

# AIMING FOR RANK

As the volleyball team prepares for its first Sun Belt Conference tournament, it also is readying to fight its sixth-place ranking. **See page 8**

# PRUNE TO GROW

Former Student Congress president says Bowling and Billiards repurposing is best for this growing university. **See page 10**

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## Redefining Greek

### Open House welcomes prospective members



The Shorthorn: Adrian Gandara

From left to right: computer science sophomore Thomas Tjahja and biochemistry senior Hayden Joyner talk with biology sophomore David Osuna about the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity on Monday inside the Bluebonnet Ballroom. The fraternity brothers represented their organization for an open house hosted by Fraternity and Sorority Life.

BY CARLA SOLORIZANO  
The Shorthorn staff

Fraternity and Sorority Life has been making changes to reshape the perception and presence of Greek life on campus.

Johnny Robinson, Fraternity and Sorority Life assistant director, said they have implemented new ideas after hearing from members that there is difficulty in recruiting. Fraternity and Sorority Life recently held the first recruitment workshop. The fraternities and sororities used the skills they learned during the first Open House on Monday. About 175 students attended the event, Robinson said.

"I think no matter what campus you go to, there's certain things all Greek communities are going to value," Robinson said. "They're going to value brotherhood and sisterhood, philanthropy, community service, leadership and scholarship."

In fall 2008, 543 students were involved in Fraternity and Sorority Life on campus. In spring 2013, there were 929 students in fraternities and sororities at UTA.

"We want students who also value those types of things to join our organizations," Robinson

said. "We have so much room to grow. We have currently about 900 students involved with our groups, but we can do better."

Business management junior Bethani Everhart recently transferred from Texas A&M University-Kingsville. She said the Greek community there was more muted compared to UTA. Kingsville has 10 fraternities and sororities, while UTA has 31.

"In Kingsville, there are no greek houses," Everhart said. "They didn't do many events, so there weren't many opportunities to go and see what it was like."

Everhart said she has never considered joining a sorority.

Political science junior Patrick Kelly said he was anti-Greek life before joining Pi Kappa Alpha in fall 2012.

"I thought it was all you do is drink and party," Kelly said.

When he did more research and befriended students in Pi Kappa Alpha, he discovered fraternities do philanthropic work and community service.

"That's what sold it for me," Kelly said. "It

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actually helps you from a personal development standpoint."

UTA's fraternities were recently recognized for exceeding the national GPA.

The deferred recruitment effort, which barred first-time freshmen from joining greek organizations until completing at least nine credit hours and maintaining at least a 2.5 GPA, has recently been removed, Robinson said.

"After looking at the data, there was no significant difference between the academic performance of members pre-policy or post-policy."

Robinson said he hopes this will help Fraternity and Sorority Life grow in the near future.

"I think we're growing, but the presence is not there," Kelly said.

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#### SYRIA

## Campus expert: US won't engage

Associate professor says U.S. doesn't want another large-scale conflict like Iraq.

On Tuesday, British and French leaders, along with the Arab League and the U.S. Secretary of Defense, accused the Syrian government of the chemical munitions attack that occurred last week. The attack, which occurred Aug. 21 in a rebel-controlled suburb on the outskirts of Damascus, sparked immediate response from the United Nations, who sent a team of weapons inspectors on Monday to confirm the possible use of chemical weapons.

The first visit to the original site was delayed by sniper fire, but the team, led by Swedish scientist Åke Sellström, was able to return to the site that day, according to an article on the United Nations website. The second visit to a different site today was also delayed to ensure the safety of the team, which caused the backlash from the U.S. Secretary of Defense, British and French leaders and the Arab League.

The Shorthorn spoke with Brent Sasley, political science associate professor, about what the actions taken today by the U.S. government could mean. Sasley's area of research and expertise focus on emotion in foreign policy decision-making, Israeli politics, Middle East politics and Middle East studies.

**TS:** With the statement made today by the U.S. Secretary of Defense in response to the postponed visit to attack sites, as well as the movement of U.S. forces, what could this mean for future U.S. government response to these attacks?

**Sasley:** After two years of Syria being involved in a very cruel civil war, this recent chemical attack was the tipping point where the administration has very firmly decided something

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#### ACTIVITIES FAIR

### Cookout and fair to be held Wednesday

The 32nd biannual Maverick Cookout and Activities Fair will be held at 11 a.m. today on the University Center mall.

The Welcome Week event, which has been held on the second Wednesday of every semester since 1981, will host about 200 student organizations and campus department booths, said Seth Ressler, the director of Student Activities. Student and faculty representatives will be at the tables, handing out information

and talking with students about their organization or department's involvement on campus.

At the cookout, Student Governance and Organizations will be serving a \$3 hamburger lunch, with a vegetarian option available.

"I think the event is a fantastic way to connect with organizations and a fantastic way for students to see the diversity and variety of organizations on campus," Ressler said. "For someone who is new to campus, it is a way to connect with organizations and for returning students. It's a great way to reconnect with friends."

—Beaty Richardson

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**Maverick Cookout and Activities Fair Day**  
**When:** 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today  
**Where:** University Center mall  
**Contact:** Campus Recreation and Student Governance and Organizations, 817-272-3277



The Shorthorn: Adrian Gandara

**Right: Students finish** setting up tables the day before the Activities Fair on Tuesday on the University Center mall. The twice annual fair gives students the opportunity to learn about different organizations they can join on campus.



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UNIVERSITY EVENTS

EXCEL to restart concert artist hunt

EXCEL and University Events are restarting the search for an artist to perform in the spring.

EXCEL plans to release a survey with new potential artists, but the time and artists are not yet known, Anisha John, EXCEL's University Events director, said during EXCEL's first general body meeting Aug. 26.

"There should be a whole new survey since it's going to be a different time period and different semester," John said. "There will probably be new artists out there available and people that everybody is interested in."

EXCEL and University Events work together to put on the annual Fall Concert Series. High-profile artists Rihanna and Maroon 5 have performed as part of the series. However, this is not the first time the concert has been pushed to the spring. Hip-hop artist Drake performed in March 2012, after the concert was delayed from the previous fall.

University Events announced last week that the first artist invited for the fall declined because of scheduling conflicts.

EXCEL released a survey on its Facebook page on July 22, which included artists AWOL Nation, J. Cole, Jason Mraz, Mac Miller, The Band Perry and Wale. John declined to reveal the artist's name but said in the meeting that the university also reached out to the other artists in the survey. All of the artists were reportedly unavailable for the fall, she said.

John said EXCEL and University Events are looking into having an artist come in February but have not determined a date.

Associate news editor Heba Said contributed to this report.

— David Kline

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

The caption with the front page photo for the "Convocation speaker inspires students" story misidentified Krystal Beamon, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology.

The graphic for the page 3 story "5 students accepted to NASA Flight Opportunities" misidentified the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department.

"About Sports" on page 3 should have said "About News."

Paragraph 17 of the page 3 story "City Council opposes new apartments plan" should have said Sri Kartik Konda received a letter saying the university would demolish Forest Glen apartments.

Brazos House was misspelled in the page 5 story "Waffleopolis celebrates 16th year."

Paragraph 3 of the page 5 story "Veterans transition into college life" should have said 89 new student veterans enrolled in the Veterans Upward Bound program this fall.

The quote on page 6 in the "Veterans transition into college life" misspelled Lisa Skier's name.

Bring factual errors to *The Shorthorn's* attention via email to editor.shorthorn@uta.edu or call 817-272-3188. A correction or clarification will be printed in this space.

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The Shorthorn: File photo

**Students attend** the Activities Fair on Sept. 1, 2011, at the University Center mall. Activities at the event included a live band, food and more.

