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### STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## New SC president elected

Current SC Vice President Loan Ho will become the new president Tuesday.

BY HEBA SAID  
The Shorthorn opinion editor

Business marketing senior Loan Ho is UTA's next Student Congress president.

Ho, current SC vice president, will be sworn in Tuesday.

Ho said she hopes to continue working on increasing the sense of community and connection to Student Congress on campus.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for me to continue and interact with students, faculty, staff and administrators," Ho said.

Exercise science senior Christopher Woolen, the other presidential candidate, said he is happy to be serving a one-year term as a College of Education and Health Professions senator. Two other candidates will serve six-month terms as senators.

"I'm feeling good," Woolen said. "I recognize that Loan is a great candidate to run against."

Woolen said he hopes to push issues on behalf of international students and to boost the relationship between UTA and Arlington, as well as the Student Congress and student



The Shorthorn: Adrian Gandara

**Outgoing Student Congress President Varun Mallipaddi hugs** incoming President Loan Ho after election results were posted Tuesday inside the University Center. Ho, who serves as SC vice president, won by 157 votes.

organization relationship.

Current President Varun Mallipaddi, a finance senior graduating in May, said these moments are bittersweet.

"I've been on the receiving end of loss," he said. "I hope that time will heal, and they don't lose faith in student life."

Mallipaddi said that he is confident Ho will lead Student

Congress well.

"I have extreme confidence in Loan, and especially working so close with her this last year," he said. "I think with hope and instinct she will develop that and take it to the next level."

Ho said she hopes to see the things she has worked on this year as the vice president implemented next year, as

implementation of resolutions usually takes a lot of time.

"We have a couple of resolutions that are going through and a couple that we have passed this year," she said. "I would like to see those implemented, and to help the administration see how impor-

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### SAFETY

## Prepare for tornado season

University document outlines precautions to take for severe weather.

BY VALLARI GUPTA  
The Shorthorn project editor

Arlington lies in tornado alley, an area that is affected by tornado season from April to October.

Two years ago, UTA was in the middle of a tornado that left damaged houses and businesses in its wake along with hundreds of millions of dollars of loss from damage, according to a previous story in The Shorthorn.

Robert Smith, Fire and Life Safety associate director, said students should take precautions before a severe weather situation sneaks up on them. Smith is also on the management team for Maverick Safety Matters, a document available on the UTA website.

Maverick Safety Matters outlines how to prepare for a severe weather situation, the steps one should take during severe weather and the relief measures that can be taken after a tornado.

Paying attention to the

### JUST IN CASE...

In case of severe weather, students are advised to follow these steps to stay safe.

1. Get in an interior room on the lowest level of the building you are in, like a basement, ground floor or hallway.
2. Move away from windows and glass doors.
3. Stay put in the protected area until you are sure there is no danger.
4. Stay tuned in with radio and TV.

### IF YOU ARE OUTDOORS

1. Go into a brick structure if possible
2. Get to a low area, such as a ditch.
3. Cover your head and face.

Source: UTA Emergency Procedures Quick Reference Guide

radio and TV can help students decide about their commute to and from campus, he said.

"It would alert someone if

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### ALUMNI

## Survivor recalls Boston Marathon attack

Jennifer McAlister will attempt to cross the finish line again this year.

BY DAVID DUNN  
The Shorthorn life editor

Jennifer McAlister was physically and mentally exhausted from running for more than 25 miles. After many arduous months of training, running in 12 other marathons and pushing herself to run harder and faster, the alumna could see the finish line just ahead of her.

"I was physically exhausted," she said. "As I turned on Boylston Street, I had so many different emotions. On one hand, I was so excited because I couldn't believe I was actually getting ready to cross the finish line. That was such a sought after, almost unobtainable, dream for so long, because it's so hard to qualify."

She was running in the 2013 Boston Marathon.

As her tennis shoes pounded against the pavement, she heard what sounded like fireworks. But there were none.

A bomb went off. McAlister said everybody froze.

"I looked up at the police officer, and he was panicking," she said. "You can tell it

was serious. He was looking at me and he was like, 'Run, run,' and he was pointing the other way. I looked up. Bystanders started running the other way."

At 2:49 p.m., April 15, 2013, tragedy struck America. Two bombs went off at the Boston Marathon, killing three people and injuring more than 260. In remembrance of those impacted, the city of Boston hosted a special tribute Tuesday, including speeches from survivors, music interludes from the Boston Children's Chorus and a moment of silence.

McAlister was seconds away from being caught in the bomb's blast. One of the things that saved her was stopping earlier in the marathon to take a picture with one of her inspirations, Mike Hoyt, part of the father-son Team Hoyt who pushes his son who has cerebral palsy through many athletic triathlons. McAlister said that if she hadn't done that, she would have been at the finish line when the bomb went off.

McAlister said to make it into the Boston Marathon, she needed to complete a previous marathon at three hours and 45 minutes.



Courtesy: Jennifer McAlister

**From left to right: Toni Biggerstaff, Jennifer McAlister and Team Hoyt run** at the Boston Marathon. McAlister decided to stop and take a picture with them before continuing her run on April 15, 2013.

"Last year was my very first time at the Boston Marathon," she said. "It was

my 13th marathon, and I had tried to qualify for that thing. It took me 12 times

before I finally qualified. I worked so hard to get there." When the bombs started

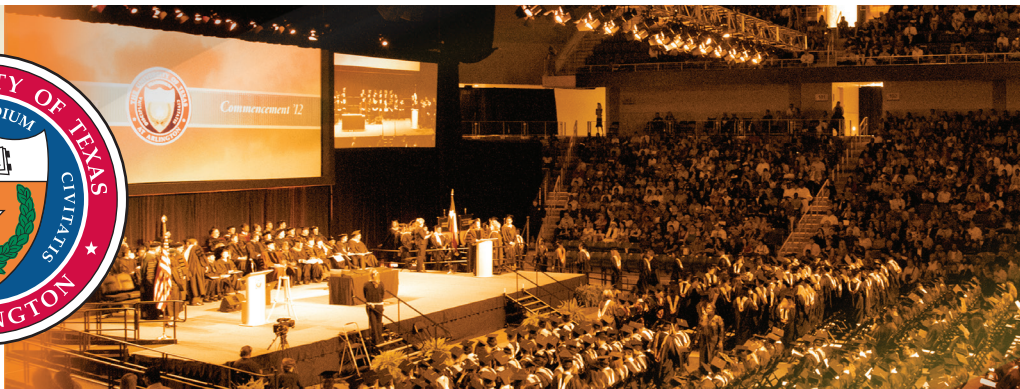
exploding, crossing the finish line. **BOSTON** continues on page 11

## Save the Date

# Commencement '14

May 9-11, 2014

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STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

‘Shorthorn’ wins big at state convention

The Shorthorn won 41 awards at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association state convention, held in San Antonio from Thursday to Saturday.

“Once we started seeing our name over and over again, it was pretty thrilling,” Student Publications director Beth Francesco said.

The convention allows students to gain recognition for their work as journalists. The convention is composed of all two-year and four-year schools in Texas with student media. The convention involves live contests, workshops and an awards breakfast. The Shorthorn competed against daily newspapers from four-year universities, such as Texas Christian University, Baylor University and the University of North Texas, during the contests, Francesco said.

“I think that the recognition that the students earned, during the convention and for the work that they produced in the last year, really shows what we’re doing with student media,” Francesco said. “Going digital first, really emphasizing reaching our readers, using our web and digital tools — it’s the right thing to do.”

Francesco said the convention allowed students to think on their feet and forced students to compete in job market situations. Initial preparation began in December, during which contest materials for recognition were submitted.

Students were recognized for various categories during the convention, including breaking news stories, feature stories and photography design from the past year. Students also were recognized for their performance in the live contests, Francesco said.

The Shorthorn also won the Best of Show award for its April 9 newspaper issue, Francesco said.

“That, to me, is the big award,” Francesco said. “That, to me, says we know what we’re doing and, not only that, but we’re doing it well.”

Francesco said that she hopes the awards won will give students a sense of confidence in their skills.

“That confidence, I think, can really bring us to the next level when it comes to working on things that will benefit our readers,” Francesco said.

-Dahlia Muana

STUDENT SERVICES

Feedback surveys available Thursday

Student Feedback Survey invitations will be issued Thursday.

Access to the survey will close at 11 p.m. May 2.

The student feedback surveys are students’s opportunity to give the university feedback on their educational experience, said David Silva, vice provost of Faculty Affairs.

“If we don’t know that something needs attention, we can’t possibly work towards correcting it,” Silva said.

The surveys are where students can really make a difference and where they can tell the university what worked and what did not work, Silva said.

“If students don’t provide us with that information, how can we possibly improve?” Silva said.

When faculty members are being nominated for teaching awards, copies of the surveys are included in their review packets, Silva said.

For more information go to [www.uta.edu/sfs](http://www.uta.edu/sfs).

-Rafael Sears

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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 [noell@uta.edu](mailto:noell@uta.edu).

**Master of Fine Arts Exhibition in the Gallery at UTA:** Candidates for the MFA degree present an exhibition demonstrating their skills in film, video, glass, intermedia and visual communication. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All week. The Gallery at UTA. Free. Contact Patricia Healy at 817-272-5658 or [phealy@uta.edu](mailto:phealy@uta.edu).

**Celebrating People and Planet:** UTA’s Earth Day event where local vendors will sell Earth day T-shirts and giving out herb plants to spread environmental awareness. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. University Center mall. Free. Contact Becky Valentich at 817-272-0199 or [becky@uta.edu](mailto:becky@uta.edu).

**UTA Faculty and Student Showcase Exhibit:** Samples of work from UTA students and faculty that highlight a variety of media. Noon to 6 p.m. All week. Gallery 76102, 1401 Jones St., Fort Worth. Free. Contact Rachel Kennedy at 817-272-0365 or [gallery76102@uta.edu](mailto:gallery76102@uta.edu).

**MAVS Talk Grief:** A seminar where students can learn the different aspects of grief and how to cope. 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Pickard Hall Room 104. Free. Contact Cindy Manzano at 817-272-3671.

set out on an adventure in search of pirate treasure that could save their homes from foreclosure. 7 p.m. Today. Studio Movie Grill, 225 Merchants Row. \$2. For more information, contact the venue at 817-466-4440.

**ENTERTAINMENT: Goose Island Beer Dinner:** Olenjack’s Grille is hosting a beer, pairing courses with beer selections from Goose Island Beer Co. Menu items such as barbecue oysters and slow-braised antelope ribs will be served with Belgian style ales. 7 p.m. Today. Olenjack’s Grille, 770 W. Road to 6 Flags St. \$65. For more information, contact the venue at 817-226-2600.

**SPORTS: Softball vs. North Texas:** 6 p.m. Denton. Coverage: @UTAShorthorn

THURSDAY

**Mock Interview Day:** Employers will be available to students to conduct mock interviews with and offer feedback on how to make the interview better. 1-4 p.m. Davis Hall Room 216. Free. Contact the Career Development Center at 817-272-2932 or [careers@uta.edu](mailto:careers@uta.edu).

**Block Party:** An end-of-the-year celebration for students with live music, carnival-style treats, games and activities. 6 p.m. University Center mall. Free. Contact University Events at 817-272-2963 or [excel-universityevents@uta.edu](mailto:excel-universityevents@uta.edu).



The Shorthorn: File photo

**Dallas resident Toby Benso plays** guitar on stage with Tim Halperin during the Block Party on April 18, 2013 at the University Center Bluebonnet Ballroom. Block Party will take place Thursday and will feature live music and games at the event.

**CMAS 2014 Distinguished Lecture:** Antonio Flores, president of the National Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities will speak to students and faculty. 6:30 p.m. Chemistry and Physics Building Room 303. Free. Contact Alma Rick at 817-272-2933 or [arick@uta.edu](mailto:arick@uta.edu).

**Global Grounds:** Mingle with people from around the world and enjoy beverages and light snacks. 4-5:30 p.m. University Center Palo Duro Lounge. Free. Contact Ariella Chi at 817-272-2355 or [ariella@uta.edu](mailto:ariella@uta.edu).

**Alumni Chapter Networking Happy Hour:** Join alumni from Fort Worth Center and

UTA for happy hour at Flying Saucer. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Flying Saucer Draught Emporium, 111 E. 3rd St., Fort Worth. Free, drinks and appetizers available for purchase. Contact 817-272-5988 or [utafw@uta.edu](mailto:utafw@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, adults are \$6. Contact the Planetarium at 817-272-1183 or [planetarium@uta.edu](mailto:planetarium@uta.edu).

