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## Faculty supports stimulus aspects

By **Melissa Chi**  
 News Editor

UT Faculty Senate unanimously passed a resolution Tuesday supporting higher education-related aspects of the federal stimulus plan and will urge faculty to reach out to state representatives to stress the importance of higher education.

Faculty senator Paul Lehman, a professor of medical microbiology and immunology, proposed the resolution in response to a letter sent by the American Association of University Professors General Secretary Gary Rhoades on Feb. 10 to several hundred thousand faculty members and administrators across the country.

In the letter, Rhoades stated AAUP's concerns, based on the Senate's version of the stimulus package, are the elimination of

"higher education facilities modernization monies" and the reduction of "stabilization fund" to states.

"It's to encourage faculty to realize that we can actually have a voice in encouraging Congress to recognize that we are an investment, we're not just a cost," Rhoades said.

The House and Senate agreed on a package of \$789 billion yesterday. The initially proposed \$79 billion state stabilization fund and the \$16 billion school modernization projects — totaling \$95 billion — decreased to a total of \$54 billion.

UT's Chief of Staff and Vice President for Government Relations Bill McMillen said while the language of the stimulus package in regards to higher education "is a pretty done deal" at this point, he applauds faculty members' in-

— **Stimulus**, Page A6

## Professors push for garden classroom



Courtesy of Sxc.hu

Four faculty members have proposed UT create an outdoor garden classroom to aid education in sustainable agricultural practices.

By **Joe Griffith**  
 News Editor

Forget the lecture halls, computer labs and traditional classrooms; some UT students may soon find themselves attending class in an outdoor organic garden.

A group of four professors from the departments of women's and gender studies and environmental sciences recently proposed the addition of an outdoor garden classroom on Main Campus, which would provide an educational environment for students and the surrounding community.

"It would serve as a place on campus where students can grow produce, learn about gardening and sustainability," said Stacy Philpott, an assistant professor of environmental sciences and one of the

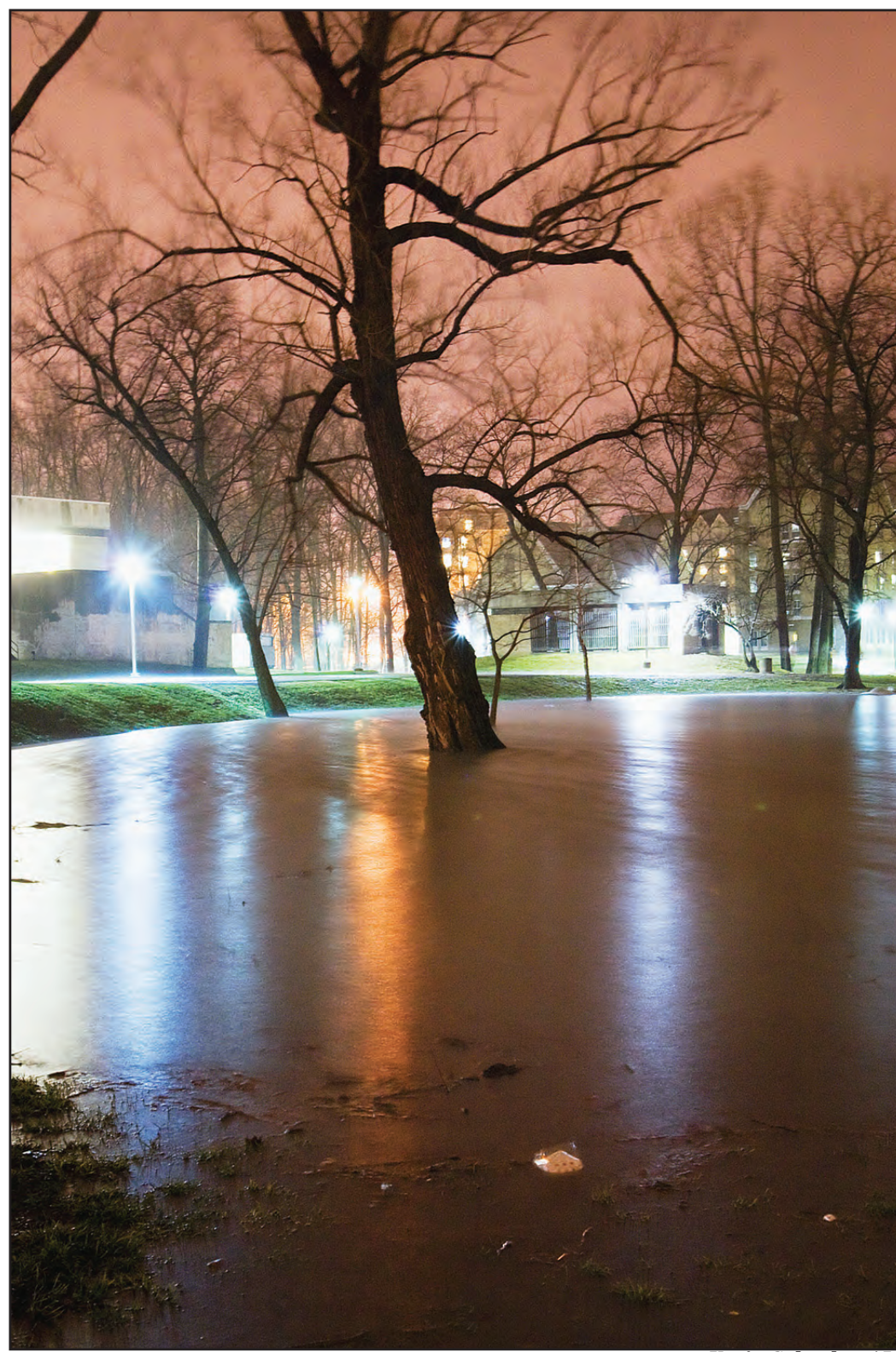
project's organizers.

The garden will be a setting for students to learn about a variety of subjects surrounding agriculture, including the industrial agricultural system, renewable energy and sustainability and healthier eating habits, said Ashley Pryor, an associate professor of women's and gender studies and one of the project's organizers.

"Gone are the days, for the most part, of the small family farms, and what we have instead is a kind of agriculture that itself is not sustainable," Pryor said.

According to Pryor, America's current industrial agricultural system relies heavily on fossil fuels, from the pesticides and fertilizers used in farming to the immense cost

— **Garden**, Page A6



Kevin Galambos / IC

The Flatlands become flooded during last night's rainstorm.

## 11 UT buildings flood in yesterday's downpour

By **IC Staff**

Eleven buildings, as well as other areas on campus, experienced flooding during yesterday's rainstorm.

The buildings included Stranahan Hall, the Memorial Field House, Rocket Hall and some of the units in McComas Village. Most of the flooding was minimal and involved water seeping underneath doorways or through sealing, said Jon Strunk, UT media relations

manager.

The worst of the flooding, 2 to 3 inches, was reported in the basements of McComas Village. UT called a professional cleaning company last night to remove the water and clean the flooded areas, and the company should begin cleaning the basements today.

A combination of the large amount of rainfall and water from melting snow resulted in the inability of pumps inside the buildings to remove

the water fast enough, Strunk said. The frozen ground also prevented the water from naturally seeping into the soil, which Strunk said also added to the problem. None of the residents from McComas Village live in the basement. However, the professional cleaning crew is necessary to ensure that any equipment, like the industrial dryers, is not damaged from the flooding.

## UTPD looks to identify suspects

By **IC Staff**

A UT police department detective said all leads are frozen in an assault case that left one UT student seriously injured and three unidentified suspects.

"We've exhausted all options, all leads," said John Lautzenheiser, a UTPD detective. "Nothing has come up as far as being able to identify these people."

According to Lautzenheiser, the victim was assaulted by one of the suspects and later hospitalized for his injuries, which resulted in several major surgeries on his face and a hospital bill totaling approximately \$100,000.

Around 3 a.m. on Aug. 31, 2008, an officer was dispatched to Lot 8 outside of Carter Hall East to investigate the assault, according to the police report. Upon arrival, the officer was notified by three witnesses that the suspect who had punched the victim retreated into the building.

The victim initially refused medical attention and told the officer he was jumped outside of a house party on Montebello and Westwood in the Bancroft Hills neighborhood. The victim further stated he was approached by the group of males who asked where the party was.

After the victim told them he was on his way to Taco Bell, one of the males wearing a green shirt and khaki shorts punched the victim in the face, and the group proceeded to run east on Montebello.

While the victim and his friend walked through Lot 8 on their way to Taco Bell, the victim noticed a male standing outside Carter Hall East who resembled the individual who assaulted him. Another friend of the victim, who met the victim in Lot 8, approached the suspect and asked if he had punched the victim. After exchanging strong language, the two men were separated and the police were called.

Upon arrival, one officer

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## Speaker shares DUI experience

By **Randiah Green**  
 IC Staff Writer

Students laughed and joked in response to questions about drinking to excess, but quieted when Mark Sterner admitted to killing three of his friends in a drunken driving accident.

"We were all just having fun," said Sterner, a graduate and fraternity brother at Johnson and Wales University in Rhode Island. "You're not supposed to die when you're having fun. That's just not supposed to happen, but it did."

Sterner said he killed three of his friends in a car crash in 1994 as a result of driving under the influence of alcohol. The accident took place months before Sterner's and

his friends' graduation date, and Sterner was 21 years old.

Sterner spoke at the Savage Arena on Monday evening for "DUI: A Powerful Lesson," sponsored by the Office of Greek Life.

Sterner is a motivational speaker who uses his personal experience to speak about the consequences that driving under the influence can have on students.

Sterner said he and four of his college fraternity brothers went on vacation in

southwest Florida for spring break. Their first night, they were all having a good time drinking and partying, he said. A video filmed on their last night in Florida and played for the UT audience showed the drinking and partying college students. The video finished filming 15 minutes before the car crash.

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Mark Sterner  
 Speaker, "DUI: A Powerful Lesson"

Sterner said he and his friends were all aware of the risks of drunken driving, so they decided that each person would take a turn being the designated driver for one night.

The problem was there were only five of them and they were on spring break for six nights.

"By the last night, everyone had already taken their turn, and no one wanted to miss out on the fun on the last night of spring break," Sterner said.

Sterner said the fraternity brothers decided the least drunk person would be responsible for driving. Sterner said his blood alcohol level was 0.17, which is twice the legal limit in both Florida and Ohio, and his friends all had blood alcohol levels of 0.22 and above.

"So we were right — I was the least drunk person in the car," he said.

Sterner still ended up

— **DUI**, Page A2

**Police Blotter**

The following events occurred between Feb. 3 and Feb. 7. Anyone with information regarding these events should contact UT Police at 419-530-2600.

**Theft**

On Feb. 3, an unknown person or persons entered into the second floor men's restroom in Parks Tower and broke into the condom vending machine. The Durex brand condoms and coinage were removed, and the machine was damaged. The estimated cost of the condoms and coinage is \$40.

