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ALUMNI

VERTS founder makes 30 Under 30

By Kayla Meyertons
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VERTS Mediterranean Grill had more to boast about than a tasty pita wrap this month.

On Jan. 4, Dominik Stein, VERTS co-founder and McCombs School of Business alumnus, made the Forbes "30 Under 30" list for Food & Drink in 2017, an award highlighting the top leaders in various business industries.

According to KVUE, Stein, 29, and VERTS Co-founder Michael Heyne, 31, opened the original VERTS in Austin, Texas as a start-up in 2011, soon after they graduated.

"It's a great school, a great program," Stein said to KVUE.

In a style similar to that of Chipotle, VERTS allows customers to build their own Mediterranean entrée with a selection of options like pita bread, falafel, rice bowls and quinoa.

Michael Hasler, senior lecturer at the McCombs School of Business and program director for the Master of Science program in Business Analytics, said Stein and Heyne were students in one of his project-based MBA classes several years ago.

Hasler said the duo approached him while taking the course to ask for business advice, beginning a lasting relationship in which Hasler served as an advisor on the VERTS

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Courtesy of VERTS

Dominik Stein, co-founder of VERTS Mediterranean Grill, is a McCombs alumnus and is on Forbes' "30 Under 30" list.

NATIONAL

Austin prepares for Inauguration Day

By Forrest Milburn
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The Obama administration will come to a close this morning as Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts swears in Donald Trump as the country's 45th president.

Trump, who is entering office with historically low approval ratings, stood Thursday night in front of an audience at the Lincoln Memorial to remind the country he plans to use his message to unite everyone, including his opponents.

"We're going to make America great for all of our people," Trump said. "That includes the inner cities, that includes everybody."

Around 900,000 attendees are projected to watch the swearing-in. While slightly less than what was projected for former President Barack Obama's inauguration, Trump's inauguration attendance number is on par with or higher than the events of former Republican presidents, according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

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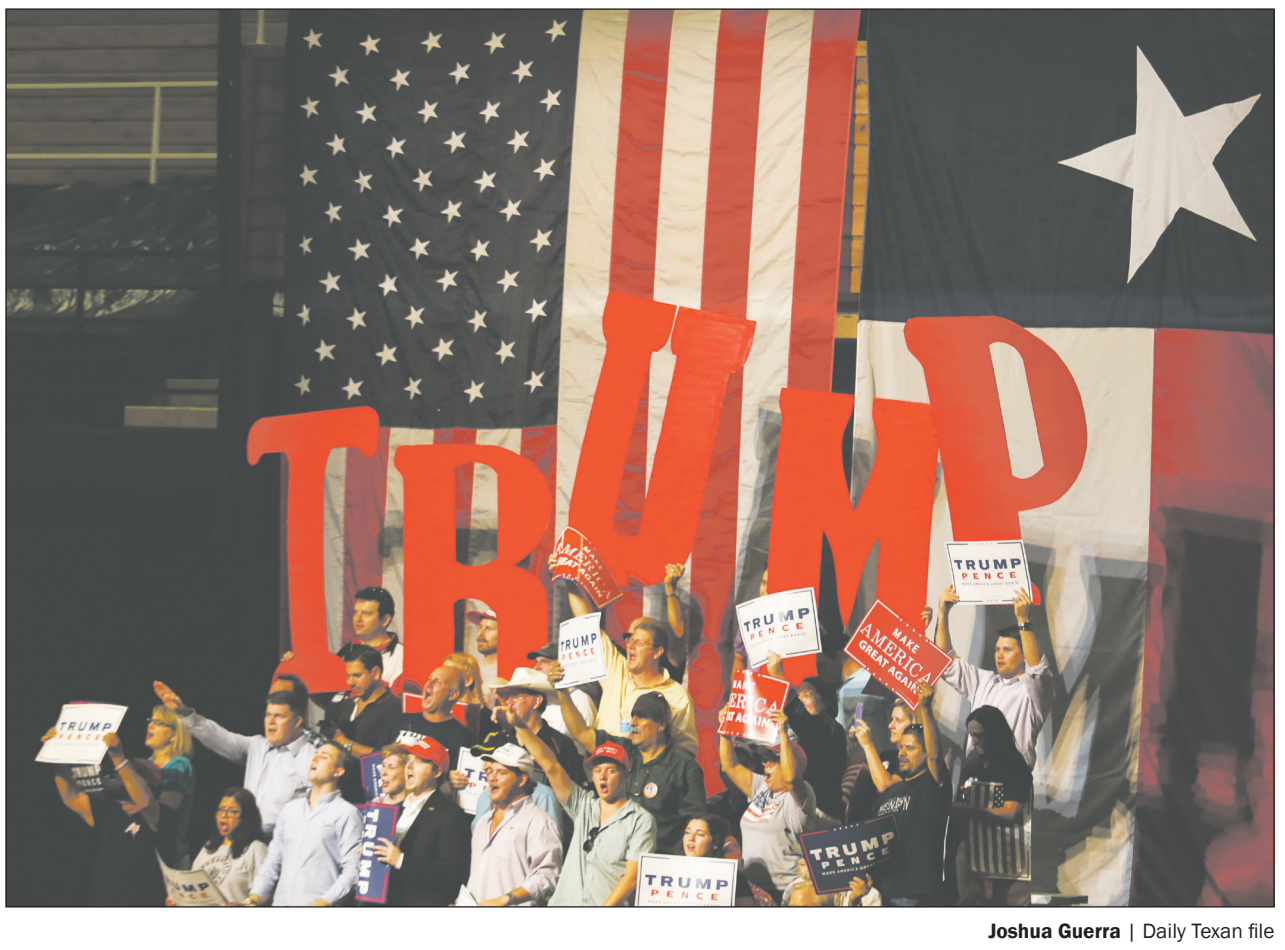

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Trump supporters raise signs spelling out the president-elect's name at a Trump Rally on Aug. 23, 2016 at the Travis County Expo Center. Many students, professors and House Democrats will stray from watching Trump's inauguration.

CAMPUS

Professors set varied policies on walk-out

By Catherine Marfin
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In response to the J20 UT Walkout planned for this afternoon, some professors on campus are making attendance exceptions for students, while the vast majority will conduct classes as usual.

As of Thursday evening, nearly 600 UT students said they will be protesting the inauguration of Donald Trump. Students plan to walk out of class at noon today, eventually joining the city-wide protest, One Resistance, downtown later in the afternoon. Another 1,200 people said they were interested in the event, meaning they might attend, according to the J20 UT Walkout Facebook event page.

While the University maintains its stance on protecting students' First Amendment rights, class attendance penalizations for students who choose to walk out of class are at the discretion of the professor, according to the Dean of Students.

"Individual faculty members set the expectations for attendance of their classes and communicate these with students at the start of the semester," the Office of the Dean of Students said in a statement to the Daily Texan. "As with previous demonstrations, the University will protect the free speech rights of the UT Austin community and work to ensure public safety."

In some cases,

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STATE

Rep. Hinojosa announces progressive bills

By Mikaela Cannizzo
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State Rep. Gina Hinojosa, D-Austin, whose district includes UT, announced plans to file her first three bills regarding college preparedness, gun safety and property rights Thursday at a press conference.

She said the foundations of the bills include economic improvement, protection against discrimination and preservation of local communities.

"The inspiration for my legislative agenda comes straight from our shared home — Austin," Hinojosa said. "And while we have our challenges, our growth and our strength comes from bold investments in community, in education, in innovative partnerships that not only amplify our resources, but amplify our ideas."

Hinojosa said recognizing education initiatives and partnerships is one of her top priorities. One of the bills she filed, House Bill 1174, includes the incorporation of the OnRamps program into the state accountability system, which is currently based on standardized test scores and graduation rates.

OnRamps, a UT program funded by the Texas Legislature, partners with local school districts, including Austin ISD, to provide students with opportunities to earn college

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Zoe Fu | Daily Texan file

Rep. Gina Hinojosa, D-Austin, filed three bills regarding college prepardness, gun safety and property rights Thursday.