**Spring Jazz Concert:** The UTA Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Orchestra will perform. 7:30-9 p.m. Texas Hall. \$8 general, \$5 students and seniors. Contact Music Department at [music@uta.edu](mailto:music@uta.edu).

**ENTERTAINMENT: Beginners Raja Yoga Meditation:** This course introduces topics such as understanding and improving thought patterns, meditation to detach from negative influences and understanding the law of cause and effect. 7 p.m. Thursday. Arlington Meditation Center, 1016 N. Davis Dr. Free. For more information, contact the venue at 817-704-3298.

**SPORTS: Track at Mt. SAC Relays:** All day. Walnut, Calif. Coverage: @UTAShorthorn

**SPORTS: Women’s tennis at Sun Belt Conference Tournament:** TBA. New Orleans. Coverage: @UTAShorthorn

**SPORTS: Men’s tennis at Sun Belt Conference Tournament:** TBA. New Orleans. Coverage: @UTAShorthorn

FRIDAY

**Major Exploration Seminar:** Students can attend this information seminar to discuss selecting a major with an adviser and learn about campus resources. Noon to 1 p.m. Preston Hall Room 104. Free. Contact Soyla Santos at 817-272-3140 or [exploringmajors@uta.edu](mailto:exploringmajors@uta.edu).

**Frontier Odyssey:** The Lives and Legacy of Cynthia and Quanah Parker: A two-day symposium that will look at their lives in the scope of 19th century Comanche-Anglo relations. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Central Library sixth floor. Free. Contact Sam Haynes at 817-272-3998 or [swcenter@uta.edu](mailto:swcenter@uta.edu).

**Back to the Moon for Good:** Learn about the moon’s resources and discover what humanity’s future on the moon might hold. Narrated by Tim Allen. 6-7 p.m. Planetarium. Children’s tickets are \$4, adults are \$6. Contact the Planetarium at 817-272-1183 or [planetarium@uta.edu](mailto:planetarium@uta.edu).

**Friends of the Library:** Glenn Frankel analyzes the film *The Searchers* from 1956, which is loosely based on the life of Cynthia Ann Parker, who was captured by Comanches in 1836. 7:30 p.m. Central Library sixth floor. Free. Contact 817-272-1413 or [LibraryFriends@uta.edu](mailto:LibraryFriends@uta.edu).

**ENTERTAINMENT: 11th Annual First Amendment Awards:** Celebrate the best newspaper, broadcast, online and multimedia journalism in the region and enjoy dinner in the Cachere! Restaurant’s Seventh Floor Grand Ballroom. Keynote speaker: Brett Shipp of WFAA-TV Channel 8. 6 p.m. Friday. Cachere! Restaurant, 2221 E. Lamar Blvd. \$50. For more information, contact the venue at 817-640-9981.

**SPORTS: Baseball vs. Louisiana-Lafayette:** 6:30 p.m. Clay Gould Ballpark. \$3 students, \$5 general admission. Coverage: @UTAShorthorn

**SPORTS: Softball vs. Louisiana-Monroe:** 5 p.m. Allan Saxe Field. Free. Coverage: @UTAShorthorn

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SATURDAY

**Annual Alumni and Friends Picnic:** An afternoon filled with fun with a bounce house for children, burgers and games for children of all ages and a Maverick Egg Hunt. Noon to 2 p.m. at Clay Gould Ballpark. Alumni Association members \$10, nonmembers \$15. Contact Cody Meyers at 817-272-2594 or [Uta\\_alumni@uta.edu](mailto:Uta_alumni@uta.edu).

**Molecularium:** A musical cartoon about atoms, molecules and the three states of matter. 1-2 p.m. Planetarium. Children’s tickets are \$4, adults are \$6. Contact the Planetarium at 817-272-1183 or [planetarium@uta.edu](mailto:planetarium@uta.edu).

**Pink Floyd-Wish You Were Here:** ’60s-style

laser light show to the music of Pink Floyd. 7-8 p.m. Planetarium. Children’s tickets are \$4, adult tickets are \$6. Contact the Planetarium at 817-272-1183 or [planetarium@uta.edu](mailto:planetarium@uta.edu).

**ENTERTAINMENT: Sirg Casino Royale Fund-raiser:** Strong Individuals Reaching Goals’ annual fundraiser features casino fun, dancing, food and prizes. 8 p.m. Saturday. M & B Lounge, 2535 E. Arkansas Lane. \$50-\$75. For more information, contact the venue at 817-462-0016.

**ENTERTAINMENT: Fifth Annual Blue White Crawfish Boil:** This scholarship fundraiser will feature an Easter egg hunt, basketball, games and seafood. 2 p.m. Saturday. S.J. Stovall Park, 2800 W. Sublett Road. \$15-\$25. For more information, contact the venue at 817-459-5474.

**SPORTS: Baseball vs. Louisiana-Lafayette:** 2 p.m. Clay Gould Ballpark. \$3 students, \$5 general admission. Coverage: @UTAShorthorn

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**SPORTS: Track at Michael Johnson Classic:** All day. Waco. Coverage: @UTAShorthorn

SUNDAY

**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 the Planetarium at 817-272-1183 or [planetarium@uta.edu](mailto:planetarium@uta.edu).

**ENTERTAINMENT: Easter Brunch at Olenjack’s:** Olenjack’s Grille is offering an Easter brunch, featuring items ranging from pork migas with tomato sauce to assorted fruit parfaits and macaroni four cheese casserole to banana pudding cheesecake. 10 a.m. Sunday. Olenjack’s Grille, 770 W. Road to Six Flags St. \$13-\$28. For more information, contact the venue at 817-226-2600.

**ENTERTAINMENT: Saturday Story Time:** Arlington Public Libraries invites children of all ages to listen to seasonal stories presented by a librarian and a related craft or activity after. 11 a.m. Saturday. River Legacy Living Science Center, 703 NW Green Oaks Blvd. Free. For more information, contact the venue at 817-860-6752.

**SPORTS: Baseball vs. Louisiana-Lafayette:** 1 p.m. Clay Gould Ballpark. \$3 students, \$5 general admission. Coverage: @UTAShorthorn

MONDAY

**Earth Day:** A celebration of Earth Day. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. University Center mall. Free. Contact Tina Scott 817-272-9220 or [tjscott@uta.edu](mailto:tjscott@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.

**SPORTS: Golf at Sun Belt Championship:** All day. Biloxi, Miss. Coverage: @UTAShorthorn

TUESDAY

**Afternoon Variety Showcase:** Teams play against each other or as individuals in the game In it to Win It where they will race each other and the clock to win prizes. 1-2 p.m. University Center Palo Duro Lounge. Free. Contact Campus Traditions at 817-272-2963 or [excel-traditions@uta.edu](mailto:excel-traditions@uta.edu).

**Leadership Recognition Ceremony:** An annual celebration of leadership at UTA that honors student leaders, organizations and advisers in the community. 7 p.m. Bluebonnet Ballroom. Free. Contact Tina Scott at 817-272-9220 or [tjscott2@uta.edu](mailto:tjscott2@uta.edu).

**Percussion Ensemble and Faculty Concert:** A concert featuring UTA music faculty, the UTA Percussion Ensemble and the UTA World Ensemble. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Irons Recital Hall. Free. Contact the Music Department at 817-272-3471 or [music@uta.edu](mailto:music@uta.edu).

**SPORTS: Baseball vs. Oklahoma:** 6 p.m. Norman, Okla. Coverage: @UTAShorthorn

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# NEWS

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## Getting the third degree

Graduate student will pursue nursing education degree

BY TANASIA CURTIS  
The Shorthorn staff

Nursing graduate student Marci Ayers has two nursing degrees, and now she is pursuing her third degree to become a nursing educator.

Ayers' dream to teach started when she was a baton-twirling instructor, but she gained an interest in nursing when she took a few classes during her first stretch of college, leading her to earn a vocational nursing license.

After a career in optometry and home health care office management, she went back to school to receive her associate degree and then a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

She continued her education, earning a national certification in the clinical specialty of medical surgical nursing, which is the practice of a broad range of settings in the nursing field.

She is also a clinical educator, interacting with UTA faculty and students.

"I love seeing the light go on in the students," Ayers said. "I love seeing them become strong, independent nurses taking care of their patients."

Ayers is working toward an Master of Science in Nursing Education, which prepares educators to work in academic environments and clinical settings.

The degree will enhance her ability to be able to teach at a university level and allow her the option to become a director of education in a hospital setting, she said.

She started pursuing the degree in 2009, taking one class a semester while working as a registered nurse, she said.

"It was a long-term goal," she said. "I really love learning, so it's a great opportunity."

She said that being a lifelong learner, individuals have to be willing to continue to learn because health care changes so rapidly, it demands nurses's skills and knowledge to stay sharp.

Ayers will be graduating May 10.

Jennifer Gray, the College of Nursing interim dean, was one of her he-



The Shorthorn: Richard Hoang

Nursing graduate student Marci Ayers is expected to earn her third degree in May. Ayers' new degree prepares her to teach at the university level as well as becoming a director of education in a hospital setting.

roes in nursing and academic teaching, Ayers said.

Gray said that she and

**"I really love learning, so it's a great opportunity."**

**Marci Ayers**  
Nursing graduate student

Ayers shared a love for working in Africa. Ayers joined her on a trip to nursing workshops in Uganda, Africa, last summer.

"I see her being a nurse that is always interested in improving herself. She has the skills in achieving her goals," Gray said. "A major goal of hers is to be able to benefit people in other countries, such as Ugan-

da."

Ayers' current degree will allow her to teach nursing in other countries, Gray said.

"I'm honored that she considers me a hero," Gray said. "I admire her as an excellent teacher. She's very nice, and she has a heart for helping other people."

Ayers said she considers her supervisor and director, Kathy Cantu to be an inspiration to her as well.

Cantu said that she and Ayers worked together when she was an educator, and Ayers was a staff nurse at Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth.

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"She is a dynamic and engaging person," Cantu said. "She really takes an interest in all her students and is passionate about teaching."

Cantu said she thinks anyone would be lucky to have Ayers as an instructor.

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### STUDENT SERVICES

## UTA to address disabled veteran parking concerns

Unapparent handicaps have led to harassment about parking.

BY KATHRYN CARGO  
The Shorthorn senior staff

Disabled student veterans at UTA have experienced harassment by staff and students about their right to park in handicap and meter parking areas, said Ezell Clark, Student Veteran Project intern peer facilitator.

Veterans who have a Disabled Veteran license plate can park in accessible parking areas and parking meters for free, according to the Texas Governor's website.

Clark works with disabled veterans on campus. The issue surfaced when some of Clark's clients told him they had been asked why they were parked in an accessible space. Some were issued parking tickets where they could legally park.

"One client even had a note on his car saying, 'Why are you parking here?'" Clark said.

Some people do not have visible disabilities, Clark said, like those with post-traumatic stress disorder. Many assume those who park in handicap spots have to have a disability that is visible, he said.

"It's important. For one, the respect and the human compassion aspect," Clark said. "Just because someone does not appear to be disabled, that doesn't mean they are not working though some type of challenge."

Social work senior Lashawnda Pringle is a disabled veteran and Student Veteran Project intern peer facilitator. Pringle suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder and a lower back condition. Pringle was in a training accident, and loud noises can startle her and fluster her for the rest of the day, she said. Her vehicle can be a safe haven during the day if she needs to get away.

"Dealing with PTSD or any type of disability, it's already hard to leave home," Pringle said. "If I was to come to campus and be confronted, I'm going to take it offensively and my anxiety is going to be high."

Pringle speaks in place of disabled student veterans who have been approached but do not want to be identified because they do not want the

stigma, she said.

"I live with this every day of my entire life," Pringle said "It is not anyone's place to know what my disability is. There are veterans who have amputated legs, and they might wear pants that day. You might not know if their missing part of their leg."

If someone thinks a vehicle is parked incorrectly, they should go to the police and let them check on it and not approach the driver of the vehicle, Pringle said.

"There are people on campus that are disabled and you can't see what's wrong them," she said. "Don't approach anybody, especially if you don't know for sure if they are breaking the law or not."

UTA is clarifying how the law regarding the Disabled Veteran license plates affects cam-

**"Dealing with PTSD or any type of disability, it's already hard to leave home."**

**Lashawnda Pringle**  
Student Veteran Project intern peer facilitator

pus parking policies, UTA spokeswoman Kristin Sullivan said. The university wants to make sure the parking policies are compliant with the state law. While the university is seeking clarification, no parking citations will be issued to cars with Disabled Veteran license plates and UTA Police and parking control employees will undergo additional education, Sullivan said.

