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## ARLINGTON

# No butts about it: campus suffers from smokers' leftovers

Litter around campus has increased as students leave the university to smoke because of UTA's tobacco-free policy.

BY KYLE R. COTTON  
The Shorthorn staff

On the west side of campus, trash and cigarette butts have turned Shady Lane shabby and lame.

The UTA campus has been tobacco-free since August 2011. And that turned the perimeter around the university into a graveyard for litter. Swirling gusts of wind belch forth and inhale trash left by smokers along the Fourth Street corridor.

Varsity Circle resident Brian Dangelmair, 57, noticed the litter over the years from his walks and runs through the neighborhood.

"I see all this accumulating every day, and it just gets worse and worse and worse," Dangelmair said.

Smokers can be seen along the small bridge on Shady Lane, braving the elements as the litter accumulates like spinach stuck in a person's teeth.

While the smokers at the mouth of Shady Lane aren't rude, they appear dismissive, Dangelmair said.

He said at one point, one of his neighbors put out a bucket along the bridge for smokers to dispose of their trash and cigarettes. While that lasted for a little while, once the bucket was knocked over, it accumulated more of a mess than what was there before, forcing the neighbor to take back their bucket, Dangelmair said.

Now, the only container out there is an old, broken shoe box collecting trash that spills from its sides.

Dangelmair said he contacted university officials about a year ago regarding the litter, but outside of an initial cleanup of the area from maintenance personnel right after contacting them, nothing else has been done about the problem.

"When we become aware of these cases, we will clean up the area and monitor the area more closely going forward," said John Hall, vice president for administration and campus operations. "This has generally proven effective in the past."

Nonsmoker Dangelmair doesn't understand the need to smoke but understands people want to, he said.

"I just don't understand why they can't clean up their trash or take it with them," Dangelmair said. "Cigarette butts are very small but plus 10,000 cigarette butts, they're pretty big."

While he agrees with the university's stance to be a tobacco-free campus, he said they need to take some responsibility, either through a trash pickup or putting trash bins in the area, Dangelmair said.

Smokers try to police themselves as they encourage each other to take care of their trash, but without a place to dispose near by, litter does occur, said Arun Subramanian, electrical engineering graduate student, who smokes near Shady Lane.

Subramanian and his friend Suhas Mallesh, electrical engineering graduate student, said a trash can near the area would help with the litter.

"After we smoke, we don't find a place to throw," Mallesh said. "So if you put a trash can or something, we will definitely do that."

On the other side of the Varsity Circle neighborhood is Doug Russell Park. In the center, there are benches and a trash can where Centennial Court apartment residents smoke, and litter also accumulates.

The trash can helps with the litter in the area, but it is the responsibility of the smoker to pick up after themselves, said Aditya Shah, bio-

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The Shorthorn: Marangeli Lopez

Angie Uribe, construction management graduate student, practices an advanced salsa movement with operations management alumnus Juleon Lewis on Jan. 17 at Pura Vida Sanctuary, Lewis' dance studio located next to Lot 50. Uribe said she enjoys taking classes with Lewis because his style of teaching is technical. She said she has been taking classes with Pura Vida Afro Latin Dance since June 2017.

## Pure life, pure rhythm

Read Marangeli Lopez's story about alumnus Juleon Lewis and his new dance school, the Pura Vida Sanctuary on page 8.



The Shorthorn: Trevor Seibert

Sweaters, scarves and other cold weather items reside in the CoLA Clothes Corner on Jan. 22 in University Hall. The Clothes Corner is available to any students who need winter clothing and is run by the College of Liberal Arts.

## CAMPUS RESOURCES

# Liberal Arts college starts clothing donation box

CoLA Clothes Corner is a way for students in need of outdoor apparel to get clothes during the cold weather.

BY ELIZABETH A. WHITE  
The Shorthorn staff

The CoLA Clothes Corner is a resource for students who are in need of warm winter items for the cold weather during wintertime.

Withdrawals and donations are available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday on the second floor of the University Hall, by the dean's office, in Room 210.

The CoLA Clothes Corner is open to all students to use or donate to.

"One day, we were commenting about the number of students that we saw walking around in the bitter cold and shivering, and they didn't have on what we would consider adequate clothing," said Aleta Duran, Liberal Arts administrative assistant. "We have students across campus who have financial stress."

The CoLA Clothes Corner was a collaborative idea among staff and faculty members in the Liberal Arts dean's office, Duran said.

Staff members started making do-

nations, including new or gently-worn sweaters, gloves, jackets, earmuffs, socks, blankets, sweatshirts, coats and hats.

"All of us have things in our closet that we may have never worn, or worn once or twice, and why not bring them up here," Duran said.

Liberal Arts Dean Elisabeth Cawthon said in an email it shows how unselfish the college's staff is.

"UTA staff members (including our advisors) take very seriously the concept of UTA's culture of caring," Cawthon said.

The CoLA Clothes Corner is a way of assisting students anonymously, so that no one is embarrassed about needing warm clothing, Cawthon said.

"Our job here is not just purely academics," said Aleta. "We should be here for our students, and sometimes if you're cold, or you're hungry, or whatever, you can't concentrate."

Business sophomore Paras Sindhvani said he was not aware of CoLA Clothes Corner.

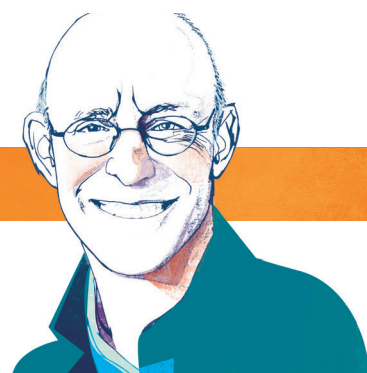
He is an international student from India and said the seasons are the same as the U.S., but the weather changes drastically and unexpectedly in Texas.

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# Artist seeking girl

Fort Worth resident paints on campus in search of missed connection.

BY EDWARD MEDELES  
The Shorthorn multimedia editor

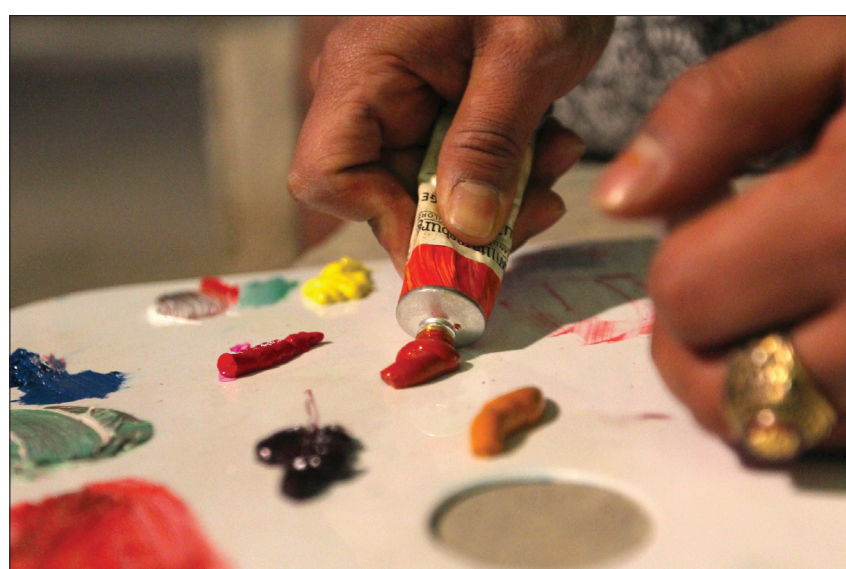
With a paintbrush in one hand and a palette in the other, Fort Worth resident Adrian De la Cruz sits outside Panera Bread in the College Park District to paint and maybe reconnect with a girl he likes.

About a year ago, De La Cruz said he met a girl named Adora in that exact spot. They were both skating at 1 a.m. They've lost touch since.

But De la Cruz said that's not the only reason he comes here. He said the atmosphere, light and moon fuel his passion for painting.