CITY

Austin wins grant to fight homelessness

By Will Clark
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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or HUD, is awarding $5.2 million to the Austin-based Ending Community Homelessness Coalition, as part of an ongoing effort to end youth homelessness in Austin.

According to a press release from the mayor's office, the $5.2 million is a portion of a grant totaling $33 million being divided among 10 communities. Some possible uses for the funding include investing in new forms of housing and creating an emergency shelter specifically for youth.

ECHO Executive Director Ann Howard said this grant comes at an important time for Austin.

"It's a tsunami of opportunity," Howard said. "This grant is symbolic of the time we're in, this critical juncture where Austin must scale up resources to address and end homelessness."

Jason Stanford, communications director for the mayor's office, said the University area will likely be a special focus of this project. Howard could not confirm any specific plans for the grant yet, but she said the Guadalupe Street area is an attractive place for young homeless people, and there will definitely be an outreach presence there.

Catherine Favour, who describes herself as a traveler or "hoptrain," said homeless youth need a safe place in the city.

"[A youth shelter] would be a great idea," Favour said. "The youth tend to do more drugs, so if there was a shelter

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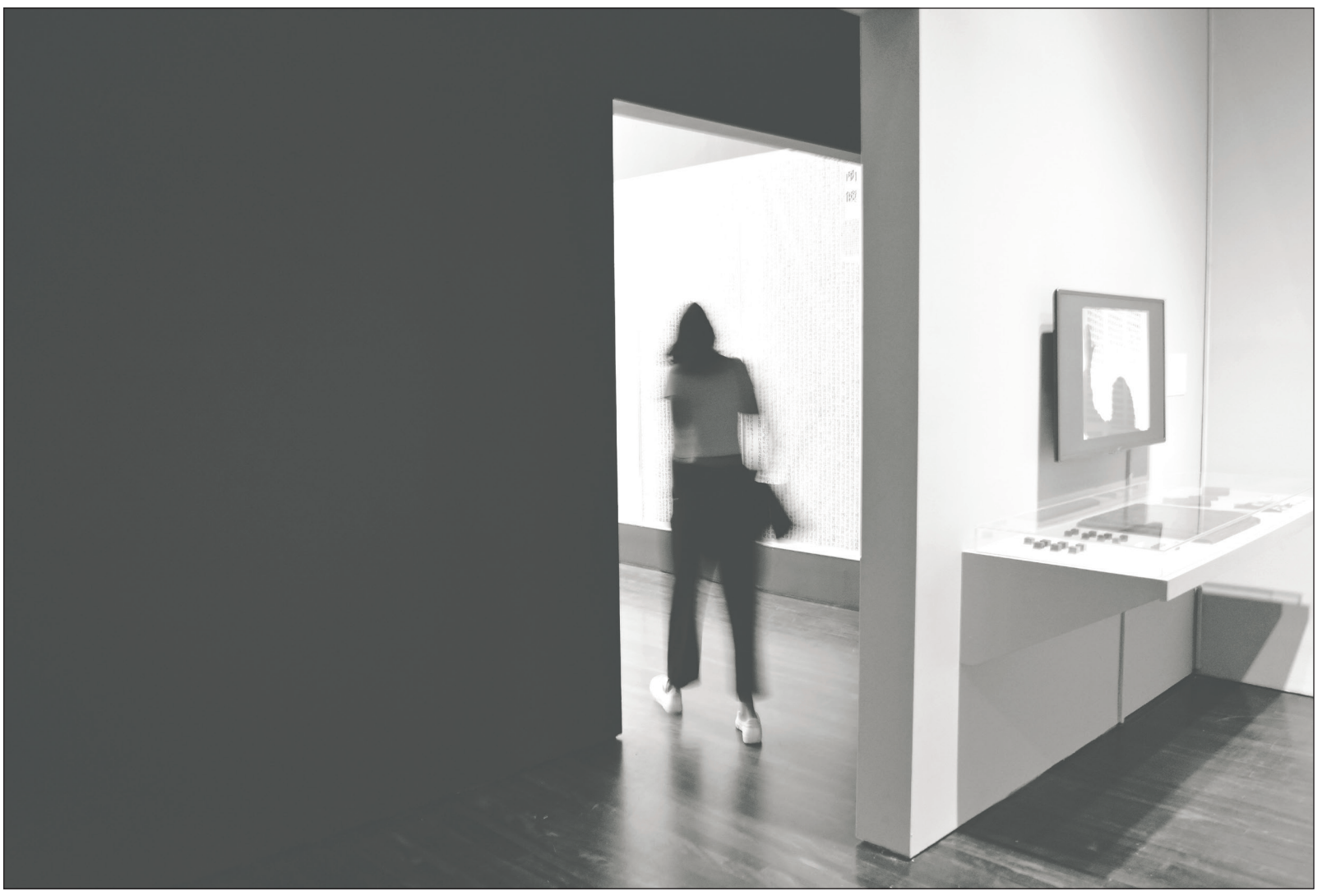

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Neuroscience sophomore Shachi Hansoti walks through the Andy Warhol exhibit in the Blanton Museum of Art on Thursday afternoon.

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Those interested in watching Trump's inauguration can attend a Texas Public Policy Foundation livestream at their headquarters downtown followed by a discussion featuring local policy experts.

College Republicans are not planning a formal event or watch party to view the inaugural swearing-in, communications director Haley Steinman said.

Trump's inauguration will feature an unprecedented reaction from congressional Democrats, with more than 60 prepared to skip out on the festivities altogether as of Thursday night, according to ABC News.

On Thursday, Rep. Filemon Vela of Brownsville and Rep. Vicente Gonzalez of McAllen joined House Democrats in skipping Trump's inauguration, bringing the total number of Texas congressmen staying away from today's festivities to five: Rep. Lloyd Doggett of Austin, Rep. Al Green of Houston and Rep. Joaquin Castro of San Antonio, as well as Vela and Gonzalez.

"Mr. Trump's repeated acts of disrespect for the 33 million Americans of Hispanic descent are historic in modern times," Vela said in a statement Thursday. "The hope that his actions as president would not match his political rhetoric is becoming more and more of a distant dream."

The number of congressional Democrats skipping out on Trump's inauguration grew rapidly over the past weekend, as the then-president-elect found himself in a Twitter feud with Congressman John Lewis of Georgia, a civil rights icon who helped organize the 1963 March on Washington where Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous "I Have A Dream" speech.

Students, professors and faculty opposed to Trump's inauguration will demonstrate on campus by walking out of their classes, beginning at 12:15 p.m. A coalition of groups — including Queer Trans Student Alliance, University Leadership Initiative, Native American Indigenous Collective, among others — planned the event to show solidarity with communities who could be impacted and threatened by the policies of the Trump administration, according to the group's Facebook page.

The group of protesters will meet at the Tower for a rally featuring speakers, before heading downtown to join with a larger group of city-wide organizers.

The city-wide group One Resistance will organize at 5 p.m. at Auditorium Shores where protesters will march to the Capitol before returning to the starting point for a rally, according to the group's Facebook page.

"America faces a crisis. Donald Trump's presidency threatens millions," the group said on its event page. "We must rally, protest, organize, and support one another. We must resist."

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operational strategy. Hasler said Stein and Heyne listened to what he had to say, and the pair incoroporated many of his observations into their business plan.

"I have to say one of the things about that that was so striking was ... these guys came in, and they had it knocked," Hasler said. "They had done their research, they knew what to do (and) they were passionate. It was really easy to be an advisor to them because they knew what they wanted to do."

VERTS has expanded to over 30 locations across Texas and in several cities along the East Coast, including Philadelphia and New York City.

"From the initial idea of just bringing our beloved food from Europe, we actually said 'Okay, let's make it a little more sophisticated,'" Stein, who was born in Germany, said to KVUE.

Hasler said Stein was his first student ever to make it on the Forbes "30 Under 30" list.