On Feb. 4, two victims reported their book bags were stolen from the Center for Performing Arts building room 1018. The victims said they had placed their bags on the floor of the room at 1 p.m. After leaving and returning to the room several times, the victims noticed their bags were missing at 2 p.m. The bags contained a number of items, including text books, goggles and flash drives. In total, the victims' belongings were valued at \$613.

On Feb. 6, two officers were notified by dispatch that two black males had left without paying their bill at Phoenicia in the Student Union Building.

The caller followed the two individuals to the steps on the east side of the Glass Bowl Stadium, and the officers were provided descriptions. However, they were unable to locate the suspects.

Upon returning to Phoenicia, the officers spoke with a staff member who said the individuals left without paying their bills, each costing \$13.10. The first suspect was described as a light-skinned black male, 5 feet 10 inches tall, wearing a white hat, white sweater and tan boots. The second suspect was described as a dark-skinned black male, 5 feet 10 inches tall, wearing a yellow and blue jacket, red shirt and tan boots. The staff member reported that two individuals who resembled the suspects ate and paid their bills with Rocket Cards the previous day. He attempted to contact someone to obtain their Rocket Card numbers, but was unable to reach the person.

**Theft from a motor vehicle**

On Feb. 7, an officer met with a victim in Lot 19 to take a report of a theft from a motor vehicle. The victim informed the officer that his driver-side, rear-wing window had been broken and his car's radio/CD player stolen. The Panasonic radio/CD player with removable face plate was valued at \$350.

**Campus Briefly**

Want to be included in the next campus briefly? Send events for consideration to News@IndependentCollegian.com.

**Black History Month**

There will be a candy sale today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Student Union Building near the South Dining Hall. All proceeds go toward the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Third Annual Women's Conference in April. For more information, contact Shacara Malone at Shacara.Malone@UTledo.edu. This event is sponsored by the NAACP.

The first annual National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Distinction Awards will be today from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the Student Union Building at Rocky's Attic and will honor faculty, staff, students, advisers and graduate students as well as feature special performances. For more information, contact Shacara Malone at Shacara.Malone@UTledo.edu. This event is sponsored by the NAACP.

On Friday from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Student Union

Building room 2582, watch "Crash," about racial experiences from diverse perspectives, and the discussion "What's Race Got to do With It?" For more information, contact Tamara Golkiewicz at 419-530-7252. This event is sponsored by the Africana Studies Program.

Black History Month Jeopardy and Game Night is Sunday from 9 to 11 p.m. in the Student Union Building room 3018. Winners can earn prizes. The event is sponsored by the Black Student Union. Contact Arielle Weaver for more information at 419-530-2357.

Black Man Wake-Up Call is on Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Student Union Building room 3016. The forum will discuss the changes needed on college campuses and within the black community. Contact Arielle Weaver for more information at 419-530-2357.

**Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women**

There will be a brown bag lunch seminar today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Tucker Hall room 0180 featuring Gabrielle Davis, UT clinical professor of law on "Hoops and Ladders: Challenges and Opportunities for Domestic Violence Advocacy." For more

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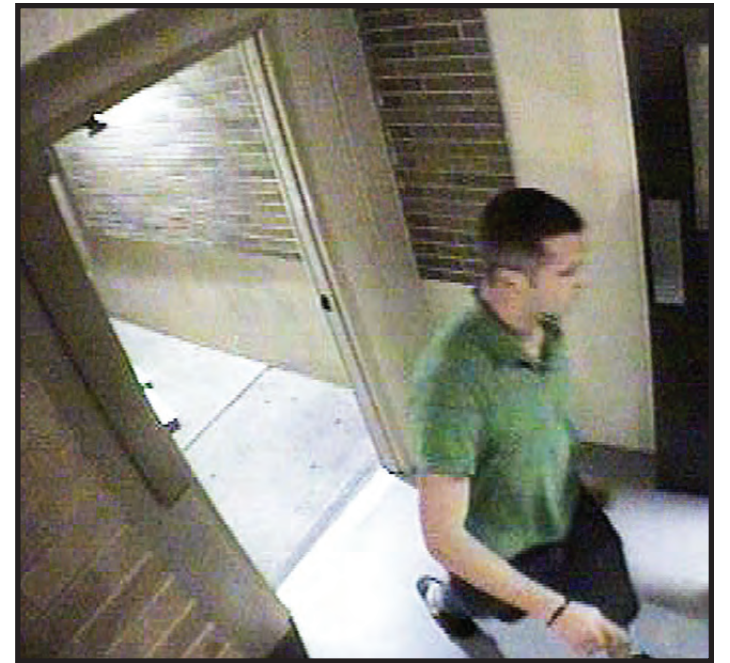
**Suspects**

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transported the victim to the UT Medical Center for treatment. Another officer checked the video surveillance footage from Carter Hall East and found a male matching the victim's description of the suspect as well as two individuals of interest believed to be involved with the suspect. Despite repeated attempts to identify the three males through resident hall directors, resident advisers and

an online notification to UT students through the UT Update, the UTPD has been unable to find any information leading to the identification of the three suspects.

Lautzenheiser said the suspect who assaulted the victim is around 6 feet 4 inches or 6 feet 5 inches tall, between the ages of 18 and 20 and believed to be living on campus. If anyone has information regarding these events, Lautzenheiser said they can contact him anonymously at his direct line at 419-530-4412 or UTPD at 419-530-2600.



Courtesy of John Lautzenheiser

Surveillance footage captured the lead suspect and other persons of interest in an unsolved assault case at UT. (Above) The unidentified lead suspect enters Carter Hall East. (Below) Two other unidentified individuals believed to be connected enter the building.



**DUI**

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crashing the vehicle and killing all three passengers.

Sterner said he doesn't remember the actual accident and had no idea where he was when he woke up in the hospital a week later.

"Talk about waking up and not knowing where you are and how you got there," Sterner said. "I didn't have a clue. I tried to talk, I tried to move, but I couldn't. I started to get scared."

Adding to the confusion, Sterner said he saw his parents and siblings in the hospital with him.

"That confused me even more because the last thing I remember, I was on spring break with my friends," he said. "Where'd my family come from?"

Sterner was severely injured and spent two weeks in the hospital but sustained no permanent or paralyzing injuries.

"Up to this point for me, as I lay in that hospital bed, I wasn't thinking about the risks, I wasn't thinking about getting in trouble," he said. "The only thing I could think about was that my friends were dead. How was I going to go back to college and explain to everybody what

happened?"

After two weeks in the hospital with his family at his side, two police officers came into the hospital room and wanted to ask Sterner a few questions.

"They read me my rights, they fingerprinted me, and took my photograph and arrested me," Sterner said. "The maximum sentence was 45 years. I was going to prison for the rest of my life."

Sterner was charged with three counts of DUI manslaughter and spent only three years in a maximum security prison for the death of his three fraternity brothers. The parents of his friends didn't want him to spend the rest of his life in prison for an accident, Sterner said.

"I was going to be the first person in my family to graduate from college, but, instead, I was the first to go to prison," he said.

The video depicted Sterner and his friends as just a couple of average college students looking to have an enjoyable spring break.

"We wanted to experience spring break like we saw on MTV and in the movies," he said.

When Sterner first came out on the floor of UT's Savage Arena, he asked the audience a series of questions

and requested that audience members raise their hands if the question applied to them.

The first question Sterner asked was, "How many people in the room have done something really stupid when they were drunk?" The next question was, "How many people have ever woke up in the morning and said, 'Where the hell am I?'" Then he asked, "How many people have woken up in the morning and said, 'How did I get home last night?'"

The audience laughed and joked about the answers, but when Sterner asked his last question, "How many people in the room have ever killed your three best friends when they were drunk and driving a car?" and raised his own hand, the arena quieted.

After the video of Sterner and his friends was shown, Sterner came back onto the arena floor dressed in an orange prison jumpsuit. He showed the audience a picture of his actual mug shot, which was taken while he was in his hospital bed.

Pictures were also shown of the destroyed vehicle.

While Sterner spoke, the audience was quiet.

"His story was very powerful," said Hannah Rockhold, a junior and member of UT's

women's softball team. "It put things in a different perspective, because it was his actual story."

Mirabela Bala, a sophomore majoring in criminal justice and a member of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, said Sterner's story and similar stories make her not want to drive when drunk.

"It kind of pisses me off when I hear that people drive drunk, because it's not that hard to call one of your friends and just be like, 'Can you please drive me home, cause I don't want to die,'" she said.

All athletes and 60 percent of all Greek organizations were required to attend the presentation. "This was all about prevention and education for our students," said Sue Irmen, coordinator of Student Athletic Academic Services.

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 1,700 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die each year from alcohol-related unintentional injuries, including motor vehicle crashes.

Some students said they felt as if they were stereotyped because attendance was required.

"We're not the only ones that drink; this whole campus drinks," Bala said.

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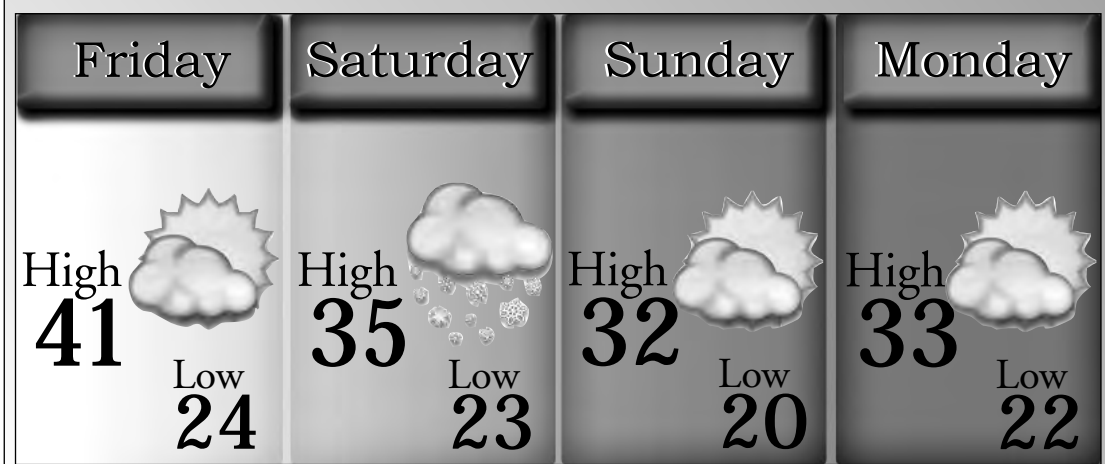
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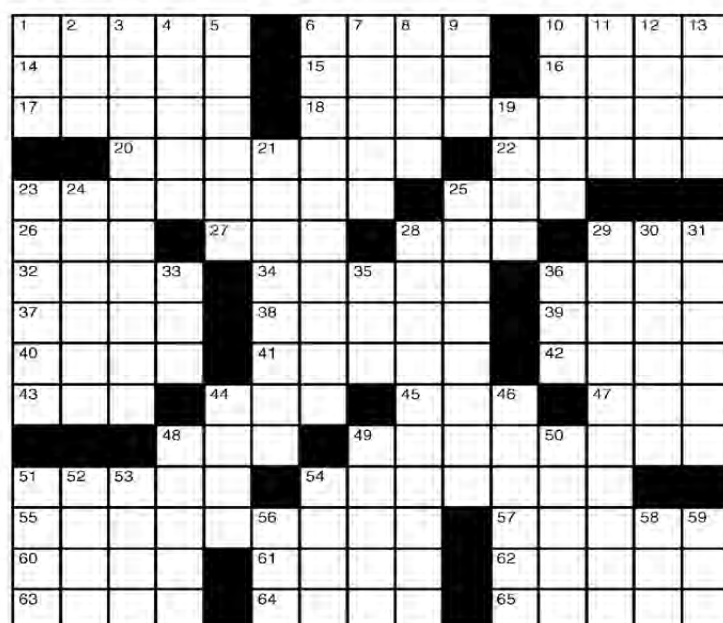


