

Good Eats

Gourdough's

"I got a maple bacon doughnut and I was surprised by how good it was. It was the best doughnut I've had."
-Nicholas Vallee (11)



Phil's Icehouse

"I enjoy eating there with my friends and my dog. My favorite is the grilled cheese. Nice and simple."
-Chloe Hunter (9)

Crepes

"I always get the rotisserie chicken crepe. It's savory and salty all in one."
-Wesley Gibson (10)



Hopdoddy

"Their milkshakes are amazing and unconventional. Who would think to make a caramel and sea salt shake?"
-Noah Knight (12)

Hey Cupcake!

"Hey Cupcake!'s carrot cake is the best. Cream cheese icing you think would taste weird, but it is to die for."
-Katelyn Tumelson (11)



Photos by Sarah Herzer

Film Fest



WILD TIMES Laughing in front of the Paramount Theatre, seniors **Leonor Martins** and **Michaela Erban** discuss what they thought about the premiere of the movie "Wild" at the Austin Film Fest. "It was an amazing experience being surrounded by the film community," Martins said. "I loved chatting with people who made their dreams into reality."
Photo by Sarah Herzer

Peter Pan Mini-golf



PUTT-PUTTING ON THE RITZ Braving the cold weather of the night, sophomore **Michael Craton** sets up the final putt to sink the ball. Peter Pan Mini-golf, built in 1948, has become an iconic fixture in the hustle and bustle of downtown life. "I like Peter Pan because it's one of those old Austin gems that many people still visit with their children," Craton said. "It has become a fun Austin landmark."
Photo by Sarah Herzer

360 Bridge



TAKE A HIKE After climbing the rocky path up to the top of the hill on the side of Capitol of Texas highway, freshman **Daniel Vallee** and junior **Kerry Madden** stop to take a breather. The Pennybacker Bridge, known as the 360 bridge, has become a popular place for students to picnic and take pictures. "I enjoyed the climb because of the end sight, which I had never seen anything of the kind before," Vallee said. "The forest appeared untouched, natural and beautiful, and Lake Austin was a sight to see."
Photo by Sarah Herzer

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HOOK 'EM HORNS Throwing up the school sign, senior **Lauren Campbell** and her dad pose in front of the logo outside of the stadium on gameday at The University of Texas at Austin. Football games drew the attention of T-Wolves turned Longhorns for the day. "I've always grown up a Longhorn, but I'm probably not going there next year," Campbell said. "I asked my dad if we could go to one last game together before I graduated, and it was a lot of fun."
Photo courtesy of Lauren Campbell

Local Bands



ARGYLE CACTUS Center stage, seniors **Carter Seuth** (bass), **Devan Kellerman-Pitts** (lead vocals, guitar), **Nicholas Jacobson** (drums) and **Blake Rice** (vocals, guitar) have taken full advantage of the Austin's music scene and perform with their band "Argyle Cactus" at the Red Eyed Fly on a Friday night. A part of "Keeping Austin Weird" is supporting local musicians and bands, and this year students went to support them at their shows. "Austin is a really great place to get your start," Kellerman-Pitts said. "People have been really cool about coming to our shows and giving us positive feedback."
Photo by Sarah Herzer

Shop Local



PENSION FOR THE PAST Getting a closer look at a vinyl record, junior **Faith Schrier** browses through Waterloo's stock. Austinites take satisfaction in shopping locally, and one of the most well-known shops is Waterloo Records, founded in 1982 and located off of Sixth and Lamar. "It was refreshing because everyone there was nice and acted like they knew you," Schrier said. "It was a new adventure and a good way to get out of the bubble of Cedar Park."
Photo by Sarah Herzer

ACL Festival



FUN TIMES WITH FRIENDS Dancing and singing along, freshman **Luke Policke**, junior **Colin Rasmussen**, junior **Noah Policke** and freshman **Ty Rasmussen** jam out to The Kongs's set list at ACL. ACL, or Austin City Limits, got its start as a small music event at Zilker Park for an audience of Austinites, but has become a destination for many and a renowned music festival. "ACL lets you experience downtown Austin," Colin Rasmussen said. "I really enjoyed the music and hanging out with friends."
Photo by Sarah Herzer



WALKIN' FAST Making their way from a food truck to thrift shops, seniors **Ryan Scott** and **Katelyn Foxworth** cross South Congress in Austin. The street, also known as SoCo, is the strip before Congress crosses Town Lake and is filled with lots of local stores and restaurants, and is a popular place to shop and eat. "I love the culture of SoCo," Foxworth said. "It always feels like home."
Photo by Sarah Herzer

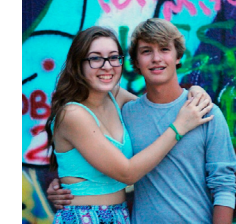


BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE Finding shelter from the drizzling rain in TOMS Roasting Co. on South Congress, junior **Claire Cantrell** enjoys a warm vanilla latte by the fire. "I love how TOMS has such a calm atmosphere," Cantrell said. "It's a really nice place to go to have coffee, and it was a good way to get out of the cold."
Photo by Sarah Herzer

Writing on the wall

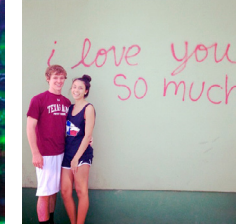
Downtown Austin is known for its many quirks and eccentric qualities; but whether a local or a tourist, the street art isn't something to miss. These spray-painted walls were fun destinations for students this year as they traveled all around the city to their favorite photo opps. Freshman **Ashley Chen** and her friends wandered around the graffiti park for her friend's birthday party. They posed, smiled for the camera and posted pictures of their outing on Instagram. "It's such a neat place," Chen said. "I love seeing all these professionals show off their art."

Amanda Bosse (10)



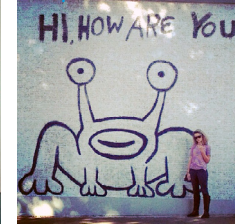
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Brian Edwards (12)



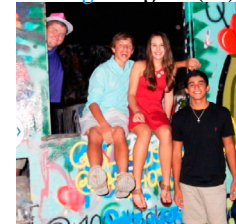
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Collyn Burke (11)



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Sterling Stangner (10)



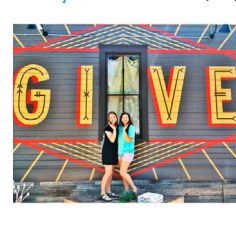
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Ashley Chen (9)



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Holly Hunsdorfer (12)



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What do you like to do downtown?

"I like to go around visiting new restaurants and trying new foods. My favorite restaurant is Coman's pizza."
Miguel Barcenas (11)

"I enjoy hanging out and tailgating before the game with my friends at UT football games the best."
Hayden Aberregg (10)

"I go to record stores like Waterloo. The coolest things I've bought there have been on Record Store Day in April."
Emily Huffman (11)

"I like to go to the 'I love you' wall, eat at Homeslice Pizza and go stand up paddle boarding on the lake."
Brandi Driskill (9)

"SUP is a really fun way to exercise downtown, especially when I'm with friends. We even take swimming breaks to cool off."
Magdalena Montez (12)

"Going around ladybird lake is super fun to do with my family. It's a good exercise and it's always fun to go canoeing."
Eliot Stein (9)

Makin' my way downtown

T-Wolves get a taste of the world in their own backyard of ATX

Austin skyline original artwork by Michael Tompsett
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