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### ELECTIONS

## Student runs in primary election

Max Hart decided to run because of his friend's recommendation.

BY KATHRYN CARGO  
The Shorthorn staff

UTA students are knocking on doors, passing out fliers and picking up phones this election season. Some students have chosen to work on campaigns, both for experience and to make a difference.

Political science junior Alexis Quezada is a campaign intern for Diane Patrick, candidate for Texas House District 94. Quezada took the position because she wanted to know how an election ran and the work that is unseen.

"It opens your eyes to what really goes on," she said. "Regardless of party, I wanted to get a different perspective, to get that side of it from Diane Patrick."

Much of the work behind campaigning is tedious and small, Quezada said. An example is a list of hundreds of signs people want delivered personally.

"The most important thing for a candidate is to get their name out there," she said.

Most students don't care much about politics and think their vote won't make a difference, Quezada said. If someone doesn't take the opportunity to vote, they don't have the right to complain about current issues, she said.

One UTA student has his name on the primary election ballot this year, and he said it was not something he originally planned.

Political science junior Max Hart is running for precinct chairman 2266. He filed for the position not knowing the exact job description because a friend suggested he should.

"We were talking politics and he was like, 'Today was the last day to file for precinct chairman. Do you want me to drive you over there?'" Hart said.

A precinct chairperson is an individual who represents voters in a small geographical area, Hart said. He will have to keep the voters in his area informed on who candidates are and make sure voters have access to them. The No. 1 goal for a precinct chairperson is to increase the voter turnout, he said.

Hart said he is trying to set an example.

"I think it's good to have someone on campus that is involved in the political process," he said. "It lets students know they can be involved now, and politics isn't just for old people. They have a lot more power in the government than they



The Shorthorn: Adrian Gandara

Management juniors Sam Scarborough, left, and Blake Dornak look at a map as they try to decide another location in which to campaign Monday in Arlington. The pair went door to door promoting political candidate Tony Pompa.

### ONLINE

To follow primary election coverage, visit [www.theshorn.com/news](http://www.theshorn.com/news).



realize."

Hart also is a campaign field representative for Linda Harper-Brown, who is an incumbent for Texas House District 105. He said he gets to see the behind the scenes of what goes on in campaigns. Hart and others he works with have a list of all the people who voted in the Republican primary. From that, they go door to door and talk about the candidate they represent, which is also known as block walking.

Hart sees it as a new challenge because he doesn't know if they want to talk to him or not.

"One time we knocked on an opponent's door and talked to his wife," Hart said.

Hart grew up in a military family, so government and politics have been part of his whole life, he said. Hart was really motivated to be more involved when the Affordable Health Care Act was passed and it was unpopular with pollings, he said.

"I didn't feel like Congress was doing their job representing their voters," he said.

Public relations senior Michael Magnus is also on the campaign trail as an intern for Tony Pompa, candidate for Texas Senate District 10. Magnus films and takes pictures at events and also block walks or makes phone calls.

"When we go block walking and go to events, people are really excited to see youth," Magnus said. "It's engaging a new demographic of



The Shorthorn: Adrian Gandara

A tablet app displays a map of households that have previously voted Republican, allowing campaigning individuals to visit houses receptive to certain political ideologies.

voters."

People have more of a voice than they know, Magnus said, and should know where that voice has its strongest influence.

"What things do I actually have influence over as a citizen?" Magnus said. "My opinion about big national issues won't make as much as impact as my opinion about our Tarrant County Commissioner."

Students don't get involved because they don't have enough information, Magnus said. They should get involved locally because they do have a strong influence in what happens in their community, he said.

Students can get a lot of transferable skills to multiple industries from working in a campaign, said Nikki Dickens, assistant director for Career Development and Pro-

grams.

A political science major can see the way a campaign works and begin networking, Dickens said.

"The most obvious skill gained is communication, being able to verbally communicate with people is something that is a cross-industry skill that employers are looking for," she said.

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7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday

1. Tarrant County College Southeast Campus, ESED-Library Room 1211, 2100 Southeast Parkway
2. UTA - Maverick Activities Center, 500 W. Nedderman Drive

### EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday

1. Bob Duncan Center, 2800 S. Center St.
2. Elzie Odom Athletic Center, 1601 NE. Green Oaks Blvd.
3. Center for Community Service Junior League of Arlington, 4002 W. Pioneer Parkway
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For more information about these locations or their availability, contact the Tarrant County Elections Administration at 817-831-8683.

### PEOPLE AND INTERESTS

## Women's History Month begins

Events include lecture series, keynote address by Pulitzer Prize winner.

BY JUAN GOVEA  
The Shorthorn staff

"Superheroines! Female Heroes in Fact and Fiction" is the theme for the 28th annual Women's History Month lecture series. UTA Women's and Gender Studies Program is hosting and co-hosting some of the monthlong events, which will feature Geraldine Brooks, Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, as the keynote speaker.

The monthlong event opens Thursday with a lecture by Kim Nielsen from the University of Toledo titled "Saints, Sinners, and BFFs: Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan Macy," said Desiree Henderson, Women's and Gender Studies Program director.

"Students are encouraged to be involved not only in the events, but also to focus on great women in history," said Trudi Beckman, Women's and Gender Studies administrative assistant. "All

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### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

Disability historian Kim Nielsen presents "Saints, Sinners and BFFs: Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan Macy." 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday Central Library sixth floor

Stephane Dunn presents "Scary Sistas: Imagining Tough Black Femininity From Page to Screen." Noon to 1 p.m. March 5 Central Library sixth floor

"Comic Book Superheroines: A Discussion" Hosted by the UTA Comic Book Club Noon to 1 p.m. March 19 Business Building Room 245E

*Wonder Woman! The Untold Story of American Superheroines* 7-9 p.m. March 20 University Hall Room 108

Keynote address by Geraldine Brooks, Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist. Book signing will follow presentation. 7-9 p.m. March 24 Central Library sixth floor

Women's and Gender Studies Student Mini-Conference 10 a.m. March 25 Central Library, sixth floor



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MUSIC

Limited Big Sean tickets still available

Only 545 tickets remain for the Big Sean concert Friday, said Anisha John, EXCEL university events director.

During the organization's Monday meeting, members discussed specific details of the concert, including timing. Broadcasting junior Thomas Hervey, aka DJ Swerve, will have a preliminary set that begins when doors open at 6:30 p.m. Sevyn Streeter officially opens the show at 7:30 p.m. before Big Sean takes the stage at about 8:15 p.m.

The EXCEL university events team continues to make preparations for the show.

Remaining tickets may be purchased via [www.utatickets.com](http://www.utatickets.com) or the College Park Center box office.

-Aisha Willis

UNIVERSITY

Graduate Awareness Week begins

The Undergraduate Assembly approved about 50 new courses across various academic disciplines and a degree program on Tuesday.

The Bachelor of Science in architectural engineering was approved by the College of Engineering and School of Architecture. Also new to students will be courses focused on undergraduate research in biology and chemistry, with the intention of more similar opportunities in other science departments, along with two international relations classes in political science and an introductory course in popular culture.

Visit [www.theshorthorn.com/news](http://www.theshorthorn.com/news) to view a PDF of the new courses.

-Johnathan Silver

CALENDAR

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TODAY

**MavsArt Exhibit:** This semester-long program showcases the talents of UTA students, faculty and staff. All day. Monday through Sunday. Central Library first floor. Free. Contact Stephanie Noell at [noel@uta.edu](mailto:noel@uta.edu).

**Early Voting:** Voters will vote in one of two political party elections for the Primary Election. The chosen candidate will represent the party in the Nov. 4 general election. 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday in the Maverick Activities Center. Free. Contact Varun Mallipaddi at 817-272-0556 or [sc-pres@uta.edu](mailto:sc-pres@uta.edu).

**The Maverick Lens:** Views from the Library: This annual photo exhibit is designed to reflect the diversity of living, learning and working at UTA. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday Central Library sixth floor. Free. Contact Erin O'Malley at [omalley@uta.edu](mailto:omalley@uta.edu).

**Interview Workshop:** Students can learn interview strategies and skills to ace the interview. 2-3 p.m. College Hall Room 100. Free. Contact The Career Development Center at 817-272-2932 or [careers@uta.edu](mailto:careers@uta.edu).

**BHM Documentary Screening and Discussion:** The Loving Story: Set during the Civil Rights era, this is a story about love and struggle for dignity. 6:30-8:30 p.m. University Center Carlisle Suite. Free. Contact Multicultural Affairs at 817-272-2099 or [multicultural\\_affairs@uta.edu](mailto:multicultural_affairs@uta.edu).

**How to Wow the Real World:** Steps Graduates Can Take to Succeed: Executives from local companies discuss interview tips, common mistakes, what to say and do and more. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Pickard Hall Room 204. Free. Contact The Career Development Center at 817-272-2932 or [careers@uta.edu](mailto:careers@uta.edu).

**Polar Bear Plunge:** Come watch the fun and take a dip into the cold water of the outdoor pool. 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Maverick Activities Center outdoor pool. Free. Contact Stephanie at 817-272-3277 or [campusrec@uta.edu](mailto:campusrec@uta.edu)

THURSDAY

**Mattress Firm On-Campus Interviews:** Mattress Firm recruiters speak about career opportunities. To request an interview, you must do so through HireAMaverick at [www.myinterfase.com](http://www.myinterfase.com). 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Davis Hall Room 216. Free. Contact the Career Development Center at 817-272-2932 or [careers@uta.edu](mailto:careers@uta.edu).

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**College of Nursing Dean Search Candidate:** Anne Bavier will be on campus to give a presentation. She is the fourth candidate for the nursing dean search. 2-3:30 p.m. Pickard Hall Room 204. Free. Contact Delene Remmers at 817-272-2737 or [remmers@uta.edu](mailto:remmers@uta.edu).

**Exoplanets:** Mankind's first space probe journeys outside our solar system to new worlds astronomers are discovering beyond. Learn about our Earth, moon, sun and the solar system. 6-7 p.m. Planetarium. Children's tickets are \$4 and adults are \$6. Contact the Planetarium at 817-272-1183 or [planetarium@uta.edu](mailto:planetarium@uta.edu).

SATURDAY

**GRE/GMAT Workshop:** A workshop that includes study prep sessions and practice tests, to help participants become familiar with the test structures and learn how to prepare for the different sections of the exam. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. University Hall Room 108. Free. Contact the Office of University Recruitment at 817-272-2090.