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## Crossword

### Crossword

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  - 15 Jumble
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  - 17 GOP founder
  - 18 Shaped by the breeze
  - 20 Home for Elsie
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## Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black  
Tribune Media Services

**Today's Birthday (02-12-09)** Travel could be rather tricky this year, with all sorts of complications. Best to postpone the long distance stuff especially, if you can. Other communications go well, but they have complications, too. Get in the habit of speaking clearly and backing up everything.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 7 — Communications are iffy now, so you'd better watch what you say. Caution your partner and-or spouse to be similarly cautious. No need to stir up trouble.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 7 — Get into the groove at work. Don't let yourself argue with the rules, regulations and other powers that be. Just do what you're supposed to do. Let them take care of themselves.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is an 8 — Tidy up your place and make sure everything's in order. That will give you more time for fun and games later. Better hurry; later could get here pretty soon.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)**

— Today is a 6 — The next couple of days should be very interesting. You'll hear every reason why your methods won't work. Just laugh and take suggestions. Don't let it get you down.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is an 8 — Invest part of your money into new creative projects. They're fun, and that's always good for you. Besides, you might build a few items that increase your net worth.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 7 — The money is starting to trickle in a little faster than before. Does this mean you're in the clear? Unfortunately not. Make it into another nest egg and keep it safe.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is an 8 — As you get into new projects, you'll also find new difficulties. That's what's coming up next. Don't be dismayed; make lists. These are problems to be solved.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 6 — Slow down with the orders now. They're apt to be misunderstood. You're into a difficult area. Think it over before you proceed. You don't

want to get them all going in the wrong direction.

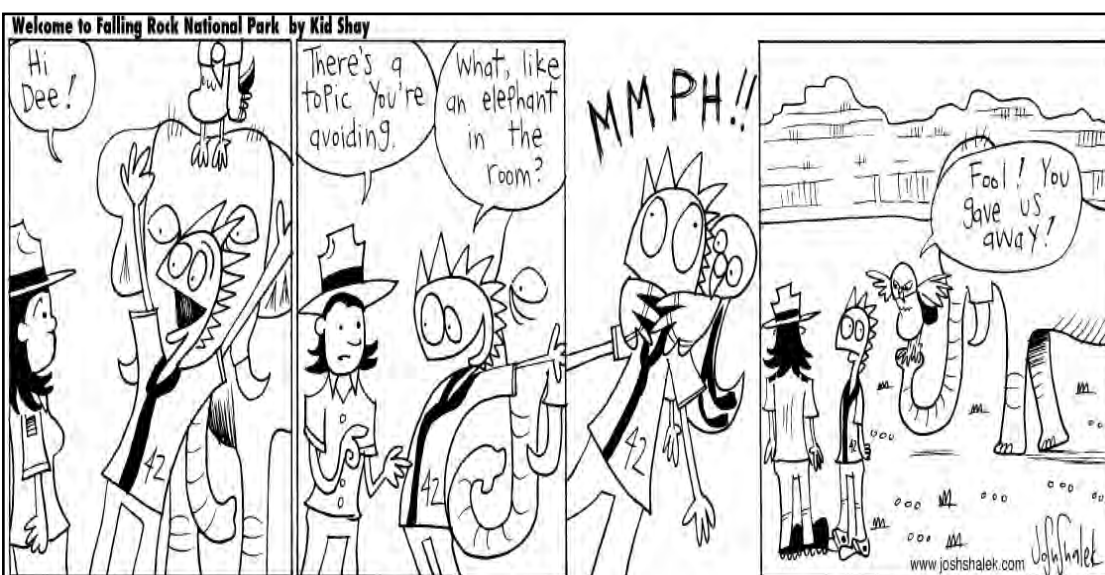
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 7 — Take care, all is no longer well. Costs are soaring. Will these costs be charged to the client? Are you in the game to look good or to make money? Hint: The answer is yes, and foolish spending looks dumb.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 7 — The closer you get to the top, the more the hearing changes. You may be best friends with the receptionist, but if the boss won't let you in, you're not doing it right.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 6 — Careful now. Be watching out for the lies and confusing traffic. Something's not right, concerning communication and-or travel. Watch out for con artists and drunks.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is a 6 — All sorts of new arguments and considerations are popping up. You should be pretty sure what you want by now; that's the important part. These new obstacles make you rethink your plans. No problem, right?

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## Piecemeal politics

Coming as a rather unexpected near end to the weeks-long process of developing a government package to help save this nation's faltering economy, Congressional lawmakers reached a tentative deal yesterday on the content of the much-anticipated stimulus bill. Though it doesn't include all of the positive elements of the House bill that greatly favored the stabilization of higher education in this country, it thankfully includes at least some of the needed funding.

The House version of the stimulus bill afforded nearly \$80 billion dollars in "state stabilization funds," which would help all state governments to meet gaps in their payrolls. The most noticeable of these gaps, of course, has been related to state expenditures on primary and secondary education. According to Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, 600,000 education positions are at stake if state budgets remain in turmoil.

This version also gave \$20 billion of the \$820 billion House package to "school modernization funds" to upgrade their technologies and physical infrastructures.

After having passed the House with little tumult, however, it became ensnared in partisan politics as Senate Republicans and Democrats battled over \$100 billion worth of state and education modernization funds. A group of moderate Republican senators was able to broker an agreement with the Democratic majority after they removed about half of these funds (\$40 billion), replacing them with \$30 billion in tax credits designed to encourage Americans to buy cars and houses. This bill came to around \$820 billion as well.

The final deal reached yesterday

between Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, White House staffers and Congressional negotiators, though, increased the funds apportioned to state governments from \$40 billion to \$54 billion. Any funds used for school modernization will also be taken from this financial pool.

It might be hard to see how the fate of these abstract and removed disputes will have any effect on the financial future of UT, but the relationship couldn't be more concrete. The budget for Ohio set forth by Governor Ted Strickland last week, which included not only no budget cuts for higher education but an *increase* in funding, was wholly dependant on a House package level of federal cash infusion into state coffers. It appears as though the state of Ohio will only realize half of these resources.

Despite this good news, UT isn't in the clear yet. Without all of this positive federal funding, UT President Lloyd Jacobs claims that the university might still need to engage in "belt-tightening" exercises to meet the financial obligations associated with salary increases and inflationary adjustments. Further position eliminations, increased faculty workloads, increased class sizes and other unfortunate cash-saving adjustments might still need to be considered as options.

If such cost-cutting measures are still legitimately needed in the coming weeks, we must consider contacting our elected representatives and informing them of our continuing needs as UT community members. As daunting as it sounds, another state or education stimulus package from Congress might be needed to truly protect higher education from the grim economic reality surrounding us.

# Simplicity is key

Take a long look at your outdoor surroundings. Go ahead, I'll wait. Notice wind sweeping through the empty branches of the



Benjamin Schramm

b a r r e n trees, the ice morphing to water only to be soaked into the ground below. See the people walking diligently down pathways in eager anticipation of making their way back to the warmth and comfort of the indoors during yet another long Toledo winter. Walking from one destination to another paves the way for opportunities of entertainment. You may find yourselves pondering this statement, or asking how you could be a part of its limitless possibilities. Let me explain.

I am a man of simplicity. It doesn't take much for me to find enjoyment in something so plain and elementary because that is where most genuine humor lies. Getting down to the basics of human nature, I believe all people are creatures of habitual instinct. They value whatever gets them feeling like they can handle any situation with a good heart and an open mind.

Admittedly, it is sometimes rather difficult to find happiness throughout your day when so much of the world seems to be crashing down on you. We've all been there, some of us more so than others. Fear not, for this is not a contest which we win or lose; we are merely players in its unending game. Adolescence may suffocate our keen sense of logic and moral reasoning but, at the same time, help

us to grow into the people we are destined to become. It's the same story for some, but those people don't need to be drowned out by its juvenile disposition. At first it may seem like a mistake, but the problem in this statement is that sometimes people only see the "top layer" of their existence rather than great things which rise up from the "lower side" of life. Check this out.

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It's not hard to find something with even the slightest bit of fascination along the normal path across campus. Just recently, I was walking amidst the desolate weekend grounds of UT without a soul in sight. The frosted setting around me laid forth a very calm and serene setting as I made my journey. At one point along the pathway bordering the frozen Ottawa River, a squirrel climbed down from a tree and stopped dead in his tracks as it noticed a new presence — my own — gliding past its territory. I could tell the squirrel was interested in the direction I was going and why I was there to begin with. I'm fairly certain these exact thoughts did not cross the innocent squirrel's mind, but I'd like to think so. As I got up to speed a few paces in front of the squirrel, I turned around only to

see it following me. Rather than stop and try to scare the squirrel off in another direction, I continued along with one foot in front of the other, turning around every few seconds to see the squirrel still following suit.

Surprisingly enough, the little rodent had made it halfway down my trail before he hopped off and headed toward the river. The squirrel may have had no intentions whatsoever of following me in hopes of finding a drop of food, or even enjoying a companion, but again, I'd like to think so. Turning around only to have my attention engrossed by this little fellow bobbing his bushy tail along the trail brought life to the deserted campus around me. I was glad that I could share that time, even for just a moment, with the little drop of life keen on my trail.

Looking all around this big world provides opportunity for recreation in the simplistic. It is usually the little things which help to get me through my day, ranging anywhere from laughing at the mundane, all the way to taking strolls with a curious critter in the wintry landscape. I try my best to advocate these beliefs on to other people, especially when they come at me with an attitude that is drenched in pessimism and dejection. I attempt to always look out for No. 1 (me), but I find it very hard to move on with my day if someone close to me is losing sight with the most important things in his or her life. So, if I am not the one to make that person cheer up and see the light of day, then, at the very least, perhaps a frisky little squirrel can. Peace.