TODAY

Get your MAX bus ID and free pass today

The Fort Worth Transportation Authority will have a table from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the University Center for students to get their discount photo ID for \$2 that gives them discount tickets for The T, the DART or the MAX. The table will be near the information desk and students will also be able to get answers and routes and schedules, for more information contact the City of Arlington, The T, DART, or UTA at 817-215-8600.

Maverick Cookout featuring the Activities Fair Day

Become acquainted with more than 150 student organizations and campus departments and enjoy a hamburger lunch for \$3, vegetarian options will be available. 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. University Center mall. For more information, contact Campus Recreation and Student Governance and Organizations at 817-272-3277.

THURSDAY

Health Services Open House

Get free health screenings and information about the services offered at Health Services while meeting the staff and entering a drawing to win prizes such as a new bike or gift card. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. The first 300 students will receive free food. For more information, contact Yvonne Medrano at

[morinya@uta.edu](mailto:morinya@uta.edu), or call 817-272-2626.

Sport Club Fair

Get information on more than 19 sports clubs. 4-7 p.m. Mavericks Activities Center. For more information, contact Stephanie McAlpine at 817-272-3277 or [Mcalpine@uta.edu](mailto:Mcalpine@uta.edu).

Rainbow Reception

Learn about campus resources and upcoming activities for the Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Questioning and Ally community at UTA. From 6-7 p.m. in the Red River and Concho rooms at the University Center students can also meet representatives from the Gay Straight Alliance, the LGBTQA Program Peers and RVSP Educators. For more information, contact Stephen Santa Ramirez at 817-272-2099 or [ramirezss@uta.edu](mailto:ramirezss@uta.edu).

MBA Information Forum

Learn about the Master of Business Administration program by attending this small group information session from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., at UTA Fort Worth Center, for free. To enroll or for more information contact Mike Wollman at [mwollman@uta.edu](mailto:mwollman@uta.edu) or call 817-272-5956.

Got Culture Jam

Multicultural Affairs invites students to its annual welcome event featuring an open

dance floor and a disc jockey, with live entertainment. 7-9 p.m. Bluebonnet Ballroom. Free. For more information, contact Brandon Eslanor at 817-272-2099 or [multicultural\\_affairs@uta.edu](mailto:multicultural_affairs@uta.edu).

FRIDAY

WBAP Live Broadcast and Pep Rally

This event will have WBAP News/Talk 820 AM and 96.7 FM hosting an early morning drive-time show with live broadcast from College Park District, The UTA Band, Cheerleaders, Wranglers and Blaze will show their early morning Maverick Pride at the sunrise pep rally at 7:15 a.m.. Breakfast is provided with limited quantities, this free event is open to all students faculty and staff from 3 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Spaniolo Drive, for more information contact Amber Zuckerman at 817-272-2211.

Commuter Breakfast

From 7:30-9:30 a.m. commuter students can enjoy this free breakfast at the Moritz Plaza at College Park Center. For more information, contact David Duvall at 817-272-3213.

Movin' Mavs USA National Junior Men's Team Pre-Season Tournament

Seven time national championship winning Movin' Mavs play in the USA National Junior pre-season tournament. USA vs. UTA at 2 p.m., USA vs. Dallas Mavericks at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Movin' Mavs USA National Junior Men's Team Pre-Season Tournament

USA vs. Dallas Mavericks game will start at 10:30 a.m. and to see the seven time national championship winning Movin' Mavs play in the USA National Junior pre-season tournament against USA at 2 p.m. attend this free event in the MAC Soccer Gym. For more information contact Doug Garner at 817-272-3410.

MONDAY

Labor Day Holiday

TUESDAY

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SEPT. 4

College of Engineering Welcome Bash

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SEPT. 9

Census Date

OCT. 30

Last day to Drop Classes



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**The Rainbow Reception will** take place at 6 p.m. Thursday at the University Center Red River/Concho room.

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# NEWS

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HEALTH

## Blood drive to take donations this week

Students can donate at Carter BloodCare buses on Library mall.

BY TANASIA CURTIS  
The Shorthorn staff

Mark Beidleman, a volunteer with the Carter BloodCare, has given blood since 1974.

"I'm just a giving kind of person, and there's no such thing as artificial blood," Beidleman said about giving blood.

He said that he almost died when he was a baby from hydrocephalus, a medical condition in which there is an abnormal buildup of fluid in the brain.

"There's got to be a reason I'm still here," Beidleman said.

He said that it's rare for infants to survive hydrocephalus.

Carter BloodCare, a blood bank serving counties in Texas, will have buses on the Central Li-

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brary mall every day until Friday.

Yesenia Olide, a spokeswoman with Carter BloodCare, said that the staff needs 1,100 donors a day to meet patients' needs.

"Every 90 seconds, someone in our service's area receives a blood transfusion," Olide said.

Individuals who want to participate in the blood drive have to meet the requirements of weighing 110 pounds, feeling well, eating well and drinking plenty of water before donating. If he or she is 17 years old or older, they can donate independently.

Nursing junior Ronita Gilliam has been donating blood since her junior year of high school.

"I just feel like I should. People need the blood," Gilliam said.

Donors will need to show ID cards, fill out a confidential medical questionnaire, have their iron level tested to see if they can give and how much and undergo a mini physical to test blood pressure and temperature. Drawing the blood will take 10-12 minutes. Donors will then sit for another 10 minutes and receive snacks and a drink.

Nursing sophomore David Stone said it was his first time giving blood.

"It was great," Stone said. "You should give blood, no matter what. It's basically giving life."

Eidleman said he hears people always say that they can't donate blood.

"Someone has to do it," he said.

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The Shorthorn: Richard Hoang

Two Carter BloodCare buses wait for donors on Tuesday on the Central Library mall. The buses will be accepting blood donations on campus through Friday.

EXCEL

## Fall act to become series

The entertainment series will likely run from October until April.

BY DAVID KLINE  
The Shorthorn staff

UTA will likely forgo the traditional fall comedy act and instead host a series of small entertainment acts throughout the year, said John Hillas, Campus Activities assistant director.

Hillas said EXCEL Campus Activities, in conjunction with his department, has decided to stick to the original idea proposed in the spring, called the Spotlight Entertainment Series. The series will be held at the Rosebud Theatre and will be free to attend.

UTA has hosted comedians like Anjelah Johnson and Carlos Mencia in the past.

Hillas said the series will

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probably run from October to November and from February to April. As of Tuesday, Hillas said the tentative dates are Oct. 8 and Nov. 5, 6 and 12. The series will not be limited to comedy but could also include a magic show, a hypnotist or a mentalist.

"We made the decision about three weeks ago that we're going to go back to the original plan, which is the monthly entertainment series," Hillas said. "There really was only one golden window we were looking at to be able to book a comedy show in the fall."

That golden window is the third week in October, which according to Jenni-

fer Fox, University Events assistant director, was the same time frame UTA considered for a possible fall concert. University Events pushed the concert to spring because the intended artist declined its invitation.

"We don't want to book too many things in the same time period because obviously our students only have so much time," Fox said in an interview before the concert artist declined. "We really don't want to have so many things going on that they can't possibly make it to everything, or have to choose one or the other."

Comedians Craig Robinson, Amy Schumer and comedy tour The Daily Show and Friends were potential performers for a fall comedy show, Carly Fontenot, EXCEL Arts and Entertainment director, told *The Shorthorn* in July.

Robinson, from "The Of-

vice" and *Pineapple Express*, was leading in a voting poll EXCEL posted on its Facebook page in July.

Fontenot, a history junior, said plans for a large comedy act were put on hold because of the timing, and when the fall concert was pushed to the spring it was already too late.

"After we found out the fall concert was no longer going to be, we were already in the works of booking acts for a Spotlight Entertainment Series as opposed to the fall com-

edy," Fontenot said.