**Big Sean Concert:** Also featuring Sevyn Streeter and DJ Swerve, who will perform for UTA students, faculty and community. 7:30 p.m. Texas Hall. \$15 and \$30 for UTA students, \$20 for faculty and \$25 for the general public. Contact University Events at 817-272-9595 or [excel-universityevents@uta.edu](mailto:excel-universityevents@uta.edu)

view, you must do so through HireAMaverick at [www.myinterfase.com](http://www.myinterfase.com). 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Davis Hall Room 216. Free. Contact the Career Development Center at 817-272-2932 or [careers@uta.edu](mailto:careers@uta.edu).

SUNDAY

**Spacepark 360:** Spacepark 360: This show takes its audience through solar system amusement park rides. 3-4 p.m. Planetarium. Children's tickets are \$4, adults are \$6. Contact Planetarium at 817-272-1183 or [planetarium@uta.edu](mailto:planetarium@uta.edu).

**Guest Trumpet Recital:** Featuring John Adler from the University of Northern Colorado. 7:30-9 p.m. Irons Recital Hall. Free. Contact the Music Department at [music@uta.edu](mailto:music@uta.edu).

MONDAY

**League of Extraordinary Women gallery exhibit:** The Women in Leadership members invite the UTA community to learn about women who paved the way in history and recognizing women who continue to make an impact today. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Gallery in the University Center. Free. Contact Multicultural Affairs at 817-272-2099 or [multicultural\\_affairs@uta.edu](mailto:multicultural_affairs@uta.edu).

**The Gallery at UTA Art Exhibition Alice Leora Briggs/ James Sullivan:** These Texas artists showcase their contemporary art that incorporate techniques such as burn drawings and two and 3-D creations. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays The Gallery at UTA. Free Contact Patricia Healy at 817-272-5658 or [phealy@uta.edu](mailto:phealy@uta.edu).

**Dream Makers Scholarship Luncheon:** This annual luncheon acknowledges donors whose scholarships have benefited students. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bluebonnet Ballroom. Contact Sandra Golightly at 817-272-9082.

**Maversity Workshop #5:** An interactive workshop that provides a safe space to discuss topics like gender, race, stereotypes, prejudice and other issues. Noon to 1 p.m. University Center Guadalupe Room. Free. Contact Multicultural Affairs at 817-272-2099 or [multicultural\\_affairs@uta.edu](mailto:multicultural_affairs@uta.edu).

**Mindful Moments:** Practice and learn mindfulness techniques to help deal with stress. 12:15-12:45 p.m. Ransom Hall Room 310. Contact Marie Bannister at 817-272-3671.

**Diversity Lecture Series:** Part of the Seventh Annual UTA Diversity Week celebration, this series will feature civil rights legend and member of the Little Rock Nine Minnijean Brown Trickey. 7 p.m. Rosebud Theatre. Contact Multicultural Affairs at 817-272-2099 or [multicultural\\_affairs@uta.edu](mailto:multicultural_affairs@uta.edu).

TUESDAY

**Halliburton On-Campus Interviews:** Halliburton recruiters speak about career opportunities. To request an interview, you must do so through HireAMaverick at [www.myinterfase.com](http://www.myinterfase.com). 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Davis Hall Room 216. Free. Contact the Career Development Center at 817-272-2932 or [careers@uta.edu](mailto:careers@uta.edu).

**SHAC Health Fair:** Come participate in health screenings and education including community resources. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bluebonnet Ballroom. Free for students only. Contact Latoya Oduniji at 817-272-2771 or [latoya.oduniji@uta.edu](mailto:latoya.oduniji@uta.edu).

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On page 12A Feb. 19, the women's basketball picture "Sports Saturday Spectacular" should have credited Kayla Stigall as the photographer.

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## Women

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events are free and open to the public.”

Included in the month-long event is the screening of the documentary, *Wonder Woman! The Untold Story of American Superheroines*, Henderson said.

The documentary uses the history of Wonder Woman to recount the history of women's rights in America. Following the film will be a panel discussion including experts on comic books, Wonder Woman and gender studies, Henderson

said.

“I’m excited about the lectures in the superheroines lecture series,” theatre arts professor Brandi Andrade said. “I love the emphasis on strong women, as I still think we have a problem with strong women in our culture.”

Women’s History Month focuses on all aspects of women and women’s suffrage, business major freshman Ryma Mahouch said.

“Women’s History Month should be relevant to all college students because women’s suffrage is prevalent,” Mahouch said.

The month of events is supposed to show how every

woman can show heroism outside of the traditional definition, Henderson said.

“The events are intended to address the fact that women’s heroism often looks different from traditional notions of heroism, but women have been heroic in their lives in large and small ways,” Henderson said. “The fictional depictions of women’s heroism can serve as a source of inspiration, even when the characters are superheroines, invested with supernatural powers and abilities.”

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**Becky White speaks** to attendees of the Women’s History Month Lecture Series on March 20 in the Central Library sixth floor. White emphasized the importance of HIV awareness among residents of the South, saying the HIV incidence rate among blacks in the South parallels the incidence rates of Caribbean countries and Africa.

## ELECTIONS

# 2 Republican candidates to promote university

Republicans will use UTA ties to incorporate campus and city.

BY KATHRYN CARGO  
The Shorthorn staff

Both republican candidates for the Tarrant County Commissioner Precinct 2 have ties to UTA and want to promote the university.

The Tarrant County Commissioner Precinct 2 race is currently underway in the primary elections, and UTA falls under this precinct.

Incumbent Andy Nguyen and alumna Suzanne Kelley are the two candidates running for the Republican spot. Whoever wins the Republican spot during primaries will run against the only Democrat candidate, Kenneth Sanders, in the general election.

A Tarrant County Commissioner is a part of the Commissioners Court, which is the general governing body of Tarrant County. The court is made up of four commissioners and a county judge. Each commissioner responds to needs and is responsible for the maintenance of country roads within his or her precinct. The commission determines the county’s budget for county agencies.

Nguyen is a businessman and became the first Asian-American elected to the Commissioners Court in 2010. He said he has a proven record of making difference in three short years, not only in support of the precinct but also in support of UTA. Kelley said she has

### ONLINE

To read more information about the Republican candidates for Tarrant County Commissioner Precinct 2, visit [www.theshorthorn.com/news](http://www.theshorthorn.com/news).



lived in the Arlington Community for more than 20 years and has served in 15 local organizations.

Kelley said she wants to use her alumna status to encourage students that successful people graduate from UTA.

“I’m able to do the things I do because I got my education at UTA,” she said. “It taught me so much.”

She said as a Tarrant County Commissioner, UTA is a resource she would use to gain more knowledge to become a better-rounded individual. She said she would also be an advocate for UTA and be readily receptive to ideas from the university.

Kelley is a special education teacher at Arlington High School. She decided to run for Tarrant County Commissioner when Nguyen suggested teachers needed more training to help prevent truancy, she said.

“As teachers, we cannot afford to have an elected official that takes two months to maybe understand something, and his answer be to put the burden on the teachers,” she said.



Suzanne Kelley, Republican candidate



Andy Nguyen, Republican candidate

Nguyen, along with the Commissioners Court and other community leaders, partnered with the Arlington School District to fight truancy through preventative measures starting in elementary school, Nguyen said.

Nguyen said he is working on starting an internship program in his office where UTA students could become more acquainted with the work force.

Kelley said she also will use interns and individuals with specialties from UTA and TCC to do the tasks a paid professional would do.

Nguyen said Arlington is becoming a college town. The Commissioners Court is participating in the Tax Increment Financing Zone, which provides a portion of Tarrant County tax revenue back to help with the infrastructure of downtown Arlington, he said.

“I have a very good partnership with UTA and with the leadership of UTA to create high-paying jobs so that UTA graduates would have a reason to stay in this region instead of having to move,” he said.

Nguyen accomplished a plan to expand State Highway 360, which is in the area of South Arlington and Mansfield, he said. The ex-

pansion will make it easier for students to travel to campus from that area.

Both of the candidates have a part of their website written in Vietnamese, targeting a specific audience. Nguyen said the reason for him is obvious – it is his origin. Kelley said the Vietnamese community supports her.

“His own Vietnamese group endorses me,” Kelley said. “That’s a huge message.”

Nguyen said a few people in the Vietnamese community have decided to work against him, but he still has strong support.

Kelley said Nguyen promised The Heroes of South Vietnam Memorial Foundation he would raise \$100,000 for the Vietnam War Memorial at Veterans Park in Arlington. Nguyen said he told the leader of the memorial project raising that amount should not be a problem if there is a consensus within the community.

Nguyen said the consensus was broken when different Vietnamese groups in the community did not approve of one of the prospective displays of the memorial.

“The memorial leaders didn’t take it well and responded aggressively, then disagreements became public debate,” Nguyen said. “Public debate became public resentment. Because of the turmoil in that project, I wasn’t able to raise money.”

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## BUSINESS

# Resolution could add option for declared minor

Sponsor says adding field gives business students advantage.

BY MADISON MCGOWAN  
The Shorthorn staff

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration degree could be able to add a minor to their degree plan if a proposed Student Congress resolution is passed.

Currently, students working toward a Bachelor of Arts in economics have the option to pursue a minor in conjunction with their major, but business administration students are not allowed the same option.

Marketing major Tung Nguyen, who sponsored the resolution, said with the business world is becoming increasingly competitive, students without the option of a minor in a different area of study are at a disadvantage to students with the same degree from other universities.

“These students are restricted already in what they can and can’t do in the field,” Nguyen said. “Although you can take introductory electives courses for a concentration, that does not leave you well-prepared for job opportunities.”

David Gray, business associate dean and management professor, said because the business administration degree plan is packed with courses, there is not enough room to accommodate a minor while keeping with the state guidelines of 120 hours per bachelor’s degree. Additionally, the Bachelor of Arts in economics is being discontinued.

“Engineering, nursing and architecture majors face the same restrictions with their de-

### STUDENT CONGRESS RESOLUTION 14-03

The resolution asks that the “College of Business at UT Arlington permit students to have the option to pursue a minor in conjunction with their Bachelor of Business Administration degree.”

### ONLINE

Read the full Student Congress resolution online at [www.theshorthorn.com/news](http://www.theshorthorn.com/news).



grees as business administration students do, and they are at no disadvantage for not having a minor,” Gray said. “Maybe at some point we can amend the degree plan, but we would have to raise the program to 130 hours and, right now, we simply can’t add courses.”

Student Congress President Varun Mallipaddi said before the resolution is brought to a vote before the senators and UTA President Vistasp Karbhari, many hours of research regarding the effectiveness and benefits of allowing BBA students to pursue a minor will be put forth to ensure a strong debate.