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## Outdoor garden classroom will offer unique education, collaboration and beauty

Ever since the Second Annual Address by UT President Lloyd Jacobs, students, staffers, administrators and faculty members have been hearing a lot about the concept of service learning — a "real world," hands-on approach to education outside of the classroom. This concept has usually been thought of as being primarily concerned with internships, co-ops, residencies and other endeavors designed primarily to further one's professional development. All of this is about to change, however, with the prospective introduction of an outdoor garden classroom on the Main Campus.

This educational venue is designed to better inform students about not only their relationship to food and agricultural practices, but also to their fellow humans. Giving students an opportunity to interact physically with the soil and plants will help them to intimately grasp the dependence on sustainable, local land cultivation that subsistence farmers and poverty-stricken individuals from

developing countries experience.

The venture also represents a great opportunity for impressive disciplinary collaboration. The environmental sciences as well as the humanities can use the space to teach sustainable agricultural practices; the arts will be able to use the area to derive inspiration as a grounds to showcase their work while those in pharmacy can grow plants with medicinal applications.

Aside from any functional utility, though, such a garden would be a pleasant thing aesthetically to have on a campus. It could only serve to increase the allure of UT's already impressive grounds.

For all of these reasons — and, quite frankly, for the possibility of enjoying some delicious, organically grown food on this campus, the IC editorial staff wholeheartedly endorses this effort by those enterprising individuals from the women's and gender studies and environmental sciences departments.

## History's distortions

This semester, I decided to take a course titled, "Multicultural Literature: The North American Experience." This course



Hasan Dudar

would help me fulfill my Multicultural U.S. Diversity credit and, more importantly, it would hopefully introduce me to the struggles of Native

Americans. Upon entering the course, I knew very little about Native American life outside of the brief textbook lessons taught to most American students in elementary schools; however, that all changed.

The first book we read this semester was a collection of short stories by Sherman Alexie titled, "The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven." When I had found out that the book was about life on a Native American Reservation in Spokane, Wash, I didn't really know what to think because I had no prior knowledge as to what life was like on a reservation.

The book was not at all what I had expected. Almost all the stories involved alcohol, partying and storytelling. While this may sound like a good time to some, the accompanying theme of the stories reveals that these activities are not always done in the name of fun. Rather, the drinking and storytelling are methods of survival and coping with both the past and present circumstances of the native people.

Through his skillful metaphors and gifted prose, Alexie communicates to the reader the plight of the Native Americans. For example, one of his characters, Thomas Builds-the-Fire, constantly tells dream-like stories to which no one listens. In one story, Thomas memorably asks Victor, the main

character, to listen "just once." Alexie uses Thomas to serve as a metaphor for the Native Americans' past — the past that most characters in the book seem to avoid. Through numerous other characters and stories, Alexie introduces the reader to the reservation life and reopens the window to the Native Americans' past. This leaves the reader with a story filled with poverty, depression, hopelessness, and an identity crisis but also filled with love and humor.

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As I read the book, my feelings of frustration grew. I found myself wondering where this chapter of the Native American narrative, as described by Alexie, was in our grade school history class. We all learned about slavery and the Civil Rights Movement and read Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech. We all learned about the Holocaust and persecution of Jews in Europe and read "The Diary of Anne Frank." However, when it came to the Native Americans, we barely touched on the Trail of Tears and the Indian Removal Act. We were only told stories of people like Pocahontas, Sacajawea and Geronimo. We were never taught the story of Sherman Alexie; we never learned of the poverty and alcoholism prevalent on many reservations. Aside from the grade school and high school history books, popular culture

has reduced the story of the Native American to a folk tale. Take, for example, how many of our sports teams, golf courses and parks are named after Native Americans or Native American tribes (this is an issue briefly mentioned in the book). Regardless of the intent, such doings can reduce the Native American to a mere object in history — a logo on a hat. If any other race, ethnicity or religion in America had a sports team named after them, I am sure that there would be a great deal of uproar and accusations of racism, anti-Semitism, anti-Islamism and so on. However, with the Native Americans, the degree of public uproar is meager. After years of Native American activist groups asking that athletic teams show respect by no longer using Native Americans as mascots, Chief Wahoo has remained the mascot of the Cleveland Indians and the Washington Redskins have remained the Washington Redskins.

Finally, I would like to mention that I do not, in any way, mean to neglect or discount the plight and tragedies of other peoples. I am only suggesting that when we grieve over history's worst chapters, let us not fail to regard the chapter that reads: Native Americans. We, as a country, must not forget the struggles that the natives of this land faced and continue to face. When students learn about the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving feast with the Native Americans, a lesson of the hardships the Native Americans faced at the hands of the early settlers should be taught alongside it. Furthermore, such lessons should not be taught to evoke feelings of anger or guilt but, rather, to ensure through increased awareness that history's misdeeds are not repeated.

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# The Indian 'foodie'

The grass is greener on the other side — till you step there. We Indians come to a foreign land in search of greener pastures



Sanghita Bhattacharya

and sooner or later we realize that we are mere zombies hungry for success and money, and we have all lost the fervor for life. If you come here as a graduate student, life is much harder. It often means a meager salary, lots of work and sometimes it might even include clerical office jobs like shipping packages or making copies of printouts for your adviser. After a hectic day at the university, you return home to begin another part of a regime called "cooking turns." It is a common term heard on campus. If you are not a graduate student, though, let me tell you that, if you are staying as part of a shared living plan with other Indian classmates, it's something you are going to have to take part in. The responsibility of feeding this pseudo-family twice a week, catering to the roommates' gastronomic delights (or at least learning to cook at the cost of torturing them) offers you many adventures and misadventures where, eventually, you come up with your signature dish.

I remember the fall 2006 semester, my first in this country. At the end of a tortuous day, I would actually enthusiastically step into the kitchen to see what was cooking! (Believe it or not, like many Indian moms, my mother never allowed me in the kitchen due to the fear of a messy kitchen or an accident.) However, due to my inherent interest in cooking, it did not take me long to happily succumb to my present situation. It was also not long until praises of my cooking made the rounds in the Indian neighborhood, thanks to some of my roommates who brought their hungry lab mates or friends to enjoy the leftovers from my cooking.

Even after a long day, I would take over the kitchen in spite of it being someone else's turn — just because I could not trust my fellow mates with cooking. I feared that a bland dinner would ruin my entire evening.

The color and smell of Indian cooking appealed to me so much so that it was not long until I spent hours on

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the Internet just browsing through Indian recipes and watching videos of Sanjeev Kapoor — the famous Indian chef. I could very well fall in the category of people who live to eat. In colloquial terms, such a person would be known as a complete "Foodie" (or, to adopt a more sophisticated term, an epicurean).

Sometimes, when hunger pangs would strike, I would miss my mother as well as my motherland. I would remember the string of restaurants on Park Street in Kolkata, a Mecca for all epicureans where I spent most of my weekends hopping from one restaurant to another. These were the weak moments when the sense of taste would take control of your brain and you could not think of anything but "spicy Indian food." So, we would drive crazily to the nearest Indian restaurant with lots of expectations and appetite.

As you'd begin to gloss through the same old menu, you'd realize that the only thing worth ordering is chicken *tikka masala* (interestingly referred to as the national dish of the United Kingdom these days, calling it c.t.m.) or *mutter paneer*.

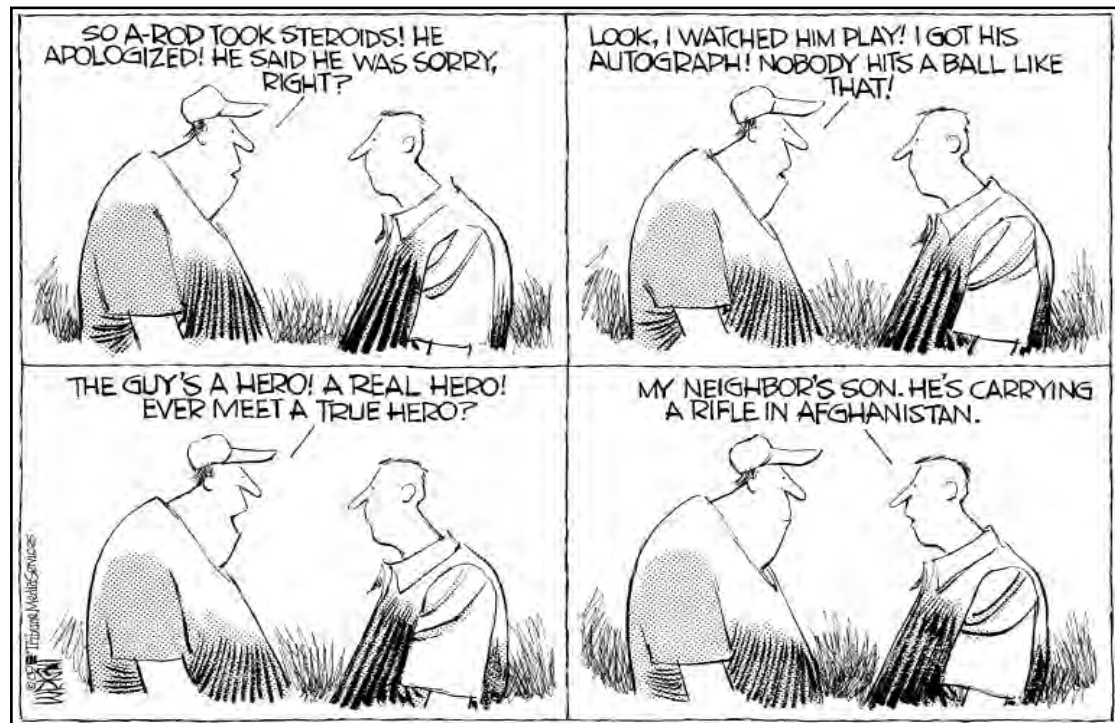
In fact, all other dishes are hardly even worth being on restaurant menus. Where in an upscale restaurant in India would you find *baingan ka bharta* or *alu chana*? Come on, give me a break. Do you really expect us, a pack of hungry graduate students, to drive eight miles to come for a *baingan ka bharta*?

We mostly preferred lunch buffets, as they would be easy on our pocket books (in spite of knowing that it's just a combination of the previous day's evening leftovers). One day, however, I was brave enough to forego the buffet and decided to spend some bucks on a single menu. I ordered a *keema mutter* and also remembered to remind the waitress that we would prefer it spicy, as I remembered how bland they made all Indian cuisines to customize it for the American population. The curries taste a lot of red color, dollops of butter and crême in a tomato sauce.

Though the dish appeared to be appealing, there was hardly any sign of *keema*. There was more of the *mutter* floating in a rich, spicy gravy of oil. I had one helping and I was gulping down glasses of water, realizing my mistake of asking for it to be made spicy. I left the money and ran for my car to head back to my apartment where I could save myself from heartburn and indigestion with my good, old Indian medications — namely *Pudin Hara* and *ENO*.