Fort Worth resident Adrian De la Cruz paints on a canvas Jan. 23 outside of Panera Bread on College Park District. De la Cruz said that he often paints in this spot in hopes of reconnecting with a woman, named Adora, he met at the spot about one year ago.

The Shorthorn: Edward Medeles



Bottom right: Fort Worth resident Adrian De la Cruz squeezes red oil paint onto his palette Jan. 23 outside of the College Park Center. De la Cruz uses pig hair bristle brushes to paint. "They just make the oil on the canvas sing," he said.

The Shorthorn: Edward Medeles

Bottom left: Fort Worth resident Adrian De la Cruz paints an abstract painting Jan. 23 outside of Panera Bread on College Park District. De la Cruz only started painting within the past year.

UT SYSTEM

## Open records requests log removed from websites

UT System institutions are no longer required to publish the page.

BY NARDA PEREZ  
The Shorthorn editor in chief

UTA and other UT System institutions will no longer keep a log of received open records requests on their websites.

UT System amended policies in September regarding open records requests and their display on university websites. Policy UTS139 reduced section 11 to only state "each UT in-

stitution and UT System Administration must maintain a publicly-accessible website that explains how the public can file a public information request."

UTS139 used to state that each institution had to post open records requests no later than three business days after they were received. The current policy no longer requires open records requests to be posted on university websites.

System-wide policy changes are approved by the executive officers and chancellor, said Ana Vieira Ayala, UT System assistant general counsel and public information coordina-

tor, in an email.

"UTA, the UT System and other UT institutions found that the websites were not being widely used and did not justify the significant administrative burden of managing the websites," university spokesperson Sana Syed said in an email. "UT System rescinded the requirement and UTA has since stopped maintaining the open records log."

The website provided a benefit to the public, Vieira Ayala said.

"We changed the policy because the websites received little traffic from the public but

had a very high administrative burden to maintain," she said.

The Texas Public Information Act states that any person has the right to request access to government information, including public higher education institutions, like UTA.

It was a step in the right direction of transparency for the system to have a public log of open records requests on each institution's website, said Kelley Shannon, Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas executive director.

"It sounds like it was a good experiment, and it would've been nice to see it continue,

but they aren't under a legal obligation under state law to do it," Shannon said.

The University of Texas Permian Basin and the University of Texas at Dallas are two of the eight academic institutions that still have their "open records requests received" web pages available online.

UT-Permian Basin officials plan to discontinue the postings, but has delayed the update because of the recent decision to change university content providers, said Travis Woodward, university communication and special projects director.

UT-Dallas still has their open records requests log available on their website, but plans on discontinuing its publication, said Tysh Coleman, university director of administrative services.

UT-Iyler also has the open records requests log posted on its website and is in the process of removing it.

UT-Austin, UT-El Paso, UT-Rio Grande Valley and UT-San Antonio have removed their open records requests logs from their websites.

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**Education freshman Helen Hernandez holds up a “Defend DACA” banner Oct. 6 on the Central Library mall to protest the Trump administration’s halt of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, an Obama-era program. The federal government failed to come to an agreement on the budget while negotiating issues, including the program, leading to the government shutdown Jan. 20.**

# DACA debate derails Senate budget decision

A lack of resolution resulted in the government shutdown.

BY REESE OXNER  
The Shorthorn staff

Six years after implementation, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program was repealed, reinstated and formed the center of debates leading to the government shutdown.

After failing to come to an agreement on the federal budget over a number of issues, including the program, the government shut down Jan. 20.

A temporary stopgap bill passed Monday after a pledge from Republican Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to quickly resolve the issues surrounding immigration.

“It sure shows that the issue of immigration has been badly handled by both Democrats and Republicans, for about, oh, about 75 years,” said Allan Saxe, political science associate professor.

The program was implemented via an executive order by the Obama administration in 2012, after years of the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act failing to move past the Senate.

The Trump administration announced the end of the program on Sept. 5 and issued a six-month delay to allow Congress to find a solution.

William Alsup, Northern District of California U.S. District Judge, blocked efforts to rescind DACA on Jan. 9 and allowed application renewals to continue.

Political science professor Thomas Marshall said it’s unusual for judges to make national rulings outside their normal state jurisdiction.

Trump has shown compassion toward recipients of the program, but it was created by a presidential order of debatable legality, he said.

“Just because something is nice doesn’t mean it’s legal or constitutional,” Saxe said.

Joshua Abaya, architecture senior and Young Americans for Freedom president, believes a solution for DACA recipients needs to be found but said using an executive order to implement it is illegal.

It should go through the legislative process, he said.

He said recipients should have a path to thrive legally but not to become citizens.

Abaya’s parents were immigrants that went through a long process to become citizens. If people could skip the process, it’d be unfair to the people who have waited, he said.

“That’s a huge weight

## DACA: start to stop



on the welfare system if we’re just going to give citizenship to everyone here,” he said.

The judge’s action to block the program from being repealed is good but temporary, said Mark Napieralski, drawing senior and Progressive Student Union president. A permanent change must be sought out, he said.

Napieralski is pushing for a “clean DREAM Act” which would allow DACA recipients a path to citizenship.

The bill would be “clean” by not funding a border wall, increased border security, interior enforcement or detention centers. The bill would also not require E-Verify, the employment eligibility verification program, he said.

Napieralski said he also wants a specific statement from the university outlining a plan to protect undocumented students.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act gives the university legal grounds to protect undocumented students by keeping student records private, he said.

To apply for deferred status, recipients provide personal information about themselves and their family, said Christian Zlolski, Center for Mexican American Studies director.

“Their worst fear came into reality after the program was terminated because what that means is that all the information that they provided about themselves and their families is now on record with the government,” Zlolski said.

Now that the program is being terminated, families might have regretted applying in the first place, he said.

The university must operate within the law, but should be showing more support to the students affected, he said. Although he doesn’t have statistics, he said the number of recipients at UTA is in the hundreds.

“Send them a message that they’re not on their own,” he said.

Marshall said the issue has divided Congress down party lines.

“You’ve got to go back and please your own party’s voters,” Marshall said. “They’re not very compromising on this issue.”

It’s hard to compromise on a deal like this, because it’s not a budget where you might be able to split the difference, he said. It’s either yes or no.

“DACA is not an easily resolved issue,” he said. “It is the perfect storm.”

– *Samantha Douty contributed to this article.*

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**Cigarette butts found** Jan. 22 at Doug Russell Park across from Centennial Court apartments. UTA has remained tobacco-free since August 2011, leading smokers toward the Fourth Street perimeter.

## Litter

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mechanical engineering graduate student, who smokes in Doug Russell Park.

Placing trash cans can help, but it also increases the risk of fire, and it encourages smokers to congregate in these areas, Hall said.

A designated space for smokers could help alleviate the problem as well, Shah said.

Shah has been smoking for two years, and while he is trying to quit, it is quite difficult, he said.

“People won’t stop smoking. The least you can do is create an area where people could smoke, and weekly send people to clean that area,” Shah said.

Hall said creating a designated smoking area

would contradict the existing tobacco-free campus policy.

The Student Health Center offers programs and services that help aid smokers, Hall said.

UTA Health Services offers free tobacco-cessation educational sessions by appointment to UTA community members.

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EDUCATION

# Ambassadors promote teaching, leadership skills

The program works on projects and prepares future teachers.

BY SAMANTHA DOUTY  
The Shorthorn staff

A teacher inspired Erin England.

In high school, England said she hated English until her teacher's passion resonated with her. Now, she wants to do the same, but with her favorite subject — math.

The College of Education ambassador and interdisciplinary studies senior plans to share her passion through her work as a teacher and an ambassador.

"I only remember my teachers who are really good or who are really bad," England said. "My passion is math, so I want to be able to get kids who don't like math to enjoy math class and just excel beyond what they normally would."

The College of Education's ambassadors work to promote teaching and the college by attending on and off campus events. England said as an ambassador she gets to build on her leadership skills while

doing her duties.

The college's dean Teresa Doughty brought the program to UTA two years ago after she left Purdue University, where she worked closely with their ambassador program.