Fontenot said the EXCEL Arts and Entertainment committee will start meeting this week to discuss potential artists from the National Association for Campus Activities. Fontenot said EXCEL is looking into hosting an open mic night in September.

"Everything kind of fell out so quickly that we haven't had time to book an artist with appropriate warning for the September slot," Fontenot said.

*The Shorthorn* interviewed

about 20 students. Most said they would prefer a big name comedy act over a concert.

However, biology junior Hasan Sumdani said he doesn't think it matters who is performing for the comedy act and that it will be enjoyable regardless.

"With bigger names, there would probably be more people, but I think it will be good with any performer," Sumdani said.

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Host Allen Conrad, right, instructs the audience about the talent portion of the show during the ThinkFast game show on April 16 in the Rosebud Theatre. The game show was a part of EXCEL's Spotlight Entertainment Series.

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## A sweet finish

Adversity inspires lecturer's new art show



BY BEATY RICHARDSON  
The Shorthorn staff

In 2010, Janet Morrow, artist and lecturer for the College of Fine Arts, and her family found out that her husband had a brain tumor. He had surgery, and the doctors were only able to remove about half of the tumor, so he had a year of chemotherapy to put the tumor into an inactive state.

"When we were first going through all this with him, I couldn't make art. It was like everything in me was just frozen," Morrow said. "But once we got through the worst of it and I started making art again, it was like this outpouring of trying to capture these feelings."

The result of this outpouring was the piece that won her first prize in summer's 897 Square show. This gave her the opportunity to put on a solo show, "Sweetie Pie", which consists of 12 new works made up of approximately 250 pounds of granulated sugar and is based off of the concept of her winning piece.

"Sweetie Pie," in all of its sugary-sweet goodness, opens at 6 p.m. Sept. 5 at Gallery 76102, 1401 Jones St., Fort Worth. The event will include live music, wine, cheese, and a word from the artist herself. The exhibition will run through Nov. 27.

Morrow, who is deaf, was inspired to use sugar as a medium because of its textural qualities. Her decision to use sugar for her art was not only an experimental decision, but also one of symbolic meaning.

"I found out what a good metaphor it is for the fact that we live in a flesh-and-blood body that's very fragile," Morrow said. "Sugar is just really good to me, to kind of be a stand in

for human beings. It's so temperamental, and if the conditions aren't just right, it just goes to pieces, which to me, is the way people are."

Rachel Kennedy, art history senior and the Gallery 76102 gallery assistant, arranged a piece called "White Noise," based on what Morrow "hears" without her cochlear implants.

"As my hearing got less and less, I became more visual," Morrow said. "When you're so dependent on those other senses you really focus in on them. To be successful, every artist needs to find that hook. Sometimes I think that for artists with disabilities that's a pretty quick discovery process."

As a lecturer for the College of Fine Arts, Morrow helps many other student artists find their hook.

"I feel that Morrow has a strong ability to understand students and to understand them when it comes to distinguishing who they are as artists," Art lecturer Cheryl Mitchell said.

Morrow distinguished herself further as an artist while coping with her husband's illness. Her winning art piece at 897 Square was a sculpture of her husband's head, cast completely in sugar. Morrow said the casting process was very difficult, because the process used caused the sculptures to break.

"I'm looking at his head just shattered on the table. I thought, 'Wow what a perfect metaphor for what we've gone through,'" Morrow said. "So I decided to use it that way. Broken."

Morrow arranged the broken pieces of the sculpture on a large silver platter she had inherited from her great aunt, which to her conveyed the adversity she and her husband went through during his illness.

"Have you ever heard somebody say, 'I wouldn't take him



The Shorthorn: Victoria Poncetti

**Art lecturer Janet Morrow** crafted a sculpture of her husband's head made out of green-dyed sugar. This piece is called "Behold the Bridegroom Cometh" and is one of several pieces made of sugar featured in Morrow's upcoming show, "Sweetie Pie" that opens Sept. 5 at UTA's Gallery 76102 in Fort Worth.

if he were offered to me on a silver platter'? I thought about that, and I really love my husband and I thought, well, I'd take him on a silver platter. Either broken or not broken, he's mine," Morrow said with tears in her eyes. "And I'm in this for the long haul."

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### SUPER SERVICE SATURDAY

## Volunteer groups beautify Arlington, UTA

Students kick off the school year by cleaning up local parks, gardens.

BY VALLARI GUPTA  
The Shorthorn staff

Marketing junior Thuy Do and her team of volunteers were assigned to remove invasive plant species from the park near Center Street Bridge by Arlington Parks and Recreation members. Do pulled out a bottle of sunscreen from her drawstring backpack, waving it high in the air for all to see.

"I have sunscreen, guys," she yelled, offering it to her team members.

Do was one of the site leaders at Super Service Saturday on Aug. 24 where her team volunteered with Arlington Parks and Recreation to help clean up the Johnson Creek area. Alternative Breaks, The Big Event and UTA Volunteers kicked-off the fall semester with a day for volunteering. Different teams went out to UTA's community gardens and grounds, Mission Arlington and the park near Center Street Bridge to help out the community.



The Shorthorn: Kayla Stigall

**Marketing junior Thuy Do** carries branches during Super Service Saturday on Aug. 24 at the UTA community garden. Do helped lead students as well as other volunteers from the Arlington Parks and Recreation department to clean up the garden.

Do said she was scared and felt lonely when she came to the United States for the first time. She joined UTA Volunteers during her first semester because she was passionate about

helping the community and wanted to meet new people.

"It changed my life," she said. "I have to help. I don't have money, but I have time."

Do said she volunteered in

high school in Vietnam. She said she would go to temples with family and friends to spend time with orphans. It

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The Shorthorn: Kayla Stigall

**Architecture freshman Christian Gentry** piles branches during Super Service Saturday on Aug. 24 at the UTA community garden. Students helped by trimming branches and disposing of excess plant growth.



# What's new

Here's a look at what has come out recently, or is soon to be released, in the realms of film, music, literature, tech and more this week.

**Lost Planet 3**  
*Lost Planet 3* has players return to the extreme and unpredictable conditions that characterize the Lost Planet series, according to [www.gamespot.com](http://www.gamespot.com). Players take on the role of Utility Rig pilot Jim Peyton who leaves Earth for a dangerous contract on E.D.N. III. Release Date: Aug. 27. Cost: \$59.99. Rating: T (Teen). Platforms: PC, Xbox 360, PS3.

**The Mayan Secrets**  
*The New York Times* best-seller Clive Cussler teams up with Thomas Perry to bring readers *The Mayan Secrets*, a grand adventure novel about a husband-and-wife team Sam and Remi Fargo, who come upon a remarkable discovery of the largest Mayan book anyone has ever seen, which contains secret information about the Mayans, their cities and about mankind itself, according to a synopsis on the Barnes and Noble website. Release Date: Sept. 3.

**Franz Ferdinand: Right Thoughts, Right Words, Right Action**  
Franz Ferdinand's newest album, *Right Thoughts, Right Words, Right Action*, released this Monday will be the fourth full-length album for the Scottish rock band and is self-produced, according to [www.metacritic.com](http://www.metacritic.com). See what we think about it in our online review at [www.theshorthorn.com/life\\_and\\_entertainment](http://www.theshorthorn.com/life_and_entertainment). Release Date: Aug. 26.

**One Direction: This Is Us (2013)**  
This movie is about Niall, Zayn, Liam, Harry and Louis' meteoric rise to fame, from their humble hometown beginnings and competing on "The X Factor," to conquering the world and performing at London's famed O2 Arena, according to [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com). For students who want to watch a documentary about a British boy band getting really famous really fast, the film releases this weekend. Release Date: Aug. 30. 92 minutes. Rated PG.

# ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Each week, *The Shorthorn* will spotlight fun, unique Arlington events for students to enjoy during the week and on the weekend. You can find a full calendar online at [www.theshorthorn.com/calendar](http://www.theshorthorn.com/calendar). Here's what's coming up for students this week.

**Texans at Cowboys Tailgate**  
For students looking for a spot outside of a cramped dorm room or apartment to watch the last preseason game for the Dallas Cowboys, The Fishbone Grill and Oyster Bar is hosting its Ultimate

Bill Bates Tailgate Party. The festivities will include 3 hours of pre-game food, beverages and entertainment, including live music and games. 4 p.m. Thursday. The Fishbone Grill and Oyster Bar, 816 N. Collins St. \$50. For ticket details,

contact VIP Sports Getaway at 866-678-8471. For more information about the event, contact The Fishbone Grill and Oyster Bar at 817-261-5798.

**Guy Torrey.** This weekend Arlington Improv features comedic actor Guy Torrey. Students under 21 will not be allowed to attend. 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Arlington Improv, 309 Curtis Mathes Way #147. \$15-\$27, depending on available seating and show times. Contact the Arlington Improv box office at (817) 635-5555.

**Paul Demer.** English junior Paul Demer is playing his first gig back in town after his recent summer tour, which ran from August 9 to August 20 and spanned 10 states. He will play his acoustic style

at Piranha Killer Sushi in the Arlington Highlands this weekend. 6 p.m. Friday. Piranha Killer Sushi, 851 NE Green Oaks Blvd. Free (cost of food and drinks not included). Contact Piranha Killer Sushi at 817-261-1636 for more information.

**Louisiana State University Tigers Football vs. Texas Christian University Horned Frogs Football.** If it's college football that students crave instead of the Cowboys this weekend, they can attend the TCU and LSU football game at Cowboys Stadium. This game will be the first of the season for TCU. 8 p.m. Saturday. Cowboys Stadium, One Legends Way. \$42 (lowest ticket cost). Contact Cowboys Stadium at 817-892-4161 for more information or to purchase tickets.

## MORE ABOUT MENTIONED GROUPS AND EVENTS

### UTA Volunteers

UTA Volunteers is a student group which decides and carries out community service programs for UTA and the nearby community. To sign up for different volunteering opportunities during the academic year visit their page on the UTA website.

### Alternative Breaks

Alternative Breaks provide a chance for students to travel and volunteer at project sites other than the immediate Arlington community. Students can participate in week-long projects. To learn about the trips lined up for this academic year, visit their MavOrgs page.

### The Big Event

The Big Event is a whole day event where members of the UTA community participate in community service projects at different locations in the Metroplex. The Big Event will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2014. Check out the photos from The Big Event 2013 at [www.theshorthorn.com/multimedia/photos/](http://www.theshorthorn.com/multimedia/photos/).

Source: UTA Official Website



The Shorthorn: Kayla Stigall

**Arlington Conservation Council volunteer Wesley Miller** holds up poison ivy for UTA students to avoid on Aug. 24 at the community garden. Super Service Saturday gave students the opportunity to get involved and help out the Arlington community.

# Volunteer

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was there that Do found her love for the environment while growing up on a farm with her parents, who are coffee farmers in Vietnam. Leadership Center director Kerri Ressler remembers the first time she tasted Do's boba tea at a potluck. Ressler said Do

was shy, quiet and introverted at first, but has grown as a leader, and it is nice to see her taking charge of other students.

"She is the ultimate boba tea maker," Ressler said. "She is someone who is passionate about service."

Architecture freshman Christian Gentry volunteered for the first time at Super Service Saturday with Do's team. He worked with about

30 other team members, cutting down branches and piling them on the roadside.

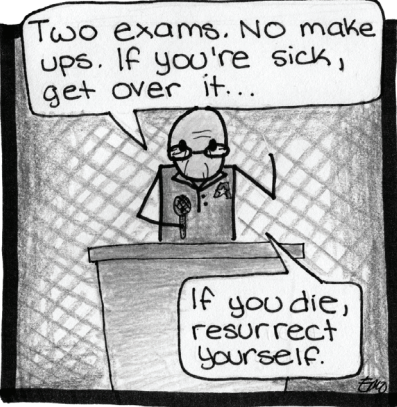
"Volunteering makes you feel good about your day," Gentry said.

Gentry said he was glad to get involved in the UTA community.

"It is impressive that a student like Do was able to get so many students involved in the volunteering process," Gentry said.

# Comics

## THE WORLD ACCORDING TO PROFESSOR SAXE



## ELIA VS. THE WORLD



Comis by: Elia Madrid-Onofre, The Shorthorn staff

## DR. RUTH

*Q: I'm 35, and my boyfriend is 40. We've been dating for two years, and during that time we had a "normal" sexual relationship, except for the fact that often my boyfriend either took too long to reach orgasm or did not have an orgasm at all. He is very shy socially, but in sex he likes to be dominant. However, he does not verbalize clearly what he wants, so because I also am dominant sometimes, I take control, which makes him call me bossy. In the past six months our relationship has deteriorated, as has our sex life. This coincided with him moving to a different town to work. Although we make some effort to be together on the weekends, sometimes he will "run away" from me. Once I confronted him, and he told me that he was confused regarding our relationship because on one hand he did not find satisfaction from intercourse (apparently from day one), but on the other hand I have all other attributes he seeks in a woman (intellect, social, humor, looks). I asked him if this had happened in the past with other women, and he confirmed that it had happened before. He alleges that the reason for not having orgasms is*



**Dr. Ruth**  
Send your questions to Dr. Ruth Westheimer c/o King Features Syndicate 235 E. 45th St., New York, NY 10017

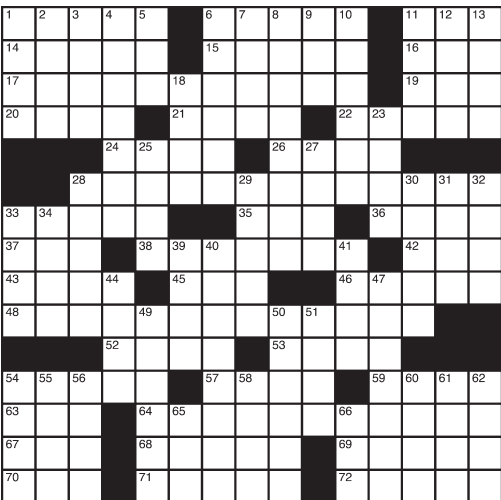
*because I do not pay enough attention to foreplay, that I expect to him to be immediately aroused and that my vagina is not tight enough. I never had this problem before with my previous boyfriends, and I fear that the real problem is that he has some kind of emotional block that prevents him from having an orgasm. Should he seek professional help? Or should I, or both of us? Should I be less dominant?*

**A:** If a man can have orgasms but cannot during intercourse, the problem usually is psychological. If a man worries about having an orgasm, those worries can prevent him from having an orgasm so that it becomes a vicious cycle: The more he worries, the less likely it is that he can perform. So any excuses he might come up with are irrelevant. One way of overcoming this type of problem is for the man to concentrate on some sexual fantasies that will push out these thoughts of failure. Or he might need the help of a sex therapist. But perhaps now that you know what is happening, you can help him to concentrate on having sex and not worry about the outcome.

## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

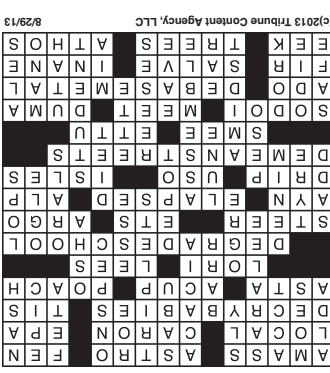
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  - 17 Put down toddlers?
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  - 26 Sediment
  - 28 Put down formal education?
  - 33 Handle the helm
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  - 37 Rand who created Dagny Taggart
  - 38 Went by
  - 42 The Matterhorn, e.g.
  - 43 Plumbing concern
  - 45 GI entertainers
  - 46 British
  - 48 Put down thoroughfares?
  - 52 Hook's sidekick
  - 53 Caesarean rebuke
  - 54 "Me too!"
  - 57 Pay, as expenses
  - 59 Russian assembly
  - 63 Fuss
  - 64 Put down a rock genre?
  - 67 Spruce cousin
  - 68 Soothing application
  - 69 Cockamamie
  - 70 Comics cry
  - 71 Ancestral diagrams
  - 72 Dumas swordsman
- DOWN**
- 1 "The West Wing" Emmy winner



By Pancho Harrison

- 2 Homer's hangout
- 3 IRA part: Abbr.
- 4 Big name in frozen desserts
- 5 Crafty
- 6 Thorny shrub
- 7 "Elephant Boy" actor
- 8 Rare sights in nurseries
- 9 Lobster eggs
- 10 How many writers work
- 11 Greek salad topper
- 12 Larger-than-life
- 13 1950s Rambler maker
- 18 Virologist who worked with Epstein
- 23 Worker protection agency
- 25 Storybook baddie
- 27 To be, to Brutus
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- 32 Cuts off
- 33 H.S. sobriety crusaders



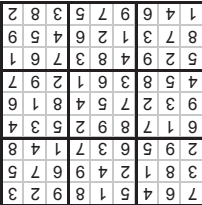
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- 51 Rock follower?
- 54 Sound partner
- 55 Drooling comics dog
- 56 Idiot
- 58 Water-draining aid
- 60 Canyonlands National Park locale
- 61 Hand, to Jorge
- 62 Pub server's trayful
- 65 Turner's asset
- 66 "Mamma \_\_\_!"

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### Instructions:

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means that no number is repeated in any row, column or box.



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Solutions, tips and computer program at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

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The Shorthorn: Victoria Ponceti

## IT'S BANANAS B-A-N-A-N-A-S

**Art history freshman Jessica Wester enjoys** a bananas foster crisp with vanilla ice cream on Tuesday at the Connection Cafe. The cafe served banana cream pie, bananas foster crisp and banana splits to students, faculty and staff.



## Syria

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has to be done. If our government decides to respond with force, it will most likely be very small-scale, tactical strikes. It won't be anything like the shock-and-awe tactics used. If the government decides to get involved it will be in a very limited fashion.

**TS:** Why would they choose to do smaller strikes instead of larger attacks?

**Sasley:** The U.S. government does not want to get involved in what could be another full-scale conflict overseas. The Obama administration is still very interested, and it's one of their goals, to pull out troops from the Iraq War, the longest conflict in the history of our nation.

-Ryan Wagoner

### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

# Accounting students face new criteria

The GMAT percentile increased for accounting graduate students.

BY CHERYL KUTCHER AND LINDSEY JUAREZ

The Shorthorn staff

Students applying for the fall 2014 graduate accounting programs will face new admissions criteria.

The UT System Board of Regents approved new criteria this month increasing the required GMAT percentile and total score.

Chandra Subramaniam, chairman of accounting in the College of Business, said UTA wants to make it more competitive to get into the program to match the competition in the workforce.

"Why are we making it

#### ONLINE

The Board of Regents also approved UTA's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget and facility improvements. Read the story at [www.theshorthorn.com/news](http://www.theshorthorn.com/news)

now? Because we see where the market is going and we need to make sure we are ready for the marketplace," Subramaniam said.

Despite being qualified, admitted students sometimes are unable to maintain the required GPA in their accounting classes and get stuck in the program, Subramaniam said.

"There are students that came in on the unconditional acceptances and then are unable to pursue the degree," Subramaniam said.

Applicants are evaluated

by four sets of criteria to be unconditionally admitted into the graduate program: GPA and GMAT, GMAT waiver, professional credential, and successful post baccalaureate education, according to the graduate catalog. Should these conditions not be met, applications are sent to the department's Admission and Petition Committee for further review. This process is called committee review. The admission changes decrease the number of students who will go into committee review, Subramaniam said.

"We don't plan to increase the size just by allowing everybody to come in," Subramaniam said.

Daniel Avaritt, professional accounting graduate student, said the changes are helpful as long as there is a

way for students to get into graduate school with a good GPA.

Selena Chavez, business sophomore and student congress representative, said these changes are beneficial for students when competing for jobs later.

"It will encourage more students to excel and challenge themselves," she said.

In an added effort to make UTA students more competitive, the program is also emphasizing soft skills, such as presentation and professionalism.

"The skill set has changed and we have to change with the marketplace, otherwise we're going to be left behind," Subramaniam said.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING MASTER'S PROGRAM ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

This list shows how UTA compares to other area schools in its accounting department's admissions criteria for a master's program.

**UTA**  
Fall 2013  
-GPA of 3.0 on last 60 undergraduate hours  
-GMAT total score of 500  
-GMAT verbal score in 30th percentile  
-GMAT quantitative score of 30th percentile  
-Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university

Fall 2014  
-GPA of 3.0 on last 60 undergraduate hours, 2.8 cumulative or 3.4 on completed master's degree program  
-GMAT total score between 520 and 550 (average program scores)

**UT-Dallas**  
-GPA of 3.3 (average program GPA)  
-GMAT total score of 600 or GRE score of 320 (average program scores)

**Texas Christian University**  
-GPA of 3.0  
-GMAT total scores not listed

**Southern Methodist University**  
-GPA of 3.0  
-GMAT total score of 600

Source: UTA College of Business Web page, UT System schedule of events.

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#### WHAT'S ONLINE

##### UTA Athletics noteworthy Tweets

Olimpia EA7 Milano  
@OlimpiaEA7Mi Aug. 27: Marquez Haynes is here... Si sta già allenando. He's already working-out pic.twitter.com/OJOi2lIQ5p

UTA Men's Golf  
@UTARlingtonGolf Aug. 23: The team is headed down to The Bluffs at Lake Whitney for a 54 hole qualifier this weekend. 36 holes on Sat and 18 on Sun #gotime

UTA Volleyball  
@UTAVolleyball Aug. 26: SO READY FOR THIS WEEKEND!!! #firstservecountdown pic.twitter.com/0lSEZKOYtf

UTA Intramurals  
@utaintramurals Aug. 27: Join the intramural fantasy football league and win an IM Champ shirt! http://football.fantasysports.yahoo.com/f1/920458/invitation?key=2715b2bc8b73c800&yw=inv\_em\_nfl&dt=2013-08-27 ...

#### SPORTS CALENDAR

**UTA VOLLEYBALL VS. ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**  
**When:** 7 p.m. Friday  
**Where:** College Park Center  
**Cost:** \$3 students, \$5 nonstudents  
Coverage: @UTAShorthorn and www.theshorthorn.com/sports.

**UTA VOLLEYBALL VS. GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY/UTA VOLLEYBALL VS. LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL**  
**When:** 1:30 p.m./7 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** College Park Center  
**Cost:** \$3 students, \$5 nonstudents  
Coverage: @UTAShorthorn and www.theshorthorn.com/sports

**UTA VOLLEYBALL VS. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS**  
**When:** 7 p.m. Sept. 3  
**Where:** Denton  
**Coverage:** @UTAShorthorn and www.theshorthorn.com/sports

**UTA VOLLEYBALL VS. MISSISSIPPI STATE**  
**When:** 4:30 p.m. Sept. 6  
**Where:** Waco

**UTA GOLF AT NORTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE AT RICH HARVEST FARMS**  
**When:** Sept. 6-8  
**Where:** Sugar Grove, Ill.