I really do not understand what actually is wrong with these Indian restaurants. The more I visit them, the more I despise them. Each time I return with a full stomach, disgruntled and more convinced that Indian food can probably be made well and enjoyed on Indian soil. I know I can cook better and wonder sometimes if I would be a more successful as a chef at a restaurant than as an engineering graduate.

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# Stupid games, prizes

Well, it appears that the Palestinians in Gaza are beginning to understand a great saying I learned when growing up:

“Play stupid games, win stupid prizes.” They are learning that casting votes like adults can result in a 2,000-pound laser-guided bomb plowing down their chimney — like a Santa Clause from hell.

Hamas was elected in an open and fair election, something that the West is always happy to see — especially in areas and regions where oppression is the norm. Even though I don't like Hamas (actually dislike is too mild, maybe “view with disgust” is more appropriate), they did win. The Palestinians in Gaza decided to elect a bunch of homicidal maniacs to represent and speak for them. And, since Christmas, they have been reaping those rewards. We should not only respect their decisions about who they voted for but the consequences as well.

Before their election, I did believe that Hamas didn't represent everyone. I reasonably thought that the pictures of hooded riflemen marching along with kids dressed as suicide bombers represented only a small part of the population. Nobody could support this kind of crap and be seen as a rational and logical human being. Then Hamas was elected and my thought of “Not all Palestinians support Hamas” fell apart. I never understood the rationale behind electing a party that has as a foundational belief, “the guy who lives next door must die.” Also, Hamas has been carrying out this campaign against Israel for the past 20 years. This wasn't new news to Gazans.

But 2006 is in the past; let's look at the present. First we have the Israeli blockade that

started when Hamas was elected nearly three years ago.

(I would like to point out that Egypt has kept out Gazans that try and escape as well. I thought there was supposed to be pan-Arab love for all those fighting the evil Zionist pigs.)

Yes, the Israeli Defense Forces has been blockading Gaza and restricting everything from food to electricity. Yet this blockade appears to be failing as more and more

**“ This is the way war is supposed to be fought — grind your enemy into dust. There is no such thing as a fair fight in war. ”**

rockets keep flying out of Gaza as shiny new guns and equipment keep appearing on Hamas fighters.

Maybe the Palestinians should not be blaming Israel for their problems. They should ask their elected leaders why they are smuggling in weapons instead of food and medicine. That question will never be asked, though, since that would show that the Palestinians were played for a bunch of fools — and nobody wants to look like a fool in front of the world.

Despite this, there is one thing I do fully agree with. Israel's military action has been wholly disproportional. I do not dispute it, but I think it's the way for Israel to go. Since when is war supposed to be completely symmetrical? If that is the case, then shouldn't Israel blindly fire a couple thousand artillery shells back into Gaza? It wouldn't make me sleep any less since there would be equality (at least in attacks), and that's what we strive for.

This is the way war is supposed to be fought — grind

your enemy into dust. There is no such thing as a fair fight in war. There are only the chumps that actually believe that. Do I find the IDF bombing an apartment building acceptable? You betcha. What is Israel supposed to do when rocket launchers are parked near an occupied building? The IDF could send in troops to destroy it in a fashion that does not hurt civilians. The only problem is that no Palestinian will let them walk around Gaza. This problem could be easily solved if the Palestinians took care of business themselves — oh wait, they actually like Hamas. That only leaves one option.

When I see the footage of a bombed house and Palestinians screaming and ranting, all I see are people unhappy with being punished as a consequence for the choice they made. I feel as much sympathy for Berliners who had their houses demolished by Allied bombers in World War II. They may have not supported the Nazis, but sitting on the side and saying “meh” isn't any better. After all, Gazans had no problem giving Hamas 76 of 132 parliamentary seats. The average Palestinian did not understand what or who they were voting for; they knew about it and just went with it anyway or somehow thought voting for Hamas would be a protest vote against Fatah (the late Yasser Arafat's party). No matter how you look at it, we have to respect these people. They freely and openly decided to vote for Hamas, and now they are reaping the benefits of their choice.

Maybe the Palestinians will remember when they vote the next time that they hold the power to their own destruction. They can exercise intelligent choices and quit appointing terrorists to represent them, or they can keep playing stupid games and winning stupid prizes.

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# There's sparse truth in the '9/11 Truth Movement'

As I stated last week, a lot of people apparently still believe the federal government was involved in the World Trade Center attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.



Robert Switzer

I pointed out that a poll was taken a number of years ago indicating that upwards of 35 percent of the American public believes this. I looked up the exact poll I was thinking about and found that it was taken much more recently than I thought. The Scripps Howard survey was taken in the fall of 2006, less than three years ago. It indicated that a full 36 percent of Americans believed it was either “very likely” or “somewhat likely” the U.S. government either allowed the attacks to happen or had a direct hand in making them happen. These results led Time magazine to conclude,

“Thirty-six percent adds up to a lot of people. This is not a fringe phenomenon. It is a mainstream political reality.” Unfortunately, they were right.

So, I decided to write this column for two reasons: As something of a karmic duty to repent for my former status as a “9/11 Truther,” and to supply anyone confronted by a Truther (of whom there are apparently many), or confronted by their own doubts, with a simple counterargument to this stubborn “theory.”

Now, there are many variations of 9/11 conspiracy theories. But there is one thing that almost all of them agree on, which is that the North and South towers of the World Trade Center (WTC 1 and 2) fell not because of the impact of the planes but because they were secretly strapped with explosives, which were remotely detonated from some undisclosed location (Is Dick Cheney the culprit?).

Cast aside the obvious question of why the government would even bother flying planes into buildings when they were just going to blow

them up with explosives anyway. A Truther will rebound with something like, “It was necessary to do that because attack by hijacked planes is much more dramatic and fear-instilling than mere explosives.” You can't win this argu-

**“ In sum, a central tenet of these conspiracy theories — controlled demolition — is not only impossibly unlikely but just doesn't square with the facts. ”**

ment with them.

But what can easily be refuted by hard, objective science is the notion that the buildings' collapses were at all consistent with a controlled demolition, rather than structural damage due to plane crashes and burning jet fuel. Any Truther will tell you, “Just watch the buildings collapse; it looked just like a controlled demolition!” Even Rosie O'Donnell parroted this point on “The View.”

To refute this claim, just ask any demolitions expert. One is Brent Blanchard, Director

of Field Operations for Protec Documentation Services, a company that documents the work of demolition contractors. His answers to 9/11 questions can be found at [ImplosionWorld.com](http://ImplosionWorld.com) (click on “WTC Q&A”). Responding to

“Well how do you explain that the first building to fall was the second to be struck by a plane? Shouldn't the first building hit have fallen first?” It is the answer to this question that finally placed me firmly in the anti-Truther camp. The answer is that it's very easy to explain when you actually pay attention to where the planes struck, a key fact universally ignored by Truthers.

The North Tower, which was the first to be hit, was hit squarely in the center of the building, on its broad side. If you look at a diagram of the internal columns of the building and pay attention to which ones were undermined by this strike, it is clear that the foundation was left with a lot of support. Much more support than the South Tower, at least. The South Tower was struck near its corner. This compromised the structure of that tower much more fatally than its counterpart. Also, the South Tower was struck much closer to its base, leaving many

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“Well how do you explain that the first building to fall was the second to be struck by a plane? Shouldn't the first building hit have fallen first?” It is the answer to this question that finally placed me firmly in the anti-Truther camp. The answer is that it's very easy to explain when you actually pay attention to where the planes struck, a key fact universally ignored by Truthers.

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more floors to weigh down on the impact point, thus causing it to topple faster. And unsurprisingly, the South Tower fell diagonally into the very corner that was struck. The common statement that the towers fell straight down into the ground is just a blatant falsehood.

In sum, a central tenet of these conspiracy theories — controlled demolition — is not only impossibly unlikely but just doesn't square with the facts. Knowing that, how can you give these “theories” any credibility?

If you want to read a comprehensive attack on 9/11 conspiracy from every angle, I recommend “9/11 Conspiracy Theories” by Phil Molé, printed in Volume 12, No. 4 of Skeptic journal. This article conclusively and scientifically answers every single point ever relied on by a Truther, complete with handy diagrams.

— Robert Switzer is an IC Columnist and a second-year law student.

**Stimulus**

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terest on this issue.

"I think that's a great goal and a great thing for faculty and staff members to do, and as Dr. [Lloyd] Jacobs said at the [Faculty] Senate [meeting] yesterday, the governor has been very generous and

level, because the states are not really investing; they are de-investing in education at precisely the time when they should be doing just the opposite."

Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate and professor in counselor education and school of psychology Nick Piazza said the Executive Com-

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General Secretary,  
AAUP

mittee had written the letter in support of the stimulus plan and was in the process of sending it out as of press time.

"As part of the motion ... [we are formulating] a sample letter to be distributed to faculty or other people within the university who would like to write a letter or send an e-mail in support of the stimulus plan," he said.

Rhoades explained the reasoning behind his letter to faculty members.

"I think it's important for faculty members to be part of the constituencies communicating to representatives and senators the importance of investing in education for the recovery of this country," he said.

"I think the states and the federal government need to start rethinking the way they conceive of higher education," Rhoades said. "They tend to see it as a cost. They don't

tend to understand how valuable of an investment it is and how central an investment it is in our country's future."

Rhoades criticized individuals who expect to see immediate change from the stimulus package.

"The reality is, it's going to take a long time," Rhoades said. "It's going to take months, years for the economy to really recover, and so this first package is important."

"I think one of the criticisms over the years is that not enough people have advocated for higher education, and so having more people advocate for it and talk about the good things that they're doing and the classes they're teaching and the research they're doing and so on is terrific," McMillen said.

McMillen said he is uncertain of the effect the finalized stimulus package will have on Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland's recently proposed state budget. Strickland's budget included a projected amount from the federal government, he said.

"Now the question is, that no one can answer yet, is, will the state get as much money as the governor and the staff predicted? And no one knows," he said. "We won't know until the figures come in."

"We have this political opportunity with a president who talks about change, and we're going to think differently, and we're going to do things differently," Rhoades said. "So, now is the time to try it out."

**Garden**

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of transportation needed to ship food around the country.

This industrial aspect is also "intimately" related to policies surrounding energy and consumption, she said. Renewable energy initiatives cannot work without a focus on sustainability, evident in the drive to produce corn for ethanol which has resulted in famine and food riots around the world, Pryor said.

"I think we're just gearing up for more, so the garden is both about helping students, in a real practical way, begin to ponder what they're putting in their bodies, what the implication is of that and also to see that their practices of consumption are intimately related to the way that people live all around the world," she said.

The garden will not only be a place to learn about environmental and social issues, but it will also be specifically geared toward educating female students and women in the surrounding community about sustainable agricultural practices, said Charlene Gilbert, director of the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women and one of the project's organizers.