"Being a teacher is not for the faint of heart," Doughty said in an email. "We need strong leaders and scholars in our public school classrooms to prepare the next generation of teachers, scientists, artists and community activists."

England said the program has given her practice talking with adults while promoting the program. She said she doesn't spend much time with adults since she spends most of her time in the classroom interacting with middle school aged students.

To be an ambassador, students must maintain a specific GPA, complete an interview process, be an education or intended education major and commit to participating and representing the college, Doughty said.

The group currently has 15 members, but Doughty hopes to expand that to 40.

As ambassadors, students act as the face of teacher ed-

ucation and the College of Education by interacting with people while promoting education, Doughty said.

Ambassador Abrielle Meyer joined the program to get more involved on campus and to share her passion for teaching.

The interdisciplinary studies junior said she has always wanted to be a teacher, so being an ambassador is a way for her to continue learning about the industry.

As an ambassador, Meyer has the opportunity to sit on the Arlington Will Award and Recognize (Educational) Excellence Foundation board which chooses Arlington's Teacher of the Year.

"I get to sit in the classroom with the best of the best in Arlington," Meyer said. "And, you know, learn from them."

Meyer said the ambassadors have many projects this coming semester they are working on, and they plan on meeting with other UTA colleges' ambassadors programs.

"It's really fun," she said. "More [UTA] colleges should do something like this."

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## Donation

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Sindhvani said it is a good idea, but since he didn't notice it, maybe more marketing is needed, and the closet should be located in an area with higher traffic on campus.

"It's like a pet peeve of mine to see students in the cold

wearing shorts," said Angie Esparza, biology junior and student assistant for the Liberal Arts dean's office. "At least now they have an option that they didn't before."

Esparza put out yard signage for the CoLA Clothes Corner this past Friday around campus, in areas like the UC and the library.

Duran said they have hopes of continuing this idea for rainy

weather with rain ponchos and umbrellas.

"To do a good deed for an individual that one doesn't know, and to help a person when she or he will never realize who made the gift, is a truly selfless act," Cawthon said. "I am not surprised that our staff members were so generous, thoughtful and modest."

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NATION

## A timeline of gender and the U.S. Military

May 17 1963

"Transsexualism and other gender identity disorders" banned from U.S. military.

June 30 2016

Memorandum allows transgender people to serve openly and authorized funding for sex reassignment surgeries.

Aug. 9 2017

Anonymous plaintiffs file an action against Trump's proposed ban.

July 26 2017

President Donald Trump tweets transgender individuals will not be allowed to serve in the U.S. military.

Aug. 25 2017

Trump issues memorandum to uphold policies prior to 2016 about transgender people serving in the military.

Oct. 30 2017

Federal judge blocks provisions of Trump's memorandum.

Jan. 1 2018

Transgender people are allowed to enlist with their gender preference in the U.S. military.

Dec. 11 2017

Department of Defense announces it will start processing applications from transgender people for military service.

Source: Congress.gov

Illustration: Malik Bahur

# Military changes recruiting policy

Trump's memorandum banning transgender individuals struck down.

BY REBEKAH MORR  
The Shorthorn news editor

As of Jan. 1, 2018, those identifying as transgender are allowed to enlist under their preferred gender in the U.S. military.

Under former President Barack Obama, former Secretary of Defense Ash Carter passed a directive memorandum allowing transgender individuals currently serving in the military to serve openly. It also allowed the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security to begin funding sex reassignment surgeries.

President Donald Trump attempted to block transgender individuals from serving in the U.S. military through a presidential memorandum issued on Aug. 25.

Prior to the memorandum's release, he tweeted his plans to ban transgender individuals from the military on July 26, citing the "tremendous medical costs and disruption that transgender in the military would entail."

Trump's tweets shocked psychology junior Tristan Grecu when he first saw them.

"I'd never [seen] something in my lifetime that was so blatant as like, 'Oh, you're just not allowed to do this because of your sexuality or because of your gender identity,'" he said.

While Grecu appreciates the accessibility of Twitter, he said it's un-

presidential to announce policy changes on social media.

Broadcast communications junior Michael Blue II said Trump made a valid point in his tweets. Blue served in the army for four years, traveling the world with the same group of men.

He said these fellow soldiers formed a brotherhood based around trust, and he didn't know if members currently serving would be able to put that

**"I'd never [seen] something in my lifetime that was so blatant as like, 'Oh, you're just not allowed to do this because of your sexuality or because of your gender identity.'"**

Tristan Grecu  
psychology junior

same trust in transgender individuals.

It can be done, he said, but it must be done with reasoning and understanding.

"A fight can be fought for both sides of the coin," Blue said.

After Trump's tweets, anonymous plaintiffs filed a lawsuit claiming Trump's plan violated the constitution. When his memorandum was released in August, the plaintiffs filed another injunction to stop the ban from moving forward.

Psychology associate professor Craig Nagoshi said Trump's proposed ban is unnecessary and harm-

ful for the military.

He said many transgender individuals are denied jobs and housing because of discrimination, so they turn to the military be accepted and protected.

Historically, the military was a means to promote integration because no matter why a person serves, they're all fighting for their country, Nagoshi said.

LGBT community members have served without being open about their sexuality for years, and it hasn't adversely affected military operations, he said.

Wendell Hunnicutt, history and women and gender studies adjunct professor, said Trump's argument regarding transgender individuals' medical costs was not accurate.

"Sure, there can be medical issues around trans people. There could be medical issues around gay people, but there's medical issues around straight people, too," he said.

The Department of Justice attempted to appeal the case and extend the date to allow transgender individuals to enlist past Jan. 1. A three-judge panel from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia heard the case and struck down the Trump administration's request.

While transgender individuals are now able to enlist openly in military service, the case may still go before the U.S. Supreme Court for a final decision.

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# A woman's work is never done

Thousands attended second annual march in support of gender equality



**Above:** Marchers gather to listen to speakers addressing issues on women's equality Jan. 20 at the Dallas Women's March in Pike Park.

**Below:** Dallas resident Alex Fitzgerald holds his homemade sign Jan. 20 before the start of the Dallas Women's March outside of St. Paul United Methodist Church. The march started at the church and ended at Pike Park.



Irving resident Jim Borgmann, left, Dallas resident Ethan Avanzino, middle, and Dallas resident David Whitehead, right, dressed as handmaids from "The Handmaid's Tale," march Jan. 20 at the Dallas Women's March.



**Far Left:** Alumna Jan Bridges reacts to a singer's performance Jan. 20 during the Dallas Women's March at Pike Park. "That was a very inspirational song to remind me that we are powerful and we can make things happen," Bridges said.

**Left:** McKinney resident Elliott Rouse, 3, sits in a wagon pulled by his mother's friend, Dallas resident Johanna Moya, at the Dallas Women's March on Jan. 20.

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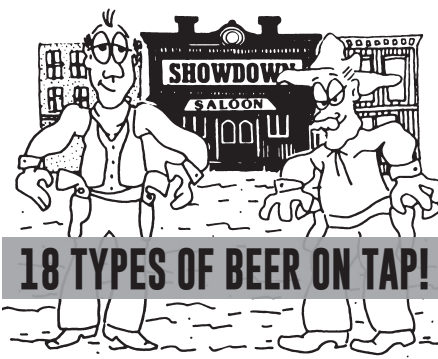
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## EDITORIAL

# Bring back open records log

## UTA should acknowledge the public's right to information

Business mogul Howard Schultz once said, "The currency of leadership is transparency."

Schultz, by the way, knows a thing or two about leadership. The former Starbucks CEO is a self-made billionaire, and has no qualms providing commentary on the state of American governance from time to time.

His emphasis on the importance of transparency in leadership are more than just words; it's seasoned advice. So, it is with this in mind that we urge UTA to reinstate its open records log online.

For those who are unfamiliar, the log was a record of formally filed open records requests, maintained by the university and easily accessible through the UTA website.

In September, the UT System quashed a requirement mandating schools within the system maintain this log as a resource for students and other interested parties. Before the change, UT institutions were expected to "maintain a publicly-accessible website dedicated to displaying (a) public information requests it has received and (b) responsive information it is posting" as pursuant to Section 11 of policy UT139. UT System academic institutions have the option of keeping the log published if they desire to.