If a student or individual feels the ticket was issued in error, he or she should contact Parking Services and provide the citation number. Sullivan said issues cannot be resolved if they are not reported.

Alexa Smith-Osborne, social work associate professor, is the principal investigator for the Student Veteran Project at the Center for Clinical Social Work. She said they have reached out to Equal Employment Opportunity Services at UTA and the Office for Students with Disabilities. One idea to raise awareness is to add an informational section to the parking application about Disabled Veteran license plates, Clark said.

"I think improved education and awareness and on the behalf of persons with visible and indivisible disabilities will help," Smith-Osborne said. "Also, advocacy to change attitudes towards persons with disabilities to a more inclusive and less judgmental and stigmatized attitude."

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### Daily Crime Log

#### FRIDAY

**Vehicle theft – assist Arlington Police Department**  
UTA Police assisted Arlington Police Department with the reported theft of a student's vehicle.

#### SATURDAY

**Minor driving under the influence**  
A minor was arrested in connection with drunken driving and taken to Arlington jail.

**Public intoxication and consumption of alcohol by a minor**

A student was arrested in connection with public intoxication and underage drinking.

#### SUNDAY

**DWI**  
A nonstudent was arrested in connection with drunken driving.

**DWI – open alcohol container**  
A student was arrested in connection with drunken driving after officers stopped a vehicle driving on a blown-out tire.

#### MONDAY

**DWI – third or more**  
A nonstudent was arrested in connection with a third or

more DWI and taken to Arlington jail.

#### Theft

A student reported the theft of his bike at Timber Brook apartments.

#### Hit-and-run – assist Arlington Police Department

An officer assisted Arlington Police Department with the investigation of an off-campus hit-and-run accident.

#### Credit card abuse

A staff member reported credit card abuse at Davis Hall.

#### Criminal trespass

A nonstudent was arrested in connection with criminal trespass after violating a current criminal trespass warning.

#### THURSDAY

**Reckless damage or destruction of property**  
Officer was dispatched to Trinity Dorm in regard to a damaged gate arm.

#### Duty on striking unattended vehicle

Officers investigated the report of Duty Upon Striking an Unattended Vehicle located at the Civil Engineering Lab on Mitchell Street.

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TESTING SERVICES





TOP PERFORMERS

Each week, *The Shorthorn* selects players from different teams who had the top performances of the week.

BASEBALL

**BRADY COX**  
**vs. Houston Baptist:** 1 hit, 2 RBIs, 1 run, 5 at-bats  
**vs. Georgia State:** 4 hits, 3 RBIs, 3 runs, 13 at-bats

**ERIC TATE**  
**vs. Georgia State:** 6 hits, 3 RBIs, 4 runs. 11 at-bats

SOFTBALL

**REBECCA STOKES**  
**vs. Abilene Christian:** 1 hit, 1 run, 3 at-bats  
**vs. Troy:** 3 hits, 5 RBIs, 7 at-bats

**NINA VILLANUEVA**  
**vs. Abilene Christian:** 4 hits, 1 RBI, 2 runs, 4 at-bats  
**vs. Troy:** 3 hits, 2 runs, 5 at-bats

MEN’S TENNIS

**FRANCESCO MIGLIANO**  
**vs. Southern Methodist University**  
**Singles:** 6-3,6-2

TRACK

**CLAYTON VAUGHN**  
**at Texas Invitational**  
**Place:** First  
**Distance:** 100-meter  
**Time:** 10.07

**EMIL BLOMBERG**  
**at Texas Invitational**  
**Place:** Fourth  
**Distance:** 1500-meter  
**Time:** 3:59.79

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

BASEBALL

1. Louisiana-Lafayette (34-4 overall, 14-1 Sun Belt)
2. Arkansas State (20-16 overall, 10-5 Sun Belt)
3. Texas State (19-16 overall, 8-7 Sun Belt)
4. UTA (16-20 overall, 8-7 Sun Belt)
5. Western Kentucky (19-17 overall, 7-8 Sun Belt)
6. Louisiana-Monroe (16-22 overall, 7-8 Sun Belt)
7. Troy (19-18 overall, 6-8 Sun Belt)
8. South Alabama (16-19 overall, 6-8 Sun Belt)
9. Georgia State (17-20 overall, 5-10 Sun Belt)
10. Arkansas-Little Rock (13-20 overall, 3-12 Sun Belt)

SOFTBALL

1. Louisiana-Lafayette (30-7-1 overall, 11-1 Sun Belt)
2. Western Kentucky (28-13-1 overall, 8-3 Sun Belt)
3. South Alabama (32-8 overall, 9-4 Sun Belt)
4. Georgia State (23-21 overall, 7-5 Sun Belt)
5. Louisiana-Monroe (18-16 overall, 4-7 Sun Belt)
6. Texas State (21-24 overall, 4-8 Sun Belt)
7. Troy (18-25-2 overall, 2-9 Sun Belt)
8. UTA (17-24 overall, 2-9 Sun Belt)

Stats From the Game:

**Tuesday:** UT-Austin def. UTA 10-2  
**Derek Miller:** 1 hit, RBI, 3 at-bats  
**Ryan Bottger:** 2 hits, run, 4 at-bats

**UT-AUSTIN**  
**Tres Barrea:** 2 hits, 4 RBIs, run, 3 at-bats  
**Ben Johnson:** 2 hits, 3 RBIs, 4 runs, 3 at-bats

TENNIS

Team pulls ahead before tournament

Mavericks won last 3 matches, finishing the regular season 12-7.

BY MARISA GUZMAN  
The Shorthorn senior staff

The women’s tennis team will make its first appearance in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament this week and is hoping its newfound sense of balance will be enough to lead the team to a championship title.

“This weekend is going to be a real battle,” head coach Diego Benitez said. “The top four teams in the conference all have a chance to win it. It’s going to be dog-eat-dog, but the girls are really ready to go out there and defend UTA.”

The Mavericks are vying for their seventh conference championship and first since 2011 while also looking to relinquish memories from last season when UTA lost in the first round of the Western Athletic Conference Tournament.

UTA suffered back-to-back sweeps to conclude the 2013 regular season and lost 4-2 to the University of Idaho to end its run in the WAC Tournament.

Unlike last season, however, the team is storming into the Sun Belt tournament red hot as they have won three consecutive matches.

“I think anybody can take the win, but it’s exciting to be part of a conference that is so strong and that can bring the name of our university so much higher,” Benitez said.

The Mavericks haven’t lost since March 19 and have defeated seven of their last 10 opponents.

After the women’s team returned from a midseason series in California, where the Mavericks played four matches in five days, UTA appeared to be slipping as they sat two games above .500.

Something had to

ONLINE

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change for UTA, and after upsetting Southern Methodist University with a 4-3 win, the team went undefeated to finish the regular season 12-7.

“The coaches took a back seat and let us rest,” sophomore Elizabeth Thoms said about how the team turned its season around. “Training became a little lighter, and we began taking care of our bodies more. Before each match, we were really fresh to come play and really wanted it.”

The Mavericks took off after clinching their season-defining win against Southern Methodist and followed it with a 4-0 sweep against the University of North Texas.

Thoms said the team has been consistent in its matches lately and is mentally set for the conference tournament, which begins Thursday in New Orleans.

“I think everyone started to understand what kind of competition this is and what it takes to compete,” senior Giada D’ortona said. “We also found a good balance in the lineup with the doubles teams so everything started to kick in.”

D’ortona has played with two different doubles partners this season, but is 10-5 in her matches, which she plays at the No. 3 position. Thoms, on the other hand, is 7-11 in doubles but is tied for having the second most wins on the team.

“Giada and Lizzy are stepping up to do a great job in doubles and really motivating their team,” Benitez said. “We also have a great group of freshmen that have gotten the hang of the game really quickly. Even though the game is hard, they were able to adapt so fast.”

UTA came into the sea-



The Shorthorn: Adrian Gandara

**Psychology junior Verena Scott returns** a serve during practice Tuesday at the Tennis Center. The team will compete in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament on Thursday.

son losing three players from last year’s team and had four freshmen who are experiencing college tennis for the first time.

The Mavericks were also beginning the season as a new member of the Sun Belt and got their first taste of the conference March 9 when the team swept the University of Louisiana-

Monroe 4-0.

Although the second conference match against the University of South Alabama was left unfinished, the Mavericks were still playing closely against the Jaguars, Benitez said.

UTA went into the WAC Tournament as the No. 4 seed last season before they were eliminated in the in

the quarterfinals. The team will look to use its improved sense of balance this week when they begin their endeavour through the Sun Belt Conference Championship, which will begin Thursday.

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MOVIN’ MAVS

Women’s team brings in elite recruiting class

2 incoming freshmen will join the wheelchair basketball program.

BY JESSE DETIENNE  
The Shorthorn staff

The Lady Movin’ Mavs wheelchair basketball team signed two incoming freshmen to letters of intent to mark their first official signing class in program history.

Rose Hollerman and Josie Aslakson will join the team in the fall and could play pivotal roles next season.

“People are looking at UTA for a legitimate place to play wheelchair basketball,” head coach Doug Garner said.

Both Hollerman and Aslakson are Minnesota natives and are from Elysian and Jordan, respectively.

Hollerman was a player on the 2012 Paralympic United States women’s basketball team, which took fourth place in London after losing in the bronze medal game to the Netherlands.

Hollerman is also a three-time National Junior Wheelchair Basketball National Champion and, along with Aslakson, helped the Junior Rolling Timberwolves to the 2014 National Championship Tournament

“When I toured UTA, I



Courtesy: Jose Aslakson

**Josie Aslakson, left, and Rose Hollerman will join** the Lady Movin’ Mavs in the fall. Hollerman played on the U.S. Paralympic women’s wheelchair basketball team in the the 2012 Paralympics.

loved the fact that it’s a big school but also has a small campus,” Aslakson said.

Both players chose UTA instead of the University of Alabama and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, which defeated Alabama in the finals of the National Intercollegiate Wheelchair

Basketball Tournament in March.

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania was another option for the players, but the women’s wheelchair basketball program was dropped from the university, Garner said.

“To get started with the

group we had this season is huge,” Garner said about the Lady Movin’ Mavs in their first season. “The women’s team really struggled this season, and we knew that was going to happen.”

The Lady Movin’ Mavs were disqualified in the first round of the National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Association Tournament after not having enough players available to compete, but played anyway in an exhibition game and defeated Edinboro University, 38-26.

Aslakson said she felt that the Lady Movin’ Mavs appeared to be a family and wanted to be a big part of that.

One recruiting advantage that Garner said the Lady Movin’ Mavs have over other universities is the cost factor of attending UTA. Garner said that UTA can waive the out-of-state tuition cost for athletes, which plays an important role in recruiting athletes.

Tuition at UTA for 12 hours is \$4,439. Alabama’s is \$4,725 and Illinois’ tuition is \$5,917.

Garner said not many universities have a lot of money for women’s wheelchair basketball scholarships

ONLINE

Look for more stories about the Movin’ Mavs wheelchair basketball program online at [www.theshorthorn.com/sports](http://www.theshorthorn.com/sports).



\$4,439

tuition for 12 hours at UTA

and waiving the out-of-state fee is huge for the wheelchair basketball program at UTA.

“We can give a small amount of financial aid and getting out-of-state tuition waivers is huge,” Garner said. “It helps the girls be able to go to school.”

Along with the team, Aslakson and Hollerman also liked the Maverick Activities Center, which is the site for some of the home games for the Movin’ Mavs.

“The MAC is amazing,” Aslakson said. “I feel like I’ll be spending a lot of time there.”

With the Movin’ Mavs having seven national championships in its history, the Lady Movin’ Mavs are looking to add their first title in the record books next season. Hollerman said she is looking forward to helping the women’s wheelchair basketball program move forward.