“The intent of this resolution is to give BBA students the option to pursue additional education to prepare them for whatever field, which unfortunately is not the case right now,” Mallipaddi said. “If a student wants experience and is willing to pay for additional classes and put forth effort to pursue a minor with this degree, I don’t see why they shouldn’t have that choice.”

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### BASEBALL VS. TEXAS A&M CORPUS CHRISTI

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## TOP PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

#### BRANDON EDWARDS

Thursday, UTA vs. Arkansas State: 14 points, 7 rebounds, 1 steal  
Saturday, UTA vs. Arkansas-Little Rock: 17 points, 9 rebounds, 1 block

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

#### DESHERRA NWANGUMA

Feb. 19, UTA vs. Arkansas State: 22 points, 11 rebounds, 1 block, 1 steal  
Saturday, UTA vs. Arkansas-Little Rock: 6 points, 10 rebounds, 2 assists

### BASEBALL

#### MATT SHORTALL

Friday, UTA vs. McNeese State: 5 hits, 1 RBI, 1 run, 9 at-bats

#### CHASE WEAVER

Friday, UTA vs. McNeese State: 7.1 IP, 6 hits, 0 ER, 8 strikeouts, 2 walks

### SOFTBALL

#### NINA VILLANUEVA

Friday, UTA vs. Creighton: 1 hit, 2 RBI, 1 run, 3 at-bats  
Saturday, UTA vs. Missouri-Kansas City: 2 hits, 3 RBIs, 0 runs, 3 at-bats  
Sunday, UTA vs. Missouri-Kansas City: 2 hits, 3 RBIs, 2 runs, 3 at-bats

#### CALLIE COLLINS

Friday, UTA vs. Creighton: 5 IP, 2 hits, 0 ER, 8 strikeouts  
Sunday, UTA vs. Missouri-Kansas City: 4 IP, 4 hits, 0 ER, 6 strikeouts

### MEN'S TENNIS

#### SEBASTIAN ERIMICIOIU

Friday, UTA vs. UT-Pan American Singles: 6-3, 2-6, 6-2  
Doubles: 8-5  
Monday, UTA vs. Texas A&M Corpus Christi Singles: 3-6, 7-6, 6-3  
Doubles: 8-3



Courtesy: Sunbelt

The men's indoor track and field team celebrates after winning the Sunbelt Indoor Championships on Tuesday. This marked their first indoor title since 2009.

# Mavericks blaze by competition

UTA took home a win after being picked second in the championship.

BY GRANT MCKINLEY  
The Shorthorn sports editor

It was clear from the beginning of the season that the men's track and field team was poised for a year of success.

The Mavericks placed third at the Texas A&M 10-Team Invitational on Jan. 18 in College Station to open the 2014 indoor season and followed it with a second consecutive third place finish at the Mark Colligan Memorial in Lincoln, Neb., on Jan. 25.

UTA broke into the top two at the Varsity Apartments Invitational in Wichita, Kan., where the team placed second. After a record-setting performance by senior sprinter Clayton Vaughn at the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational, this group of Mavericks showed the capability to perform well against any competition it faced.

On Tuesday, however, the indoor season was in the balance as anything but a first-place finish at the Sun Belt Conference Indoor Championships would leave a blemish on the season.

Despite finishing in the top three in every meet prior to the championships, the team was picked to finish second to Western Kentucky University.

## MEN'S FINAL SCORES

1. UTA, 185
2. Western Kentucky University, 149
3. Texas State University, 79
4. University of South Alabama, 76.66
5. Arkansas State, 74.33
6. University of Louisiana-Lafayette, 46
7. University of Louisiana-Monroe, 44
8. University of Arkansas-Little Rock, 8

## MEN'S TOP SCORER

Emil Blomberg, UT Arlington – 28 points

## SEASON FINISHES

Jan. 18, Texas A&M 10-Team Invitational, third place  
Jan. 25, Mark Colligan Memorial, third place  
Feb. 1, Varsity Apartments Invitational, second place

UTA responded by scoring the most points since 1994 in the Sun Belt Indoor Championships for an overwhelming conference championship.

"It was a total team effort," head coach John Sauerhage said. "We came through in every event area."

Western Kentucky finished second to UTA, who built an early lead on Monday, the first day of the meet.

The Mavericks tallied 48 points on Monday and took off on Tuesday when several competitors finished with record-breaking performances to conclude the meet with a staggering 185 points.

Vaughn won his third individual conference crown in the 60-meter with a finishing time of 6.66 seconds.

The All-American won the 60-meter in the Western Athletic Conference meet last season with a time of 6.63 seconds

and won the 2012 Southland Conference title with a time of 6.68 seconds.

Along with Vaughn, senior mid-distance runner Phillip Critelli finished first in the 800-meter and junior distance runner Emil Blomberg won the mile along with the 3000-meter.

"When you score 185 points, it's hard to get beat," Sauerhage said.

UTA's win in the conference indoor championships marked its first since 2000 and 11th overall in the program's history.

UTA will now look ahead to the outdoor season where the men's team will look to bring home a second conference championship of the year and third overall since joining the Sun Belt.

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## SOFTBALL

# Team relies on 2 opening pitchers

Callie Collins and Shannon Carrico are the team's go-to options.

BY VICTOR RESENDEZ  
The Shorthorn staff

They have a combined eight wins and have started every game for the UTA softball team this year.

A quarter of the way through the 2014 season, senior pitcher Callie Collins and sophomore pitcher Shannon Carrico have established themselves as the team's go-to options in the circle.

"Softball is a sport where if you get two really solid pitchers, you can go out and have a successful season," head coach Kristie Fox said.

The Mavericks (10-6) are off to a hot start after going 4-2 in the UTA Hilton Invitational and, despite much of the attention going to the team's offense, Collins and Carrico have been the players who have limited teams to scoring 35 earned runs against UTA this season.

Collins and Carrico have solidified themselves as the team's starting pitchers, Fox said, and both have pitched to an ERA below 4.0.

Collins (4-3) currently is holding a 3.24 ERA and has notched 48 strikeouts.

Carrico (4-2) picked up her second loss of the season this weekend against Texas Tech University and holds a 3.83 ERA.



The Shorthorn: Richard Hoang

Sophomore pitcher Shannon Carrico, left, and senior pitcher Callie Collins have been leading the team as the only players pitching on the mound during games this season. The Mavericks will play as a part of the Wildcat Invitational on Friday.

## SHANNON CARRICO SEASON STATS:

3.83 ERA  
4-2 record  
8 stats, 8 appearances  
47 innings pitched  
20 earned runs  
.289 opponents batting average

bulk of the work in the circle so far.

"We're not worried about personnel," Fox said. "We do a good job of pitching by committee. We hope they can stay healthy and continue on the path they're on."

Fox said it isn't unusual for a team to have just a few viable options for the circle, but the five teams ranked above UTA in team ERA each have at least four pitchers on their respective rosters.

The Mavericks currently hold the sixth best ERA in the

## CALLIE COLLINS SEASON STATS:

3.24 ERA  
4-3 record  
6 starts, 9 appearances  
41.2 innings pitched  
15 earned runs  
.230 opponents batting average

conference and, already having pitched through 94.2 innings combined, Collins and Carrico appear to be in it for the long haul as they will be swapping starts throughout

## TENNIS

# Freshman leads team with singles winning streak

Team looks to freshman Jessica Birowski, who remains undefeated.

BY MARISA GUZMAN  
The Shorthorn staff

At the age of 19, freshman Jessica Birowski has taken a step into leadership among the UTA women's tennis team. With only one upperclassman on Mavericks roster, guidance is being sought after in this underclassman as she has remained the best singles player on the team by going undefeated through seven matches this season, one of which was unfinished.

"She's mentally a very tough girl," head coach Diego Benitez said. "She has a very aggressive game and always sticks with it during the tough moments of the match."

Birowski is the leading singles player for the Mavericks and has a perfect 6-0 record this season.

Playing doubles with junior Giada D'ortona, the duo has strung together a record of 4-3 for the 2014 season.

UTA is currently 5-4 for the season and is coming off back-to-back losses against Kansas State University and Wichita State University on the road.

"I've improved mentally and with my consistency," Birowski said. "Now I'm able to recognize my opponent's weaknesses. I can now adapt to how the other players play and see how I should play."

Beginning her tennis career in Germany, Birowski had to adjust to collegiate playing levels with different courts and a new kind of pressure where an entire team is relying on her match wins.

Benitez said Birowski has improved tremendously since last year and has become more familiar with collegiate tennis by adapting to the physical and mental demands of the game.

Birowski is one of four freshmen on the team who had to transition into colle-

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the duration of the season.

Yet with the Mavericks 55-game schedule set to be split between only two starting pitchers, staying in good health is a priority for the team.

"The Maverick trainers do an incredible job at taking care of us, and having us ready to go at it again the next day," Carrico said. "They do a really good job at keeping us healthy."

If either Collins or Carrico were to suffer an injury, however, the team could turn to sophomore Brittany May, who picked up her first win of the season on Saturday but has yet to start a game for the Mavericks.

"Ever since I've been here, we've had a two-person staff, so I'm excited to have another pitcher, and having B. May come in and throw some innings for me and Shannon," Collins said.

The Mavericks' two-headed pitching attack along with May coming in to provide quality innings could keep the Mavs steady down the stretch for the season, and Fox has faith that they will be able to get the job done.

Collins and Carrico will return to action this weekend as the Mavericks travel to Tucson, Ariz., on Friday to compete in the Wildcat Invitational.

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BASEBALL

The Shorthorn: File photo

**Junior infielder Peter Cuomo prepares** for his turn at bat March 19 at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington. This will be the Mavericks first time playing at Globe Life Park since the name change.

Team prepares to play games at Globe Life Park

The Mavericks will play 2 games at the stadium this season.

BY CASSIE LOGAN  
The Shorthorn staff

It was just another Tuesday night of college baseball. The players did their same warm up routine and listened to the same music that got them pumped up for every game. There was just one difference — a 47,000-seat difference, to be more specific. It was UTA game night at Globe Life Park.

On March 4, the UTA baseball team played its first ever game at Globe Life Park against Texas Christian University. The Horned Frogs defeated UTA 5-4 as the Mavericks' pitching staff had some trouble placing their pitches and the offense was unable to keep its early two-run lead.

TCU came from behind and scored four runs in the third and fourth innings to take a 4-2 lead, and a few more hits won the game for the Horned Frogs in the later innings.

Although UTA lost the game, the players won the experience of a lifetime.

"It was an amazing experience and opportunity to get to play there," senior pitcher Chase Weaver said. "It was the nicest ballpark I've ever stepped foot on. It was cool just to soak it in and even something like running was awesome. It was great just to be out there and be in the atmosphere of somewhere you hope to be someday."