"We are trying to figure out ways to plug them into the opportunities around sustainability," Gilbert said at an Arts and Sciences Council meeting Feb. 3. "There are women in the community who are very concerned about their food, concerned in terms of understanding a little more about what their options are in the grocery store. I think in terms of our university being connected to the needs of the

surrounding community, this is a great opportunity."

The departments of environmental sciences and women's and gender studies already have plans to teach specific classes in the garden. However, once it is established, more professors from throughout UT may utilize the outdoor environment, said Ann Krause, an assistant professor of ecology and one of the project's organizers.

"We imagine things like a philosophy course on Thoreau where you could actually take your class out to these different garden locations," Pryor said.

Krause said even students from the art department may become involved by creating sculptures and artwork for the garden.

"This garden can actually be done in a very grassroots kind of way," Pryor said.

During the ASC meeting last week, a number of faculty members expressed great interest in becoming involved in the project.

"I believe that we have a number of committed faculty members coming together who are using a number of resources here at UT, and they're pulling together to make an exciting new venture, and that is certainly a positive thing for UT," said Lee Heritage, interim associate dean of arts and humanities.

The four professors who are spearheading the garden project hope to put together an advisory committee comprised of faculty, administrators, students and grounds/maintenance staff. Once the advisory committee is created, it will be able to work out

issues such as the location and size of the garden.

Philpott said the garden will be approximately 200 square feet, and several locations have been proposed, including the courtyard areas of Bowman-Oddy and somewhere along the Ottawa River near the student residence halls, and some faculty in the ASC suggested the possibility of rooftop gardens.

Pryor said the location of the garden is crucial in order to keep the garden highly visible and accessible to students.

Philpott said they are still waiting on the official approval from the administration and the funding for the project's materials.

Elyse Bernstein, a senior majoring in environmental sciences and a Student Government senator, brought a resolution in support of the garden to the SG Senate meeting on Tuesday. Bernstein said the garden can offer a chance for students in different fields to work together on issues surrounding environmental science.

"Students will hopefully be able to have a greater appreciation for the natural world," she said.

Pryor said she felt the garden is an environment where many students and faculty members throughout UT can benefit.

"Finally, this is also a really wonderful place, kind of a symbolic space where people from all disciplines and colleges can unite around a shared interest in food — from enjoying food, enjoying good food, enjoying biodiversity but also some of these social and political implications and their own research work," she said.

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**Campus Activities and Programming**

CAP Thursday Theater is featuring the movie "Zach & Miri Make a Porno" today at 10 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center Oak Room. Lifelong friends Zach and Miri look to solve their cash flow problems by making an adult film together. As the cameras roll, however, the duo begins to sense that they may have more feelings for each other than they pre-

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**‘What’s Race Got to do With It?’** The Africana Studies Department is hosting “What’s Race Got to do With It?” where they will show the film “Crash,” immediately followed by a discussion on race. The event is from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Student Union Building, room 2582. The event is free and open to the public and will include food. For additional information, call 419-530-7252.

**Chris Shutters** Chris Shutters will be performing at Ottawa Tavern, 1815 Adams St. The concert begins at 9 p.m. and is open to the public. For additional information, call 419-725-5483.

friday

**Frozentoesen** The Toledo Zoo presents “Frozentoesen,” a winter celebration featuring ice carving demonstrations, live performances and more. The event is from noon to 3 p.m. and zoo admissions prices apply. For additional information, call 419-385-5721.

**Black History Month Exhibit** 20 North Gallery presents the “14th Annual Black History Month Exhibit,” the oldest ongoing black history art show in the city that features work by local and regional artists. The exhibit runs through March 1 and is open Tuesday through Friday noon to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public. 20 North Gallery is located at 20 N. St. Clair St. For additional information, call 419-241-2400.

saturday

**Vagina Monologues** Eve Ensler will perform the Obie award-winning production, “The Vagina Monologues,” which explores intimacy, vulnerability and self-discovery. The performance will benefit Toledo’s YWCA Battered Women’s Shelter. The performance is at the Owens Center for Fine and Performing Arts, 30335 Oregon Road, at 8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For additional information, call 567-661-2787.

**Game Night** Game Show Grille is hosting a game night featuring food, prizes and more. Game Show Grille is located at 3536 Secor Road. The event is free and open to the public. The event begins at 7 p.m. For additional information, call 419-535-7070.

**Bellydance** The Healing Arts Institute presents “Bellydance for Fitness,” an interactive six-week workshop that combines dance and fitness. Classes are \$10 per session, from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays. The Healing Arts Institute is located at 340 Three Meadows Drive. To sign up for classes or for additional information, call 419-874-4496.

**Winter Hiatus** Space 237 presents “Winter Hiatus,” an exhibit of collages, paintings and ceramics by local artists Greg Justus, Kelly Lever, Adam Russell and Jules Webster. The event is on display 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Space 237 is located at 237 N. Michigan Ave. For additional information, call 419-255-5117.

sunday

**Rockets for the Cure** Help benefit the “Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Northwest Ohio” at the UT women’s basketball game, where the Lady Rockets will take on the Kent State Golden Flashes. The event begins at 2 p.m. in Savage Arena and is open to the public. To purchase tickets, visit the UT Ticket Office in the Sullivan Athletic Complex or call 419-530-GOLD. For additional information, call 419-530-2486.

**Cat Show** See the best cats in Toledo at the annual “Cat Show.” The competition will feature all breeds of cats, vendors, music, food and more. The event will be held at the Lucas County Rec Center, 2901 Key St., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, call Jay Christian at 419-343-1751.

# For your listening pleasures

With new technologies emerging, college radio struggles to remain relevant

Unbeknownst to many students, the second floor of UT’s Student Union houses an audio sanctuary. It is a room of purpose and intriguing presence and a hot bed to music lovers and news seekers

By Jumar Newell  
IC Staff Writer

Entering the station of WXUT 88.3 F.M., nostalgic euphoria is the first impression. The CD-tiled corridor opens up to a work space for a dedicated group of young and cultured dreamers. Novelty signs, bumper stickers and promotional posters decorate the walls and, in the corner, a rabbit-ears television set and Super Nintendo signal a work place induced for relaxation.

Amongst a couple of Dell desktops and lounge couches is where you’ll most likely find the station’s general manager, Allison Dow, a senior majoring in an individualized program. While Dow and her staff take the work they do extremely seriously, sadly, much of the country, and the UT campus does not.

“College radio has always been viewed as ‘little kids with crayons’ instead of architects building a house,” Dow said. “But they [the public] don’t realize that soon we’ll be building the houses.”

Over the years, college radio, and radio in general, has taken a back seat to the abundance of newer technologies available, including iPods, cell phones, the Internet, file-sharing networks and satellite radio. Though statistics on college radio in general are scarce — WXUT did not

have any figures on the number of listeners who list-ten to the station — studies show young people are listening to radio less and less. According to a recent New York Times article, the amount of time 18- to 24-year-olds spent listening to radio from 1998 to 2007 dropped by 18 percent.

The station is run entirely by students with some paid staff and other members who are trained to operate the equipment. Most students who work at the station said they are doing it for the experience or to boost their resumes.

While the listeners may not be tuning in, Dow said over the decades, college radio has carved out its own niche in the entertainment field and offers students a unique perspective. According to Dow, college radio is the one independent voice in a field of commercialism and top 40 rotations. Though regulated by the Federal Communications Commission, Dow said college radio is the choice of the musically experimenting listener with

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Joseph Herr / IC

WXUT 88.3 F.M. is located on the second floor of the Student Union Building and is run by UT students.

## MOVIE REVIEW



Courtesy of New Line Cinema

(L to R) Ginnifer Goodwin, Jennifer Aniston and Jennifer Connelly star in “He’s Just Not That Into You.”

# I just wasn’t that into it

‘He’s Just Not That Into You’ fails to live up to hype

By Chevonne Harris  
Arts and Life Editor

How many A-listers does it take to make a film? Apparently too many. Based on the 2005 bestselling book, “He’s Just Not that Into You: The No-Excuses Truth to Understanding Guys,” by Greg Behrendt, the film of the same name seems more like an experiment of how many stars can fit into one movie rather than an onscreen version of the popular book. While the film is an accurate and humorous look at dating in the 21st century, two hours worth of whining women and self-ish men becomes slightly

monotonous after 90 minutes.

Produced by Drew Barrymore, the film follows various couples and singles as they struggle to find and keep love in Baltimore, Md.

Jennifer Aniston is Beth, who is in a happy relationship with Neil (Ben Affleck); the only problem is Neil refuses to get married. Janine (Jennifer Connelly) is married to Ben (Bradley Cooper), who is finally discovering that marriage may not be for him (thanks to Scarlett Johansson’s character, Anna). Gigi (Ginnifer Goodwin) is an adorable yet overly obsessive dater

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# Something’s brewin’ up

New coffee shop Caffeini’s Coffee on Secor Road hopes to attract UT students and faculty

By Chevonne Harris  
Arts and Life Editor

Starbucks may have some competition, because there’s a new coffee shop in town. Caffeini’s Coffee is the latest addition in what many hope will be the start of attracting outside businesses to the UT community.

The coffee shop, located on Secor Road across from Rocket Hall, celebrated its grand opening on Feb. 1 and hopes its unique menu and atmosphere will set it apart from other local coffee shops and fast food restaurants in the area.

With an earth-tone interior, highlighted by splashes of color, Ron Waxell, part-owner of

— Caffeini’s, Page B2



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Caffeini’s Coffee opened on Feb. 1 and is located at 1471 Secor Road.

# Black History Month Fact



By Chevonne Harris  
Arts and Life Editor

Long before The Rolling Stones ever set foot on American soil, and before Eric Clapton picked up a guitar, there was Muddy Waters (1913-1983). Ranked #17 by Rolling Stone magazine’s list of the “100 Greatest Artists of All Time,” Muddy Waters is considered the “father of Chicago blues” and one of the greatest bluesmen of all time.

Born in Rolling Fork, Miss., Waters signed to Chess Records in 1947, where he had a span of hits including “Hoochie Coochie

Man,” “I Just Want to Make Love to You” and “Rollin’ Stone.”

Waters’ music greatly influenced the artists of the British invasion in the 1960s, and his songs have been covered by numerous artists including The Rolling Stones, Etta James, Led Zepplin and countless others. Best-known for his guitar playing, deep vocals and macho lyrics (most of which were written by bassist/songwriter Willie Dixon), Waters’ influence continues to be felt in the world of music. John Mayer anyone?