**UTA VOLLEYBALL VS. UT-SAN ANTONIO**  
**When:** 7 p.m. Sept. 13  
**Where:** College Park Center  
**Cost:** \$3 students, \$5 nonstudents  
**Coverage:** @UTAShorthorn and www.theshorthorn.com/sports

**UTA CROSS-COUNTRY AT GERALD RICHEY INVITATIONAL**  
**When:** 8 a.m. Sept. 14  
**Where:** Arlington  
**Coverage:** @UTAShorthorn and www.theshorthorn.com/sports

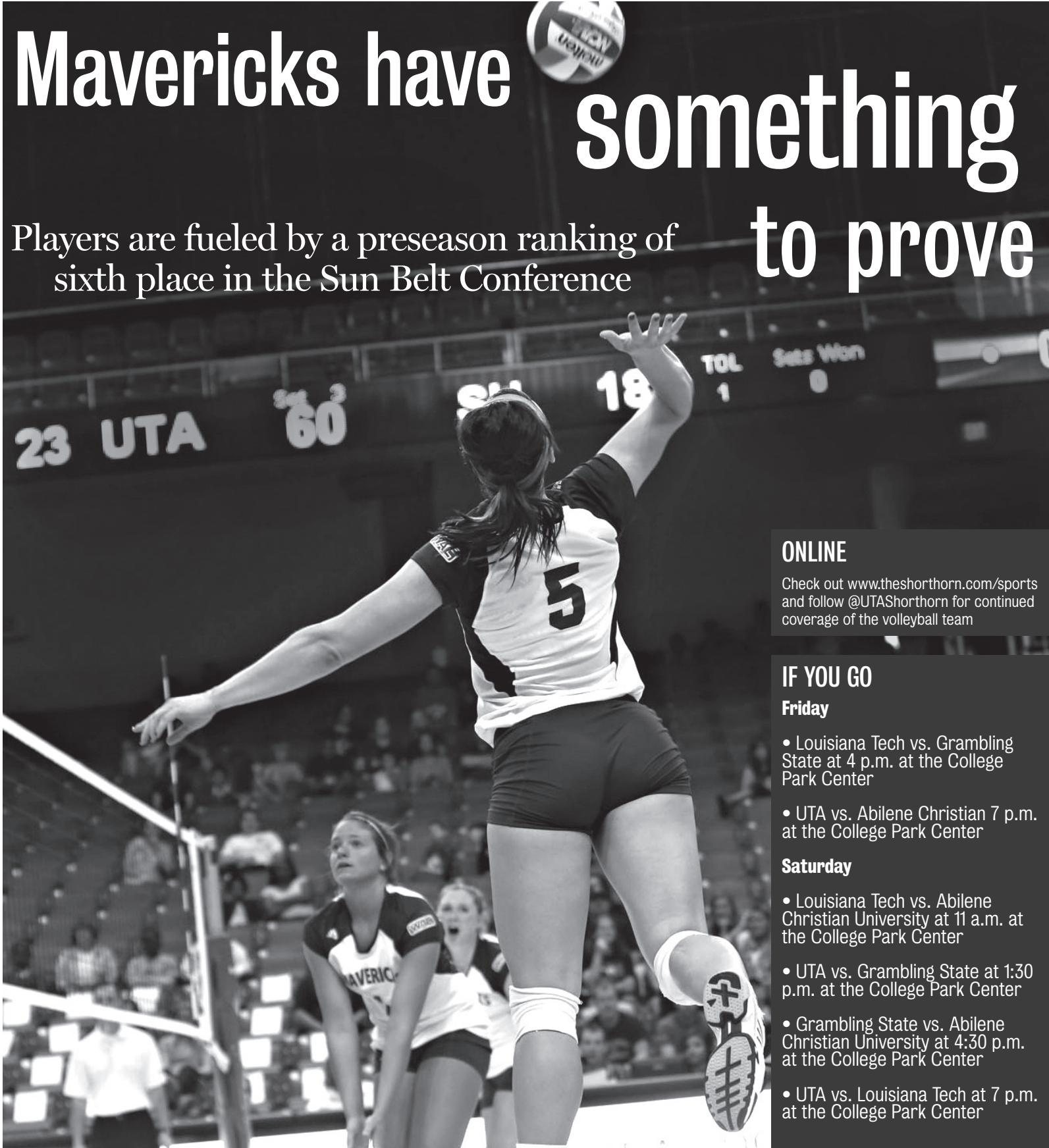
#### AUDIO MEDIA

##### Tough Guys Podcast

On this week's first episode of the *Tough Guys* podcast, the hosts, Gus Contreras and Casey Holder, dive into talking about serious UTA issues that students care about. They discuss back-to-school issues, talk sneakers with Zak Buncik, men's basketball assistant coach and volleyball head coach Diane Seymour about the start of the upcoming season. The guys have a quirky rapid response Q-and-A with men's basketball senior forward Brandon Edwards, volleyball senior Shelby Dickson, strength and conditioning coach Alan Bishop and men's basketball assistant coach Andre Patterson.

New episodes are released online every Tuesday www.theshorthorn.com/sports. Follow along on Twitter at @UTAToughGuys, @GusContreras21 and @theHolder.

—Gus Contreras



# Mavericks have something to prove

## Players are fueled by a preseason ranking of sixth place in the Sun Belt Conference

#### ONLINE

Check out www.theshorthorn.com/sports and follow @UTAShorthorn for continued coverage of the volleyball team

#### IF YOU GO

##### Friday

- Louisiana Tech vs. Grambling State at 4 p.m. at the College Park Center

- UTA vs. Abilene Christian 7 p.m. at the College Park Center

##### Saturday

- Louisiana Tech vs. Abilene Christian University at 11 a.m. at the College Park Center

- UTA vs. Grambling State at 1:30 p.m. at the College Park Center

- Grambling State vs. Abilene Christian University at 4:30 p.m. at the College Park Center

- UTA vs. Louisiana Tech at 7 p.m. at the College Park Center

BY MARLEY MALENFANT  
The Shorthorn staff

As the volleyball team prepares for its first tournament, one thing seemed to irk most of the players — the sixth-place ranking, according to the Sun Belt Conference preseason coaches' poll.

Western Kentucky University is ranked No. 1, while the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and Troy University are tied for second with 77 points. Texas State University, who is also new to the conference, is ranked fourth.

Junior outside hitter Taylor Gross said they're likely given the ranking since it's their first year playing in the Sun Belt Conference. The team finished 8 out of 10 in the standings last season in the Western Athletic Conference.

The UTA Hilton Invitational takes place Aug. 30 and 31 at the College Park Center. The Mavericks begin play against Abilene Christian University at 7 p.m. Friday, and will finish up the tournament at 4 p.m. against Grambling State University and 7 p.m. against Louisiana Tech University on Saturday. The Mavericks beat Louisiana Tech in

spring, and finished 2-0 against Louisiana Tech during the Western Athletic Conference season last year.

Gross said she is confident her team can do it again.

"We just played them in the spring and we won, so it'll just give us more of a reason to be like, 'All right, y'all are back, so you're going to get what you got last time,'" she said. "It's fun to have that confidence that you already beat that team."

Seniors Megan Casey and Shelby Dickson said the low ranking offended them.

Casey, libero, said being new to the conference could help the team finish 3-0 this weekend since teams in the tournament have never seen this year's team play.

"It gives us a fire to play harder, because they don't know us and we don't really know them because we're new to the conference," she said.

Dickson, outside hitter, is sure the team is better now based on her teammates getting along and a leadership quality that wasn't there last season.