This year, UTA has scheduled two games at Globe Life Park. The Mavericks will go head-to-head against Texas

ONLINE

UTA defeated TCU, 10-2 on Tuesday in Fort Worth. Read the full recap online at [www.theshorthorn.com/sports](http://www.theshorthorn.com/sports)

A&M University on Tuesday and the University of Oklahoma on March 11.

Head coach Darin Thomas said these games will not only benefit the team by preparing them for conference play, but benefit the future of the program as recruiting incentives and RPI boosts.

Last season, 4,000 fans attended the game against Texas Christian University.

Senior left fielder Matt Shortall said that playing at a professional ballpark was something every kid dreams about and that it was amazing to see the big field and to get some experience against the nation's top team.

"I'm really excited," freshman catcher Brady Cox said. "Watching baseball as a kid growing up, I've always been a Rangers fan. All of my favorite players played for the Rangers and it's a place every kid wants to be able to play at. The fact that we're able to play there twice is a great opportunity. I'm really looking forward to it."

This will be Cox's first game with UTA at Globe Life Park, and he said that playing games against Texas A&M and Oklahoma in a professional ballpark is something that he never expected he would have the privilege to do.

"Being able to play on a field like that and knowing that, that could be your future makes you want to play that

much better," Cox said. "We're playing two good teams there, so it's definitely motivation to be a better team."

The Mavs have a 23-year history with the Aggies and an all-time record of 8-25. Last year, UTA played Texas A&M at College Station and lost 7-0, only managing four hits throughout the game.

The Mavericks are 5-5 in Arlington against Texas A&M, however, and 12-34 overall against teams in the South Eastern Conference.

UTA has been playing against Oklahoma since 1972. The series continued last season on March 5 at Clay Gould Ballpark, where the Mavs defeated the Sooners 6-1.

UTA scored two runs early in the second inning and four more later in the game while holding Oklahoma to one run and five hits.

UTA is now 136-296 all-time against teams from the Big 12 Conference, including a 6-8 record at home and 11-19 all-time against Oklahoma.

Even though the returners had the chance to play at Globe Life Park last year, Weaver said the players still have an excited and giddy feeling, knowing that these games don't happen for everybody.

"It's not an everyday thing for us, so even having played there before, it's still an exciting feeling," Weaver said. "We went down to Baylor and they have a pretty nice ballpark, but that still doesn't even compare to Globe Life."

UTA will face Texas A&M at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Oklahoma at 7 p.m. March 11.

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Freshman

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JESSICA BIROWSKI SINGLES SCORES:

Jan. 18, UTA vs. TCU: 7-5, 1-6, 10-8  
Feb. 1, UTA vs. Midwestern State: 6-2, 6-4  
Feb. 8, UTA vs. Dallas Baptist: 6-0, 6-0  
Feb. 8, UTA vs. Stephen F. Austin: 0-6, 6-4, 11-9  
Feb. 9, UTA vs. McNeese State: 2-6, 7-5, 10-3  
Feb. 13: UTA vs. Texas A&M Corpus Christi: 6-3, 6-1  
Feb. 16, UTA vs. Kansas: 6-2, 3-2, unfinished

giate tennis matches and use the guidance of players like D'ortona, who have been in the program for several years.

"She's learning to play the variety of the game," D'ortona said. "She knows how to play all the different aspects and not just one style. Her position gives her good competition that allows her to grow match after match."

Birowski has been playing at the No. 5 position for most of the season but could eventually make her way to the top of the lineup.

Despite her age, Birowski is seen as a leader among the team and is a key player, Benitez said.

"I listen to what the coaches tell me," Birowski said. "I just continuously keep prac-

The Shorthorn: Rafal Alam

**Undeclared freshman Jessica Birowski prepares** to return a serve during practice on Monday at the Tennis Center. Birowski is playing in her first season as a Maverick and is undefeated through seven matches.

ting the game."

Birowski will shoot for her seventh win of the season when the women's tennis team returns to action 1 p.m. Thursday against UT-San

Antonio at the UTA Tennis Center.

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### PEOPLE AND INTERESTS



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**Students wanting a place to celebrate** Mardi Gras may find themselves travelling off campus this year. EXCEL will not host its Mardi Gras Madness this year because of the closing of Bowling and Billiards.

## Students plan to let loose, skip class for Mardi Gras

One group has decided to travel to New Orleans on impulse to celebrate.

BY DAVID DUNN  
The Shorthorn life editor

When criminal justice junior David Tomich was a freshman, his favorite EXCEL event was Mardi Gras Madness, where he was crowned Mardi Gras king and biology senior Sabrin Arafat as Mardi Gras queen.

"It was pretty cool because, during the event, you got to announce the band, announce the contests and announce the winners," he said. "It was a lot of fun."

With Mardi Gras coming up Tuesday, students are getting ready for the festivities to let loose and have fun, even if that means skipping class. Nursing sophomore Samantha Parks said that because none of their hard classes are Tuesday or Wednesday, she and her two roommates decided to break

loose and travel to New Orleans for Mardi Gras.

"It was kind of an impulsive, last minute 'let's do something spontaneous' kind of decision," she said. "We were talking about what to do for spring break, and we were going to go to New Orleans, and then we looked up to see if Mardi Gras was during spring break, and it wasn't, so we decided that we would go for Mardi Gras instead."

Having firsthand experience of Mardi Gras in Louisiana, Tomich said that its a great experience and is definitely much different than how it's celebrated in Texas.

"I'll do parades and all that, because I actually used to live in Louisiana when I was younger," he said.

Computer science sophomore Alexis Jointer, however, won't be taking the time off to have fun. Instead, she'll be working.

"I'm going to Hydro Bar and Grill because we kind of pro-

mote there," she said. "We try to link up with different bars, clubs and venues to throw parties and stuff."

Jointer said that back when she lived in Chicago, Ill., she got into a club called Billboard Live and was able to celebrate Mardi Gras there for the night.

"Even though it's a 21 and up club, I promoted there, so I got in," she said.

Jointer said that to gain publicity for Hydro Club for Mardi Gras, her team tweets, sets up parties and talks to students about coming out to the restaurant.

"The food is really, really good," she said. "We're supposed to have beads, and there's a happy hour thing that's going on from four to eight."

Tomich says that with EXCEL's Mardi Gras Madness being his first event, he wishes that Bowling and Billiards was still open so that they could continue to celebrate the event publicly.

"It was kind of like my big

### ONLINE

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deal event that I've been a part of, so to me it's kind of disappointing," he said. "It's disappointing to see that we won't see a unique event like that because students love, love, love Mardi Gras. I have a lot of friends going to New Orleans just for that, just for those two days."

Regardless, Tomich says that he enjoys Mardi Gras and will find something fun to do if he's not working.

"I really have a lot of fun doing Mardi Gras," he said. "It's a unique experience."

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### CAMPUS RECREATION

## MavStrong to accept entries through Tuesday

Competition will test performance of groups and individual athletes.

BY AMANDA PALMORE  
The Shorthorn staff

Students will compete in exercises such as barbell clean and press, tire flip and sandbag lunge during Mavstrong, an event where students test strength and endurance either individually or in group competitions.

"The MAC is proud to host the MavStrong competition for the first time at UTA," said Elio Mendez-Gonzalez, Maverick Activities Center building manager.

The MavStrong competition will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. March 6 at the MAC. Robert Clemons, trainer and kinesiology senior, said if students choose to be in a group, they first have to do each exercise individually, and all group members' timed exercises will be added up. Whichever team has the lowest time will be named champion, while participants with the lowest time will

win the individual competition.

Clemons said he wants to participate because he finds exercises like this active and fun. Clemons said he is looking forward to competing individually because it ties back with his experience with CrossFit training.

"I'm most excited about the barbell clean and press because it ties into Olympic training," Clemons said.

Clemons said training with diverse exercises helps with preparing for the competition.

"Train across a domain that is broad in exercises like Olympic lifting, tire flips, things like that," Clemons said.

Architecture sophomore Anthony Morales said that he incorporated CrossFit exercises into his workouts to help prepare him for the MavStrong competition.

"I do two to three workouts in a circuit-type training," Morales said. "I do heavy lifting to work all muscles instead of isolating one muscle group."

Morales said he decided to participate when one of his friends asked him to be her partner for the competition. Morales said he's most excited



The Shorthorn: Erik Velasquez

**Nursing sophomore Wendy Vargas trains** for the MavStrong Competition on March 6 at the Maverick Activities Center. Vargas used a CrossFit workout for her back and legs.

about the tire flip exercise.

"A few years ago, I did a flip tire workout, and I didn't do very well," Morales said. "I want to try it again because this is a way to redeem myself."

During one of Morales' workouts during the weekend, he sprinted with weights and did lunges and pull-ups.

"I like to work out a lot, and it can get boring working out doing the same things all the

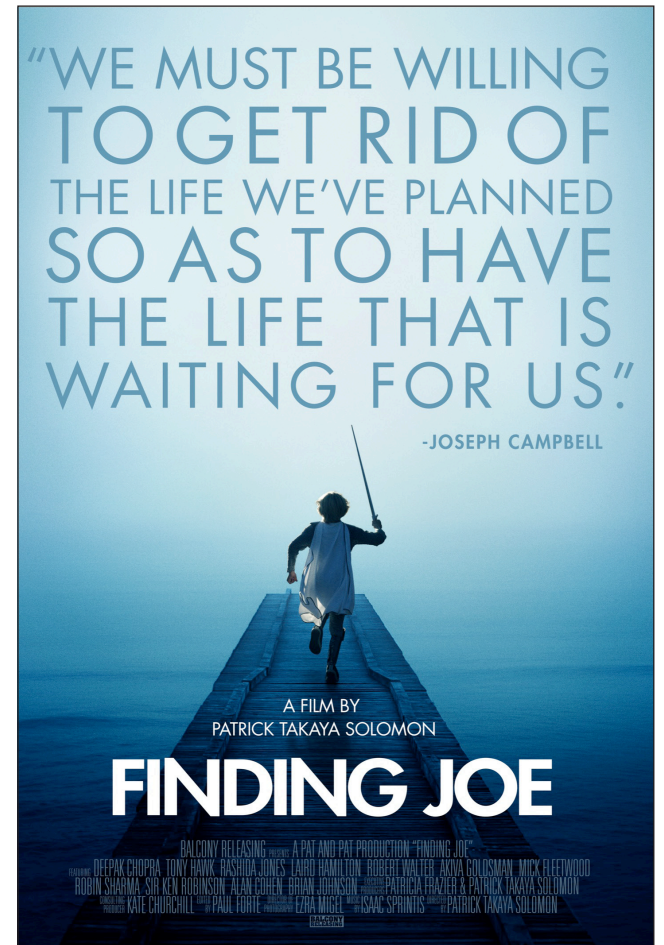
time," Morales said. "I think this will be a fun event because it tests where you are physically."