**Radio**

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an ear open to more variety and less mainstream regulation. "Everybody is constantly in search of new music," Dow said. "Our goal is to find the coolest, most cutting-edge music." With a broadcast radius of about 10 miles, WXUT can best be described as a hodge-podge of music and programming, playing everything from rap and pop to hard rock and local artists. Some of the station's most popular programs include everything from "House of Hate," a heavy metal show and the

stations longest-running program, and "Capture Suplex Radio," a pro-wrestling forum. Despite its diverse programming and dedicated listeners, WXUT has not been immune to the budget cuts happening that are shaking-up the radio industry. UT, which finances the station, made budget cuts resulting in the lay off of a station engineer. Dow said she sees the move to cut jobs on radio as a possible "non-priority move" — not necessarily a gang up, but a "disregard to radio," she said. "One of the reasons we're not viewed or respected

enough is because we're an independent station run by students," Dow said. While angered by some of the budget cuts, the staff at WXUT has not been deterred by the shake-ups. According to Dow, the industry is still alive and well, especially in the underground music scene. Dow said record labels still check-in on a regular basis to keep tabs on what's popular and who is being played. Despite the popularity of wireless media devices, Dow said there will always be a need for radio. "[People] with an opinion will always get attention," she said.

**Caffeini's**

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the shop, described Caffeini's as having a traditional, 'retro vibe' that is warm and inviting. "We gave it a traditional look because we wanted a feeling where you just don't come in and grab your coffee and go," he said. "This is a place where people can come in and relax." Caffeini's is owned by Campus Village Apartments and is the first of what owners hope will be many coffee houses, Waxell said. Ideally, the shop owners would like to duplicate the shop at all of their Campus Village Apartments, however Waxell said he and his business partners are waiting to see how successful the Toledo shop is before more open. The shop serves everything from paninis, bagels and soups to smoothies, coffee and espresso. According to Waxell, the smoothies are made from all-natural ingredients and are dairy free. Many of the shop's products are also gluten-free and organic. Some of the shop's more unique menu items include its chai tea and all-natural Italian gelato, made with ingredients imported from Italy. Waxell estimated that almost 50 percent of the shop's

menu consists of locally purchased or grown food. Some of the coffee is grown in Michigan and all of the milk is purchased from local markets and retailers. Waxell said he hopes the menu will encourage UT students to consider outside dining as opposed to limiting their diets to university food only. "Obviously we're here because of UT," Waxell said. "But the quality of our product lends itself to be more for people who are a little more sophisticated in taste, and hopefully, we can get some of the UT students to realize they have a choice [when it comes to food]." With so much attention placed on the food, Waxell warned customers not to come to Caffeini's in a hurry. Nearly all of the food is made-to-order by the shop's employees, or "baristas" as they are referred to and is meant to be enjoyed, Waxell said. "This is a destination where someone doesn't come in and grab something and run," Waxell said. "This is not fast food, and hopefully, people are not going to treat it like fast food." When planning the menu and pricing the items, Waxell said he and his partners made it a point to consider college students' limited budgets. "We felt that in order to

make an impact, we had to price our items reasonably," Waxell said. Items on the menu are moderately priced, with the most expensive item being the "hot panini's" which are \$5.95. A 20 ounce smoothie is about \$5, and coffee and lattes cost anywhere between \$1.60 and \$4.25. Currently Caffeini's does not accept Rocketcards. Waxell said they hope to in the future, and are waiting on the university to provide the necessary machines. In the weeks and months to come, Waxell said the shop will have open mic nights and poetry readings during the week and on weekends. Shop managers are also in talks with the UT art department to display student artwork. While business isn't booming just yet, Waxell is confident that Caffeini's will become a fixture of the UT and Campus Village communities. He estimated that 80 percent of the shop's business will come from UT students and faculty. "My goal is to have somebody graduate from UT and, ten years later, be with some friends and say 'wow you remember when we used to go to Caffeini's?'" he said. "We want this to be one of the things that become embedded in people's minds."

**Movie**

From Page B1

who can't seem to understand why guys aren't that into to her. While well-intentioned, the main problem with the film is there are just too many characters and storylines to keep track of. Goodwin's character, Gigi, gets most of the screen time and the other characters are sort of squished in wherever they will fit. Right when you start to get into one couple's story, the film suddenly shifts, and by the time it returns to where it left off, you really don't care anymore. With so many characters and storylines, it's hard to give each story the attention it deserves. It seemed as though director Ken Kwapis was overly ambitious in casting so many actors, and the movie was just an excuse for Barrymore to show-off her famous friends. Surprisingly, the biggest stars in the film were given the smallest roles. Aniston and Affleck's characters received the shortest amount of screen time when they actually had one of the better storylines. Barrymore, who plays Mary, a charming advertiser fed up with the technologies involved in dating, also gets the short end of the stick in terms of screen time. Aside from the multitude

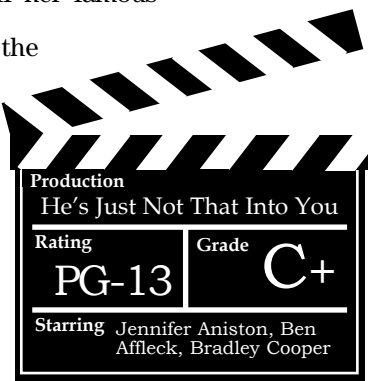


Courtesy of New Line Cinema

Scarlett Johansson and Bradley Cooper star in "He's Just Not That Into You."

of characters, "He's Just Not That Into You" has some bright spots. The writing is witty and the acting is spot-on. It's hard to resist Gigi as she obsesses over whether to call her date back and Johansson does a good job as Anna, the aspiring singer and every girlfriends nightmare. It's refreshing to see a film that is so relatable, and with so many characters, there's bound to be at least one you

will connect with. **Critic's Conclusion:** It's nice to take a break from the heavy, oftentimes downright depressing films that are released around Oscar season. Sometimes it's good to have a not-so-deep and slightly superficial movie to cuddle up with. While the move is one of the better romantic comedies to be released in a long time, it could have been much better. Despite a few flaws, the relatable plots and superb writing make-up for the film's shortcomings. We can't all relate to getting younger as we get older or being a has-been wrestler, but we've all had someone that just wasn't that into us. **C+**



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### Coach

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Richmond from 2005-06 before heading to Notre Dame. He also coached the kickoff return team during those two seasons.

Graham's role with the Patriots has yet to be determined. This offseason, the team parted ways with secondary coach and special assistant Dom Capers, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Josh McDaniels, special teams coach Brad Seely and tight ends coach Pete Mangurian.

Graham is familiar with the New England area. He grew up in Waterbury, Conn.

Given the recent trend of other NFL teams hiring coaches from New England to higher positions and coach Bill Belichick's tendency to hire from within, Graham could be a position coach with the Patriots as soon as next season.

Beckman announced in a statement after the resignation that a replacement and one additional coach will soon be hired. Look to IndependentCollegian.com for updates on the coaching vacancy.

### Battle

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when they had to, and we didn't."

The Rockets held an advantage in most other statistical categories. They out-scored BG 34-24 in the paint, 12-10 in points off turnovers and held a 38-34 advantage in rebounds.

The Falcons took a 15-4 lead with 12:36 remaining in the half on a layup by Chris Knight. Amos made a jumper one minute later. It was one of only two field goals for UT in the first 10:56 of play.

Anyijong made a jumper with 9:03 left to spark a 9-0 run for the Rockets. Senior guard Anthony Byrd made two shots and senior guard Tyrone Kent made a layup before Amos made a free-throw to make it a one-possession game at 19-16 with 6:01 remaining in the half.

Kent ignited both the team and the crowd when he slammed down a missed shot with just under two minutes to go, but the Falcons scored five-straight points to take a 33-24 lead into halftime.

Anyijong made two layups

in the first two minutes of the half to pull UT within five.

After senior guard Ridley Johnson made a layup for a 41-35 score with 13:27 remaining, the Rockets were held without an offensive basket for the next 7:41 of play as BG built a 48-35 lead.

The Rockets utilized another 9-0 run to pull within two points late in the game. Amos started the run by converting a three-point play with 5:02 to go and Kent finished it with a layup for a 50-48 score with 3:19 remaining.



"We felt good coming into the game," Amos said. "We have to put two halves together. The first half they shot 52 percent, and the second half they shot 31 percent. We just have to play hard for two halves."

Amos kept UT within two points with a pair of free-throws, but Brian Moten made a three-pointer for BG on the next possession with less than two minutes remaining to secure the win.

Moten scored eight points for BG. Darryl Clements led the team with 15 points, adding five rebounds,

four assists and three blocks. Nate Miller was right behind him with 14 points, adding seven rebounds, an assist and a steal.

UT struggled to foul BG late in the game as the Falcons ran the clock down. Byrd took several seconds to get an intentional foul late in the game. Afterward, Cross addressed Byrd and said, "I don't need you to tickle him. Foul him."

Amos grabbed two offensive rebounds off his own missed layups in the final four seconds to earn his double-double.

"Our guys understand that we're playing for something, and I tell them that every single day," Cross said. "I told them that today. We had an extremely spirited shoot around today. I felt really good about the game going into the contest. I didn't anticipate that they would back down at all, being that this is a league game, that I'm their coach and I'm not going to let them back down, and the fact that it was BG across from us. It didn't sit too well that we were down to them. We fought and clawed, but we didn't fight and claw enough in order to get the victory."

The Rockets face Ohio on the road at 2 p.m. on Saturday.



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Freshman guard Larry Bastfield attempts a layup in last night's 59-54 loss to Bowling Green. Bastfield made his one shot attempt in the game for two points and had three rebounds.

### A-Rod

From Page B4  
A-Rod was baseball's last great hope for redemption.

Baseball's all-time hits king, Pete Rose, is banned from the sport. Baseball's career home run leader, Barry Bonds, could be headed to prison for lying about taking steroids. Arguably the greatest right-handed pitcher of all-time, Roger Clemens, may be joining him. Before Bonds broke the single-season home run record, it belonged to Mark McGwire, whose 'I'm not here to talk about the past' steroid admission on Capitol Hill ruined the hero's reputation.

All these greats will be kept out of the Hall of Fame, and it looks like baseball's last glimpse of white light, Alex Rodriguez, will be joining them.

— Zach Davis is the Assistant Sports Editor and a junior majoring in communication.

## Side Lines

### UT faces rival BG

The UT women's basketball team travels to Bowling Green tonight for a 7 p.m. game in a battle of Mid-American Conference division leaders.

UT (13-9, 7-2 MAC) will look to hand the Falcons (20-2, 9-0 MAC) their first conference loss of the season.

The game will be televised live on BCSN.

### Two Rockets earn weekly honors

UT juniors Tanika Mays and Meghan Reissig each earned weekly honors.

Reissig was named the Mid-American Conference Women's Co-Swimmer of the week on Tuesday.

She took first place individually last week in the 100 backstroke, 200 backstroke and the 400 IM. She also helped the 200 medley relay team earn first place in the 189-103 victory over Buffalo.

Mays was named the MAC West Division Player of the Week on Monday.

She scored 31 points in two wins last week with 13 rebounds, six steals and three assists.

She celebrated her 22nd birthday on Sunday against Ohio with 18 points, eight rebounds and five steals.