Following the policy update, Section 11 has been all but removed, reduced from three subsections and more than 300 words down to a single sentence requiring institutions maintain a website explaining how the public can make a public information request.

According to university spokeswoman Sana Syed, the decision to remove the log came following the realization

that the services were "not being widely used and did not justify the significant administrative burden of managing the websites."

It's an understandable conclusion to come to; after all, there are several things which could benefit from the fund-

### THE ISSUE

UTA has entirely removed the log of public information requests from its website.

### WE THINK

Traditionally, the log has been a service to the public and an assurance of transparency from the university.

### TAKE ACTION

UTA should reinstate the record request log as a demonstration of accountability and an acknowledgement of the public's right to information.

ing otherwise allocated to a burdensome and underutilized resource.

But the value of the log lies largely in its principle — that these public records should be visible and easily accessible to the students about which they are filed.

This information belongs to us; why should we have to jump through hoops to get it?

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*Romi Geller was not present and Sports Editor Arianna Vedia filled in for this editorial meeting.*

## ARTNEST by Juan Artilles

Life through the eyes of a communication technology senior



# And then the government shut down.

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# Be you at your own pace

## Don't judge your progress by the progress of others

As a senior who's graduating in four months, I am confident in what I can accomplish; yet I still have an immense fear of what's next to come. This is something I see among other 20-somethings, as we're at the ages of figuring out who we are. Many of us are set on where we want to be and are convinced that falling behind would be the end of us.

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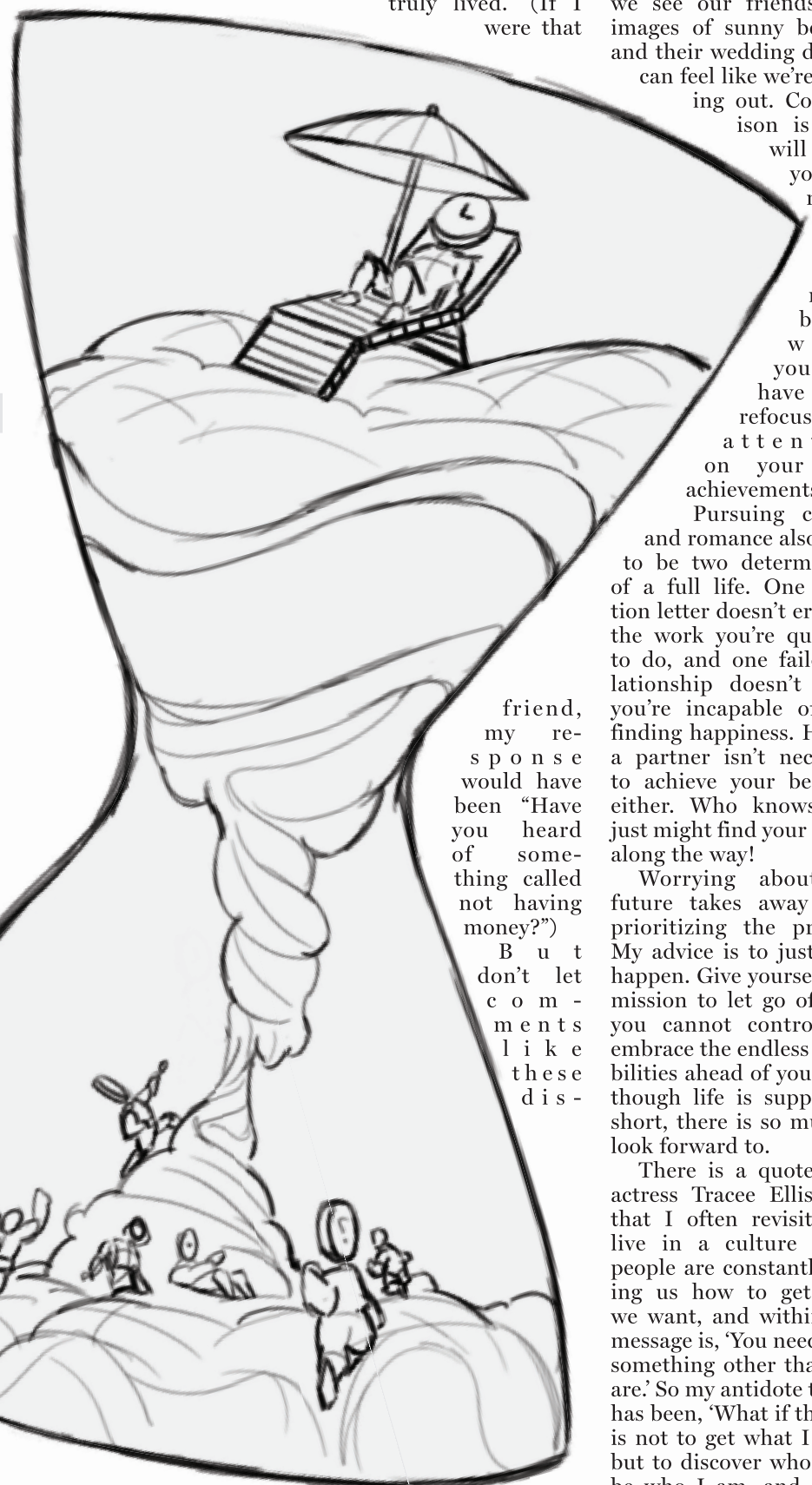


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There's tons of pressure on us to keep up, but my question is: who exactly are we

keep-up with? Considering that everyone has a vast amount of experiences, visions and networks, it's unfair to expect that we all should achieve the same goal at the same time. Someone graduating at 22 isn't any brighter than someone graduating



The Shorthorn: Vincent Williams

they're just living the same dream in different phases.

The other day, I overheard a stranger chastise their friend for not having traveled to another coun-

suade you. It's possible to thrive, even at home. Social media can contribute to this kind of

discouragement too. When we see our friends post images of sunny beaches and their wedding days, it can feel like we're missing out. Comparison is what

will hurt you the most. Instead, remember what you do have and refocus your attention on your own achievements.

Pursuing careers and romance also seem to be two determinants of a full life. One rejection letter doesn't erase all the work you're qualified to do, and one failed relationship doesn't mean you're incapable of ever finding happiness. Having a partner isn't necessary to achieve your best life either. Who knows, you just might find your match along the way!

Worrying about the future takes away from prioritizing the present. My advice is to just let it happen. Give yourself permission to let go of what you cannot control and embrace the endless possibilities ahead of you. Even though life is supposedly short, there is so much to look forward to.

There is a quote from actress Tracee Ellis Ross that I often revisit: "We live in a culture where people are constantly telling us how to get what we want, and within that message is, 'You need to be something other than you are.' So my antidote to that has been, 'What if the goal is not to get what I want, but to discover who I am, be who I am, and accept that?' Because strangely, that takes courage!"

So, here's to being our best selves at our own pace. We have all the time in the world.

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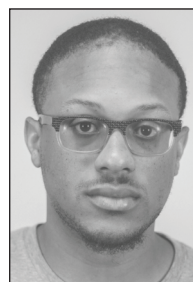
# The future, streaming now

## Digital media services have changed entertainment forever

The way we consume content today has revolutionized the industry in which it operates. In the past, we would purchase a DVD or CD to watch or listen to some of our favorite movies or music. In recent years that has changed, thanks to streaming platforms such as Netflix, Spotify, Apple Music and more.

To support your favorite artists in the past, one would have to purchase a physical CD. Now, listeners can support simply by streaming for free. Artists such as Chance the Rapper have not sold a single CD and are doing fine without any physical record sales. The value is no longer in owning the CD, but rather it has expand-

### ROBERT WILLIAMS



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ed into a more custom experience, in which artists can better cultivate their audiences. Continuous streaming will support the creator in the long-

run for much longer than a standard sale.