Applications and sign up is available at the MAC Services and Information desk during its office hours. Entering is free and entries are due March 4.

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### HEALTH AND WELLNESS



## ‘Finding Joe’ to examine journeys, life’s possibilities

Film showing hopes to make freshmen feel comfortable in college.

BY BRIAN PETERSON  
The Shorthorn staff

In every story there exists a constant called the Hero's Journey, where the hero discovers the most important thing that he ever could: himself.

This theory, as explained by mythologist Joseph Campbell, was formulated from story patterns he found while analyzing ancient legends. It is also the focus of his documentary *Finding Joe*, a movie that the Freshmen Leaders on Campus is showing to help freshmen feel more comfortable in college.

Eric Chavez, group student adviser and civil engineering sophomore, recently stumbled across this theory that fits the organization's theme for the year: well-being.

"It's about discovering yourself, being the best version of you that you can be," he said. "Coming to college is when you start discovering who you are, what you want to do, what type of person you want to be and exactly what you want out of life."

Psychology sophomore Harjot Singh, one of the organization's student advisers, said the focus on facing the challenges of life was relatable to incoming freshmen.

"Everyone goes through that phase, being kind of lost in college," she said. "It ties in with leadership too, with how to overcome situations."

Veronica Guzman, Leadership Center as-

### ONLINE

To watch the trailer for *Finding Joe*, visit [www.theshorthorn.com/life\\_and\\_entertainment](http://www.theshorthorn.com/life_and_entertainment).



### IF YOU GO

**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Date:** Today  
**Place:** Rosebud Theatre  
**Cost:** Free

stant director, said that it helps if people take a hard look at where they are and where they want to be, even if they aren't just starting college.

"Everyone's trying to find what their purpose in life is," Guzman said.

"You can have an ordinary life and still be doing extraordinary things. We want to make sure students are staying balanced and being healthy in every sense of the word."

Chavez said college presents students with unique challenges that can be intimidating, but also with rare opportunities. Chavez said that the Hero's Journey was really about the difficulties that everybody faces and how they overcome their fear.

"To truly have spiritual well-being is to face your inner demons, to 'slay them' as Campbell likes to say," Chavez said. "Some people know how to face their demons, and they tell you about it, but it's not the same thing until you experience it."

*Finding Joe* is showing for free at 7 p.m. today in the Rosebud Theatre.

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# 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.

**MOVIES**

**Non-Stop**  
Air Marshal Bill Marks (Liam Neeson) hates flying. He's the only one armed on every flight that he's on, and he never feels at ease despite it. When he gets a text message from a mysterious messenger who tells him he will kill a passenger every 20 minutes unless a \$150 million demand is met, Marks is ready to put his life at risk and save the passengers on his flight. Directed by Jaume Collet-Serra (*Unknown*, *Orphan*), *Non-Stop* is an action-packed adrenaline rush with a plot dense with twists and turns around every corner. Also starring Julianne Moore, Nate Parker and Lupita Nyong'o. Run time: 110 minutes. Releases Friday.

**The Wind Rises**  
Based on a true story realized by legendary filmmaker and animator Hayao Miyazaki, *The Wind Rises* tells the story of Jiro Horikoshi, a near-sighted engineer who dreams of designing and flying the world's best airplanes. When he meets a woman named Naoko, he soon realizes that his dreams reach much further than beyond the skies and it includes her with him. Miyazaki is known for animated films including *My Neighbor Totoro*, *Howl's Moving Castle* and Oscar-winner *Spirited Away*. *The Wind Rises* is an upbeat adventure filled with wonder, tragedy and the unhindered force that is the human spirit. Run time: 126 minutes. Releases Friday.

**TELEVISION**

**86th Academy Awards**  
The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is producing the biggest movie event of the year: the 86th Academy Awards, hosted by talk show host Ellen DeGeneres.

Nominated movies include *12 Years A Slave*, *The Wolf Of Wall Street*, *Dallas Buyers Club*, and *Captain Phillips*. The show will feature performances from Idina Menzel and Pharrell Williams and will honor Steve Martin and Angelina Jolie with honorary awards and the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award. Aairs 6 p.m. March 2 on ABC.

**On this day...**

Country music legend Johnny Cash was born.



## ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Each week, *The Shorthorn* will spotlight fun, unique Arlington events for students to enjoy during the week and on the weekend. Here's what's coming up for students this week.

**MOVIES**

**The Metropolitan Opera: Prince Igor**  
Based on the opera by Alexander Borodin, *Prince Igor* is a true story about a Russian prince named Igor Svyatoslavich, who fought against the invading Cuman and Polovtsian tribe in 1185. Complete with a prologue and four acts, the story is coming back to life in the movie theater this weekend. 11:55 a.m. Saturday. AMC Theater at the Parks mall, 3861 S. Cooper St. \$18-\$22. For questions or concerns, contact the venue at 972-724-8000.

**2014 Best Picture Showcase**  
The AMC Theater at the Parks mall is hosting a lineup of all of

this year's best picture nominees, including audience favorites such as *American Hustle*, *Gravity*, *Captain Phillips* and *Her*. Noon. Saturday. AMC Theater at the Parks mall, 3861 S. Cooper St. \$30. For questions, contact the theater at 972-724-8000.

**MUSIC**

**Rider Relief Fund Concert**  
Cowboys Arlington is hosting the official American pre-party featuring country band JB and The Moonshine Band. With its 2012 album *Beer For Breakfast* featuring singles including "More Like My Dog," "Hell To Pay," and "Ride," JB and the Moonshine Band will be performing for a concert in which all proceeds go toward the Rider Relief Fund. The show is 18 and older. 8 p.m. Friday. Cowboys Dance Hall, 2540 E. Abram St. \$12. For questions, contact the venue at 817-265-1535.

**Alan Fox Band**  
Coming straight from the 23rd Annual LA Music Awards is the Alan Fox Band, a rock group coming to Texas for a special one-night performance at the Copper Top Saloon. With hit singles from its 2013 album *Never Learn* including "Do Me," "I Got, I Want" and "She Makes Me Hot," the Alan Fox Band has been described as one of the best bands to enter the music scene, and they're coming to the Saloon to prove it. The show is 21 and older. 9 p.m. Saturday. Copper Top Saloon, 6507 S. Cooper St., Suite 167. Free. For questions or concerns, contact the venue at 817-466-1300.

**FOOD**

**Olenjack's Grille Hogue Cellars Wine Dinner**  
Join Olenjack's Grille as it co-hosts a wine dinner with Hogue Cellars. With grade-A selections such as house-smoked baby back ribs, mushroom and arugula salad and smoked beef tenderloin, the event will be an evening full of food, drinks, enjoyment and relaxation. 7 p.m. Today. Olenjack's Grille, 770 W. Road to Six Flags St. \$65. For questions regarding the event, contact the venue at 817-226-2600.

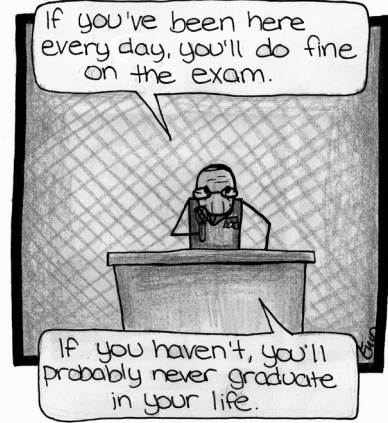
**Fat Tuesday**  
Olenjack's Grille is bringing unique flavors to Fat Tuesday, an event that features a special menu just for the occasion. Featured items include Cajun tilapia with shrimp, dulce de leche bread pudding and more. 5 p.m. Tuesday. Olenjack's Grille, 770 W. Road to Six Flags St. Entree prices vary. For questions, contact the venue at 817-226-2600.

**FITNESS**

**Iron Cowboy V**  
Come and watch this bracket-style event as experienced bull riders compete head-to-head at the Iron Cowboy V for \$150,000. A bonus prize will be offered to the rider who can ride a world champion bull contender. 7 p.m. Saturday. AT&T Stadium, 1 Legends Way. \$100-\$400. For questions, contact 1-800-739-0339.

**The Brutez Texas Tour**  
Fitness instructors iRock My Body and Elena Black are proud to present the Brutez Texas Tour, a power workout with duo Brutez. Come engage in this energetic workout experience complete with dance, sweat and fun. 2 p.m. Sunday. Z Room, 800 SW Green Oaks Blvd. \$20, \$25 for VIP passes. For questions, contact the venue at 972-352-3598.

### THE WORLD ACCORDING TO PROFESSOR SAXE



### ELIA VS. THE WORLD



The Shorthorn: Elia Madrid-Onofre

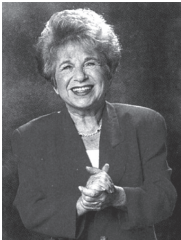
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Food & Drink Specials for Feb. 27-Mar. 5

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| <b>Showdown Saloon</b><br>(817) 460-4893<br>2019 S. Cooper<br>Arlington, TX 76010   | <b>HAPPY HOUR: 2PM-7PM</b><br>\$2.40 Dom. Pints<br>\$2.20 Wells<br>\$2.80 Dom. Bottles<br>Call: \$3.25<br>Top Shelf: \$3.35<br>Top Shelf Premium: \$4.20<br>LADIES NITE: \$1.25 Wells<br>FREE DARTS              | <b>HAPPY HOUR: 2PM-7PM</b><br>\$2.40 Dom. Pints<br>\$2.20 Wells<br>\$2.80 Dom. Bottles<br>Call: \$3.25<br>Top Shelf: \$3.35<br>Top Shelf Premium: \$4.20 | <b>HAPPY HOUR: 2PM-7PM</b><br>Call: \$3.25<br>Top Shelf: \$3.35<br>Top Shelf Premium: \$4.20<br><br>Cookout - 3pm<br>POOL TOURN. 8.30PM | <b>HAPPY HOUR: 2PM-7PM</b><br>\$2.40 Dom. Pints<br>\$2.20 Wells<br>\$2.80 Dom. Bottles<br>Call: \$3.25<br>Top Shelf: \$3.35<br>Top Shelf Premium: \$4.20<br>Pool Leagues MON. NITE | <b>HAPPY HOUR: 2PM-7PM</b><br>Call: \$3.25<br>Top Shelf: \$3.35<br>Top Shelf Premium: \$4.20<br>DART LEAGUE<br>POKER NIGHT<br>7PM & 9PM | <b>HAPPY HOUR: 2PM-7PM</b><br>\$2.40 Dom. Pints<br>\$2.20 Wells<br>\$2.80 Dom. Bottles<br>Call: \$3.25<br>Top Shelf: \$3.35<br>Top Shelf Premium: \$4.20<br>Pool Leagues WED. NITE |
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## DR. RUTH

*Q: My fiancée and I have been in a sexually active relationship. We wanted to try to hold off and do the right thing in our Christian ways. And we did the best we could, although it wasn't perfect. We finally got married yesterday, and I was really looking forward to having unsinful sex, on top of being newlyweds. Unfortunately, she didn't feel like having sex! And she even made the statement of "What's different?" What does this mean? I am very confused. I do love her very much, but is this a bad sign?*



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

A: I always tell newlyweds that it might be better to wait until the next morning to have sex, when they'll be less tired, than to try to rush things and have sex when they've just gotten back from one of the most exciting and busy days of their life. And hopefully that's what your new wife meant and you just took it the wrong way, and you two will have a great sex life. So I don't think this one turnaround was a bad sign, though I do think she should have been a little gentler in how she revealed her feelings to you. I would try to forget about it and just make sure that going forward, you two have better communication so that one or the other doesn't feel bad about an incident like this, which really may not have been all that important in the scheme of a long and satisfying sex life.

