taco Bell Foundation.

After working intensively with Tinson and seeing her passion for dance up close, Baile said she wasn’t surprised when she won the competition.

“She sees the world in a really different way,” Baile said. “Dancing has been such a big part of her life because she has bounced around, but dance has been the one thing she had everywhere she went.”

Tinson travels as a spokesperson for the Live Más organization on behalf of her scholarship and participates in frequent sponsored events for the organization.

“I went to a workshop in Chicago for it, brainstorming ideas, because this is the first year they are doing this and I am the charter class,” Tinson said. “I just got called

to do a convention in Orlando last week. It’s crazy, I get a little starstruck sometimes.”

Regardless of where Tinson travels, she said her Austin dance circle is home.

“The dance community here is very tight-knit — the rigor is very high, but the atmosphere and the professors are just so great,” Tinson said. “Even the classes I take that aren’t movement-oriented, like somatics or improvisational pedagogy — this University offers so much more.”

While Tinson is still deciding which avenue to focus on in the industry, she said she’s sure she wants to pursue dancing as a career.

“I want to perform, that’s all I want to do,” Tinson said “I want to do this for the rest of my life.”

FOOD REVIEW | HOLY MACARONI

Holy Macaroni finds home in West Campus

By Stephen Acevedo
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Brothers Joe and Matt Doherty’s love for food stems from their first love: music. The two initially came to Austin as blues musicians, but quickly became involved in the food scene — most recently, by opening Holy Macaroni in West Campus.

“Music is creative, and food is creative,” Joe said. “We made the menu ourselves, painted the truck ourselves, Matt made the signs, so in some ways there’s as much creativity in doing this as there is in playing music.”

When West Campus favorite Mac Daddy’s decided to leave the Rancho Rio Eatery food truck park, Joe and Matt were quick to swoop in and take its spot with Holy Macaroni. The truck will soft open on Oct. 28.

“We have Eddy from Longhorn Chicken to thank for this,” Joe said. “He came knocking on our door and said that Mac Daddy’s was closing down and that we should open up a mac and cheese spot, so we jumped on it.”

The siblings got their start

in the food truck game when they took over ownership of Holy Cacao in 2014. After successfully running it for three years, Joe and Matt decided it was time to try something new.

“You show up for work every day, you’ve been in the same food trailer doing the same thing and it gets a little repetitive,” Joe said. “You have to find ways to keep yourself interested and excited, so it was good to have a new project to work on.”

While macaroni is the main focus of Holy Macaroni’s menu, Joe and Matt are taking a much different approach to it than Mac Daddy’s did, incorporating things such as Frito pies, burritos and chili dogs.

“We’re definitely homier and less gourmet than Mac Daddy’s,” Matt said. “We’re really trying to hit that comfort food level and think of what people want from that perspective.”

Mac Daddy’s diehards shouldn’t worry, though. Holy Macaroni also offers what they call a “grandma style” macaroni option, which is topped with panko breadcrumbs, giving it the old-school feel Mac

HOLY MACARONI

Where: 2512 Rio Grande
Soft opening hours:
Wednesday 3–11 p.m.
Thursday–Friday 3 p.m.–3 a.m.
Saturday 12 p.m.–3 a.m.
Sunday 12–10 p.m.

Daddy’s was popular for.

Holy Macaroni proves to be a worthy successor to Mac Daddy’s. The basic dish is a smoother and creamier take on macaroni with the brothers’ homemade cheese sauce. Holy Macaroni truly thrives, though, when it gets more creative with its menu items.

The Macaroni and Cheesesteak mixes Joe and Matt’s cheese sauce with ground beef, sautéed mushrooms, onions and green pepper. The dish does a solid job of matching the flavor of a Philly Cheesesteak, but it could be slightly improved with the use of real sliced Philly meat instead of ground beef.

The menu item that undoubtedly stands apart from the rest is the Macarito. This absurd handheld burrito stuffs macaroni, sliced franks, bacon, sour cream and chili into a flour tortilla. The end product is the unholy culmination of everyone’s favorite childhood foods. What shouldn’t work in theory excels as the epitome of hearty comfort food.

While Holy Macaroni is still in its earliest phase of business, it is already showing a lot of promise for success in West Campus.

“We know that there’s a lot of people here that are looking for good, comforting food, and we’re just trying to put out the best product we can,” Joe said.

ART

UT artist performs poems on harm of abusive relationships

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In one of Jasmine Bell’s poems, she compares her abusive relationship to being lit on fire. Her body is singed, and she is left in ruins. But at the end of the poem, she states, “I will not be burned again.”

As a member of the Spitshine poetry team on campus, Bell, a psychology junior, writes about her pain and experiences as one of the many survivors who suffered through an abusive relationship. On Tuesday night, Bell performed her poems at Breaking the Silence, an event put on by Voices Against Violence to create a safe space for survivors and allies of abusive relationships.

Bell performed her poems at last year’s Breaking the Silence as well and decided to stay for the open mic afterwards. It was only after hearing everyone’s stories that she realized her long-term relationship was a serious issue.

“[At Breaking the Silence,] I realized a lot of the stories that were being shared sounded a lot like my relationship,” Bell said. “I was like, ‘Wow, this is not how a relationship is supposed to work.’ It was the first seed to actually realize to myself that there was a problem.”

It took time to recognize her own relationship was abusive. But she knew she had to break up with her boyfriend as soon as he forced himself onto her.

“It was just really difficult,” Bell said. “Every time I tried bringing up a dialogue with my ex, he would always just talk me out of it — he would always say, ‘I love you, we have a good relationship.’”

Bell said apart from all the emotional and physical abuse she endured over the years,



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Last Tuesday, psychology junior Jasmine Bell performed her poetry that talks about experiences in her abusive relationship.

she convinced herself to stay with him because he provided support when she was fighting her depression.

“Even though he was a terrible person, he was always there,” Bell said. “My main fear was that if I broke up with him, I would be all alone.”

Anitra Edwards, youth organizer for the National Domestic Violence Hotline, spoke at this year’s Breaking the Silence as an advocate for survivors and allies. Being a survivor herself, she found advocating was difficult at first because she was so close to the issue.

“My work and advocacy [has] actually been able to play a huge role in my healing experience,” Edwards said. “It has given me back that power that was taken from me.”

Now, with the opportunity to move on, Bell has begun her healing process. Her poetry helps her view what happened to her through a different lens.

“[Poetry] means a lot,” Bell said. “Once I’ve written it down, it happened, it means it’s true.”

Bell said she’s grateful for the services provided by the

Counseling and Mental Health Center and Voices Against Violence. Through their website, she learned what a healthy relationship is.

Leah Leeds, clinical specialist for Voices Against Violence, said she believes everyone’s healing process is different, but it’s important the campus provides a confidential service for student victims.

“[What] is important to think about is safety, [whether] that means emotional or physical,” Leeds said. “Take your own path or pace — that might not be talking to a counselor but talking to a friend or family member who makes them feel safe and supported.”

Bell found safety in her friends and family and credits them with her ability to move on. For now, she plans on doing some more writing while trying to find happiness within herself. In the future, she hopes to help those who’ve been affected by relationship abuse.

“Sometimes an experience can ruin things for you, but it can’t ruin everything for you,” Bell said. “My ghost won’t haunt all of me.”



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Matt Doherty, co-owner of Holy Macaroni, will hold a soft open on Oct. 28.