Independent record labels have been able to achieve new heights thanks to digital platforms. New mediums have changed the way retailers distribute their product, shifting from physical to digital strategies. This same thing is true in the film industry. Over the years, Netflix has taken indie projects major studios may have turned down and given them a platform, opening the possibilities for creativity. We have seen film projects turn into short series, engaging audiences and earning more streams over time, and with original series, Netflix can sell product directly to the consumer with no middleman.

Streaming as a whole is changing the way we consume our entertainment for the better. We now have an endless library of content; you can listen to or watch almost anything you can think of.

The true power now is in owning your audience. Spotify has recently expanded its catalog beyond music into video, audiobooks, news and other content.

The true essence of what artists are trying to captivate is engagement, and streaming changes the playing field for artists by allowing direct access to content.

Artists no longer have to rely on major labels and creativity is on the rise. The bar of excellence has been reset.

# The To-Do List

## TODAY

**Deadline for LSAMP Summer Research Academy (SRA):** Application deadline for the 2018 Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participations (LSAMP) Summer Research Academy (SRA) is February 15. The program encourages a transition to graduate school from undergraduate research experiences. All Day Wednesday to Tuesday. Free. For more information, contact Lynda Gonzales at [lyndaq@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:lyndaq@austin.utexas.edu).

**Maverick Stampede: Activity Fair Day:** Enjoy the opportunity to interact with student organizations, departments and community agencies to learn more about what each one is about. 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. University Center Palo Duro Lounge. Free. For more information, contact Student Affairs at 817-272-2963.

**The Gallery at UTA: The Telling and the Told: David McGee—Works on Paper:** Enjoy the images that Benito Huerta selected from The Telling and the Told, which showcases David McGee's complex visual narratives. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Friday, Noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Tuesday. The Gallery at UTA, 169 Fine Arts Building. Free. For more information, contact Benito Huerta at 817-272-3143.

**LINK Research Lab Lecture: Nia Dowell:** Listen to Nia Dowell present results from recent work that uses language and discourse to capture socio-cognitive dynamics during multi-party interactions, and will introduce Group Communication Analysis (GCA). Must RSVP. Noon to 1 p.m. LINK Research Lab, Nedderman Hall Room 246. Free. For more information, contact LINK Research Lab at 817-272-3210.

## THURSDAY

**MavMentor Launch: Sign Up To Be Mentored:** Learn how to sign up for the MavMentors program. 10 to 11 a.m. Lockheed Martin Career Development Center. Free. For more information, contact Maverick Mentors at 817-272-9220.

**Voter Registration—Student Government:** Stop by a table to register to vote in Tarrant County. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Monday to Tuesday. Around campus. Free. For more information, contact Student Governance at 817-272-0556.

**Maverick Stampede: CoLA Freshman Mixer:** Join the College of Liberal Arts (CoLA) to kick off the new semester. There will be free food and a lot of information for CoLA freshman. Noon to 1 p.m. University Center Palo Duro Lounge. Free. For more information, contact College of Liberal Arts at 817-272-3291.

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**Study Abroad Walk-in Advising:** Stop by the Study Abroad office for a walk-in advising session and discuss program options, the application process, financial aid and scholarships, and any other questions you may have. 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon Friday. 1022 UTA Blvd, Room 113, Arlington, TX. Free. For more information, contact the Study Abroad Office at [studyabroad@uta.edu](mailto:studyabroad@uta.edu).

**Resume and Cover Letter Workshop:** Learn how to write an effective resume and cover letter. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. Friday. University Center Suite 180S. Free. For more information, contact Lockheed Martin Career Development Center at 817-292-2932.

**Maverick Stampede: Global Grounds—Study Abroad:** Learn about study abroad opportunities



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Students enjoy sweets Jan. 27, 2016 at the Activity Fair Day.

around the world. 4 to 5:30 p.m. University Center Palo Duro Lounge. Free. For more information, contact Student Affairs at 817-272-2963.

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**Center for Service Learning Annual Partner Breakfast:** Join UT Arlington faculty and staff along with regional nonprofit community partners and agencies for a morning of connections and service learning information. 8 to 10 a.m. University Center Bluebonnet Ballroom. Free. For more information, contact Center for Service Learning at 817-272-2124.

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**Maverick Stampede: Playfair:** Interact with other UTA students to make new friends or reconnect with old friends. 4 to 5:30 p.m. University Center Palo Duro Lounge. Free. For more information, contact Student Affairs at 817-272-2963.

**Accounting Society Info Session:** Learn more about the Accounting Society at the Accounting Society information session. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Business Building Room 147. Free. For more information, contact Accounting Society at 817-272-3028.

## SATURDAY

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**Maverick Stampede: The Advanced Leadership Institute:** Learn practical leadership skills, such as conflict management, ethical leadership and taking risks. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. University Center Rio Grande Ballroom. \$20. For more information, contact Student Affairs at 817-272-2963.

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**UTA Table Tennis Open:** Enjoy table tennis that is presented by UTATT. There are different level games available even for people who have not competed before. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Maverick Activities Center. \$10 to \$24. For more information, contact Vikas Sagi, [utattsc@gmail.com](mailto:utattsc@gmail.com) or 469-970-8409.

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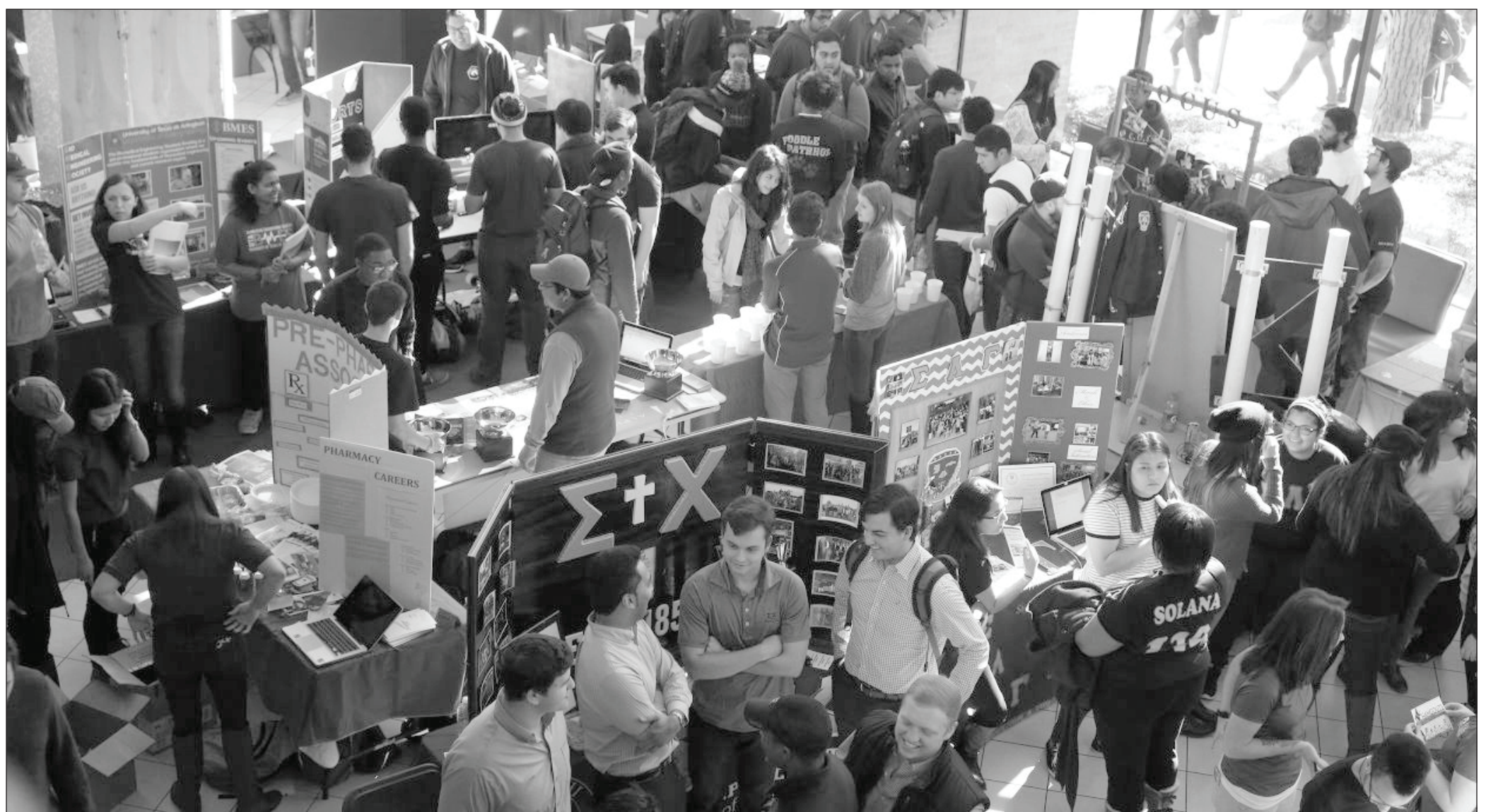
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**Job Search Strategies:** Learn about traditional and nontraditional job search strategies. 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. University Center Suite 180S. For more information, contact the Lockheed Martin Career Development Center at 817-272-2932.