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SOFTBALL

MAVERICKS UPCOMING HOME GAMES

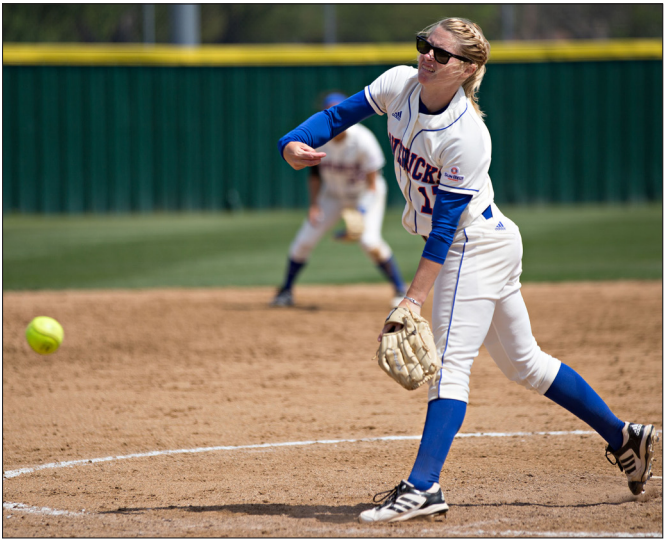
Friday: doubleheader vs. Louisiana-Monroe

Saturday: vs. Louisiana Monroe

April 23: vs. Abilene Christian

April 26: doubleheader vs. Louisiana-Lafayette

April 27: vs. Louisiana-Lafayette



Senior pitcher Callie Collins throws the ball toward home plate during a game against Troy University on Saturday at Allan Saxe Field.



Freshman catcher Kacey Everett swings for the ball during a game against Troy University on Saturday at Allan Saxe Field.

# Mavericks prepare for final homestretch

The team will play 7 of its last 11 games in Arlington.

BY VICTOR RESENDEZ  
The Shorthorn senior staff

It's all about matchups in a conference tournament. With only 11 games remaining in the regular season, the UTA softball team is in eighth place in the Sun Belt Conference standings and could be looking at playing at least three games before the championship round in the conference tournament.

The Mavericks are currently 17-24 overall and 2-9 in the conference, but they have their next seven opponents at Allan Saxe Field, where the team is 8-8.

"Every series in this conference is important for our seeding in the conference tournament," head coach Kristie Fox said. "We have to make sure that we go out and take care of our business."

The Mavericks' homestretch spans over the next 10 days and includes a three-game series with the University of Louisiana at Monroe, one game against Abilene Christian University and a three-game series against the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to conclude the stretch.

With less than a month before the Sun Belt Conference Tournament begins, UTA's six conference games in its final homestand will hold a great deal of importance in the overall outcome of the Mavericks' season.

While all eight teams in the league are invited to the Sun Belt tournament, the Mavericks conference record will determine their seeding in the tournament, and could be the difference for UTA's chance of surviving the first round of action.

The Mavericks are currently in last place in the conference, but could move up in the standings. Only 2 1/2 games separate the last five teams in the Sun Belt, and if the Mavericks come away with a strong winning record from their seven-game homestand, they could catapult themselves into a strong position in the tournament.

UTA will play a crucial game for its first series of the homestretch against Louisiana-Monroe. The Warhawks are currently fifth in the league and only two games ahead of the Mavericks with



Sophomore infielder Rebecca Stokes begins a sprint after striking the ball Saturday at Allan Saxe Field.

a 4-7 conference record. A sweep of the series would send the Mavericks past Louisiana-Monroe in the standings and place them right in the middle of the standings.

Despite winning one out of 10 games since March 16, the team compiled a 2-1 record in its last three games and the Mavericks outscored their opponents 15-5.

Junior infielder Nina Villanueva, who holds a team-high .347 batting average, is on a seven-game hitting streak. With Callie Collins, current Sun Belt Conference Pitcher of the Week, the Mavericks put together their first winning streak since March 7 by defeating Abilene Christian University and Georgia State University in back-to-back games.

"We just want to go out this week, and keep our momentum going," the senior pitcher said. "We still have a chance to finish towards the top, so these next conference series are a big deal."

The big test for this young Maverick team will come in the final series of their homestretch when they take on the first-place Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns.

ONLINE

See how the team plays in its homestretch online at [www.theshorthorn.com/sports](http://www.theshorthorn.com/sports).

The Mavericks are hoping to click at the right time before the final home series so they will take some momentum into the Louisiana-Lafayette series during the final week, Fox said.

UTA will have a slight advantage in its next seven games as all of them will be played in their own backyard at Allan Saxe Field. The team has almost three times as many wins at home than they do on the road, and its 8-8 record at Allan Saxe Field adds up to almost half of its wins this season.

"This is definitely important," Villanueva said. "We're at home, we have the home field advantage, and we're ready for our crowd to help us out."

The Mavericks will open their seven-game homestretch at 5 p.m. Friday as they get ready to take on Louisiana-Monroe at Allan Saxe Field.

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BASEBALL

# Team can't rely on power ball offense

Defeating top team in conference will require focused defense.

BY CASSIE LOGAN  
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A 0-4 start to the season wasn't what many were expecting for the UTA baseball team.

Considering the amount of talent the squad had and its success from the previous season, it came as a shock to see the Mavericks struggle against most of their opponents for the first third of the season.

Frustration appeared to be at season-high after dropping three consecutive games to Texas State University, leaving UTA 0-3 to start the conference season. The year, however, hit a turning point when they faced Sam Houston State University on March 18. Sam Houston was ranked No. 16 in the nation at the time and UTA defeated the Bearkats 7-6.

The win appeared to change UTA's fortunes as they have gone 10-6 and won all but one weekend series since then.

On Friday, UTA will play its biggest series of the season when the University of Louisiana-Lafayette (34-4 overall, 14-1 Sun Belt Conference) comes to Arlington.

Louisiana-Lafayette, who is ranked No. 2 in the nation according to the NCAA Division I Rankings, has a reputation for being an offensive powerhouse as four of their players have the highest batting averages in the Sun Belt. The team is ranked first in the league with a .327 batting average and has driven in a staggering 319 runs this season.

With 46 home runs, it's no secret they're loaded with the strength to match UTA's

muscle.

On the defensive end, Louisiana-Lafayette ranks No. 1 in the Sun Belt with the lowest amount of earned runs and a 3.11 ERA.

Whether it was frustration from being 5-14 or being outscored in most of their games, something clicked for the Mavericks against Sam Houston State and they began swinging for the fences.

Since then, UTA's power-ball offense has led the it through most of its games for the past few weeks, but for this weekend, the team will need more than its bats against the Ragin' Cajuns.

UTA holds a 4.26 ERA, which has the team placed sixth in the Sun Belt, and head coach Darin Thomas is still searching for the right rotation to fend off runs.

Senior pitcher Daniel Milliman (4-0) has worked as a saving grace on the mound for the Mavericks as he has a 1.71 ERA through 31.2 innings.

Besides Milliman, however, it has been constant trips to the mound and calls to the bullpen to bring in pitchers and hold runs from crossing the plate.

Senior pitcher Brad Vachon, the UTA 2013 Pitcher of the Year, has seemingly lost some of his edge as he has 5.34 ERA and has given up 33 earned runs. In Vachon's last start in a conference game, he gave up three earned runs in the third inning and nine hits through four innings before being pulled for a reliever. In his start before that, Vachon gave up five earned runs and seven hits through 4.2 innings.

Ironically, some of UTA's best outings on the mound have come against teams from the Big 12 Conference, who the Mavericks are 2-4 against this season.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Louisiana-Lafayette

Team Batting Average: .327 (First)

Hits: 426 (First)

Runs: 319 (First)

Home runs: 46 (First)

ERA: 3.11 (First)

UTA

Team Batting Average: .293 (Third)

Hits: 383 (Third)

Runs: 211 (Fourth)

Home runs: 22 (Fourth)

ERA: 4.26 (Sixth)

Milliman threw four innings of one-run ball against Baylor University on March 25 and Vachon picked up his first win of the season against Texas Christian University on Feb. 25 after going 6.2 innings with only one earned run on his stat line. UTA's offense scored a combined 24 runs against both teams and has been hot as of late.

Although the team lost 12-6 to TCU in its last meeting, the Mavericks tacked six runs on the second best pitching staff in the Big 12 Conference. The Mavericks' situational hitting has improved immensely from the start of the season, and with sluggers like senior designated hitter Matt Shortall and junior left fielder Ryan Bottger, it only takes one big hit to fire up the lineup.

Shortall and Bottger have combined for 51 RBIs and 51 runs this season and have been some of the most consistent hitters in the Mavericks' lineup, which is hitting .293, good for third in the Sun Belt.

Although the Mavericks aren't as sharp as the Ragin' Cajuns, the team has the talent to compete with them.

But if the Mavericks want to make a statement this weekend and defeat one of the premier teams in the nation, their defense will need to step up and work just as efficiently as the offense to earn complete wins.

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## 8 artists, 1 ZIP code

Students, faculty will showcase their work at Gallery 76102

BY SUSIE GIBSON  
The Shorthorn staff

Clay sculptures, digital imaging, oil and watercolor paintings are among the mediums of artwork that will be featured in Gallery 76102's UTA Faculty and Student Showcase.

Art senior Rachel Herod said this will be the first time her work has been featured off the main campus. She said she first heard about the exhibit from Andrew Ortiz, digital imaging associate professor, who is also featured in the exhibit. She said he warned her up front to be prepared not to be selected.

"It's such a small gallery that you have to assume a lot of people apply," Herod said. "You'll face a lot of rejection. I had kind of pushed the exhibition to the back of my mind after applying, so it was definitely a surprise when I got the email saying I had been selected. I told just about everyone I know."

Two pieces of Herod's work will be on display, one from a series inspired by her grandmother and the other from a series about her grandfather. She said each piece took about a week to complete.

While Herod will be showing digital imaging, art lecturer Janet Morrow will exhibit her unfired clay bust titled "Laughing Boy." The bust started out as a portrait of her son as a little boy who got married this spring, she said.

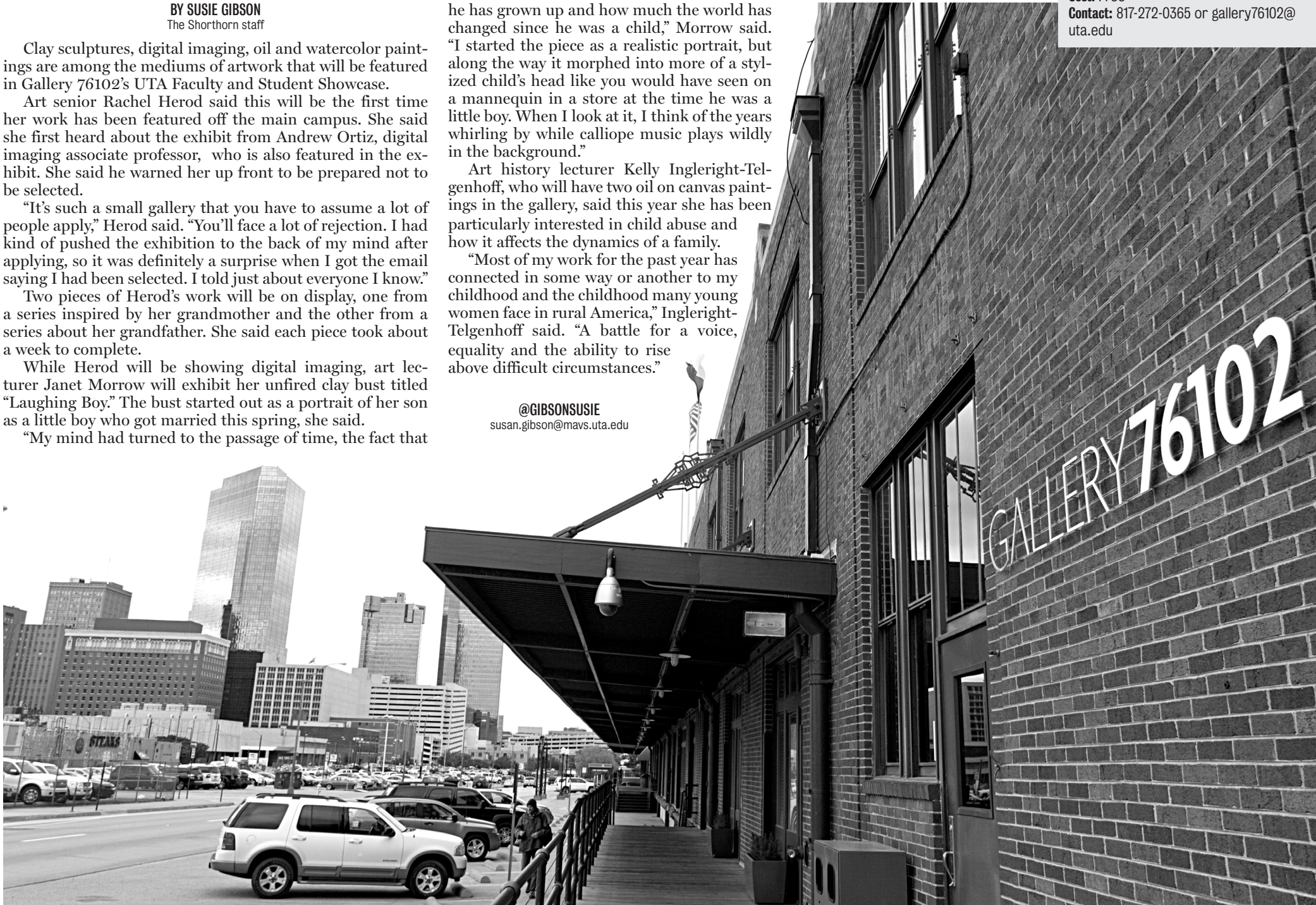
"My mind had turned to the passage of time, the fact that

he has grown up and how much the world has changed since he was a child," Morrow said. "I started the piece as a realistic portrait, but along the way it morphed into more of a stylized child's head like you would have seen on a mannequin in a store at the time he was a little boy. When I look at it, I think of the years whirling by while calliope music plays wildly in the background."