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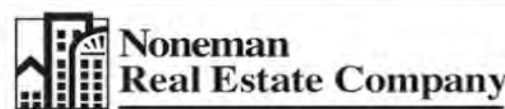
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The Shapiro Writing Contest is named for and supported by funds established by Dr. Edward Shapiro, Professor Emeritus in Economics, who retired from the University of Toledo in 1989 after 22 years of service. An undergraduate of UT, he went on to obtain a M.A. from Ohio State University and Ph.D. from Harvard. Dr. Shapiro donated this money to recognize and reward future UT students in what he regarded as the craft of good writing.

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Gene Cross  
UT Men's Basketball Coach

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Jason Mack – Editor

## A-Rod's enhancers cripple MLB

It's official baseball, your savior is dirty. Alex Rodriguez has used performance-enhancing drugs.

On Saturday, Sports Illustrated reported Rodriguez tested positive in 2003, the same year he won the American League Home Run Title and the Most Valuable Player Award.

In 2007, A-Rod did an exclusive interview on "60 Minutes" with Katie Couric as the findings of Senator George Mitchell's steroid investigation were about to be released.

"For the record, have you ever used steroids, human growth hormone or any other performance-enhancing substance?" Couric asked.

At this moment, A-Rod had a chance to come clean and accept mistake. "No", he replied. Too often players are sorry only after they are caught.

A-Fraud even had the gull to tell a story about how he's never felt overmatched on the baseball field.

As it turns out, Rodriguez tested positive in 2003 in a test that was only for the purpose of seeing how widespread performance-enhancing drugs were in baseball and whose results were to be released to the public.

Now A-Roid wants to tell his side of the story, but why should we believe him? After lying to

all of us 14 months ago, he interviewed on Tuesday with Peter Gammons of ESPN to "come clean," but instead provided a story with gaping holes.

Zach Davis

“How are we supposed to believe he only took steroids from 2001-03? Why should we take him at his word with such little information, when he's clearly lied to us before?”

In simpler terms, you tested positive for a substance that is illegal and not approved for medical purposes in the United States.

Since he couldn't tell us what he was using, at least he could tell us where he got it from, right? Well, not exactly.

When asked where he received the substance, Rodriguez responded, "Again, at the time, you know, you have nutritionists, you have doctors, you have trainers. That's the right question today: 'Where did you get it?' There's many things that you can take that are banned substances. I mean, there's things that have been removed from GNC today that would trigger a positive test. I'm not sure exactly what substance I used, but whatever it is, I feel terribly about it."

Not quite the answer we were looking for, especially from a guy in the position he's in. How are we supposed to believe a word he says when he won't tell us anything about it even when he's cornered. He mentions GNC, but the substance he has tested positive for is not available there. How are we supposed to believe he only took steroids from 2001-03? Why should we take him at his word with such little information, when he's clearly lied to us before?

— A-Rod, Page B3

# UT loses Battle of I-75

Jonathon Amos scores 21 points off bench in 59-54 loss

By Jason Mack  
Sports Editor

Senior guard Jonathon Amos excelled in his second game back from suspension last night, but Bowling Green held off a late rally by the UT men's basketball team and won the rivalry game 59-54 at Savage Arena.



Anyijong

"It was a classic MAC battle tonight where two teams were fighting and clawing, trying to figure out how to win a basketball game," Head Coach Gene Cross said. "They came out in the first half and put some distance between the two of us. Then we came out in the second half and defended a little better and almost tied it up. They made the plays when they needed to and we didn't."

The loss snapped a nine-game winning streak at home for UT (4-20, 2-8 Mid-American Conference).

Amos did not start the game for the Rockets, but he scored 21 points in 30 minutes off the bench.

The Falcons ran a zone defense and kept UT from getting anything going from the outside, so Amos constantly drove the lane.

He was frequently fouled as a result and made 13-of-19 free-throw attempts. He also grabbed a career-high 11 rebounds for his fourth double-double and had three assists and a steal.

"Their sitting back in the zone, it affected our aggressiveness," Cross said. "Amos got to the free-throw line 19 times. He was the only one that was really attacking and aggressively trying to get to the basket."

After BG (14-9, 7-3 MAC) took a 5-0 lead early, sophomore forward Justin Anyijong made a three-pointer 2:25 into the game.

It was both the first and last three-pointer of the night for the Rockets, as the team shot 0-for-10 from beyond the arc for the remainder of the game. Anyijong scored 11 points for his eighth-straight game in double figures and he had seven rebounds.

"We were cold," Cross said. "Did the zone affect us? Yes. Is it the reason why we lost? I wouldn't say that. BG made plays

— Battle, Page B3



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Senior guard Jonathon Amos attempts a shot while bumping into a defender in the first half of last night's game. Amos scored 21 points in 30 minutes off the bench and had a career-high 11 rebounds in the loss to Bowling Green for the fourth double-double of his career.



IC file photo by Jason Mack

Patrick Graham discusses recruits at a signing day presentation in the Grogan Room at Savage Arena on Feb. 4.

## Assistant coach leaves for NFL

By Jason Mack  
Sports Editor

Patrick Graham resigned Monday from his position as the defensive line coach for the UT football team to accept a position as a coaching assistant for the New England Patriots. The hiring was announced by the Patriots on Tuesday. New England's vice president of media communications, Stacey James, confirmed the hiring.

Graham was hired on Jan. 8 by Head Coach Tom Belton. He was only with the Rockets for a month before departing for the NFL, but Graham played a key role in the recruitment of several of UT's 19 incoming freshmen football players.

Prior to accepting a position at UT, Graham was a graduate assistant at Notre Dame for two seasons. Graham was likely recommended to the Patriots by former offensive coordinator Charlie Wise, the current head coach at Notre Dame.

The role of a coaching assistant is considered to be an entry-level position in the

NFL. Josh Boyer was one of three coaching assistants employed by New England last season. He was promoted to the position of defensive backs coach for the upcoming 2009 season. The promotion of Boyer left one coaching assistant position open. Graham joins Brian Flores and Shane Waldron at the position.

After Graham was hired last month, Beckman said, "Patrick is an excellent young coach who had a great experience at Notre Dame the past two seasons. He has a great academic background and is very eager to make a big contribution to our program."

Graham played on the defensive line at Yale and graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology in 2001.

He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Wagner, where he coached from 2002-03. In 2004, he took over as the defensive line coach at Richmond. He coached the tight ends at

— Coach, Page B3

## Gradkowski claimed by Oakland Raiders

By Jason Mack  
Sports Editor

After being cut by the Cleveland Browns on Monday, former UT quarterback Bruce Gradkowski was claimed off waivers by the Oakland Raiders on Tuesday.

The San Francisco 49ers also attempted to claim Gradkowski, but the 49ers finished last season 7-9, so the Raiders had a higher waiver priority after finishing with a 5-11 record.

The Raiders are Gradkowski's fourth NFL team since leaving UT after the 2005 season. He was drafted by the Tampa Bay

Buccaneers in the sixth round of the 2006 NFL draft. After a strong preseason, Gradkowski was slotted on the depth chart as the backup to starter Chris Simms. He saw his first regular season action in week four when Simms suffered a ruptured spleen. He was named the starter for a week five game against the New Orleans Saints, and he completed 20-of-31 passes for 225 yards and two touchdowns in a loss. He started a total of 11 games in the season, completing 177-of-328 passes for 1661 yards with nine touchdowns and nine interceptions. He also rushed for 161 yards.

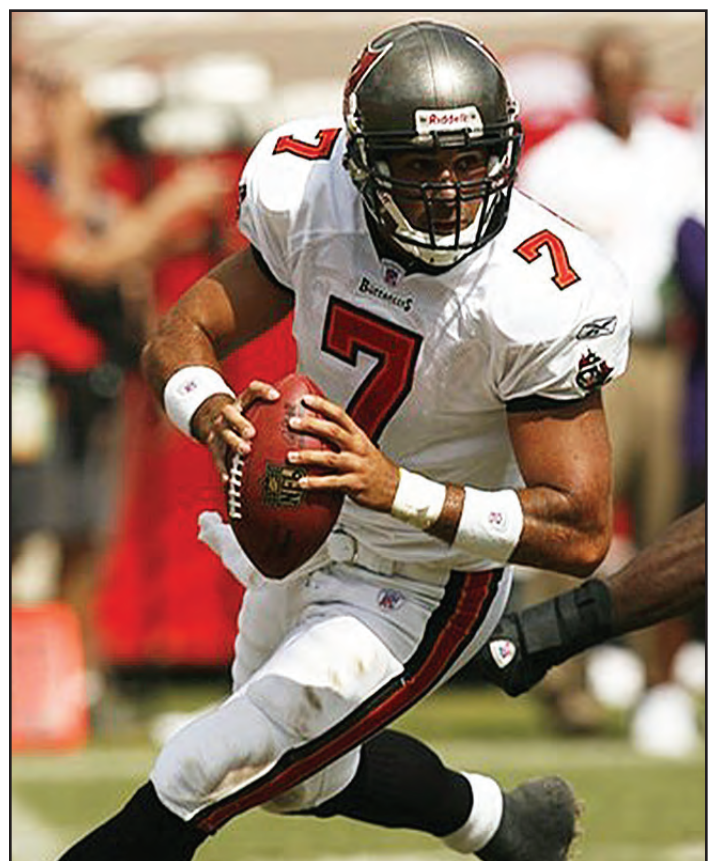
He appeared in four games in 2007, completing 13-of-24 passes for 130 yards. He was waived by Tampa Bay in May 2008. The St. Louis Rams claimed Gradkowski off waivers in June 2008. He spent training camp and most of the preseason with the Rams but was waived on Aug. 30 during the final roster cuts.

Gradkowski was signed by the Browns on Dec. 2, 2008 after starter Derek Anderson was placed on injured reserve. After Brady Quinn and Ken Dorsey were injured, Gradkowski was named the starter against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the season finale. He completed just 7-of-21 passes in the game for 26 yards and three interceptions.

He is unlikely to start ahead of 2007 first-overall pick JaMarcus Russell, but Gradkowski could be in line for the role of backup quarterback with the Raiders. Paul Hackett is the quarterbacks coach for Oakland. He held the same position with Tampa Bay from 2005-07 and helped develop Gradkowski.

Andrew Walter was the backup quarterback early on last season but was demoted to No. 3 on the depth chart by the end of the year. Tom Cable was recently announced as the team's new head coach. He was the interim coach last season after Lane Kiffin was fired. When Walter was demoted, Cable backed up the decision with claims of Walter having physical and confidence issues.

With the free agency period and the draft right around the corner, there are no guarantees for Gradkowski, but being reunited with Hackett is a good sign. If Russell fails to live up to the hype again during the 2009 season, Gradkowski could get another crack at the starting lineup.



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Former UT quarterback Bruce Gradkowski rushes to avoid a sack while starting for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.