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Student organizations assemble Jan. 27, 2016, in the Palo Duro Lounge for the Activity Fair Day.

**Visual communication alumna Anais Harvey, left, and operations management alumnus Juleon Lewis teach** an advanced salsa class Jan. 17 at Pura Vida Sanctuary, their dance studio located next to Lot 50. Harvey and Lewis have been teaching salsa and bachata as dance partners for about a year. They began in Duncanville, then moved to an Arlington location. They said they decided to rent their own space by UTA after working for others.

## VOCABULARY

**Yoga** - A Hindu-based philosophy that teaches a series of physical postures, breathing techniques and meditation.

**Hip-hop** - A type of street dance performed to hip-hop music.

**Bolly** - A Bollywood-inspired dance fitness program that features music from around the world.

**Kizomba** - An African genre of dance that originated in Angola. The word Kizomba means "party" in Kimbundu, an Angolan language.

**Salsa** - A social dance that originated in 1970s New York. The movements were influenced by Puerto Rican and Cuban dances.

**Bachata** - A dance that originated in the Dominican



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**Operations management alumnus Juleon Lewis entertains** his 9-month-old daughter Janel, during his 9 p.m. salsa class Jan. 17 at Pura Vida Sanctuary, his dance studio located next to Lot 50. Lewis lived in Colombia a year ago with no intentions to return to the U.S. He said he moved back to Texas when he discovered he would be a father.

# Pura Vida Sanctuary dances into life

## Fatherhood, curiosity gives birth to new life goals for alumnus

BY MARANGELI LOPEZ  
The Shorthorn staff

When Juleon Lewis discovered he would be a father, his goal to live his life abroad changed.

"The only thing that would bring me back to the U.S. is death or life," he said. "And life brought me back."

Lewis, an operations management alumnus, opened the Pura Vida Sanctuary, a small, hardwood floored dance studio located next to Lot 50, with his dance partner, Anais Harvey. Together, they teach salsa and bachata to clients all over the Metroplex.

Growing up, Lewis said his family would take vacations in the Dominican Republic, where he first learned about bachata. Lewis, a Dallas native, said his passion to teach Afro-Latin dance stems from his curious nature.

"I'm the type of person that likes to learn new things," he said.

Lewis worked in a number of information technology, operations management and project manager positions post-graduation. To celebrate 10 years of growth in his career, he decided to take a year off to travel the world.

After exploring Southeast Asia, several Caribbean islands and most of Central

America, Lewis decided to settle in Colombia teaching English to adults and children. He said he was prepared to live a life outside the U.S. until he received the news he would be a dad. A month later, he was on a flight back to Texas. That spring, his daughter Janel Amorosa Nia Esperanza Lewis was born.

Anel Hidalgo, Janel Lewis' mother, said she knew Juleon Lewis had left to Colombia for good and was about to settle into a home. She was hesitant to call him when she knew she was pregnant because she did not want to ruin his plans.

"It took me a while to be like, 'No, I have to do it because Janel deserves, you know, deserves her dad,'" she said.

Lewis said once he returned to the U.S., it took him about four months to land a job in information technology.

"I still had a growing baby and bills that I needed to, you know, live on and I didn't

have any money 'cause I was used to making Colombian pesos," he said.

While waiting to hear back about the information technology position, Lewis said his friend Harvey, a visual communications alumna, told him about a job teaching salsa and bachata. That's when dancing became a source of income for him and his family.

A year in the making, Pura Vida Afro-Latin Dance is the brand Lewis and Harvey created. They said, unlike other dance instructors, their goal is to focus on teaching their clients the proper technique, history and culture behind each move.

They began teaching in a studio in Duncanville, then moved to an Arlington location, but after paying high rent and working for others, Lewis and Harvey said they decided to move into their own studio close to UTA because of the diverse community.

Harvey said she hopes

Pura Vida Sanctuary will become a place students come to de-stress and have fun.

"Hopefully we will impact UTA how dance has affected us whenever we were there," she said.

Pura Vida Sanctuary opened to the public last week. Yoga, hip-hop, bolly, kizomba, salsa and bachata are among the classes currently offered at the location. Lewis recruited dance instructors from all over the Metroplex through mutual friends and social gatherings.

In addition to teaching partner dances, Lewis hopes to offer internships to students looking for business or marketing experience. He said he understands the importance of having real work experience before graduation.

"The reason my career went so well was because I had internships in college," he said. "I want to give back internship opportunities if possible."

Madison Munson, exercise science graduate student, said

she grew up with a passion for dance, but did not really practice moving with a partner until she stumbled upon a Pura Vida flier on campus.

"It was all history after that," Munson said. "I've been doing it for many months and I absolutely love it."

Munson began taking lessons with Pura Vida six months ago. Pura Vida instructors take their students to local clubs to practice dancing salsa and bachata socially. That's where Munson said she met her current boyfriend.

"Had I not learned all that with Juleon, I would not have been able to meet him," she said.

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## ONLINE

Watch alumnus Juleon Lewis teach his students how to dance at [theshorthorn.com/multimedia](http://theshorthorn.com/multimedia)



TECHNOLOGY AND GAMES

# Net neutrality repeal starts to cause concern

While professionals say not to draw conclusions, students begin to worry.

BY MAXWELL HILLIARD  
The Shorthorn staff

Following the December 2017 repeal of net neutrality, some students are sweating over the possibility of internet service providers restructuring the way Americans consume information and media through the internet.

The Federal Communication Commission ruled 3-2 in favor of repealing the 2015 legislation that reclassified internet services as a common carrier under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934, that had defined internet services as a telecommunications carrier, according to the FCC website.

The repeal of net neutrality has given cause for concern, history sophomore Jacob Hubener said.

"It could be bad, it could be really bad or nothing could change at all," Hubener said.

Hubener said he worries the deregulation of ISPs will result in limited bandwidth and internet services packages similar to the model of cable television. It is a possibility that ISPs could opt to bundle websites and apps into packages rather than simply charging for access to the internet, Hubener said.

The level of competition present in the entertainment industry would likely deter companies, such as Comcast,



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from packaging their internet service the same as their cable service, unless all of the companies shift to that practice, said Kim Pewitt-Jones, communication law professor.

Students may decide to stop using apps and websites that are currently free instead of paying fees in the future, biochemistry junior Maci Davis said. Davis only uses Snapchat, and would uninstall the app if ISPs restricted access without a subscription, she said.

Although Davis only consumes media through Snapchat, she said the deregulation of ISPs could result in the censorship of information and entertainment mediums.

Interference to consumer's access of information and entertainment by ISPs is contradictory to the nature of the internet, english sophomore Ethan Brown said.

"The internet was established to be a place where anybody anywhere could gather in-

formation as long as they have the tools to do so," Brown said.

Brown said that he hopes that the net neutrality repeal is overturned by Congress, or that the repeal does not affect consumers negatively.

Students should exercise caution in developing perceptions of how ISPs will proceed if Congress does not overturn the repeal of net neutrality, Pewitt-Jones said.