Art history lecturer Kelly Ingleright-Telgenhoff, who will have two oil on canvas paintings in the gallery, said this year she has been particularly interested in child abuse and how it affects the dynamics of a family.

"Most of my work for the past year has connected in some way or another to my childhood and the childhood many young women face in rural America," Ingleright-Telgenhoff said. "A battle for a voice, equality and the ability to rise above difficult circumstances."

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The Shorthorn: Rafiul Alam

Gallery 76102, part of the UTA/Fort Worth Center, is showcasing work by selected faculty and students. The exhibition features the work of eight students and faculty members working in a variety of media, from traditional media such as oil on canvas to newer forms such as digital imaging. The off-campus exhibit continues in downtown Fort Worth through April 30.

### THEATER AND FILM

## MAVPlays to have gamut of plays

Program will feature two weeks of student and faculty performances.

BY BRIAN PETERSON  
The Shorthorn staff

Performing arts senior Joshua Eguia wrote a play for a class last year, but he didn't expect to see his script performed by other students. Though he submitted his work with hesitation, his play *Absent Minded* is one of the many shorts that is being performed during MAVPlays.

"I've gotten to sit in on their rehearsals," he said. "It's just wonderful to see my work come to life and

MAVPLAYS continues on page 7

### ONLINE

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### IF YOU GO:

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**Play Schedule:**  
**Reader's Series:** *A Morning in Manhattan*, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Studio Theatre

**Lunchbox Matinee:** *Home Free!*, noon today, Friday, April 23 and 25, Stage 143

**One-act plays:** *Gruesome Playground Injuries* and *No Life-guard on Duty*, 8 p.m. Today, Friday, 24 and 26, Mainstage Studio Series: *Waiting for Forty*, *Kingdom of the Spider*, *Absent Minded*, and *Leaving Tampa*, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sunday, April 25 and 27, Studio Theatre



The Shorthorn: Richard Hoang

Jenna, portrayed by theatre performance junior Sam Fields, talks with Walt, portrayed by theater performance senior Eric Smith, as he cries underneath a table during a rehearsal of *Absent Minded* on Monday at the Main Stage Theatre. The production was directed by theater performance senior Dale Shelton.

### PEOPLE AND INTERESTS

## Block party to feature music, food, free shirts

The annual event will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday on the UC mall.

BY AMANDA PALMORE  
The Shorthorn staff

With graduation and summer approaching, Apartment and Residence Life and University Events will host its annual Block Party. The block party features live music, carnival-style foods and activities for students to celebrate the end of the semester. This year's theme is Bright Nights Glowing Lights.

University Events director Anisha John said she's most excited about the neon colors theme and seeing the first 200 students to arrive getting this year's giveaway shirts.

"There will be giveaways, games, an obstacle course, popcorn, cotton candy, airbrush tattoos, wax hands and many other things at the block party this year," John said.

This year at the block party, each residence hall will have a table with its own carnival game to play.

Knowing what's in store for the block party at UTA, here are some things students would bring to their own block party:

### FOOD AND DRINK

"I would bring snack foods, like granola bars and chips, and I would also bring alcohol," biology senior Ross Grounds said.

"I would bring a grill to cook hamburgers," photography senior Wayne Mullen said.

"If I had my own block

### IF YOU GO

**When:** 6 p.m. Thursday  
**Where:** UC mall  
**Cost:** Free

**\*\*Apartment and Residence Life and University Events discourages attendees from bringing anything to the Block Party because of the activities and entertainment options provided. It is important to note that alcohol, weapons and items that create a hazard are strictly prohibited from the Block Party.**

party, I would bring a keg," anthropology junior Shawn Dunlap said.

### SOMETHING SWEET

"I would bring mint chocolate chip ice cream to a block party," anthropology senior Hannah Keller said.

### THINGS TO PLAY WITH AND A PLACE TO SIT

"I would also bring a video camera and a regular camera, fold-up chairs and a beach ball," Mullen said.

### KID-FRIENDLY ENTERTAINMENT

"If I had a block party, I would want to make sure the kids have fun and something separate to do from the adults, like water games and a bouncy house to play in," anthropology senior Dani Marshall said.

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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

**Transcendence**  
The new Johnny Depp science-fiction thriller comes into theaters with a bang. When a terminally ill scientist uploads his mind into a computer, his consciousness grants him power beyond his wildest dreams. As his conscious begins to grow and fester, he soon becomes an unstoppable technological force that may soon be the end of humankind. The feature debut of cinematographer Wally Pfister (*Inception*, *The Dark Knight* trilogy), *Transcendence* is his first venture into directing that seems to be a fascinating and compelling watch. Also starring Rebecca Hall, Paul Bettany and Morgan Freeman, *Transcendence* is going to be a science-fiction blast not to miss. Run time: 119 minutes. Releases Thursday.

**Heaven Is For Real**  
Based on the biography of the same name, *Heaven Is For Real* tells the true story of Todd Burpo (Greg Kinnear), a pastor who witnesses his son Colton (Connor Corum) die and come back to life while at surgery. While coming back home, Colton admits to witnessing strange things while dead, such as meeting his dead grandfather and unborn sister, and even claiming to go to heaven. As Burpo hears more and more about Colton's testimony, he becomes more convinced that what he witnessed is true, and is compelled to tell the story to everyone he sees. Directed by Randall Wallace, director of *Secretariat*, *Heaven*

*Is For Real* is an uplifting Christian drama that tells the story of this small family. Also starring Kelly Reilly and Thomas Hayden Church, *Heaven Is For Real* is one not to miss. Run time: 100 minutes. Releases today.

## MUSIC

**RetroHash**  
American hip-hop artist Asher Roth's second studio album *RetroHash* is scheduled to be released five years after his debut studio album, *Asleep in the Bread Aisle*. Featuring guest appearances from artists including ZZ Ward, Currensy, Coyle Girelli and Vic Mensa, *RetroHash* is an energetic album with a wide versatility in style, including "Tangerine Girl," "Fast Life" and "Pot of Gold." Lovers of independent hip-hop will not want to miss this. Run time: 40 minutes. Releases Monday.

## ON THIS DAY...

The Virginia Tech Massacre took place in 2007.

# MAVPlays

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have it done justice."

MAVPlays is a two-week theater festival centered around student productions and will offer eight different shows performed multiple times through April 27. Performing arts senior Dale Shelton said MAVPlays has grown during the past several years from featuring one-act plays to having several shorts and a musical as well.

"I think it's a beautiful platform for audience members in particular, since not all people want to go see Shakespeare," he said. "With this, they can come for one night and have an experience, come a second

night and have a totally different experience. You get a taste of everything."

Shelton, who is directing Eguia's script, said meeting with faculty on an equal level provides a great opportunity for those in leadership positions. Theater associate professor Dennis Maher, *Gruesome Playground Injuries* director, said MAVPlays is all about giving students opportunities.

"We try to make sure our students learn by doing," Maher said. "We try to make sure that these people get as much experience as they possibly can, and that's part of what MAVPlays is about. This is student-directed, student-written,

student-designed, everything having to do with students."

MAVPlays will include two one-act plays, *Gruesome Playground Injuries* and *No Lifeguard on Duty*, during the Studio Series, which features four shorts performed in the same night and the Reader's Series will feature the in-progress musical *A Morning in Manhattan* and the *Lunch Box Matinee Home Free!*.

Maher said MAVPlays will provide a new experience for students unfamiliar with theater.

"A student who's not involved in theater will be able to see a wide range, a wide gamut of plays," he said. "I think they will have a wonderful time if they like to see things that are a little bit on the edge, that are a little bit out of the usual."

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# Party

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Broadcast senior Omar Castillon, UTA Radio music and production director, said UTA Radio will have a booth at the block party and will be giving away cups and other promotional items.

## PROJECTOR

"If I had a block party in my community, I would bring a projector and a big white sheet, and we would all watch David Lynch movies," Castillon said. "I would also bring Philly cheesesteak sandwiches and whiskey."

The Block Party will start at 6 p.m. Thursday on the University Center mall. Should bad weather occur, the Block Party will relocate to the Bluebonnet Ballroom, John said.

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## THE WORLD ACCORDING TO PROFESSOR SAXE



## ELIA VS. THE WORLD



The Shorthorn: Elia Madrid-Onofre

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## DR. RUTH

*Q: I wanted to know if there is any danger in using Anbesol tooth-numbing ointment as a numbing cream on the penis to delay orgasm?*



**Dr. Ruth**  
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A: I'm not a medical doctor, so I don't know about any medical reason not to do this (though remember, you also would be introducing it into your partner's vagina, unless you were wearing a condom, so there are two of you to consider), but from the point of view of a sex therapist, it's the wrong

rid yourself of this problem forever.

*Q: I need your advice on my new wife and myself. We don't seem to match up down there. I mean, is there something wrong when my organ doesn't seem to match up correctly with her? It's getting frustrating. I hope you have a solution.*

A: I understand that you are having problems inserting your penis into her vagina, but "match up" doesn't tell me exactly what the problem is. One suggestion I can make is to have her take hold of your penis and guide it into her vagina. Obviously when you're in the missionary position, your penis can't "see" where it's going, so with a little help from your wife, you might have better success at "matching up."

## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

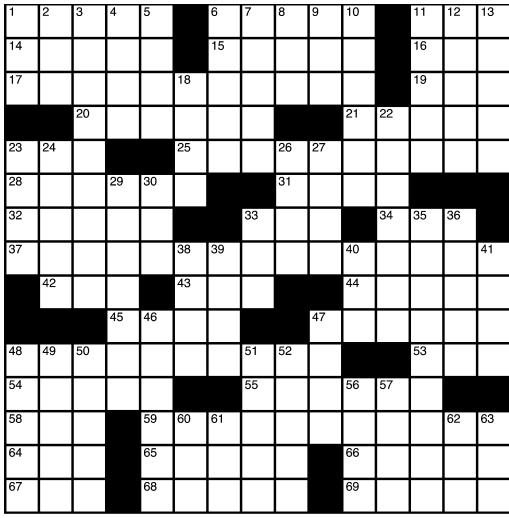
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### ACROSS

- Monarchy
- Many a class reunion tune
- "Captain Phillips" actor Hanks
- Link
- Fishing spots
- Title heartbreaker in a Three Dog Night song
- "Tyke's" dinner-time perch
- "I'm not a crook" monogram
- Rogue
- Plotting measure
- Ad Council ad, briefly
- "Unfair deception"
- Energetic
- Obvious joy
- "Spider-Man" trilogy director Sam
- Feel sorry about
- Quipster
- Insignificant amount
- Weekend TV fare for nearly 40 yrs.
- Reading after resetting
- "Roots" hero \_\_\_ Kinte
- Scandinavian port
- Comeback
- "Numero uno"
- Used to be
- Lover of Euridice, in a Monteverdi work
- Decide not to ride
- Cambridge sch.
- Try, or a hint to the first words of the answers to starred clues
- Rockers found in bars
- Software buyers
- Kevin of "Cry Freedom"
- Audio receiver
- Tag cry
- Loosened

### DOWN

- Cage component
- Ambient music innovator
- Worship
- Brainy Simpson



By Gareth Bain

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52 Lift

56 Knockoff

57 Land surrounded by aqua

60 Prefix with metric

61 Doc who administers a PET scan?

62 United

63 English poet Hughes

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5 Yoga class supply

6 Onetime rival of Sally Jessy

7 Stocking thread

8 Mark of concern

9 Roth

10 Collection of heir pieces?

11 Country singer Gibbs

12 Ancient Mexican tribe known for carved stone heads

13 Capital WSW of Moscow

18 "homo"

22 Style reportedly named for Ivy League oarsmen

23 Western chum

24 Lasting marks

26 Hot-and-cold fits

27 Working class

29 Collapse inward

30 Sundaial hour

33 Greek consonant

35 "Don't tell me, don't tell me!"