"I'm very proud of them," Hasler said. "(It was a) great experience working with them and (I'm) really proud of being able to play a very small part of the success of VERTS."

Business sophomore Spencer Bennett said she thinks Stein's success shows what McCombs is able to offer and gives other students hope that they can succeed in life after college.

"I think that the education McCombs is able to offer gives people a head start in the real world," Bennett said. "We just have such a diverse group of professors and classes ... (and) I'm sure anyone in McCombs would like to follow in his footsteps and take on the world like him."

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STATE

Texas universities work to design new dual-credit model

By Wesley Story
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UT is partnering with other Texas universities in a collaboration designed to determine the best model for dual-credit courses.

Dual-credit courses allow high school juniors and seniors to enroll in college courses to earn both college and high school credit. The new project, the Texas OnRamps Dual Credit Innovation Collaborative, is designed to ensure the long-term value of dual-credit opportunities for students.

Julie Schell, director of Texas OnRamps and Strategic Initiatives, said dual-credit courses have the potential to offer significant benefits to students by saving money on college tuition and bridging the gap between high school and college academic expectations.

"Dual credit has the power to really change students' opportunities if done well," Schell said. "By lowering those two barriers [of cost and the difficult academic transition], you increase the potential for college completion and college success."

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> —Julie Schell, Director of Texas OnRamps and Strategic Initiatives

On request, Texas public institutions of higher education are required to assist school districts in developing a program for students to earn 12 hours of college credit while in high school, according to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

In the fall of 2015, there were more than 133,000 Texas high school students enrolled in dual-credit courses, compared to about 12,000 dual-credit students in the fall of 1999, according to the THECB.

The rise of dual-credit enrollment has garnered the attention of some Texas policymakers, who have voiced concerns about the need for dual-credit reform.

Schell said the problem is not all dual-credit courses have the same impact on the students.

Biochemistry sophomore Michael Akanji said he took two dual-credit courses in high school.

"The dual-credit classes weren't nearly as challenging as my college classes have been," Akanji said. " … but it did help me become familiar with the structure of most college classes."

The new collaborative was designed to bring together leading educational innovators to share the best practices and determine more consistent standards for administering dual-credit courses.

The universities participating in the collaborative include UT, Austin Community College, El Paso Community College, Houston Community College and Texas Tech University.

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CAMPUS

Clements Center conference analyzes Reagan's global legacy

By Kayla Meyertons
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The UT Clements Center for National Security teamed up with various institutions Thursday to host a three-day conference for scholars and former policy makers to discuss the impact of former President Ronald Reagan's administration on global politics in the late 1980s.

The conference was held at the AT&T Hotel and Conference Center. Clements program coordinator Jennifer Johnson said the Center brought together three days' worth of distinguished guests and panelists from universities across the U.S. and the United Kingdom to analyze how the world transformed during the eight years of Reagan's presidency.

A talk on Thursday afternoon featured three distinguished members of the Reagan administration: Admiral Bobby Inman, Kenneth Adelman, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and Henry Nau, who served on the National Security Council.

Jennifer Johnson, program coordinator for the Clements Center, said the conference gives students the opportunity to talk with distinguished policymakers and great professors in the field.

"Part of the Clements Center's mission is to educate the next generation of national security leaders," Johnson said. "We really try to put on conferences and events throughout the semester, [and] we run a bunch of programs that really help students prepare for careers in national security, international relations and intelligence."

Bobby R. Inman is a retired admiral for the U.S. Navy, former director of the National Security Agency and former deputy director of Central Intelligence. Inman currently holds the Centennial Chair in National Policy at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs.

Inman said it was clear from the beginning that Reagan focused on people.

"What I wanted to convey was the warmth of the individual, how sharp the mind was and finally how little interest he had in details," Inman said. "It was fascinating to sit at the angle and watch the president. He was amazingly relaxed whenever people were talking so endlessly [around him]."

Kenneth Adelman is a former permanent representative to the U.N. and former director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency during the Reagan administration.

"I believe people really do make history," Adelman said. "There's a big difference between transactional presidents and transformational presidents. Working for Ronald Reagan was a delight. He was interested in certain things and not interested in a lot of things. Luckily, he cared about my field, and he cared enormously about my field."

Henry Nau is a distinguished scholar and professor at the George Washington University and former senior director for international affairs on the National Security Council under Reagan.

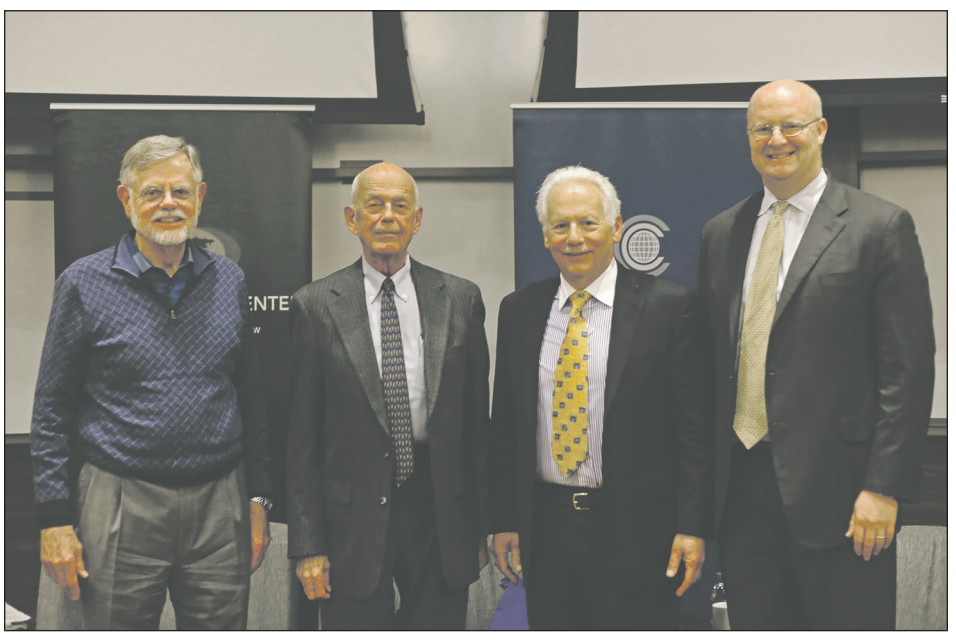
"My first impressions (of Reagan) were very favorable," Nau said. "I think one of his attributes about a leader in this kind of situation was his presence. He just filled the room with presence."

Michael Sanchez, Plan II and history freshman, said he thought it was very beneficial to be able to sit and hear from all the individuals who had actually worked on Reagan's administration.

"As a history double major, I'm probably kind of biased in saying history repeats itself and history is very important," Sanchez said. "But yeah, I mean, it's our civic duty as people and civilians of this country to make sure we're educated in presidency and voting."

A conference was held last November on the administrations of Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford, Johnson said.

The Clements Center conferences are open to the public.



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Henry R. Nau (far left), Admiral Bobby Inman (middle left), Ken Adelman (middle right) and William Inboden (far right) moderated the Reagan Summit at the AT&T Hotel and Conference Center.

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Juan Figueroa | Daily Texan Staff

Texas state Rep. Celia Israel speaks at a LGBT advocacy summit at the School of Law on Thursday night.

Local LGBT groups discuss call to action for advocacy

By Van Nguyen
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Close to 100 LGBT community members and allies packed into a lecture hall at the UT School of Law Thursday night to discuss ways to promote LGBT advocacy in Austin.

The Austin LGBT Bar Association, UT Outlaw, Equality Texas, Austin Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce and American Civil Liberties Union partnered to host the summit. The event had several panels, which brought community leaders together to discuss potential federal and state laws that may threaten equality, as well as to discuss ways to participate in society in an impactful way.

Elizabeth Brenner, Austin LGBT Bar Association Board of Directors member, kicked off the night by asking audience members to commit to support the LGBT community through actions such as donating to the organizations at the event and participating in the various marches this weekend, one being the Women's March on Austin downtown on Saturday.