"I think we get along a lot better off the court as well as on the court," she said. "When they're

having a bad game it's easier to be like 'Hey, you can do this.'"

The ranking doesn't bother head coach Diane Seymour.

Seymour said the ranking could always change, and the team is talented enough to move up. She said she is sure her players already use the ranking as motivation.

"I think it puts us in a perfect position to strike," she said.

Seymour said she liked that they're playing a team that they have defeated recently but tells her players that it's good to play teams with a different style.

"We're familiar with Louisiana Tech. They have several South American kids on the team so they bring a different style of volleyball, which is good for you," she said. "Also, Abilene Christian, we haven't played them in a number of years, and I think it'll be a good opportunity to see an opponent you don't see all the time."

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#### CROSS-COUNTRY

# Recovered runner ready for conference

Sophomore recovers from tibia fracture in time for new season.

BY GRANT MCKINLEY  
The Shorthorn staff

Sophomore runner Katelyn Hayward was the third from UTA to cross the finish line in the team's 2012 cross-country season opener and finished 16 overall helping the team place third behind Southern Methodist University and Baylor University.

She appeared to be the runner the team needed to accompany junior runner Hannah Nilsson and help UTA finish in the top-five of every meet, but after fracturing the right metatarsal in her left tibia, the season came to an abrupt halt.

Now with the 2013 cross-country season beginning Sept. 14, Hayward is ready to show her capability and help lead the team to



The Shorthorn: Adrian Gandara

**Kinesiology sophomore Katelyn Hayward returned** to the UTA track and field team after recovering from a stress fracture in her left tibia that was diagnosed in June. Not her first stress fracture, Hayward had once also received the same diagnosis on her right tibia.

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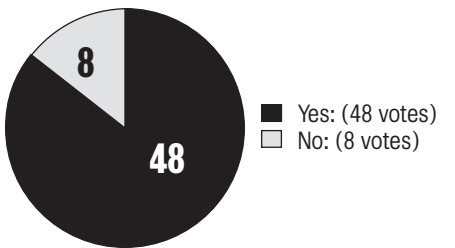




POLL

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Should student athletes be paid?



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YOU SAID

Each week, we'll pull your comments on top stories from our Facebook, Twitter and website. Check back to see if what you said makes it into *The Shorthorn*.

RE: "COST, NOT DEATH, DETERS STUDENTS FROM UTA DAY AT SIX FLAGS" AUG. 22

I don't think Student Affairs should give up on this just yet. I bet there would be more interest from students who don't have cars if there was a shuttle bus that took them to Six Flags. If the MAX expands to the entertainment district as they say they would, then there could be more students who go next year.

— Ann Hoang, Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering Department support specialist II

RE: "POLL: SHOULD STUDENT ATHLETES BE PAID?" AUG. 22

I say no because the big names are already getting money from scholarships and have plenty of "college essentials" already taken care of, but in turn, the NCAA and the student's college should not be allowed to profit off their name or likeness. The other lesser known athletes are in a different predicament due to not being paid an athletic scholarship, so that's up for debate in my mind.

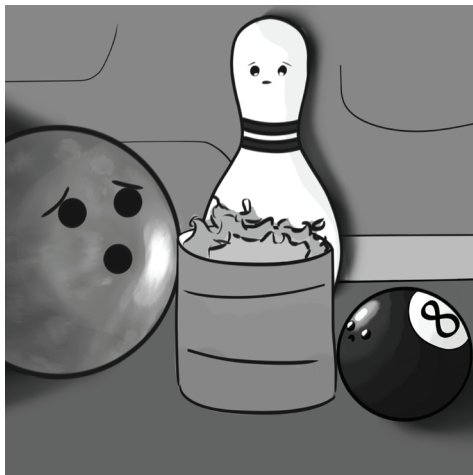
— Taylor Cook, alumnus

RE: "OFFICIALS COMMEMORATE TRANSIT OPENING" AUG. 19

This is not enough to gauge the demand for public transportation in Arlington. I believe this is a great step, but it still does not do enough. Arlington has forgotten the tourist population. During peak tourism months, Arlington experiences a population of 1 million people. The tourists want to go to the stadiums, shopping and Six Flags. Does no one remember the Super Bowl fiasco when lack of public transportation was one of the biggest complaints? What about the entire Metroplex area that would like to not have to drive and pay for parking to see a football game, baseball game or concert at the stadium? I think this is great that we have opened up Arlington to Dallas and Fort Worth, but they have opened a door to allow the gained sales tax revenue from public transportation to be funneled to Dallas and Fort Worth. This service needs to be expanded to include the stadiums and shopping in Lincoln Square, the Highlands and the Parks Mall. And also, because none of those places have a grocery store, it needs to go to one of those as well. If you wanted to get an accurate picture of actual desire for public transportation in Arlington, those are the few essential places to establish stops.

— Andrew Malkowski, economics senior

EDITORIAL CARTOON by Kristin Lindsley



OUR VIEW

MAX-imize photo ID access  
Campus needs permanent transportation service center

The Metro Arlington Xpress IDs make for a popular service and promotional program that needs to be more available to students. Representatives from The T, the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, have set up shop at UTA for the last promoted time to provide reduced-fare, \$2 picture IDs for riding the bus, which connects Arlington riders to Dallas and Fort Worth. Normally, such IDs must be purchased in Fort Worth. During the initial visit on Aug. 22, representatives from The T told *The Shorthorn* that more than 400 reduced-fare picture IDs sold on campus.

As stated before, the system's existence is a large and good step for the city and university. Also, the strategy of reduced-fare IDs is great, but for the project to be a success, students need more opportunities to access IDs and in a more convenient way. Otherwise, they'll have to travel to Fort Worth just to buy the ID.

Many students will benefit from a discount but need a permanent location or locations that are near classes. A welcome center or the Mav Express office location would be ideal. Some of the most used and high-profile facilities include the University Center, Maverick Activities Center and College Park Center.

— The Shorthorn Editorial Board

MORE INFO

Free passes good for August with multiple Metroplex transportation services are available 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays and 5-8 p.m. Sundays at the Information Desk in the University Center and in city hall's One Start Information Center, according to University Communications.

THE ISSUE

Metro Arlington Xpress picture IDs are a good service and should be available on campus.

WE THINK

UTA community members will want to have closer access to such deals and otherwise would have to find their way to Fort Worth to purchase IDs.

TAKE ACTION

There should be a permanent location for UTA community members to purchase IDs.

YOUR VIEW



The Shorthorn: Chloe Gonzales

University Center changes justified  
Bowling and Billiards closure part of Tier One push

JOSH SAWYER



Sawyer is an alumnus, former Student Congress president and guest columnist for *The Shorthorn*.

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In 2001, there were approximately 18,000 students on campus, slightly more than 150 student organizations, the basketball and volleyball teams were still playing on the stage at Texas Hall, and the largest residence hall in Arlington had just been built. At that time, there was no College Park District, Kalpana Chawla Hall and Vandergriff Hall were not around, the Activities Building was outdated and underutilized, and 'Downtown Arlington' was merely a phrase many hoped would be what it has become today. From 2001 until now, many students have worked hard with the administration to ensure that those who follow will come to a university that provides a place to call home, a place to enjoy time with your classmates and a place where you can be proud to be a Maverick. As a result, there are now events such as fall concerts, the Maverick Speakers Series and a larger and more exciting Homecoming Week. Also, we are now fortunate to have a beautiful new arena where Maverick fans can cheer on our sports teams with excitement and pride. The campus has been transforming right before our eyes.