36 Neon swimmer

38 Court plea, briefly

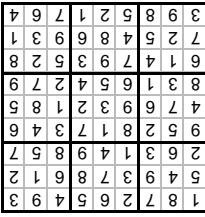
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### Instructions:

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.



### Solution

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

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PEOPLE AND INTERESTS

# Students prepare for ‘experiential’ journey to Nepal to build schools

Team of UTA and Tarrant County College students will travel to Nepal.

BY JESSICA FLETCHER  
The Shorthorn associate news editor

Biology senior Rajiv Sapkota spent the first 19 years of his life in Kathmandu, Nepal, not far from Pokhara, a popular tourist destination with a skyline view of the Himalayas.

After high school, Sapkota taught a computer class in a private boarding school for two and a half years before he came to the U.S.

“Since my father was a teacher, I think teaching just came into my genes,” he said. “I love teaching. It’s one of my passions.”

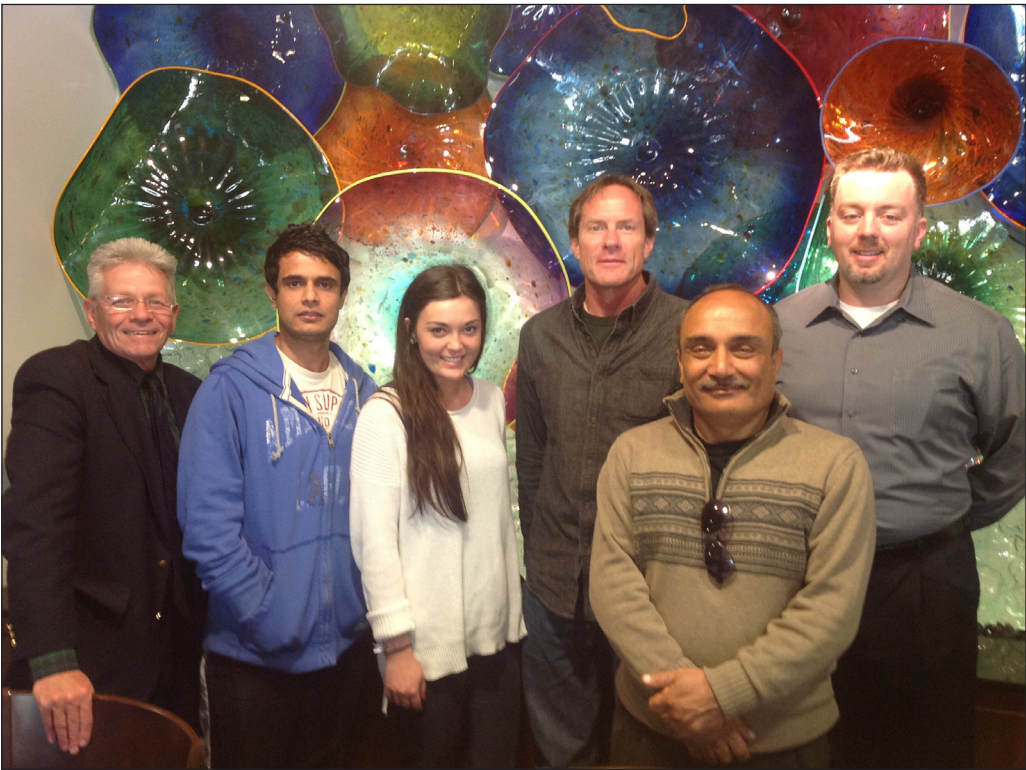
In May, lecturer and philanthropist Robert Hopkins will travel to Kathmandu and Pokhara with 10 volunteers from UTA and Tarrant County College to teach students, build schools and develop lesson plans for teachers.

“We have 10 days that we have planned something every single day,” Hopkins said. “Three of the days we will be in the mountains where the schools are.”

In cities like Kathmandu and Pokhara, there are private schools and government-assisted schools, but in rural areas, they don’t have many schools, Sapkota said.

“Schoolwise, Nepal’s economy is OK. It’s not great,” Sapkota said. “There are so many people that don’t send their kids to school because they can’t.”

The cities have nice schools but not in rural areas, because they don’t have electricity everywhere, Sapkota said. In the government-assisted schools, sometimes there’s no teacher, or nearly 70 students will be in one class.



Students and faculty members will go to Nepal on a trip to build schools and help students. The group will leave May 14 and will be in Nepal for 10 days.

Hopkins said he became interested in traveling to Nepal after meeting the founder of the nonprofit organization Global Community for Education and invited him to talk to students about the work he does.

Hopkins and his family donated money to the organization to build schools in Nepal and named one of the schools after his mother.

“I decided I’ve got to go to Nepal to see my mother’s name on the school,” he said. “So I went two years ago and fell in love with Nepal.”

For most of his life, Hopkins said he has been philanthropic.

“[My mother] liked to help people, and I think you learn this behavior and that the happiest times are when you’re giving back instead of receiving,” he said.

During Christmas, Hopkins took students to Mexico for two weeks to paint schools and take Christmas presents to children who didn’t have any, he said.

Marketing junior Matthew Halcomb said preparing for the trip to Nepal has motivated him, and he wants to help other people.

“It’s a place that really needs attention,” Halcomb said. “Everyone deserves the same chance at education as we’re so lucky to have in America.”

Halcomb said he has taken on the task of coordinating fundraising events to cover the cost of the trip.

“Our biggest issue is the cost,” Halcomb said. “It’s going to be about \$2,800 a person, but our overall goal is \$35,000 for everybody, which includes plane tickets, living, food, shots

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To donate to the team, visit <http://www.gofundme.com/utanepal>.



and passports.”

A donation account has been created online so people can donate to the cause, Halcomb said.

The trip is being coined as an “experiential journey,” a combination of the words experiment and experience, Hopkins said.

“Those kinds of experiences, for not only me, but also for students who involve themselves in these things, are life changing,” Hopkins said.

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ADMINISTRATION

# University College names Kimberly van Noort new director

In addition, she will be Undergraduate Studies associate vice provost.

BY COLTON BELL  
The Shorthorn staff

Kimberly van Noort has one focus for her new job: paying attention to new students, because they are the ones who don’t know the campus and need the most guidance, she said.

“Since I was the first to graduate college, I think I can really help understand what students are going through in that type of situation and can really find ways to improve it,” van Noort said.

After months of a vacancy for the University College director position, van Noort, associate dean for Liberal Arts, has been chosen.

Along with the director position, van Noort also will assume the associate vice provost for Undergraduate Studies position May 1.

Van Noort will be responsible for campus areas such as advising, the McNair’s Scholars Program, testing services and restructuring core curriculum, she said.

Van Noort said she had many experiences that will help her in her new positions.

“I have served as chair for the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for 10 years, so I think this will help me be able to succeed in these positions,” van Noort said.

Van Noort also has worked with different colleges including English, Business and Science, she said.

Van Noort was chosen for these positions by a search committee, which was chaired by Frank Lamas, vice president for Student Affairs.

The committee was comprised of a number of different faculty and administrators who were looking for certain characteristics that van Noort had, Lamas said.

“We were looking for a dynamic leader to take the already established University College and make it even better in the future,” Lamas said.

“Noort had depth, experience, a student-centered approach that would work well with students, great relationships with faculty throughout the university, and has already worked with a lot of the colleges on campus, which will help in her new position.”

Students said they feel excited to have someone from the university to take over the position.

“I think it was a smart choice because since she is already from the university, she already knows the work ethic, what to do, and has an idea of what students are like here,” kinesiology senior Christopher Woolen said.

Although van Noort is not sure what she is planning to do in her new positions, she said she is happy to take on the challenge.

“I am excited to get to work with the exceptional staff at University College because they are committed to students, which is what I would like to make a priority in my position,” van Noort said.



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UNIVERSITY

# Fraternity golf tournament to span campus, include 18 holes

Event proceeds will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

BY RYAN WAGONER  
The Shorthorn news editor

The idea to host a campus golf tournament came from a combination of YouTubeing, brainstorming and what Justin McAfee classified as a “delinquent conversation.”

“It started off saying, ‘How can we create trouble on campus, without actually creating too much trouble?’” said McAfee, mechanical engineering, aerospace engineering and physics senior and president of the Kappa Alpha Order at UTA. “We saw that Baylor holds a campus golf event themselves, where they have a driving range and 18-hole course. It was a great event idea, so we wanted to try and copy that and bring it to UTA and make it our own.”

The tournament, called the Muscular Dystrophy Association Open, hosted by the Kappa Alpha Order fraternity, will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 26. The event will feature an 18-hole course spread across UTA’s campus, starting behind the Maverick Activity Center and ending at The Green at College Park.

Players will hit tennis balls, instead of golf balls, and try to hit a marker assigned to a specific location for each hole. The team or individual participant that earns the best score will win the grand prize of a green blazer, McAfee said.

McAfee said this event would help the fraternity’s goal of bringing more, large-scale events for the UTA community to enjoy, along with raising money for Kappa Alpha’s national philanthropy, the Mus-

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To see a map of the planned golf course, visit [www.theshorthorn.com/news](http://www.theshorthorn.com/news).

cular Dystrophy Association. “We wanted to embody President Karbhari’s vision in saying that there needs to be more activity on campus and more participation within the student body,” McAfee said.

Austin League, marketing senior and member of Beta Theta Pi, said his team of four fraternity members is planning to compete for the grand prize, and will visit a golf range to practice their swings before the tournament.

“I think it’s a great cause that [Kappa Alpha Order is] supporting, and we’re always looking to support other fraternities on campus with their philanthropy events,” League said.

All profits from the event will be donated toward the Muscular Dystrophy Association, which includes ticket sales, sales from custom polo shirts students can order online and sponsorships of holes from local businesses, McAfee said.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is a nonprofit health agency dedicated to finding treatments and cures for muscular dystrophy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and other neuromuscular diseases, according to its website. Kappa Alpha has raised more than \$2.7 million for the association since 1975 through

Muscle Walks, Shamrocks programs and local fundraisers, according to its website.

Businesses can sponsor the event by purchasing either parts of a hole or an entire hole to advertise their business with signs, he said. The fraternity is reaching out to 30 local businesses, including restaurants like Raising Cane’s and Chop House Burgers.

Profits from sales of golf clubs will also be donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, McAfee said. Students who don’t have their own clubs can buy one at the event for \$5. The fraternity has been stocking up on clubs so they could provide enough for the event. “The number is around 50 to 75 clubs,” McAfee said. “We have been raiding thrift stores around the area, so if you can’t find one, sorry. We’ve got them all.”

So far, a lot of the fraternities on campus have shown support for the event, but there have been not that many sign-ups, McAfee said. The event is open to all Arlington community members, as well as students who register through the fraternity’s website. Registration will stay open until the day of the tournament. Tickets bought on the day of the tournament will raise from \$10 per individual to \$15 and from \$30 per team to \$40.

Kappa Alpha wanted to open the tournament up to all community members to



The Shorthorn: Ashley Pena

## MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION OPEN

**TIME:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch will be served at Blaze’s Sports Grill at noon and awards are at 5 p.m.

**DATE:** April 26  
**LOCATION:** Starts behind the Maverick Activities Center and ends at the College Park Green.

**COST:** \$30 for a team of four people, \$10 for individuals. Ticket price includes lunch at Blaze’s Sports Grill, \$25 for a custom MDA Open polo shirt, and \$5 for a club, if students do not bring their own.

**ATTIRE:** Khaki pants and a polo shirt. Custom MDA Open polo shirts can be ordered on the UTA Kappa Alpha Order website.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Golf club, 7-iron, 8-iron, 9-iron, pitching wedge or sand wedge clubs are recommended. Tennis balls will be provided.

**WHERE TO REGISTER:** <http://www.kappaalphauta.com/MDAOpen/index.html>

**CONTACT:** Justin McAfee, Kappa Alpha Order president, [justin.mcafee@mavs.uta.edu](mailto:justin.mcafee@mavs.uta.edu)

ART AND LITERATURE

# Professor to research drawings in Italy

Mary Vaccaro will return to Florence institute as visiting professor.