She said she is hesitant to endorse the classification of the

internet as a common telecommunications carrier due to the lack of similarity to any other public utility. However, Pewitt-Jones said this is just the beginning of real conversations about how we should deal with the internet as a society.

The only similarity between the internet and other telecommunication carriers is the number of people who depend on that service to go about their daily lives, she said, and that she advocates caution when

jumping to conclusions on how ISPs will react to the net neutrality repeal.

"I try to kind of wait and see unless there is such evidence that it is going to really change people's lives for the worse," Pewitt-Jones said.

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NATION

# Legal aid offered to Salvadoran immigrants

Local legal services can renew status for affected students until 2019.

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Students affected by the cancellation of Temporary Protected Status for Salvadoran immigrants have less than two months left to renew their status or help a family member renew theirs.

The Trump administration announced on Jan. 8 that would no longer renew TPS for Salvadoran immigrants, a status that has been granted to Salvadoran citizens since 2003. TPS was originally granted to Salvadoran immigrants after earthquakes in 2001 left the state of the country severely damaged.

The reregistration period for people who already hold TPS began on Thursday and ends March 19, according to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website.

Attorney Blayer Cedeño said renewing TPS at this time grants them an employment authorization card so they can continue working in the U.S. and maintain their legal status until the renewal of TPS for Salvadoran immigrants ends on Sep. 9, 2019. After that date, immi-

grants will have to seek other forms of petition to maintain legal status in the U.S. or face deportation.

Below is a list of organizations students who are needing to renew their status or the status of a family member can connect to.

### Fernandez and Fernandez

"We've been busy every hour with people," immigration paralegal Lizbeth Diaz said. "Since the law came in on the 18th, that same day people were calling, and up 'til today, people have been wanting appointments for their TPS, and they want to come in as soon as possible."

Diaz works for Fernandez and Fernandez, a small law firm under attorney Richard Fernandez located in Dallas. They are currently working with 50 to 70 Salvadoran immigrants who live in the Metroplex to renew their status. Diaz said they have a low renewal fee of \$300 and that they take an hour with each client.

### Catholic Charities Dallas

Cedeño is a staff attorney for immigra-

tion legal services of Catholic Charities Dallas. Catholic Charities Dallas is a nonprofit organization that provides a variety of different services, including immigration legal services to the community. In the immigration legal services department, Cedeño said they assist potential clients in applying for immigration benefits and provide legal representations for minors in removal proceedings.

New clients can come in for a consultation, where their immigration history will be reviewed, Cedeño said. This is the time where any potential issues they may have in renewing their status can be identified, and from there a staff attorney can move forward with them, he said.

Cedeño added that since it is a nonprofit organization, fees are low-cost.

### Alianza Hispana Evangelica Ministerial

Fernandez also recommends for students to get in contact with the Alianza Hispana Evangelica Ministerial or AHEM.

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### HISTORY OF TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR EL SALVADOR IMMIGRANTS

On Jan. 13, 2001, a 7.7 magnitude earthquake hits El Salvador.

On Feb. 13, 2001, a magnitude 6.1 earthquake hits El Salvador.

On March 9, 2001, temporary protected status is granted to Salvadoran immigrants.

On Jan. 8, the Trump administration announces it is no longer renewing TPS.

On Jan. 10, the U.S. State Department issues a level-three travel advisory urging U.S. citizens not to travel to El Salvador. The advisory warns against violent crime, murder, assault, gang-activity and armed robbery.

The reregistration period for people who already have TPS begins on Jan. 18 and lasts until March 19.

TPS will terminate for Salvadoran immigrants on Sep. 9, 2019.

## DR. RUTH

*Q: I am a 30-year-old woman, and I have a problem having orgasms with a partner. I can bring myself to orgasm through masturbation. The way I masturbate is always the same: playing with my breasts while I fantasize and with my thighs squeezed together. I realize that I have conditioned myself to this pattern, but I would really like to get out of it, and especially would like to be able to have an orgasm with a man. How do I do that?*



**Dr. Ruth**  
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having an orgasm as you are. You're correct when you say that you've conditioned yourself, so now you have to recondition yourself. What I would suggest, once you have the right partner, is to work on bringing yourself as close to orgasm as possible using your methods, and then have him take over. Hopefully, if you are sufficiently aroused, he'll be able to bring you to orgasm. Then, each time you do this, try stopping a little bit earlier and letting him take over. Eventually you should reach a point where you won't have to jump-start yourself at all, and he'll be able to give you an orgasm without any help from you.

**A:** I'm not being a smart aleck but am merely stating the obvious when I say the first step is to find a man. But it shouldn't be just some guy you barely know. You need to have a strong relationship so that you have the confidence that he is just as interested in your

### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS  
1 Some arm bands  
5 Work on the web  
9 Grant access  
14 Earthy hue  
15 "That can't be!"  
16 Heat energy source?  
17 On the roof of 18 ... accomplish  
19 Seeing red  
20 Odd way to check for ore?  
23 Dreyer's partner in ice cream  
24 Blooms with hips  
25 Waimoa Bay locale  
27 Uncomfortable place to be in  
30 Friendly response to a knock  
33 Atty.'s group  
34 Letter before mu  
38 It may be a lot  
39 '90s sitcom name  
41 Pyle of Mayberry  
42 Mumbai music  
43 1939 Garland co-star  
44 Without exception  
46 Remove gradually, with "in"  
47 Attach's place  
49 Is inclined  
51 Shows of support  
52 Bit of a scrap  
55 Dash no.  
57 What you need when your car is stuck in the mud?  
62 Muse for Millay  
64 Culture medium  
65 Scraped together, with "out"  
66 Maker of the Mighty Dump  
67 Pace  
68 Texter's button  
69 Optional component  
70 Some shooters, briefly  
71 "Toodles!"

DOWN  
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2 Opening on Broadway  
3 "... Uprising": Disney sci-fi series  
4 A-one  
5 Remote hiding places?  
6 Introduce gradually, with "in"  
7 DDE and JFK, e.g.  
8 Words of denial  
9 Pamplona pals  
10 E, but not A, I, O or U  
11 Summons from the cosmetician?  
12 Contacted, in a way, briefly  
13 Neat  
21 Trade item?  
22 Official with a seal  
26 Winter coat  
27 Serve from a pot  
28 Steel girder  
29 Fix potatoes the hard way?  
30 Bean sprout?  
31 Rye fungus  
32 Some tides  
35 "Open" autobiographer  
36 Herb that protected Odysseus from Circe's magic  
37 Audi rival, and, when spoken as a command, a hint to this puzzle's theme  
40 "Dies ..."  
45 Move a little  
48 South Pacific islander  
50 Use money to make money  
52 Majestic  
53 Allegheny, as of 1979  
54 "Damn!"  
55 Self-referential prefix, in modern lingo  
56 Impel  
58 Tablets, to some  
59 Flat pack furniture seller  
60 One seen in a store dish  
61 Icelandic literary work  
63 Ref's ruling

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

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### Solution

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

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## VanDijk achieves duality of play

Rebekah VanDijk strives to leave legacy as more than an athlete.

BY JR LANGSTON  
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Throughout her career, Rebekah VanDijk, women's basketball senior center has never stopped working — finding a solution to every problem that comes her way, on and off the court.

The on-court achievements of student athletes can sometimes overshadow other aspects of their lives, and VanDijk said leaving a positive impact at UTA and in her community is something that is very important to her.

"I don't want to be known as just a person who was good at basketball," VanDijk said.

Head coach Krista Gerlich said VanDijk is a true Lady Maverick, and she embodies everything the program seeks to do. She said when the team captain has a good attitude, it generally energizes the rest of the team, which is precisely the effect VanDijk has on her teammates.

"She's probably the most coachable kid I've ever been

**"I don't want to be known as just a person who was good at basketball."**

Rebekah VanDijk  
senior center

around," Gerlich said, "We have to have [VanDijk] perform for us to be good."

VanDijk has had a career filled with numerous awards and accolades, including being named First-Team All-Sun Belt Conference for three consecutive seasons and being the first Lady Maverick in program history to reach 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds in a career.