*Q: My youngest child is 6 months old. Since she was born, my husband and I have had sex only a few times. Part of this is exhaustion -- we are both working full time, and I am nursing (and pumping, and nursing, and pumping), so I have very little energy, and he doesn't have much more. When he has initiated sex, I go along with it, figuring I'll eventually get into it, which is what has happened. I don't orgasm, though. I've pretty much gotten my pre-baby body back, but I just don't have any desire. The few times I tried to masturbate, I stopped because I couldn't be bothered. I haven't had any interest in reading erotica, either, which I used to enjoy. What can I do to get my desire back?*

A: My advice is for you two to have sex outside of your home. If there are grandparents around, so that you could get a full night off at a motel, that would be ideal, but even if you have to hire a sitter for an evening (or morning or afternoon) and go to a motel, that might help you. You wouldn't have to worry about the baby for those few hours, and if you could get your libido jump-started in this way, I think you'd find that your desire would return once you got home. Your sex life still might not be what it was before the baby, but at least there'd be an improvement.

## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- McCarthy's dummy friend
  - Baltic, e.g.
  - Cougar
  - Canadian dollar coin nickname
  - "I threw away my golf shoes when I got a hole in one!" e.g.
  - Computer operating system network
  - "Blackadder" network
  - Hosp. heart exam
  - Medicinal dose
  - Cutie pie
  - Impressionist whom Mel Blanc labeled "The Man of a Thousand Voices"
  - Baltic feeder
  - "... a \_\_\_ / By any other name ..."
  - Head honcho
  - Tolkien's talking trees
  - Equal: Pref.
  - "The Mod Squad" cop
  - Show shame, perhaps
  - Smudge
  - '60s jacket style
  - UFO-tracking org.
  - Unsavory sort
  - Respectful address
  - From, in some European names
  - Star witnesses?
  - Driving with abandon
  - Hispaniola, por ejmplo
  - Poet \_\_\_ St. Vincent Millay
  - Borzois, e.g.
  - Gratify
  - Put out
  - Low numero
  - Prominent Ore. peak
  - Wither in the sun
  - Porter's \_\_\_ De-Lovely!
  - B beater
  - Raised
  - Look at
  - Super Bowl XLVII player

- DOWN**
- Area below Greenwich Village
  - Sleigh ride song
  - As a whole
  - Kid
  - Making pronouncements
  - A writer may work on it
  - Trick-taking card game
  - Prefix meaning "English"
  - Portable shelters
  - Curriculum part
  - Grain grinder
  - Rod in a hot rod
  - Letters on some Brit. letterheads
  - Dancer Castle
  - Oracle's opening
  - UPS competitor
  - Lettuce variety
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  - Kruekielehead
  - "Three Coins ..." fountain
  - Resolute about
  - Reserve soldier
  - Minor dent

By Bryan W. Young and Jeff Chen

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**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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45 Musical key abbr.

48 Smart-looking

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51 Character in "Donald's Nephews" (1938 cartoon)

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55 Enjoy

56 Bouquet

58 Top-of-the-line

59 Visit with a guide

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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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### Solution

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

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Texas should have more liberal candidates

Some important issues aren't debated; voice your opinion.

As the March 4 primary draws near, I find myself bombarded with political ads, and I have but one question: Where are the liberals? Not even that, where is anyone who isn't a conservative? Republicans are running against Republicans for the same office, and as a Texas voter, I suddenly have no alternative to the conservative agenda. Should I vote for the "Republican," the "Qualified Republican," the "Conservative Republican," or the "I'm-so-conservative-I-embarrass-Ted-Cruz-Republican"? No choice at all.

Furthermore, these conservative candidates seem to have only one plan to improve Texas: Get rid of Obama. Scapegoating Obama is just a tool they use to distract voters from the problems Texas faces and the real agendas of these politicians. Their plan: No more immigrants, no more homosexuals, no more abortions or contraception, no more health care, no more food for the poor, no more labor rights, more rights for big business and the rich, less rights for the common man. Of course, none of these candidates can actually explain how these things improve Texas.

The real tragedy is that, thanks to this conservative whitewash, these issues aren't even being debated through civil discourse. The unwritten rule seems to be that Texas is very conservative, and we don't need to talk about it. A visit to any of these candidates' Facebook pages shows that any time an alternative viewpoint is brought up, it is met with not rational debate, but pages of vitriol and hate. Driving by the local Junior League today, I saw women holding signs for candidates who would like nothing better than to roll back women's rights. Has it gotten so bad in this state that now people will actually vote to have their rights taken away?

Whose fault is this situation though? It's our fault — the liberal, the independent or anyone else who has accepted this fallacy of a conservative Texas being set in stone. Here at UTA, we have a very diverse group of more than 33,000 students. We don't all share the same viewpoints, but I think many of us agree that people should be able to do what they want, corporations shouldn't control us, and a small group of rich old white men shouldn't be allowed to shortchange an entire generation of UTA students. I know we're not all from Texas, or even this country, but if you can vote in Texas this year, please do. Make your voice heard. Make a change. Power to the people.

-Matthew Powers

## PURE NOSTALGIA

by Genevieve Barron



## OUR VIEW

### Show support for wheelchair basketball

UTA community should volunteer, attend tournament games.

The Movin' Mavs wheelchair basketball team is a proud asset to the university. The team, already with seven national championship wins under its belt, is competing in the National Wheelchair Basketball Association National Championships next week as the No. 1 seed. The tournament will be hosted March 6 and 7 at the Maverick Activities Center and March 8 at the College Park Center.

Now is the time to show support for our Movin' Mavs. The team has played exceptionally well this season, holding a record of 20-1, and the players have represented UTA with

#### ONLINE

See the link to sign up to volunteer at the tournament at [www.theshorthorn.com/opinion](http://www.theshorthorn.com/opinion).



Maverick spirit. It is our turn to show them how much we appreciate their hard work this season.

A couple ways the community can support the team is by volunteering at the tournament or by attending a game. Volunteers can register online to help with certain tasks, including serving as the team's assistants, operating video cameras or decorating for the awards ceremony. Volunteers

are needed for March 6 and 7.

People also can simply attend a game to show support. Teams will compete all three days with the championship game on March 8 at the College Park Center. Admission to the games is free, so you won't even have to worry about breaking the bank to see some wheelchair basketball.

Now, other UTA sports teams will be playing during this tournament, and it's still important to support them, too. However, it's a rare opportunity to show your Maverick pride in front of several other teams from around the nation. So, volunteer for the tournament or attend a game. Whichever you choose, just show up for the Movin' Mavs.

#### THE ISSUE

The Movin' Mavs compete next week in the National Wheelchair Basketball Association National Championships as the No. 1 seed.

#### WE THINK

The UTA community should go out to support UTA's wheelchair basketball team during the tournament.

#### TAKE ACTION

Volunteer for the tournament or show up to a game. Visit [www.theshorthorn.com/opinion](http://www.theshorthorn.com/opinion) for a link to register to volunteer and a game schedule.

## YOUR VIEW



The Shorthorn: Genevieve Barron

### New freshman course is unnecessary

Other resources exist to help freshmen succeed

*The Shorthorn* recently reported on the introduction of a new mandatory course for all incoming freshman.

The new course will include things such as providing leadership skills, building networks of peers and faculty and setting expectations for upper level courses. It appears to be aimed at raising the success rate of UTA's students. It is a misguided attempt.

UTA already has numerous methods that can help a student obtain things such as leadership skills, including the Leadership Center and a leadership minor. UTA does not lack resources in this area. In preparing for upper level courses and helping students with weak spots, UTA has the Start Strong Freshman Tutoring Program, which offers tutoring and advice about how to study. Students who need help in these areas already have the sources they need to obtain that help.

As far as network building goes, a more successful method might be to encourage new students to live on campus so they are more engulfed in university life. The university also should have professors who lecture introductory courses have one-on-one sessions with students as a standard portion of

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their course during often unused office hours.

All this new mandatory course gives is another requirement to freshmen that will further encumber their already packed schedules and will not even count for academic credit. *The Shorthorn* published a poll Friday asking students for their opinions on the new course. Of 249 people, 135 said that the course is ridiculous and should be canceled, 95 said that it would be better if the course counted toward graduation. This course may well be a benefit to many students, and I do not dispute that, but the course should be offered under a voluntary basis, only required for students who enter into academic pro-

bation. An hour a week may not seem like much to our dedicated faculty, but that is an hour a week that could be devoted to course work in a class that is actually progressing a student's degree rather than in an unaccredited course that may, for many students, be remedial.

This new program may, as I suspect, be aimed at raising the freshman retention rate, but there are better means in which to do that. Required one-on-one advising from the vocabulary of University College would be a great start. Another, and likely highly successful method would be to raise the standards of admittance of entering students. By requiring higher standards for entering the university, UTA's freshman retention rate will drastically rise. Perhaps this new course should be aimed at students who do not meet the expectations of the university rather than to all entering freshmen students. This course will decrease the amount of time new students have to study, socialize and participate in university activities, potentially harming the things it is aimed at boosting.