"The big question for the evening is what do we do," Brenner said. "How can we as individuals make an impact? The short answer is to do what we've always done but better."

The first speaker, State Rep. Celia Israel, D-Austin, said she has found success in recent years representing the gay community and gay allies at the Texas Legislature.

"You want your legislature to be cohesive," Israel said. "When we tear each other up over social issues, we do harm to the Texas we love."

Israel said she would continue to represent the interests of the gay community during the 85th Legislative Session.

"On day 141 I want you join me in victory," Israel said.

Chuck Smith, chief executive officer of Equality Texas, addressed the controversial Senate Bill 6, also known as the "bathroom bill."

"The bill [is] about discrimination," Smith said. "It's about preventing transgender people from participating in public life."

SB 6 has received support from Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick who said the bill represents "common decency, common sense and public safety." House speaker Joe Straus has spoken out against the bill, citing negative economic outcomes to Texas if the bill were to be passed.

Smith also talked about legislative bills to do away with non-discrimination ordinances in Texas as well as bills allowing religious refusals. In 2015, 22 bills relating to religious refusal were filed, Smith said.

"[These bills are] seeking to redefine the existing protections of the first amendment," Smith said.

District 6 City Council member Jimmy Flannigan spoke on a panel to promote the importance of LGBT leadership in the community. Flannigan previously served as president of the Austin Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, which he said played a major part in him winning his current seat.

"The election was won because of the decade of work I'd done," Flannigan said.

Flannigan doesn't consider getting elected to office the only way to promote LGBT leadership. Showing leadership in your neighborhood with organizations like the local parent teacher association can help, Flannigan said.

Edgar Gierbolini, Austin Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce member, ended the night by reinforcing the importance of community.

"Community is what we create when we are brought together under a common purpose," Gierbolini said. "We're all part of a unique rainbow-hued family. When we work together as a family we can do fabulous things."

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credit and experience UT college courses at no cost.

Hinojosa said her second proposed bill addresses creating safe communities where members are free from unreasonable threats. The bill would make possessing a firearm while intoxicated illegal. At this time, the bill has not been filed.

Ana Lopez, Plan II sophomore and president of Students Against Campus Carry, spoke at the press conference in favor of legislation to prevent gun violence.

"I feel like it is a more reasonable goal than just getting rid of campus carry entirely, and I feel like this is a step in the right direction because it serves to protect all Texans," Lopez said. "Just like you can't drink while you are driving, you shouldn't be able to drink while carrying a lethal weapon, because any accident could happen. I strongly support this bill."

Hinojosa said she also wants to return control to local communities. HB 1175 confirms petition rights for community members living within 200 feet from unzoned land.

Former Austin City Council member Laura Morrison said the bill is a clarification of the current law, which states neighbors within 200 feet of the property or the property owner have the right to object zoning changes. In a recent case, however, Morrison said the city misconstrued the law and claimed petition rights did not exist for community members in an unzoned area being changed to a zoned one because this does not constitute a "change in zoning."

"The bottom line is that this is a bill that will serve individual property owners wanting to protect their own property rights, as well as communities across the state," Morrison said. "This clarification will put an end to the arguments and allow all of us to move forward."

In closing, Hinojosa quoted President Barack Obama and said being a citizen is the most important role in a democracy. She called upon the citizens of Austin and beyond to make their voices heard at the Capitol in order to bring about change.

"Ultimately, I cannot pass this legislation alone," Hinojosa said. "It's going to take a team effort to make this happen, and by team I don't just mean like-minded legislators who share our values, though we'll need them, too. But I mean all of us, everyone who gives a damn about what's going on in this state or in this country, we need all be part of the effort to turn things around."

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professors are making attendance exceptions and providing other accommodations to students choosing to protest the inauguration.

Cary Cordova, an assistant professor in the College of Liberal Arts, announced an attendance exception for students choosing to walk out of class.

"Attendance normally counts for 15 percent of our grade …. She said there will still be class, she just won't take attendance," said linguistics sophomore Elizabeth Doyle, who is taking a class with Cordova this spring. "She probably felt that students who are protesting should not … feel that their voice couldn't be heard because they were stuck in class."

Cordova could not be reached for comment.

History senior Elizabeth Dean said her professor, whom she preferred not to identify, gave students an alternative way to access an in-class assignment.

"It's important to have an organized mass presence to reject Trump and what he stands for," Dean said. "Students participating in a march is basic free speech, and they shouldn't be penalized. Kids miss class all the time for things like being hungover and don't get in trouble."

Geography freshman Diego Britton, on the other hand, said his professors hadn't made any mention of the walkout and he didn't feel the protest warranted accommodation from professors.

"I don't have class, but if I did, I would expect some sort of penalization [if attendance were mandatory], but I would be willing to make that sacrifice in order to participate," Britton said. "We, as students, are obligated to attend class, and missing it for whatever purpose comes with consequences. But if anything, walking out in the face of these consequences only reinforces the message we're trying to send."

Theater and dance freshman Alaya Balderas-Gallego, however, said she felt students shouldn't be penalized for walking out of class.

"If it were any other election or circumstance I wouldn't say that [students shouldn't be penalized], but professors need to understand that the inauguration is going to cause a great deal of distress for students that feel threatened by Trump's proposed policies," Balderas-Gallego said.

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that was dedicated to the youth, it would at least keep them contained and make sure they're not actually killing themselves on the street."

Stanford said that while homelessness is a problem in many cities across the country, Austin's unique approach to problem-solving won the city the grant.

"Austin is just better at finding new ways to solve these problems," Stanford said. "That's why [this grant] is here. It's not because things are especially bad here, it's because we're especially good at dealing with these challenges."

ECHO recently completed a 100-day challenge to house homeless youth with LifeWorks, an advocacy organization dedicated to helping individuals reach self-sufficiency. During the 100-day challenge, Howard said her organization worked rapidly to achieve results, which they will now analyze to determine how to utilize the grant money.

Howard, a UT alumna, said by doing the 100-day challenge, her organization showed HUD it has the team and the desire to tackle this issue.

"We had some proof that we were organizing and had put together a structure to build on," Howard said. "We're now not starting at zero."

Niki Paul, director of operations for ECHO, said the 100-day challenge was an excellent experience that they can build their future plans on.

"[The 100-day challenge] really helped propel us to build out what we hope to be this beautiful, coordinated system to prevent and end youth experiencing homelessness," Paul said.

Zoe Fu | Daily Texan File

In an effort to help youth homelessness, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is awarding the city of Austin $5.2 million.

Howard said solving the issue of youth homelessness is an important and rewarding task.

"Collaboration across the community is the way to make change in the community," Howard said. "These young people have their whole lives in front of them, so it is very exciting to help to give a [young person] a second chance at starting over, at stabilizing."

COLUMN

Assume Trump's failure at your own risk

By Sam Groves
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Is President Trump — his title as of today, Jan. 20 — a populist hero elected to root out corruption and rebuke coastal elites? Or is he a dangerously inexperienced demagogue who flaunts the time-tested norms of American democracy and caters to a toxic tradition of racism, xenophobia and bigotry?

Different people, of course, will give you wildly different answers to that question. But both descriptions invite a comparison between Trump and the only other president whose time in office offers some parallel to this utterly surreal moment in American history: Andrew Jackson. As we'll see, this comparison should give pause to anyone who expects the present cataclysm to end with Trump's electoral defeat four years from now.

Andrew Jackson was not a good president. His signature accomplishments proved disastrous — they directly led to the deaths and dislocation of thousands of Native Americans and contributed to the Panic of 1837, which preceded a four-year economic depression. That being said, Andrew Jackson was an extremely successful president. He was largely effective at enacting his agenda. He was elected to two terms and succeeded in office by his chosen political heir, Martin Van Buren. For decades, he was viewed as one of our greatest presidents. It has taken nearly two centuries for people to begin seeing his presidency

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for the stain on American history it was — even now, his face still adorns the $20 bill.