BY JUAN R. GOVEA  
The Shorthorn staff

Art history professor Mary Vaccaro will return to Villa I Tatti Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies in Florence, Italy, in the spring.

Vaccaro will spend six months conducting research involving the study of 16th century Italian drawings by Annibale Carracci.

Carracci is known for his historical ceiling drawings in Palazzo Farnese in Rome from 1597 to 1606. Carracci’s work could be described as similar to the ceiling art of the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican in Rome by Michelangelo.

As an assistant professor in 1998 at UTA, Vaccaro was among 15 post-doctoral students selected worldwide to receive a yearlong fellowship at Villa I Tatti, a premier research institute of studies related to the Italian Renaissance, she said in an email.

Vaccaro previously conducted research at the Villa I Tatti institute that culminated in two different books on the artist Francesco Mazzola, better known as Parmigianino.

“I am really excited to return now to Villa I Tatti as a visiting professor,” Vaccaro said. “Because it is a research institute, I will be conducting research, not lecturing or teaching.”

The Villa was bestowed to Harvard by art historian Bernard Berenson in 1959 to create a center for studying the art, music, literature and history of the Italian Renaissance, Vaccaro said.

“I often travel to Italy and

have lived there for years at a time, but I welcome the chance to return to Villa I Tatti and continue my research,” she said.

Villa I Tatti is one of the most prestigious fellowship programs in the field of art history, said Benjamin Lima, art history assistant professor.

Vaccaro was given grants to fund her research from several fellowships, including the Villa I Tatti, Lima said.

“This fellowship is a real honor for her,” Lima said. “Many scholars apply for the fellowship, but it is a very competitive fellowship.”

Vaccaro’s research of Old Master drawings is in the same field as Berenson, one of the founders of the modern discipline, and a pioneer in the study of Old Master drawings, Lima said.

“Thanks to Dr. Vaccaro’s work, UTA is already known as

a source for advanced research in Old Master drawings,” Lima said. “By bringing Dr. Vaccaro to Florence, the fellowship will continue to increase UTA’s profile in the international community of art historians.”

The original drawings Vaccaro is studying will be able to provide definitive information, which may lead to re-attributions, Liberal Arts Dean Beth Wright said in an email.

“She has done this many times for such museums as New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art,” Wright said. “Her discoveries that works previously attributed to one artist needed to be attributed to different artists establish a completely different network of influences and lead to new understanding of the careers of major artists.”



Mary Vaccaro, art history professor

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YOUR VIEW

## SC President says goodbye

Varun Mallipaddi will graduate in May.

Fellow Mavericks,  
It never ceases to surprise me how fast the time flies by when you love what you do. It feels like just a week ago I was sworn in as the president for the student body, eager to get to work. Well, time did catch up with me. I'm graduating and I've been asked to write a farewell address. My hope is to give you not the details, but the essence of this position, and share some of my experiences.

As I near the end of the term, there is one question that prevails in many conversations I have with my students and faculty alike:

"Will you miss being the president of Student Congress?" I struggled to answer this at the beginning before I came to the realization that I would miss the relationships I've fostered in not just my last year, but throughout my academic career at UTA more so than the presidency itself.

These relationships have been an integral part of shaping my abilities and my term as president, and I do not mean this in a trivial way. Sure, resolutions like "Bike our way to health," referring to our university adopting a bike-sharing program that is modeled after the city of Fort Worth, give students a tangible way to track our progress. But for me, this program is the continuation of a relationship we built with the city of Arlington, downtown Arlington — the SC president also serves as a board of director for Downtown Arlington Management Corporation — and our own administration.

There is no question in my mind that the new Maverick Discount Program app, created to provide our students, faculty, staff, alumni and parents access to more than 300 discounts on their smartphones, would substantiate the worthiness of your student government. But our success in this endeavor is in large part because of our relationship with Office of Information Technology and President Vistasp Karbhari.

One project in particular for which I've been advocating comes to mind: a 24/7 eatery or coffee shop on campus. Working with individuals who deeply care for the students of this university, I am pleased to inform you that we are working to extend the operation hours for the Starbucks in the Central Library to reflect high usage of the library during finals week. My hope is that the consumer demand reflects the need, hence making this proposition a permanent resolution. Again, this wouldn't be possible if not for our relationship with numerous stakeholders, ranging from Marvyn Grand, resident district manager for Aramark, the university's food provider, to Rebecca Bichel, dean of libraries, to John Hall, vice president for Administration and Campus Operations, to President Karbhari.

Yes, I will absolutely miss representing our students at the highest level as student body president, but I will miss the people I worked with even more. From long hours I put in with my fellow executive board members and senators to the impromptu conversations with other student leaders in the basement of the University Center will make for some vivacious memories as I bid goodbye to one phase of my life. In conclusion, my sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped shape me throughout my time here at UTA.

Mavericks Forever,  
Varun Mallipaddi, Student Congress president and finance senior

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OUR VIEW

## Students should engage in discussions

Abortion debate is a good start, but there is more to consider.

This week, Pro-Life Mavericks, a student organization, sparked a campuswide conversation about abortion with a large memorial displayed on the Central Library mall. The display consisted of thousands of tiny wooden crosses, and pulled in large crowds discussing both sides of the abortion debate. The debate, for the most part, was mature and open, allowing students with many different opinions to discuss the topic in an open forum.

*The Shorthorn's* editorial board agreed that we are proud that all sides of the debate were represented through conversation. However, students should keep the discussion going with more topics that are relevant to students.

Debates put emphasis on critical thinking, effective communication, independent research and teamwork, according to the International Debate Education Association. Debate provides a platform for diversity of thought to be expressed on campus. Debating controversial ideas can increase international understanding, which students going out into today's global workforce need. These discussions are impactful and provide a chance for students to express how they feel, or why they think a certain way on topics. Students who have learned how to debate are better able to make informed judgments on

crucial issues. Debate is also a platform to teach students how to independently research topics of interest. Having a well-rounded and multisided discussion on a controversial issue increases diversity of thought in our communities, specifically here at UTA.

Students should get as motivated to speak about topics other than abortion, like Sexually Transmitted Disease Awareness Month, which is during April. Each year, 20 million new infections from STDs occur, including 50,000 HIV infections. Half of the 20 million diagnosed with an STD are people between ages 15 to 24, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Students can host open forums on the Central Library mall or host speakers on campus to spark the discussion about STDs and how they affect college students. April is also Earth Awareness Month, so students can host eco-friendly demonstrations and talk about ways students can be green when it comes to daily activities like note-taking. It is also Stress Awareness Month, and as students, we face a lot of stress from school, jobs, relationships, parents and being on our own for the first time. With finals approaching in early May, our classes and schoolwork will only get more intense, and

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Students debated abortion following a large campus demonstration by the Pro-Life Mavericks organization.

WE THINK

It is great that students can have an open and mature dialogue about controversial topics, however, there's more to discuss.

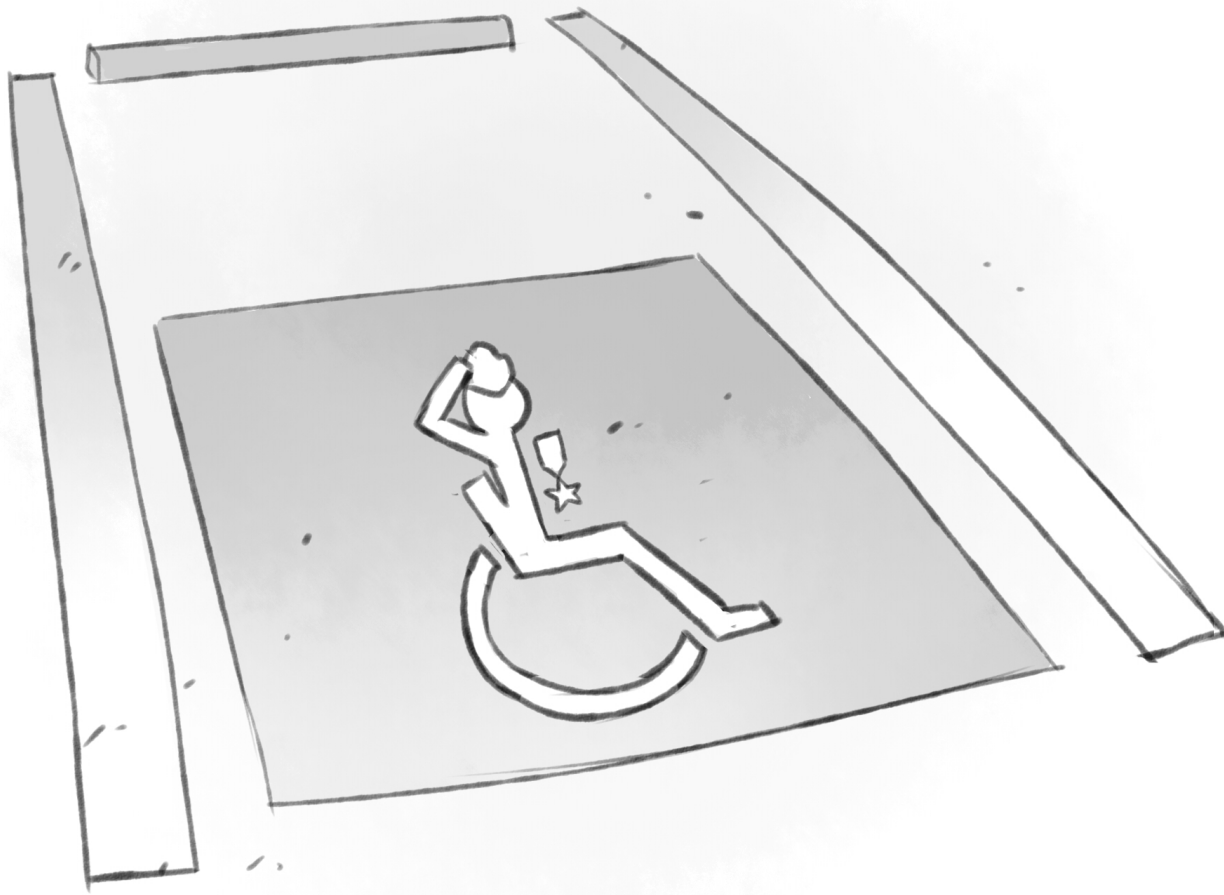
TAKE ACTION

Don't stop here. Students should be active and keep discussing topics that affect college students.

finding ways to manage our stress in a healthy, productive manner is something we all need.

Students have shown that they are capable of having open and educated discussions about a controversial topic. We should make an effort to continue the discussion amongst students of all majors with other topics that affect the student population. Keep the talk going, and expand the topics being discussed on campus.

YOUR VIEW



The Shorthorn: Genevieve Barron

## Parking is difficult for disabled veterans

Many associate accessible spaces with visible disability.

Parking spaces are an important commodity for students. Depending on the time of day during each semester, it can be a challenge to find a parking space that is conveniently located. Of course, parking challenges are not limited to UTA. The hunt for parking can be a daunting task off campus. For some veterans with disabilities, finding a parking space is simply one part of the parking challenge. Parking in a designated disabled space is an uncomfortable experience for many.

Some veterans who have been rendered disabled because of a service-related injury qualify for certain benefits from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. For example, veterans who have a disabled veteran license plate on their vehicle may park in accessible parking spaces. The disabled veteran plates also authorize disabled veterans to park at parking meters for free, and veterans are permitted to use double the posted time. Furthermore, it is not required that the disabled veteran plates have the international accessibility symbol.

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on the Texas governor's website, many people associate the right to parking in an accessible parking space with a blue placard hanging in the rearview mirror, which displays the International Symbol of Access. In addition, many people assume that individuals who park in an accessible space should have a disability that is outwardly apparent. This assumption often presents further challenges for some student veterans.

It has been reported that disabled student veterans have been the subject of harassment by staff and students about their right to park

in the accessible parking areas. In addition, campus police have issued unwarranted parking tickets to disabled student veterans who have disabled veteran plates. Although the parking tickets have been overturned, and to my knowledge, no serious confrontations have occurred, perhaps increased public awareness could be a protective factor for this vulnerable population.

At the Center for Clinical Social Work and the Student Veteran Project, we are committed to advocating for veterans pursuing post-secondary education. Because of these concerns, we are organizing an interagency collaboration in order to address this problem.