## CHINA



Julie Makinen/Los Angeles Times/MCT

Workers play near Stadium in Central Beijing on Tuesday despite high pollution levels.

# Many ignore toxic smog threat

Air quality index hit hazardous levels for sixth day in a row.

BY JULIE MAKINEN  
Los Angeles Times

BEIJING — To mask or not to mask - that is still a question.

A huge swath of northeast China — more than 10 percent of the country's landmass — is again engulfed in toxic smog. Beijing's air quality index, as measured by the U.S. Embassy, hit "hazardous" territory for a sixth day running Tuesday. No relief is expected in the capital until at least Thursday.

The murky gray haze cut visibility on roads, reduced the sun to a faint, moonlike tangerine orb in the sky and prompted the city to issue an "orange alert" — one step away from the most serious level, red.

About 150 industrial companies have either halted or curbed production to cut down on emissions, Beijing has dispatched tanker trucks to spray roads with water to reduce particulates, and the state-run Xinhua news agency is reminding people to avoid outdoor activities and to wear masks.

Yet for an 84-year-old exercise enthusiast working out Tuesday afternoon in central Beijing, it was all malarkey.

"I think it's useless to wear a mask," said the man, surnamed Wang, who had donned his Nike tennis shoes and headed to Ritan Park with his 81-year-old wife. They come to the park to exercise sometimes three times a day, he said, and no amount of haze was going to put them off.

"China has 1.3 billion people, fighting these kinds of environmental problems will take a long time, and anyhow, we are satisfied with our lives," he said, sitting on an adult jungle-gym

contraption. "When Mao was alive, we didn't have any time off — no matter if it was raining or windy, we had to work. All in all, this isn't bad."

A number of Wang's compatriots have a similar attitude. Though China's air-quality problems have been making headlines within the country and internationally for several years, many people still aren't going out of their way to take precautions against pollution.

Ride Beijing's subway in the morning and few people are wearing masks. It's easy to find people outside in parks, playing basketball, pingpong, badminton and other sports. Groundskeepers, parking lot attendants and others whose jobs keep them outside all day go about their work without covering their faces.

A park groundskeeper surnamed Chen, 50, said he's given some new work gear monthly; once in a while, there's a mask in the package, but his bosses don't routinely issue them when pollution levels skyrocket. Asked if he was worried about the smog, he shrugged. "I'm from the countryside," he said, suggesting a rural hardness that could withstand whatever physical challenges the city might throw at him.

In other cases, workers say they're not allowed to wear face gear. A young guard stationed in front of an embassy near the park, asked why he wasn't wearing a mask, said: "It's not possible. Regulations."

Government officials do not appear in public with masks. On Tuesday, President Xi Jinping made a public appearance in central Beijing, visiting a traditional hutong neighborhood with Mayor Wang Anshun and the city's Communist Party chief, Guo Jinlong.

The event was splashed

across the Chinese Internet, with some news sites pointing to Xi's uncovered face as proof of his solidarity with the people. "Share the same breath, share the same destiny," remarked the official feed of the People's Daily newspaper on Weibo, China's Twitter-like service.

To be sure, the number of people taking precautions has steadily risen; masks, once hard to find, are now stocked regularly in convenience shops such as 7-Eleven, at prices ranging from about \$1 to \$6. Home air purifiers, some costing over \$1,000, are a hot gift item.

"It's better than it was a few years ago but it's certainly not as much as I would have hoped by now," said Dr. Richard Saint Cyr, a Beijing physician who writes about pollution on his website, myhealthbeijing.com.

"Even today, with AQI over 400, still a lot of people are not wearing anything. There's still a long way to go in terms of awareness and prevention," he said.

Compared to potentially fatal contagious diseases or viruses, such as bird flu or SARS, severe air pollution rarely poses the threat of sudden death. That may explain some of the lack of enthusiasm for masks.

But Saint Cyr said Beijing residents also suffer from what he described as a bit of "pollution fatigue."

"We're almost psychologically tired of it. Even fatalistic, I suppose," he said. "It's not a healthy psychological state."

Jiang Chao, a doctoral candidate in psychology at Peking University, brainstormed a public art project of sorts to encourage his classmates and others to think more about pollution. This week, he put face masks on various statues on campus and photographed them. The pictures have been

circulating widely online.

"I want to get people thinking about what they can do as individuals about this situation," Jiang said. He estimated that about 30 percent of people on campus wear masks.

"Most people don't even know what masks to wear," he said, "while others might feel self-conscious about wearing them if others around them aren't."

The Shanghai Consumer Rights Protection Commission recently tested 17 commonly sold pollution masks for their effectiveness and published the results online; Saint Cyr, the physician, is now trying to raise \$10,000 via crowdfunding to pay for a wider scientific study of 45 brands.

"China desperately needs a Consumer Reports-type magazine, but they don't have anything like that yet," he said. "The whole point is to educate people; then they can make their own health decisions. ... It really bothers me when I see people wearing masks that I know don't work."

Some are trying to push the government to take more aggressive steps. On Tuesday, state-run media reported that a man in the heavily polluted city of Shijiazhuang has petitioned a court to allow him to sue the local environmental protection bureau, accusing it of failing to do its duty.

He's seeking \$1,600 in damages and wants the government to distribute masks to the public and subsidize air purifiers. The court is expected to respond within seven days.

"I bought an expensive mask that can protect me from the bad weather, and a running machine so that I can exercise at home," he told Xinhua. Even so, he said, "I have been coughing badly since last December."

## WORLD

### Athlete loses bid to stop trial broadcast

JOHANNESBURG — South African Olympian Oscar Pistorius on Tuesday lost a bid to prevent the live broadcast of his murder trial next week in the death of his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp.

Under a High Court ruling Tuesday, the bulk of the athlete's trial can be televised and audio from all the proceedings can be broadcast. However, Judge Dunstan Mlambo ruled that there would be no television coverage of Pistorius' testimony nor that of his defense witnesses.

Evidence provided by expert witnesses will be televised, but the court could refuse to allow other testimony to be filmed, if requested.

-Los Angeles Times

## WORLD

### Editor testifies in regards to hacking

LONDON — Former British tabloid editor Rebekah Brooks testified in court Tuesday that she was unaware phone hacking was illegal but was shocked to discover someone at her newspaper had tapped into the voicemails of a kidnapped teenager who was later found slain.

Brooks, onetime editor of the Rupert Murdoch-owned *News of the World*, said the first time she'd heard that the cellphone of 13-year-old Milly Dowler had been hacked was in July 2011, nearly a decade after the event.

-Los Angeles Times

## WORLD

### Interim government to be ready soon

MOSCOW — Ukraine's acting president said Tuesday that it would be at least another two days before an interim government is in place as further negotiations are needed to ensure that a genuine "coalition of national faith" agrees to see the divided country through to May 25 elections.

Interim President Oleksandr Turchynov made the announcement to the parliament now dominated by opposition figures and defected members of fugitive ex-President Viktor Yanukovich's Party of Regions. A provisional government, on which sympathetic Western countries are waiting to work out an urgent bailout for deeply indebted Ukraine, had been expected on Tuesday.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told journalists at a Moscow press conference that Russia would refrain from interfering in Ukraine's domestic crisis and expected other countries to do likewise.

-Los Angeles Times

## NATION

### Marriage is argued before federal judge

DETROIT — A federal judge on Tuesday heard opening statements in a case that will decide what marriage means in Michigan, and whether voters have a right to exclude gays and lesbians from forming that union.

Voters in Michigan have already voted against gay marriage, a point state attorney Kristin Heyse hammered away in her opening statements. She argued it is not irrational for voters to want to define marriage as being a union only between a man and a woman. Nor is it irrational for the state to want to preserve the traditional family structure.

But same-sex marriage proponents argue the ban is unconstitutional.

"Our marriage ban did not happen in a vacuum: The proponents of the ban fully intended to exclude this politically unpopular group," argued Carol Stanyar, one of several lawyers who is fighting to overturn Michigan's bans on same-sex marriage and same-sex adoption.

-Detroit Free Press

## NATION

### Organization asks for weed killer rules

LOS ANGELES — With monarch butterfly populations rapidly dwindling, a conservation organization this week asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to implement tougher rules for the weed killer glyphosate — first marketed under the brand name Roundup — to save America's most beloved insect from further decline.

In a petition, the Natural Resources Defense Council argued that current uses of glyphosate are wiping out milkweed, the only plant upon which monarch caterpillars feed. The loss of milkweed is having a devastating effect on the life cycles of the large, fragile orange-and-black butterflies, which migrate through the United States, Canada and Mexico.

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CRIME

# Police monitor pawnshops for stolen goods

Working with local businesses helps police to recover stolen items.

BY RAFAEL SEARS  
The Shorthorn staff

UTA Police partner with the Arlington Police Department to monitor pawnshops and online resale sites like Craigslist in order to apprehend criminals who steal from the UTA community, Capt. Mike McCord said.

Opportunistic theft is the biggest crime on campus, McCord said, which is why the UTA Police monitors what is in local pawnshops and then works with the police agencies in Arlington. If something is identified as stolen property, the police department will go and recover that item, McCord said.

The police monitor some pawnshops outside Arlington as well. There is not a specific location thieves frequent, McCord said. It just depends on where the individuals are heading and whatever is convenient for them.

Electronic devices are the biggest ticket item. Laptops, iPhones, bikes and any items that have a higher value are what the police department typically sees at pawnshops, McCord said.

“That is why we always stress to the community to register their property,” McCord said. “It helps us to identify property at pawnshops or at other locations.”

McCord couldn’t give specific examples of things that were retrieved from pawnshops.

Al Smith, Trader Jim’s Pawnshop owner, said he

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has the lowest forfeiture rate when it comes to stolen merchandise of any shop in town. “We aren’t in the business of taking stolen merchandise just to make a profit,” Smith said.

The staff at Trader Jim’s have a system of questioning people to find out whether they own the item or not. If the pawnshop were to take a stolen item, the staff would lose the money for the deal, Smith said.

“We lose every nickel we put into it if we take and it comes up under stolen merchandise,” Smith said. “It costs me money.

There is no win for us taking stolen merchandise.”

Trader Jim’s provides a service to the police departments on a daily basis, Smith said. The staff doesn’t purchase phones because they are frequently stolen items.

“A lot of phones and stuff like that come through here, and I obviously don’t take them,” Smith said.

Some items stick out to the police because those items normally aren’t sold at pawnshops, McCord said.

Smith typically sees stolen items people leave unattended. Stolen items are rarely brought into the shop, so it’s easy to tell if something is a stolen item, Smith said.