Along with growth and transformation come some tough decisions, such as the closing of

Bowling and Billiards. This decision has been mulling for more than a decade, as it was discussed numerous times while I was a student. The need for more student space in the University Center has been an issue since the university had 18,000 students back in 2001. The university is now at more than 35,000 students, and this need has not changed. There are no feasible options to expand the building, so the only way to get more out of less is to make the best out of the space we have. There may be other places available for student life programs, but it would be ineffective to spread these groups all across the

campus. The best opportunity is to consolidate them and make it more convenient for students to access the programs and to get involved.

Although the decision by the administration to shut down Bowling and Billiards may not be popular, it is one that is critical to the continued movement of the university in the direction toward Tier One. The success of the students on campus through programs such as the Career Center, Student Governance, Student Activities and other student organizations is paramount to the continued success of the university as it strives for Tier One.

The memories I have in that facility will never go away, just like many of those I made while attending school. At the end of the day, I know this decision will bring more success to the university through the involvement and inclusion of all students who participate in organizations, become involved in leadership, or who wish to develop the skills and talents necessary to land great jobs upon graduation. This space will transform from serving a small population throughout the year, to serving hundreds or thousands of students every day. This may be the end of an era for Bowling and Billiards, but it is the start of something bigger.



ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

City may incur cost of roads

The decision would transfer 204 lane miles of road to Arlington.

BY MAX B. BAKER  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Four major thoroughfares in Arlington would be turned over to the city for maintenance and repair by the Texas Transportation Commission if the agency continues with its proposed plan to “turn back” urban highways to local governments as part of a cost-cutting effort.

All of Farm Road 157, from the southern to the northern city limits, taking in the southern section of Cooper and the northern portion of Collins streets, would be transferred to the city as well as all of U.S. 80, or Division Street, as it cuts across town from the east to the west.

Spur 303, or Pioneer Parkway, from the east to west city limits, would become the responsibility of the city, too, under the controversial plan quietly unveiled by the commission in June.

In all, that would be almost 35 miles of roadway, according to Keith Melton, Arlington’s director of Public Works and Transportation. He couldn’t estimate Friday how much additional cost there would be to the city.

“This would be quite an addition to our street network,” Melton said. “We have about 3,000 lane miles of roads, and this would represent about an additional 204 lane miles.”

Mayor Robert Cluck said the city will fight what he called an unfunded mandate.

The commission is looking for more money to build new roads and maintain the rest of the 80,000-mile state highway system.



The Shorthorn: Stephanie Goddard

The Texas Transportation Commission may have Arlington pay for repairs of four major thoroughfares in the city as part of the state’s efforts to cut costs. The proposal affects two parts of FM 157, Highway 80, and Spur 303.

way system. It has said that by ceding control of what it calls essentially urban state roads, it would save the agency \$165 million a year.

TxDOT Executive Director Phil Wilson, in a letter to Cluck late last week, stressed that the commission intends to discuss, but not act, on the proposal.

The roads being considered were vital statewide links connecting cities and regions, while now they primarily serve residents seeking a way to get through their communities.

So, it only makes sense for cities to take control of those roads so they can make decisions about how to best maintain them, state officials argue.

“A lot of these roads under consideration have come to serve the local communities more than being state thoroughfares,” said David Glessner, a TxDOT spokesman.

“There would be some benefit for taking them on. A transfer of a road would allow them to have control of traffic flow, parking, speed limits. ... The city has a better idea, rather than someone in Austin, on how to allow for maintenance or repair.”

Initially, city staff told the Arlington City Council on Tuesday they were not aware of any roadways that would be affected by the program.

The next day the city was told by TxDOT that Tarrant County had been inadvertently omitted from the list of targeted roadways, said Jennifer Wichmann, assistant director of management resources.

Then the calculations of the mileage of the streets being considered were different, Melton said. The state

said the city could get back 25.7 miles of roadway on the list, while the city calculations say it is about 34.75 miles.

No matter the exact figures, Councilwoman Lana Wolff said Arlington is already working to increase spending on street maintenance for its own 3,000 lane miles of roadway.

Adding the state highways would take away from much-needed city street repairs.

“I don’t see how they can just spring this on us,” Wolff said. “I understand where they are coming from but they need to recognize we have worked diligently to address our maintenance issues. This really caught me off-guard.”

Staff writers Susan Schrock and Scott Nishimura contributed to this report, which contains material from the Star-Telegram archives.

DRIVING LAWS

Texas subjects violators to higher penalties

Texas drivers will be subject to several new laws when they hit the road next Sunday.

The measures cover subjects such as cellphone use around schools, passing a stopped school bus and protecting Texas Department of Transportation work crews.

And officials are touting at least one new law — which increases penalties for serious hit-and-run accidents:

- the penalty for leaving the scene of an accident involving injury or death is the same as that for intoxication manslaughter: Two to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.
- cellphone use behind the wheel in active school zones, unless the vehicle is stopped or the driver is using a hands-free device is extended to all school property, including parking lots and dropoff lanes. Violators face fines of up to \$200.
- the fine for passing a school bus when its flashing lights and stop signs are active increased. The new range is \$500 to \$1,250.
- motorists will have to slow down or move over when approaching TxDOT vehicles that are stopped and flashing blue or amber lights. The new law requires drivers to move out of the lane closest to the TxDOT crew or slow to 20 mph below the speed limit. On roads where the limit is 25 mph or lower, drivers must slow to 5 mph. Violators can be fined up to \$2,000.

VOTING RIGHTS

Justice Department sues Texas over law

The Justice Department ramped up efforts to reimpose oversight of Texas elections, suing to block a voter ID law and weighing in on a fight over redrawn political maps.

The legal moves include an effort to re-establish federal preclearance over Texas election procedures. They ensure Texas will be the epicenter of the voting rights and regulations fight, after the Supreme Court ruled in June that decades of federal scrutiny in states with a history of bias couldn’t continue without substantial changes.

On June 27, a divided Supreme Court issued a ruling in a case from Shelby County, Ala., that freed Texas and eight other states from seeking federal OK for any election rule changes. The ruling tossed out the formula Congress used to identify states with a record of bias severe enough to justify intervention.

Within hours, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott declared Texas’ voter ID law, passed in 2011 but never enforced, would take effect right away.

The next day, U.S. Rep. Marc Veasey, D-Fort Worth, and seven other black and Hispanic plaintiffs filed a federal lawsuit to block the law.

The Justice Department filed its suit Thursday in the same court.

SOCIAL MEDIA

UNT tests new app for designated drivers

DENTON — A new Facebook application being tested at the University of North Texas aims to make sure that members of that college community avoid getting outfitted with an orange jail jumpsuit.

The app — known as Person Appointed to Stay Sober, or PASS — helps students use Facebook to arrange for a sober driver from among their circle of friends to take them home safely after a night of drinking.

The app — available at www.thepassapp.com — also allows those who wish to be a designated driver to offer a ride to others. The app’s features even allow designated drivers to request donations from riders to offset the cost of gas.

Users visit the website and log on with their Facebook account. The app then becomes essentially an add-on to the event-planning feature that it already in Facebook’s software. Once the app is in place, the user can not only plan an event using Facebook, but also ask for a ride from among friends, or volunteer to give a ride to others.

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# Welcome Week wraps up

Mixers, dancing and dogs mark the start of another semester



**Above:** Attendees groove to music during the Big Howdy event Saturday in the University Center Rio Grande. The event featured free food and activities.  
**Left:** Saurabh Agrawal, a computer science graduate student, fills up a bag of candy at the UTA HOSTS! Welcome Mixer on Tuesday evening in the Bluebonnet Ballroom. New students met with their mentors and became acquainted.  
**Bottom:** Economics sophomore Karla Ann Britton helps her friend, nursing junior Anisha John, overcome her aversion to dogs as they stroke Pet Partners's therapy dog, Duke, at the Library FUN Fair on Monday evening at the Central Library. The fair also included games, speed friending, food and a pie eating contest.

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