The quality of a president does not always determine their political success. We need not go as far back as Jackson to prove this. George W. Bush was elected to two terms, during which he initiated the War in Iraq, botched the federal response to Hurricane Katrina and failed to prevent the financial crisis. His mistakes eroded public trust in government, compounding a trend that arguably helped elect Donald Trump — who quite literally ran against the Bush legacy — to the highest office in the land.

Bad presidents can be politically successful ones. That's a lesson we can learn from Jackson and Bush, and it could someday be a lesson we learn from Donald Trump. Yes, he will almost certainly be a terrible president. True, he's entering office with the lowest approval rating of any incoming president in recent history. And four years from now, he'll have an actual record of political accomplishment, or lack thereof, to run on — one that should be fraught with broken promises.

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But four years from now, he'll still enjoy all of the advantages that contributed to his rise in the first place: the spread of misinformation, the rigidity of party identification, the Rust Belt's rightward lurch and the rising tides of racism and sexism that poisoned last year's presidential campaign. In addition, he'll enjoy the advantages of an incumbent. The 2020 election will be no more of a shoe-in for Democrats than 2016 turned out to be. They'll have to avoid complacency, hold Trump to his campaign promises and find a way to win back white working class voters without appealing to the same racial and cultural resentment that drew many of them to Trump.

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COLUMN

Ignoring climate change imperils Texas's future

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Some days this winter have been idyllic to many Austinites, with temperatures in the high 70s and never dropping below 60 degrees. But when we can take a dip in Barton Springs in January, we have to know in the back of our minds that the cause of the uncharacteristic weather is climate change. Last year was the warmest year on record, and it's only going to get warmer from here.

According to the National Climatic Data Center, the average annual temperature in Texas has been steadily rising since 1975, and this year's average temperature was one to two degrees above the 20th-century average. Although this may not seem disastrous, Texas has been one of the states most heavily affected by climate change-related weather. Of the 15 climate weather events nationwide that caused over $1 billion dollars of damage last year, seven affected Texas.

Deadly and costly floods like the one in Houston in April 2016 will likely become more common as the Earth's temperatures continue to rise and the atmosphere absorbs more water, fueling stronger storms. The increased frequency of such severe, flood-inducing storms will cost the state of Texas more money in the future. It makes economic sense to prevent and prepare for the impacts of climate change that will hit Texas hard.

Rising temperatures mean warmer Texas summers, requiring more energy to

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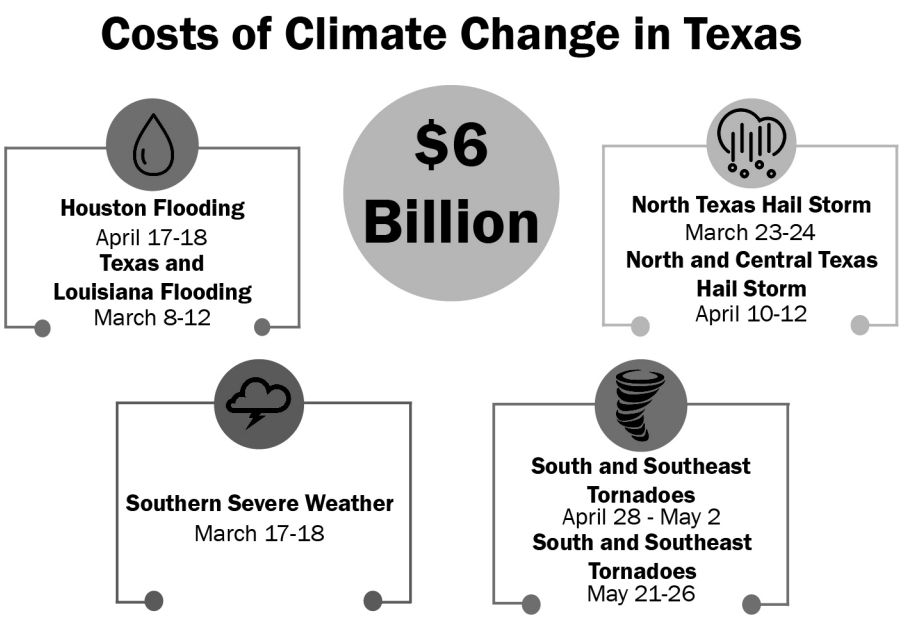
cool homes. According to Risky Business, a bipartisan coalition consisting of former CEOs, former U.S. Cabinet members and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Texas could see an increase in energy demand of up to 9.2 percent by 2050. In order to meet these demands, more electricity-generating facilities will need to be built, and Texans will end up with higher monthly electricity bills.

Texas has high stakes in the cattle industry, with the highest production of cattle by value in the nation. Extreme heat places stress on animals, hindering their ability to produce milk and meat and contributing to disease. In the coming years, drought will become more widespread and irrigation methods will have to change. The agriculture industry must begin examine new irrigation techniques and prepare for the inevitable changes to come with the support of their representatives.

One Texan has the potential to push the switch to cleaner energy to help minimize carbon emissions. Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry recently testified before the U.S. Senate Energy Committee that he now supports scientific evidence pointing to humans as a cause of climate change and no longer wants to eliminate the department he has been appointed to run. This came as a pleasant surprise in light of Perry's past statements denying climate change. However, this could fall flat in the face of now-President Donald Trump, who still asserts climate change is a hoax fabricated by China, and Trump's nominee for head of the Environmental Protection Agency, Scott Pruitt, has expressed doubt of humans' role in climate change.



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Whether or not Perry sticks to his word when it comes to climate change policy does not matter if Texas legislators do not make dealing with the changes and mitigating the damage a top priority. Representatives owe it to their constituents to take these threats to their future and livelihood seriously. If Texas does not begin to take steps toward understanding and problem solving, it's only going to become more warm and more dangerous for people who call Texas home.

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COLUMN

'Best Picture' arguments ruin the magic of film

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This time of year, I'm always excited for the many awards shows set to come our way in the next few weeks. I just have to watch the red carpet coverage and sit through hours of actors delivering stilted, mildly comedic banter and I can laugh for a few mind-numbing hours that a man-child with disturbing xenophobic tendencies is officially our president.

But the search for the best picture of the year, silly and lighthearted indulgence that it is for most of us, is flawed. Cinema, as art, always has political implications — and the types of films we choose to celebrate reflect that. But the conversation is often rendered useless, and we focus little on the actual merits of the films. Instead, we're sucked into the horse race of Academy politics — what they like, and the effectiveness of the production company bankrolling the campaign. And as soon as a movie gains frontrunner status, we search for its flaws.

Take the internet backlash against "La La Land," the current favorite to sweep awards this season — at least according to my Twitter timeline. As soon as it won an unprecedented number of Golden Globes and claimed front-runner status in the race, a chorus of critics piped up to tell us why it wasn't actually all that great. That's not to say the backlash didn't bring up points worth pondering. For instance, the characters were more archetypes than people. And the optics of its depiction of a white man as the only man who could "save" jazz — an art form uniquely connected to the musical traditions and experiences of African-Americans — was unpleasant, to say the least.

But without awards buzz, "La La Land" is simply a delightful, imperfect movie that even people outside Hollywood could connect with. Despite the weak singing and meandering middle section, it's a film that deserves some of the adulation it's received. It wasn't as much of a musical, but it certainly was a lovely, artistic self-indulgence of a movie driven by its score.

But by presuming to come close to determining what might be the "best" movie of the year, we reduce them: Films become less complex, thought-provoking pieces of art and more of a sum of its most superficial aspects. We should be recognizing diverse films, given the limited recognition and artistic freedom Hollywood gives its actors and filmmakers of color, but it can't be the only point of discussion. Characterizing "La La Land" as "a film about two white people falling in love" and "Moonlight" as a "black LGBT film" does both a disservice.