“The public does not realize if it wasn’t for us, most of this stuff would never be recovered,” Smith said.

Smith also advises to keep receipts, list all serial num-



The Shorthorn: Adrian Gandara

The entrance to Trader Jim’s Pawn Shop advertises “We pay more” to people passing the store in Arlington. Theft is the most common crime on the UTA campus and police investigations into stolen goods can require assistance from area pawn shops, where some items may turn up.

bers the device has and keep good records. Otherwise, the police won’t be able to find it, Smith said.

“The best thing is to keep all pertinent information from the item that you have,” Smith said.

UTA Police have a form on their website where students and staff members can register their bike and other items, McCord said.

The serial number, or the IME, from the phone is information that can prove beneficial if it ever comes up stolen or even lost, McCord said. There are ways the police can track down a

device with that information, he said.

The police department find an item that has been reported stolen two or three times a semester, McCord said.

However, if someone reports an item as stolen and they don’t have any identifying information or serial number, it’s not going to matter if the police check the pawnshop or not, McCord said.

It is important to write that information, such as the serial number for an electronic device, some-

where easily accessible, McCord said.

“Most folks don’t think it’s going to happen to them and so they don’t even think to do that,” McCord said. “It’s always good to take precautions.”

Microbiology senior Luis Velazquez had his wallet stolen off campus. Ever since then, he protects his stuff even more and never leaves his stuff unattended.

Velazquez does not throw away the boxes after he purchases an electronic device and keeps his property secure with security software.

“I have all my information from the box, and I have that thing where you can brick your laptop or your phone over the cloud, just in case,”

Velazquez said.

Students can register their bicycles through the police department or keep some form of documentation at home or somewhere safe for their property. If they have to report an item stolen, they need to have that information ready, McCord said.

The serial number is going help differentiate one person’s device from anyone else’s device, McCord said. The make and model of the device, brand, color and any other pertinent information, such as storage size, also will help.

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RESEARCH

Professors study child language advancements

Impairment test focus on speaking about the past.

BY COLTON BELL  
The Shorthorn staff

Child language is a subject with little information on ways to diagnose and test language impairment, said Jodi Tommerdahl, associate professor of curriculum and instruction. Thanks to Tommerdahl and linguistics associate professor Cynthia Kilpatrick, that is starting to change.

Tommerdahl recently conducted an experiment testing out language impairment in England’s Birmingham University, hoping to get feedback on children’s language patterns in a natural setting using about 30 children.

Titled The Reliability of Morphological Analyses in Language Samples, this research has shown not only are there accurate ways to test children with language impairment, but there are also ways to improve their language in the future.

In the experiment, a parent and their child from local play centers went into a room filled with hidden cameras and microphones and talked about anything they wanted to with at least one portion focused on speaking about events that recently happened.

“I bought a big box of toys and one of those big, kind of room-size rugs that has a scene with a firehouse, a farm, houses and cars to make the kids feel normal,” Tommerdahl said.

Tommerdahl said that speaking in the past tense can show certain signs of language impairment.

“At some point in the conversation, we asked just to try and talk about something that happened in the recent past because sometimes when they are talking about something in front of them, they tend to be more limited,” Tommerdahl said.

The point of this project was to take the results of the experiment with the parents and children and convert them into results that can help further understand language impairment in children between 2 and 3 years old, Tommerdahl said.

Tommerdahl found out that samples of 100 sentences gave the most thorough results, instead of 50, which was the norm. They also found out that the assumptions that one sample is enough to tell whether somebody knows a certain language is false, because of the changes between samples.

“There were items that children would not use sometimes in a sample, and then when they came back to do a second sample, they would suddenly use them,” Kilpatrick said.

When Tommerdahl got back to the U.S., she met Kilpatrick, who helped her finish sifting through the results of her experiment with data analysis.

“Sometimes they say researchers end up doing their research with someone within 20 meters of them, so I guess she was the one within 20 meters,” Tommerdahl said.

Students also worked on this project, including linguistics doctoral student Samantha Cornelius, who worked on data management, and linguistics doctoral student Jessica Rohr, who helped with data transcription.

Helping with the experiment was good work experience, Cornelius said. She said that any work done in the field of linguistics regularly has to deal with data management and the ability to prepare for obstacles.

“It gave me lots of experience and introduction on how to deal with this kind of bulk of data,” Rohr said.

One of the next steps of this project is doing the same research and doubling or tripling the data to get better results that could help further the understanding and possibly the treatment of children. They also would like to test adults and second language speakers to see how they differ from children.

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PEOPLE AND INTERESTS

# Students receive bronze medal for coffee app

App will allow users donate to philanthropic cause of choice.

BY JUAN R. GOVEA  
The Shorthorn staff

A group of three advertising students took the bronze medal Friday in the American Advertising Awards student competition for a promotional app they made that was ‘good till the last drop.’

Advertising seniors Taylor Dodds, Himanshu Patel and Jesus Silva developed the Maxwell Drops of Good app for

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Maxwell House Coffee that consists of 10 slides, animation and a voiced-over video.

The Maxwell Drops of Good app is designed to raise awareness about the Drops of Good Campaign and allows users to give donations to the philanthropic cause of their choice. Each time a user loads a picture of someone enjoying a cup of Maxwell House cof-

fee, the app awards a point. The more points gained, the more funding is attributed to the cause of their choice.

Advertising professor Jeff Williams advised the group of students, who were enrolled in his strategic communication class, to enter the app into the American Advertising Awards, Dodds said.

The idea for the app came about through brainstorming and researching companies like Taco Bell and the Hershey Company for brands that have potential and did not have an app, Patel said. The team narrowed down its choice to Maxwell Coffee.

“The team chose the Maxwell House brand because it seemed more professional and thought it related more to people,” Patel said.

Dodds did the animation for the app on Photoshop along with the premiere video, and Patel did the graphic work, Silva said. The project consumed all of their Christmas break and was finished just before the deadline to submit to the American Advertising Awards, which was on Jan. 10. The team said if they would have had a computer coder to help with the production of the app, then they probably would have gotten gold or silver.

The annual American Advertising Awards, aka the Addys, recognizes creative projects all forms of advertising from media of all types, according to their website. UTA received 12 student awards in different fields of advertising at the Fort Worth American Advertising Federation chapter gala, including sales promotion, collateral material and digital advertising, said Jason Clayden, UTA American Advertising Federation president and advertising senior.

This is the first time in five years that advertising students have entered the competition, Dodds said. The team’s app put

them in third place in their district, which includes universities from Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

The competition is judged by an outside panel of industry professionals and is organized by the American Advertising Federation, Clayden said.

The team was happy that they won bronze, Patel said.

“It was still bronze, but we were one of the first and only students from UTA to win in the mobile app category,” Patel said.

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## WITHOUT MUSIC, LIFE WOULD BE FLAT

Music professor Michael Varner conducts in the Percussion Ensemble as they perform a final piece, “The Cry,” during a concert Tuesday at Irons Recital Hall.



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Music education sophomore Jamie Reed strikes the drum as he plays “Kpanlogo,” a traditional piece from the Ewe people of Ghana, with the African Percussion Ensemble on Tuesday at Irons Recital Hall.

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FACILITIES

# Restaurant survey receives large response

Dining Services will be replacing Pizza Hut in the University Center.

BY RYAN WAGONER  
The Shorthorn news editor

Underperforming sales and the end of a contract presented an opportunity to bring a new food vendor to campus to replace Pizza Hut in the University Center, said Marvin Grand, resident district manager at Aramark for Dining Services.

Dining Services announced Friday that Pizza Hut will close in March and introduced a 13-question survey which polls UTA community members about what type of food vendor should replace the chain.

The survey includes questions about where students live, what options in the UC food court they visit most and if they would like to see healthier options. Current employees of the Pizza Hut at the Plaza will move to a different location on campus or be retrained for the new food provider, Grand said.

Grand said the survey is an important tool to see the top choices of food that students want so they can compare Aramark national brand partnerships with other options to find a food that will appeal to students most.

Aramark is an American food service, facilities and clothing provider for businesses, schools, sports facilities, prisons and health care institutions, according to their website.

“We built our survey to be as short as possible but still achieve an understanding of what each distinct campus group would



Pizza Hut in the University Center will close in March because of underperforming sales at the end of its contract. Students can now fill out a survey to recommend its replacement.

want,” Grand said. “We know students who live on campus have different tastes, needs and preferences than those who live off campus traveling from home, where they may have a full kitchen.”

Student and faculty input also was a major factor in deciding to replace Pizza Hut.

“Last January, we conducted focus groups with on-campus residents, commuting students and faculty and staff to understand opportunities to increase satisfaction of our overall dining program,” Grand said. “Each group requested more national brands on campus. As one of our

oldest brands coupled with the end of the contract and underperforming sales trends we have an opportunity to replace Pizza Hut with an alternate brand to change the portfolio of options for the campus community.”

There is no specific cutoff date for people to complete the survey, Grand said, but Dining Services is working quickly to get results to keep the campus up to date.

This week, marketing interns were originally planning to set up tabling events to let students know about and fill out the survey, but the student response has been so large

that they may not need to host them, said Esther Banegas, marketing senior and marketing intern for Dining Services.

Banegas said about 900 surveys were completed on the first day it was available, and as of Tuesday, that number jumped to 2,347.

The typical rate of response to other Dining Services surveys, including the dining styles survey that polls students about overall quality of food service on campus, is about 300 responses.

“It’s awesome to see such a big response to this,” Banegas said. “A lot of students are putting their

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voice in, and we plan on compiling the results to see what students want most.”

At this time, Pizza Hut is the only location Dining Services is planning to replace, but they are looking at improvements to other brands in the future, Grand said.

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## Undergraduate Assembly approves new courses

The Undergraduate Assembly approved about 50 new courses across various academic disciplines and a degree program on Tuesday.

The Bachelor of Science in architectural engineering was approved by the College of Engineering and School of Architecture. Also new to students will be courses focused on undergraduate research in biology and chemistry, with the intention of more similar opportunities in other science departments, along with two international relations classes in political science and an introductory course in popular culture.

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-Johnathan Silver

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## Graduate Awareness Week begins

Graduate Awareness Week is a week-long event that kicks off Tuesday that presents more information about UTA graduate programs as well as answers questions about applying and funding for graduate school and preparing for GRE and GMAT exams, according to the UTA website.

Graduate students can brush up their applications at Graduate Application Boot Camp at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28 on the sixth floor of the Central Library. The boot camp will help students work on personal statements and applying for financial aid, along with putting together application.

View more Graduate Awareness Week events online at [www.theshorthorn.com/news](http://www.theshorthorn.com/news).

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