We are optimistic that a collaborative initiative with the Office for Students with Disabilities and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in conjunction with UTA Police and the Student Veteran Project could have a positive impact on this issue.

*The misappropriation or use of designated accessible parking spaces may be reported to UTA police at 817-272-3381. The UTA parking office may also be contacted at 817-272-3907.*



Tornado

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they need to stay at home or get to campus,” he said.

Get down into a ditch or a low area in case of a tornado, Smith said.

“Students need to be watchful and alert,” he said. “Have a sense that anything could happen.”

Smith said staying in the car during a thunderstorm can provide some level of protection; however, in the case of tornadoes, seek shelter in a lower level of a nearby building.

“Do not go underneath the underpass,” he said. “High winds will cause a vortex.”

Be mindful of power line damages after a tornado, Smith said.

Severe weather changes are a characteristic of Texas, Emergency Management coordinator Cindy Mohat said.

The Emergency Management department is in charge of coordination, planning, training, drills and exercises related to disaster preparedness and response to threats and other emergencies. It also works to protect the lives, property and environment of UTA students, faculty and staff, according to the Emergency Management website.

American Red Cross has an app called Tornado, which has instructions on how to prepare. It also sounds a siren on your phone even when the app is closed to minimize the chances of users sleeping through a tornado warning.

The difference between a tornado watch and warning is that a watch is when conditions are right and storms are possible, and a warning is when there is imminent danger in the area, according to Maverick Safety Matters.

Convenience stores and gas stations with glass windows and doors are bad shelters because the glass can shatter, she said.

Mohat said that a 72-hour survival kit might help students last longer in an emergency, and her kit includes canned salmon, extra water and dehydrated food.

Alternative Breaks coordi-

nator Jeong Lee went to Oklahoma in January to help rebuild houses damaged by the tornadoes that hit the state in May.

The tornado on May 20 in Moore, Okla., was the most devastating tornado of the year for the state and the country, according to the National Weather service. The tornado injured hundreds of people and resulted in 23 deaths. It was given a rating of EF-5, which is an indication for maximum damage created by a tornado.

“It was my first time directly serving an area that was affected by a tornado,” Lee said. “I got to see how difficult it is to restore a community.”

Lee’s team helped paint a house and helped rebuild a roof of another.

“Although we weren’t able to build a whole house, we were able to make a little difference,” she said.

Lee said she found it inspiring to see the whole community from Moore, and all over the nation, come together to help restore the town.

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tant these are to students.”

A few resolutions Ho particularly would like to see pass during her presidency are the implementation of the biology clinic, the engineering clinic and the bike-sharing program.

“I am also so thankful for all the people who came out to support all of our candidates,” she said. “I think we had a really great voter turnout this year.”

Mallipaddi said he has mixed emotions as he closes his time as president, and he leaves with advice for Ho: “When you’re the Student Congress president, you can’t be afraid to voice your opinions and do right by your constituents.”

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Boston

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ish line was the last thing on McAlister’s mind. She said that earlier in the day, her husband Jason was going to be waiting at the finish line for her, along with her friends Toni and Chimene, near where the bombs exploded.

“I didn’t know what to do,” Jennifer said. “I wanted to run towards the finish line, but the police officer screamed at me to run the other way. So I started running the other way, I ran over to a man who had a cellphone, because I didn’t have my phone with me. I tried calling my husband. The phone just went beep, beep, beep. It was horrible. It was a terrible feeling, because I thought my husband was dead, my friend was dead, and I thought I was next. It just looked like the world was out of control.”

She was scared. She called a second time. Jason picked up and apologized. He was stuck in traffic.

“I will never complain about traffic again, because, had he not gotten stuck in traffic, he would have been standing right where that bomb went off,” Jennifer said. “We had already planned on that. That was where he was going to stand.”

While driving, Jason was frantic to get to the marathon and find his wife. He was scared, too.

“That was not a good feeling,” he said. “The worst-case scenarios start running from your mind, and we didn’t know, was this a 9/11 kind of explosion? Did the building go down? We didn’t know the size or severity or what kind of areas of impact there was.”

“I will never complain about traffic again, because, had he not gotten stuck in traffic, he would have been standing right where that bomb went off,” Jennifer said.

Jennifer McAlister  
alumna



Courtesy: Stuart Cahill/Boston Herald/MCT  
Emergency personnel assist the victims at the scene of a bomb blast during the Boston Marathon in Boston on April 15, 2013.

Eventually, they reunited and stayed with each other for hours after the explosions went off.

Back in Arlington, people who knew McAlister was in the marathon were scared too. Communication graphics specialist Roby McEuen said Jennifer had told him days in advance that she was going to miss class for the Boston Marathon. When he heard that bombs went off, he was worried.

“9/11 was horrible, and it impacted everybody a lot, but I didn’t know anybody who was in New York City or who might have been in the World Trade Center,” he said. “But when I heard that there were explosions at the Boston Marathon, that people had been hurt, I was very concerned that she was OK.”

Jennifer said the following weeks were the hardest for her and her husband. All the emotions she was supposed to feel while at Boston she started feeling when they got back.

“I think she struggled

with it quite a bit,” Jason said. “To get that far in the run, 26 miles like she did, and no finish line, no rest, no water, no blanket, no sitting down. You’re basically running on your depleted reserves there. I imagine the body went through survival mode for sure, because you think you’re about done with something, and then this thing happens. I think there was a lot of repressed, buried feelings and that sort of wore off for the next couple of weeks.”

It took weeks for Jennifer to recover and get back to her normal self. Once she felt she had recovered, she credited God for her survival, and no matter how horrible things were at the Boston Marathon, she said God’s hand was always at work.

“He’s the one that I gave all credit to for saving me and protecting me and Toni and Chimene,” she said. “There’s so many miracles that happened on that day, and so many things I give him credit for. We’re not promised tomorrow. God is good, evil exists, and we’re going to have to choose which side. It made me closer to God to where I look back and I saw all the details, how everything had to happen exactly as it did.”

Today, Jennifer runs her

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own graphic design business in Fort Worth. Even though she got an honorary medal for running in the Boston Marathon, Jennifer said she had unfinished business to attend to.

She plans to run again at the Boston Marathon on Monday.

“I never did get to experience what actually crossing the Boston Marathon finish line was like,” she said.

More than anything else, Jennifer wants to return just to show people that fear won’t influence her life, that past tragedies will not influence her.

“I don’t want evil to prevail,” she said. “I don’t want horrible, evil people in the world to define anything I do. If anything, I’m glad that it’s going to be more popular this year, that more people will come just to say that we’re not going to be ruled by fear. I’m not going to be ruled by fear.”

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CHINA

## Advocates hope for China to end unbearable practice

Government agrees to convert company bear farm into a sanctuary.

BY STUART LEAVENWORTH  
McClatchy Foreign Staff

BEIJING - In what's being described as a major victory against abusive animal practices in China, a government-owned company that's bred bears for traditional medicines has agreed to convert itself into a sanctuary.

Animal welfare advocates hope the agreement, signed Tuesday, will prompt the government to phase out other bear farms nationwide. Some 70 such breeding facilities are thought to exist in China, caging more than 10,000 bears. Each day, employees milk bile from the bears' gallbladders, exposing the bruins to infections, organ failures and other fatal diseases.

"This is huge," said Jill Robinson, the founder of Animals Asia, a nonprofit agency that negotiated the agreement with Flower World, a state-run business in the southern Chinese city of Nanning. "This is the biggest thing we have done since we started."

Under the pact, Animals Asia will care for 130 Asiatic black bears now caged at the Nanning bear farm. Starting in May, 28 of the sickest animals will be trucked to the group's China Bear Rescue Center in Chengdu, about 745 miles away. The rest will



Courtesy: Animals, Asia/MCT

**An Asian black bear looks out** from a cage at the bear farm operated by Flower World in the southern Chinese city of Nanning in March. Asian black bears are also known as moon bears for the crescent of white fur on their chests. Government-run Flower World agreed this week to convert its facility into a bear sanctuary. That means its occupants will never again face the risks posed by bear bile extraction for traditional medicine in China.

stay in Nanning, where Animals Asia plans to retain the farm's staff of 15 and train them in managing the sanctuary.

Bear bile - digestive juice produced by the liver and stored in the gallbladder - has long been part of Chinese traditional medicine, but it became an industry in China only in 1980. That's when animal breeders in North Korea shared pro-

cedures they'd developed to extract bile from living bears. Within two decades, dozens of bear farms had popped up across China, providing bile for pharmaceutical companies that tout its supposed health benefits.

Flower World, a plant business owned by the Nanning Horticulture Department, decided to get into the bear farming industry

in 2004. It started extracting bile from mature bears in 2008. According to the company's general manager, Yan Shaohong, the government invested more than 8 million yuan, or \$1.3 million, in the operation, but it was never profitable.

Yan, who became general manager in 2011, said he ended the farm's bear bile extraction that year. Two years later, he and other employees visited Animals Asia's Chengdu sanctuary, where veterinarians care for more than 200 bears rescued from animal farms.

Yan said he was so touched by the treatment of the animals in Chengdu that he decided to pursue the agreement with Animals Asia. Yan said his superiors in the Nanning Horticulture Department supported the decision. Negotiations lasted a year but concluded with Tuesday's agreement, the first of its kind in China.

"We hope this will be a template for other bear

farms in China," said Toby Zhang, the external affairs director for Animals Asia. The group hopes to host a workshop later this year to have an honest dialogue with government and industry officials on phasing out bear farming, he said.

Doing so won't be easy. Animals Asia, which also operates a bear rescue center in Vietnam, estimates it will spend \$5 million over three years caring for the Nanning animals and the sickest ones taken to Chengdu. At least 21 of the latter were milked for their bile. They'll have to get their gallbladders removed or be at grave risk of infections, liver failure or tumors.

"Animals Asia cannot afford to turn every bear farm into sanctuary," said Robinson, who founded the group in 1994. She said it would take coordination and cooperation from the Chinese government to phase out bear farming, an increasingly unpopular practice among Chinese, particularly the younger generation.

SOUTH AFRICA

### Valentine's Day card presented in case

JOHANNESBURG - Hours before South African Olympian Oscar Pistorius fatally shot his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, she wrote him a Valentine's Day card with the words, "I think today is a good day to tell you that I love you," a court heard Tuesday.

A photograph of the card was released by the athlete's legal team Tuesday, after Pistorius finished nearly seven days in the witness box, including five days of grueling cross-examination.

The introduction of the card appeared to be an effort to undermine the prosecution's contention that the couple had argued on the night of the killing and that Steenkamp sometimes feared the athlete.

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RUSSIA

### Ukraine reacts to separatist actions

MOSCOW - Ukrainian forces launched combat operations against pro-Russian separatists Tuesday and recaptured a military airport in the eastern part of the country, the acting president said.

Explosions and gunfire were heard from around the airport, located between the towns of Kramatorsk and Slavyansk. Both towns were seized last week by armed separatists, said the UNIAN news agency.

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ITALY

### Ex-premier given service punishment

ROME - Former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi was ordered Tuesday to spend a year performing community service among the elderly as his sentence for committing tax fraud at his media conglomerate.

The decision by a Milan judge spares Berlusconi, 77, a sentence of house arrest. But the former premier, who has dominated Italy's political scene for two decades, will see his movements restricted just as his center-right party gears up for elections to the European Parliament next month.

The billionaire media tycoon was convicted last year in a complex case involving overpayments at his Mediaset television company. In November, he was expelled from the Italian Senate because of his legal problems, despite a vigorous campaign to persuade fellow senators to let him remain.

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NATION

### Ceremony pays tribute to victims

BOSTON - One year after two pressure-cooker bombs tore through the crowd at the finish line at the Boston Marathon, killing three people and injuring more than 260 others, people throughout the city are pausing to reflect on the day with tributes, prayers, speeches and music.

At a private ceremony Tuesday morning, families of the victims placed wreaths at the two bombing sites - in front of the Forum restaurant on Boston's Boylston Street, and near Marathon Sports a block away.

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NATION

### Air toxin limits upheld in court

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on Tuesday upheld the Environmental Protection Agency's first-ever limits on air toxins, including emissions of mercury, arsenic and acid gases, preserving a far-reaching rule the White House had touted as central to President Barack Obama's environmental agenda.

In a 2-1 decision, the court ruled that the mercury rule "was substantively and procedurally valid," turning aside challenges brought both by Republican-led states that had argued the rule was onerous and environmental groups that had contended it did not go far enough.

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