To some, the best picture of the year could be something as joyful as "Hidden Figures," a movie that might have not have the artistic trappings of a typical Oscar movie, but is powerful in its joyful celebration of black women that resonates in a society which too often devalues their contributions. Or it could be "Moonlight,"

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a powerful depiction of a boy growing into a man in three stages of his life. Or it could be "Edge of Seventeen," or "Moana," or even "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story," because it personally made me cry.

I'm still going to follow the awards show speculation, because it is a fun distraction from whatever is going on in the world right now. But let's not pretend we're actually ever finding the best movie of the year. That's for you to find.

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LONGHORNS IN LOVE

English associate professor David Kornhaber and English assistant professor Donna Kornhaber are married faculty members. The couple met at Columbia University over their mutual interest in film and theater, and ultimately married on June 9, 2005 at the Algonquin Hotel in New York City during winter break.

Carlos Garcia
Daily Texan Staff

Professors find love amidst literary debate

By Acacia Coronado
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It was a crisp fall day at Columbia University and UT English associate professor David Kornhaber was running late. Kornhaber, who was beginning his graduate degree at Columbia, realized he had misread the time of his orientation just as UT English assistant professor Donna Kornhaber was exiting her session.

"She was beautiful and alone. My first words to her were, 'Is your ID as bad as [mine]?' and she said, 'No,'" David said. "What amazed me was that she kept talking to me. I remember jabbering about I don't know what, but in my head thinking 'Oh my God, she is still talking to me.'"

Incidentally, they later found themselves placed in the same graduate seminar. While she studied theater and film, he concentrated solely on theater. In a tiny room with a small group of fellow classmates, a friendship began to bloom as they engaged in passionate discourse about the artistic discrepancies between film and theater, a discussion they have yet to resolve.

"I have loved film my whole life, but I made a decision in college that I was never going to take any film classes," David said. "Her subject of study murdered my subject of study in the early 20th century. I ended up marrying this woman who analyzes film for a living."

During seminar meetings and outings with friends, the two always found themselves breaking off from the pack to talk amongst themselves.

"We became good friends very quickly," Donna said. "[He] is my very best friend."

David finally summed up the courage to ask Donna on a dinner date after she finished a particularly difficult exam.

Two years later, David realized he never wanted their relationship to end.

"I remember being on the subway going to her apartment, and I remember feeling like it was the first date every time," David said.

After noticing a button on her lampshade that said "Take me to Paris," David took the hint. He decided to propose to Donna under the lights of the Eiffel Tower.

"It was beautiful, very romantic, like a movie," Donna said. "It was the best possible proposal for me."

The wedding took place on June 9, 2005, in an intimate ceremony at the Algonquin Hotel in New York during their winter break from graduate school.

"When I was standing at the altar, I saw Donna in her wedding dress for the first time," David said. "I remember in my head it was like the church was empty, and it was just the two of us. That will always be special to me."

Their relationship also includes traditions they hold very dear, such as Donna making homemade gifts for David. They also make lasagna and pineapple upside-down cake every year to eat while watching the Oscars, a tradition they now share with their children.

"I am still amazed that I found him and that he found me," Donna said. "There are lots of words, descriptors that I could use [for us], but all of them together wouldn't be as honest as the word 'magic.' I feel lucky every day to share my work and my life with him."

Despite any intellectual discrepancies they have about film and theater, the couple still likes to think about the qualities they treasure in each other.

"She is brilliant and never stops blowing me away intellectually," David said. "I would rather listen to anything she has to say than anything anyone else would have to say about anything."

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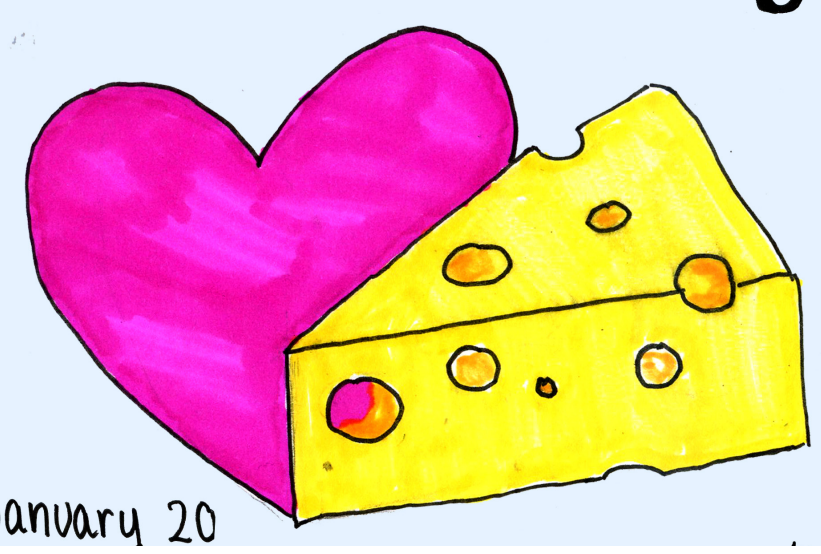

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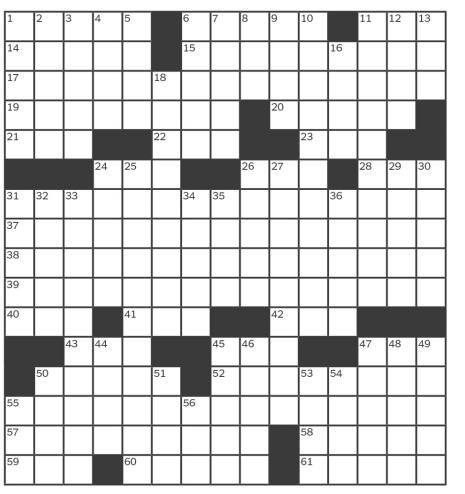

PUZZLE BY MARTIN ASHWOOD-SMITH AND GEORGE BARANY

ACROSS

1 ___ Nast, publisher of Vogue
6 Baby
11 Voodoo doll action
14 "Robin ___" (old Irish ballad)
15 Bittersweet spread
17 Company concerned with net profits?
19 Big name in pop
20 Passover month
21 Current positions?
22 Scandalous '80s initials
23 Old-fashioned verb suffix
24 "Isn't ___ bit like you and me?" (Beatles lyric)
26 Black Friday scene
28 Back on the plane?
30 Four-bagger
31 Doesn't proceed
32 "Laborare est ___" (Masonic motto)
33 One calling the shots on court?
34 In concert
35 Word before ball or shot
36 Collector's item
44 Memo abbr.
45 ___ Balbo, right-hand man to Mussolini
46 "___ Please, We're British" (1971 stage farce)
47 Compact item
48 He can help after a crash
49 Grate expectations?
50 Bunker Hill general
51 Michelle of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"
53 Quickly put (together)
54 Henry VIII's sixth
55 Fell
56 Bad cholesterol letters
60 Flower known to attract butterflies
61 Victimizes, with "on"

DOWN

1 Maine's ___ Bay
2 Classic theater name
3 Crack investigators?
4 Agent's handful, say
5 Ivanka's younger brother
6 Silvery fish
7 Like some bulls
8 Crash-prone "Catch-22" pilot
9 "It's showtime!"
10 "Rent" showstopper
11 Was involved with
12 Setting for paintings by Tintoretto and Hieronymus Bosch
13 Gen ___
16 Manifest, e.g.
18 Fine and dandy
24 1937 Shirley Temple title role
25 "Fooled Around and Fell in Love" hitmaker of 1976
26 Postprandial handouts
27 Olden
29 Apple on an iPod, maybe
31 Server of pink champagne on ice, in song
37 Is perfectly punctual
38 Spoke forthrightly
39 Workshop
40 French seasoning
41 Pre-A.D.
42 Incline press target, briefly
43 "___ Ho" ("Slumdog Millionaire" song)
45 Like Beethoven's Symphony No. 7
47 Drowned valley, maybe
50 Full of moxie
52 Sponges
55 Was vindicated
57 Pasta strip
58 Cross swords
59 Baby

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Texas stumbles into Kansas needing upset

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The Longhorns are almost out of a grueling stretch of their schedule, but perhaps their toughest test awaits them this weekend. After dropping games to No. 7 West Virginia and No. 6 Baylor, Texas (7–11, 1–5) travels to Lawrence, Kansas, on Saturday to take on the No. 2 Jayhawks (17–1, 6–0).