Even with these achievements, VanDijk said she does not play for the glory or the recognition, but for God, her team and to honor the memory of her late father.

"I don't play for myself, I play for bigger things," VanDijk said.

Freshman forward Kelsey Johnson said VanDijk's growth on the court and as a young woman are inspirational to her, noting that VanDijk's leadership has helped her grow and develop as a player.

"She always works hard," Johnson said. "She's a great leader."

Before she leaves UTA and enters the next phase of her life, VanDijk said she wants to be known as a good person, not just a good player. She said she desires to positively impact the lives of kids and help them achieve everything they possibly can, because changing the lives of people she meets will not be easily forgotten.

"Kids just bring such a light to this world" VanDijk said. "They just have such a bright future."

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ADAPTIVE SPORTS



The Shorthorn: Jennifer Aguirre

Movin' Mavs and Lady Movin' Mavs selected for Team USA of the wheelchair basketball world championships and rugby world championships.

## Athletes make Team USA

This year's team includes a rookie and some veteran players.

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Five current Movin' Mavs and four alumni were selected to Team USA for their respective sports.

For many, making the U.S. National team isn't a first.

Graduate student Morgan Wood, seniors Rose Hollermann and Abigail Dunkin and alumna Josie Aslakson were selected to the 2018 U.S. Women's National Wheelchair Basketball Team.

Junior Fabian Romo, and alumni Jorge Sanchez, Mike Paye and Aaron Gouge were selected to the 2018 U.S. Men's National Wheelchair Basketball Team, while senior Alejandro Pabon was selected to the 2018 U.S. Men's National Wheelchair Rugby Team.

The women's and men's basketball teams consist of 17 selections, while the men's rugby team features 16, making the nine some of the top players in the country. The players will go through one final selection process before heading to the World Championships in August.

### Morgan Wood | Second-year veteran

Wood was cut from Team USA seven times before fi-

nally being selected in 2017. This time around, she said the pressure was on to make the team again and once her name was called, it was relieving.

"That's been my goal since I started playing ball," Wood said. "They're finally seeing the potential that I know that I have and they're finally seeing all the work that I put into it."

Being able to make the team for the second year in the row, Wood said it shows her she can be an asset and she's good enough to play at the highest level.

While the Lady Movin' Mavs took six players to try out for Team USA, Wood said it was heartbreaking to see her fellow teammates get cut.

"We may be biased in some way, but then again, we won a national championship with those girls," Wood said. "It's really hard to see them getting cut, because we know the potential that they're at."

### Abigail Dunkin | Fourth-year veteran

Dunkin, a gold medalist Paralympian, is in her fourth consecutive year with the national team. She said one of the cool things about representing Team USA is that she's not only representing her country, but representing UTA, her friends and family, and everyone who has helped shaped her into the person she

is today.

"If it was not for UTA, I don't think I would be in the place I am now, playing ball internationally," Dunkin said. "It's been a definite blessing and I'm very fortunate enough to share the court with some of the best athletes in the country."

Heading into tryouts, Dunkin said she gets both nervous and excited, because whether you're a veteran or a rookie, you're never guaranteed a spot on the team. In the end, hearts were broken and tears were shed for those who were cut, but Dunkin said she hopes that it fuels their fire so they can come back stronger next year and enjoy the same opportunity as one.

"I really believe that this team has the potential to be back on top of the podium in Tokyo 2020," Dunkin said.

### Rose Hollermann | Seventh-year veteran

After taking a year off, Hollermann, who is also a gold medalist Paralympian, is in her seventh year with Team USA.

She said over the years, she has been able to grow, as everything she does with USA translates on the court with the Movin' Mavs and vice versa.

"It's really exciting to be able to look and see that Jason Nelms was able to develop the three of us into having the abil-

ity to be leaders and scorers on the USA team," Hollermann said.

Hollermann said the most meaningful part of the tryout experience was being able to watch Dunkin and Wood make the team.

### Fabian Romo | Rookie

Romo previously played with the U.S. Junior National Team. This year, he said he wasn't too worried about making the men's team since it was his first time and he had nothing to lose.

He said even if he didn't make it, he was getting a chance, and with everything he learned over the course of the tryout, he could bring it back home to his team.

Once his name was called, he was left in awe.

"I just sat there for a minute and I was like, 'Wait. That's my name. I have to get up now,'" Romo said.

Prior to the tryout, Romo told his family when the selections would be announced. After being selected, he wasn't able to call his mom for a couple of hours because he had to be briefed on what's next and tour the training center.

During those two hours, Romo said his mom thought he didn't make the team because he hadn't called, but once he gave her the news, his family was left speechless.

"Looking back at where I

was, before I started playing wheelchair basketball and now, so many things have changed for me," Romo said. "I've gotten so many opportunities."

### Alejandro Pabon | Third-year veteran

Three years ago, Pabon had never really thought about playing wheelchair rugby. After getting some exposure, in that same year, he tried out for the national team and nailed it on his first shot.

He said his first year was about exponential growth, last year was about learning the game and building his IQ and now, this year is about building his player profile, figuring out what type of player he wants to be and finding his niche.

In his first year, Pabon made the training squad for the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio. Prior to the games, he went through another selection process. Pabon didn't make the cut to play in the games, which put him down, but he used that to train harder so the coaches won't have a reason to cut him again, he said.

"I'm taking every year, year by year, making sure I stay on the team," Pabon said. "I'm doing what I need to do to make sure that when Tokyo comes, I'm gonna be there."

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TENNIS

## Players recall adjustment to culture

The UTA Tennis program features athletes from over 10 countries.

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Syllabi, quizzes, scantrons and finals.

All the things that come with being a college student.

Now, imagine doing these things in a different country and in a different language.

Senior tennis player Agustina Serio, a native of Argentina, said it took time for her to adjust to English.

"It took me about two semesters to be totally comfortable in the classroom," Serio said. "I speak Spanish a lot of the time."

The 15 players that make up both the men's and women's tennis teams are all foreign players.

None come from English-speaking countries.

Spain, India, Japan and Argentina are some of the countries represented on the teams.

There are big differences in how course work is presented

between the U.S. and Argentina.

"The way the classes are organized is different. Over there, you just study for the test," Serio said. "Here you have homework, you have more opportunities like quizzes that help your grade, I like that."

Head coach Diego Benitez, from Venezuela, also faced the same difficulties when he came to the U.S. to play college tennis.

"Every time you come to a different culture and different country you have to adjust and you have to adjust quick," Benitez says. "They have to deal with the pressure of maintaining grades and athletic performance. I know this because I did it myself when I went to a university and played tennis for a scholarship."

Benitez said with tennis being a very international sport, he and his staff use their connections worldwide to recruit student athletes.

"UTA is amazing in this regard. They have invested so much on academic support for all of our athletes.



The Shorthorn: Duy Vu

Junior Guanarteme Nuez, left, and senior Agustina Serio, right, stand on the tennis court at the UTA Tennis Center on west campus Jan. 23. Nuez, came from the Canary Islands, a territory off the coast of Africa, and Serio is a native of Argentina.

We count on various student advisers whose only job is to make sure they are doing well in classes and registering in the right classes," Benitez said. "If there are any problems, we try and target those troubles early so that they don't become a big issue."

Benitez said he believes the

U.S. is a unique place for student athletes.

"There is no other place in the world other than the USA where you can combine a high level of education with a high level of athletics," Benitez said. "The NCAA and the schools here in America provide a system where you can excel in

both."

Junior Guanarteme Nuez, who is from the Canary Islands, a territory of Spain off the coast of Africa, said he misses the island life.

"I lived on an island. I was used to always be near the beach," Nuez said. "Here at UTA, I haven't checked a GPS, but the nearest beach is really far."

According to the University of Pennsylvania, Spain has the fifth highest number of foreign athletes competing in the NCAA.

"Spain has really good athletes, I don't know why," Nuez says. "The Spanish government and federations don't help the athletes. The athletes just work really hard and that is the most important thing."

Luckily with technology, getting a piece of home can be just a phone call away.

"I can call my parents with FaceTime, see how my grandpa is doing. I do that when I get lonely," Nuez said.

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