Kansas is playing as well as any team in the country. After losing to Indiana in the season opener, the team has rattled off 17 straight victories, winning those games by an average margin of more than 15 points.

Senior point guard Frank Mason III facilitates the Kansas attack. The senior leads the team in scoring and assists, averaging over 20 points and five dimes a contest.

Mason has seen a huge increase in efficiency this season. Despite attempting three more shots per game than last year, the guard's shooting percentage has gone up. Mason is draining a scorching 52 percent of his buckets, a huge increase from his 43 percent clip a season ago.

Texas will combat Mason with a group of guards that might not include sophomore Tevin Mack, whose availability is still in question. Mack, the team's leading scorer, was suspended indefinitely last week for a violation of team rules.

Since Mack's suspension, freshman guard Andrew Jones has stepped up his play, averaging 16 points per game over the two-game span. Head coach Shaka Smart has praised the guard's development this season.

"I think Andrew has really grown in a lot of ways," Smart said. "He's not afraid to be assertive. He's aggressive and he'll attack on the break. He's still learning now at the college level when to attack the basket or attack the rim or shoot a three as opposed when to give the ball up [in transition]. But I think he's learning."

The Longhorns also hope to get more production out of senior guard Kendal Yancy, who logged only 10 minutes in Tuesday's loss to Baylor after missing four games due to injury.

Texas' biggest struggle this season has been shooting the basketball, ranking last in the Big 12 in shooting percentage. This doesn't bode well against a Kansas team that plays a stifling brand of defense. The Jayhawks rank second in the conference in field goal percentage defense, holding teams to a paltry 40 percent from the field.

WHAT TO WATCH

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Freshman forward Jarrett Allen stands out as a positive outlier amongst his teammates. Allen has been on a tear of late, averaging 18 points on 60 percent shooting over his last three contests.

The freshman is the one clear-cut advantage the Longhorns have over the Jayhawks. Kansas lacks a big man with Allen's combination of silky smooth offense and efficient rebounding. If the Longhorns are to pull out the upset Saturday, the freshman will likely play a large factor.

Kansas head coach Bill Self was very complimentary of Allen.

"Jarrett is on a serious uptick," Self said. "He's played as well as any [Big 12 big], you know, if you take [Johnathan Motley] out of the equation. He's played very well of late."

Tipoff time for the Longhorns and Jayhawks is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Emmanuel Briseño | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman guard Andrew Jones soars over an Oklahoma State defender in an 82-79 victory on Jan. 4.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Atkins, Longhorns bring narrow focus to Lubbock

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The No. 12 Longhorns head to Lubbock, Texas, on Saturday looking to improve to 8–0 in Big 12 play. They'll have to take down the Red Raiders for a second time this season to remain undefeated.

The team enters the matchup riding an 11-game winning streak extending back to Dec. 11, including a closely fought battle over No. 20 Oklahoma on Tuesday. Texas erupted late in the game and grabbed an 18-point triumph over the Sooners.

Texas sits tied for first place atop the conference alongside No. 2 Baylor. The Bears beat up on the Longhorns three times last season and appears to be Texas' most formidable foe yet again. But head coach Karen Aston's team remains focused on its immediate task ahead: Texas Tech.

"I feel very confident in our team but I know that we're in no place to be complacent," senior guard Brianna Taylor said. "I know that we're steadily in the gym and we're getting better every day. But we just have to take it one game at a time, and I think that's what we're doing right now."

In the first meeting between the two programs, Texas bullied its way to a 67-47 home win. The Longhorns outrebounded a smaller Texas Tech team by a 49-28 margin.

Texas senior center Kelsey Lang finished with a game-high 13 rebounds to go along with eight points and two assists. In her final year, Lang is averaging 10.7 rebounds per game in conference play — she leads the nation in that category.

Assisting Lang in the team's rebounding dominance is frontcourt teammate Joyner Holmes, who ended Tuesday's game against the Sooners with 20 points and 10 rebounds — her third double-double of the season.

Holmes' steady improvement throughout her freshman season has been crucial to the team's recent success. She is one of three players for Texas averaging double digits in scoring, while pulling down 7.1 boards per game.

"I'm proud that she's starting to take rebounding seriously because I'm not sure that was part of her understanding of how good she could be if she added that to her game," Aston said. "And I think she's starting to understand that's a part of who she is and she can be really vital for us in that area."

Texas has won the rebound battle in 15 of its last 17 games and is on its way to the third-highest rebound margin in the nation at plus-12.2. Texas' only four losses of the season have all come against opponents ranked in the AP Top 10, but two of its most recent wins have been against teams ranked in the Top 25.

Meanwhile, Texas Tech fell to 3–3 in conference play with a 66-45 loss to Oklahoma on Saturday. The Red Raiders struggled to put points on the board against the Sooners and currently rank No. 83 in the nation in scoring, averaging 71 points per game.

The Longhorns still aren't overlooking the Red Raiders ahead of the matchup Saturday evening. The only win that matters to junior guard Ariel Atkins and her teammates is the next one — they aren't focused on extending their historic winning streak.

"Honestly I don't even think we mention it because like [Taylor] said, it's one game at a time, one day at a time," Atkins said. "We know what we wanna do and it's gonna take a lot of hard work."

Tipoff time for the Longhorns and Red Raiders is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Emmanuel Briseño | Daily Texan Staff

Senior guard Brianna Taylor fights off Oklahoma State defenders on Jan. 10. Taylor didn't attempt a shot in Tuesday's win over Oklahoma, but she snagged 11 total rebounds.

TRACK AND FIELD

Robinson, Gordon set to begin spring season

By Andrew King
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The Longhorns are set to kick off another indoor track and field season with goals to improve upon last season's success.

At the 2016 NCAA Indoor National Championships, the men and women placed fifth and fourth, respectively. The women also brought home a fourth place finish at the 2016 NCAA Outdoor National Championships.

Over the summer, many Longhorns participated in the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, including senior Byron Robinson, who placed ninth in the 400–meter hurdles. Senior Chrisann Gordon also made an appearance in Rio, winning a silver medal for Jamaica as the third leg of the 4x400 meter relay.

The Longhorns anticipate another big season on the horizon. The AP Preseason Poll ranks both teams in the Top 10, with the men coming in at No. 7 and the women at No. 5. Burnt orange fans can look forward to supporting an abundance of elite Longhorns, many of which are ranked in the Top 25 of their respective events.

Led by Gordon, the women's 4x400 relay team is currently ranked No. 1 in the nation. Junior Ariel Jones and sophomore Zola Golden join Gordon in the relay, both of whom participated in the event last season.

For the men, senior sprinters Senoj-Jay Givans and Aldrich Bailey Jr. are set to participate with Robinson in the 4x400 relay event this season. Givans became the first Longhorn to run a legal sub-10 second in the 100-meter relay last season and is ranked No. 5 in the 60-meter event.

Junior Kally Long looks to defend her No. 1 ranking in the pole vault. Long started her season with a career-best performance by clearing 4.37 and 4.42 meters (14-6.00) at the Texas A&M Team Invitational.

Longhorn field athletes are set to compete in the Cherry & Silver Invitational in Albuquerque, New Mexico while the track athletes will participate in the Rod McCravy Memorial in Lexington, Kentucky. Both events begin on Friday.

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The Ottawa Senators sweep the Edmonton Thistles in a two-game series to take home the Stanley Cup.

TOP TWEET

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"Social media is a 95% waste of time. I'm never glad I spent 10-15 min on it numerous times throughout the day."

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Texas hits the road, hoping to keep perfect record intact

The No. 4 Longhorn men (3-0) travel to Tulsa, Oklahoma this weekend, looking to remain undefeated in their battle against the Golden Hurricane. Texas triumphed over Tulsa with a 4–2 count victory during their last meeting in Austin on Mar. 26.

After battling Tulsa, Texas heads to Fayetteville, Arkansas to take on the Razorbacks. Head coach Michael Center hopes to build off the Longhorns' recent 4–1 win against Southern Methodist.

"We just had a challenge at SMU and we expect the same from Tulsa and Arkansas this weekend," Center said. "We want to find out how good we can be, and we're excited to learn more about our team in Tulsa and Fayetteville."

Danish freshman Christian Sigsgaard aims to lead the Longhorns to victory against the Golden Hurricane – he currently ranks No. 6 in the nation. With help from his teammates, Sigsgaard can lead Texas to a perfect 4–0 start to the season.

"It's still early in the season and we're trying to figure some things out, but the guys continue to come in and compete and work hard," Center said. "I think our team will continue to grow."

—Vanessa Le

FILM

Transformed landmark theater premieres as arthouse

By Acacia Coronado
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When Austin Film Society CEO Rebecca Campbell was a student at UT, she would journey with her friends to a small theater on Middle Fiskville road to enjoy classic, international and cult films they wouldn't be able to see elsewhere. Even as her passion for film grew and she established her own career in film, she never forgot the Marchesa and the films that inspired her.

"When I was in graduate school at UT, we used to go to the Lincoln Village all the time," Campbell said. "It was always really easy to just hop in your car and get where you needed to go and just run on in."

On May 12, the Marchesa theater will be coming back to life as the Society's arthouse theater, called the AFS Cinema. For over 30 years, Austin Film Society has supported the Austin film community through events and screenings at partner cinemas in the area. But, this year after remaking the old Austin landmark, the organization will finally have their own theater.

"Opening a full time arthouse theater has always been part of the organization's vision," said Richard Linklater, Austin Film Society founder and artistic director, in an email. "[It's] a dream come true."

The organization intends for it to be a nod to the history of Austin's film scene and an emphasis on how far Austin film culture has come. They also hope it will help expose Austinites to more foreign cinema.

"We are dedicated to international film culture being accessible to all Austinites and are interested in programming films that wouldn't be showing in Austin otherwise."

Campbell said she hopes the theater's proximity to the University will draw UT students and Austinites through membership opportunities and student discounts.

Local architecture firms DesignTrait and the Michael Hsu Office of Architecture will be working in partnership to redesign the Marchesa.

The architects said they are working to create a place unlike any Austin has ever seen.

"The typical movie theater is about walking in the door, grabbing a ticket and sitting down in a dark theater, but this experience is very much different from that," said Becky Jeanes, principal architect at DesignTrait. "We are creating something that's inviting and makes you want to stay a while."

Brad Phillips, Foxtrot Bravo Alpha's co-founder and director of design, said he hopes the branding design his firm is working on for Austin Film Society will do justice to their art.

"There is such a unique viewpoint that [Richard Linklater] has on how he approaches film. There is a lot of care that goes into that and it is kind of infectious," Phillips said. "We want to do our best work because it is so important to him, the Austin Film Society and Austin."

Courtesy of Michael Hsu

In May 2017, the Austin Film Society will open their own theater at Austin's The Linc.

Campbell hopes new features added to the theater will both maintain the aesthetic characteristics of Austin's film culture and help it to become a destination for film aficionados worldwide.

With two new screens, dim lighting, a broader menu and a display of Linklater's expansive movie poster collection, Trey Toungate, principal architect for DesignTrait, said they aim to create an environment that celebrates the spirit of the movies.

"We are interested in Austin having a national reputation as being a place with sophisticated film audiences," Campbell said. "When people hear about Austin's great film culture this is a place where they can come and experience it firsthand."

MUSIC

Inauguration celebration features musical medley

By Chris Duncan
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On Friday, Donald Trump will be sworn in as the 45th president of the United States, and like every other before him, Trump will hold a post-inaugural celebration with musicians spanning many genres. Here's a preview of some of the acts headlining his big day.

Toby Keith

The undisputed biggest star of the "Make America Great Again! Welcome Celebration," Toby Keith has sold over 40 million albums in his nearly 25-year career. Keith is a longtime supporter of the U.S. military, making numerous trips since 2002 to the Middle East to perform for the men and women serving the nation. He'll likely perform some of his most popular hits, including "Courtesy of The Red, White and Blue (The Angry American)," "Beer for My Horses" and "As Good As I Once Was."

3 Doors Down

Although they peaked in the early 2000s, 3 Doors Down still stands as a nostalgia trip for some of their singles, especially those from their debut album *The Better Life*. Although the band's post-grunge/hard-rock sound may not pair perfectly with a presidential inauguration, their work has always been well-produced, and the band carries a close and dedicated following.

The Piano Guys

The Piano Guys gained fame on YouTube for their piano and cello renditions of some of the most popular songs in music — their top five videos each have over 50 million views. Their last five albums have all reached No. 1 on the Billboard Classical Albums chart, but they're known for their covers more than anything else.

Sam Moore

Known for his partnership with Dave Prater in the soul and R&B duo Sam & Dave, Sam Moore is the most historic name in the inauguration lineup. His work with Prater creating hits like "Hold On, I'm Comin'" and "Soul Man" earned him a spot in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Although Moore is over 80 years old, he is still a joy to watch perform.

Lee Greenwood

He's not exactly a one-hit wonder, but the only song most people know Lee Greenwood for is his patriotic anthem "God Bless the USA," making him a perfect choice to perform at the inauguration of the president. Surprisingly, Greenwood was also nominated to serve on the National Council on the Arts by George W. Bush and served on the committee until he left twelve years later in 2014.

Travis Greene

One of the younger performers at Trump's inaugural, Travis Greene is an American gospel musician and pastor since 2007. His two studio albums stand out as some of the strongest gospel has to offer, with his most recent LP *The Hill* reaching No. 1 on the Billboard Top Gospel Albums charts. After also being named Billboard's #1 Gospel Airplay Artist of 2016, Greene is arguably at the best he has ever been.

Jackie Evancho

Evancho isn't just performing at Donald Trump's inauguration — she's the only one of these performers that will be prominently featured front and center as she sings "The Star-Spangled Banner." The 16-year-old is an American classical crossover singer, gaining worldwide fame after finishing second place in the fifth season of "America's Got Talent." Evancho's performance will likely take liberties, moving away from traditional renditions of the song to incorporate her distinct crossover style.

Courtesy of Capt. Michael Greenberger

Country singer Toby Keith will perform at Friday's inauguration ceremony. Keith will be joined by 3 Doors Down, The Piano Guys, Sam Moore, Lee Greenwood, Travis Greene and Jackie Evancho.

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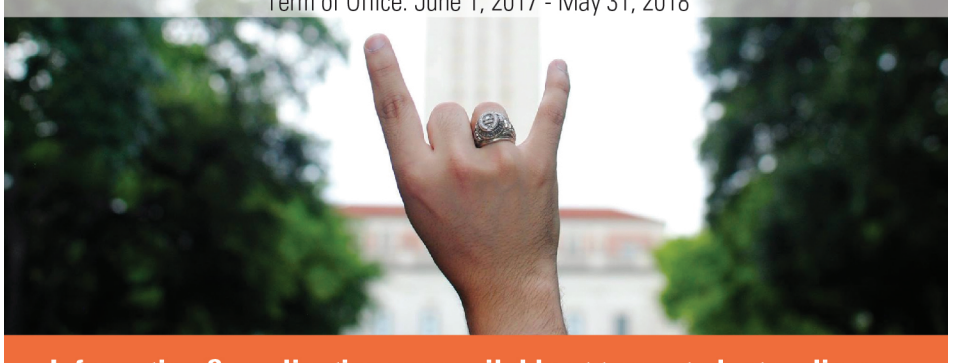

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