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THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

Campus-wide Find It tables

Need help navigating around campus? UT Libraries, Senate of College Councils and Student Government will have tables set up throughout campus until 1 p.m. Look their bright neon shirts for helpful maps and information.

Introduction to UT Libraries class

Learn about the libraries on campus, and the services and research resources available to you. This class is designed for new users of the UT Libraries, and will be held at the Perry-Castañeda Library, room 1.124, at 11 a.m.

Texas Football Big Yell with Coach Mack Brown

The 2012 Texas football season is upon us. Support Coach Mack Brown and the team at the Big Yell and the Texas Football Town Meeting. Suggested arrival time is 5:45 p.m. at the Darrell K Royal Texas Memorial Stadium, gates 14 and 16.

New Student Welcome Night

Koinonia's New Student Welcome Night features rocking live music, a hilarious skit, a thought-provoking talk, a free Korean BBQ dinner and much more. The event will be held at Welch Hall, room 2.224, at 6:30 p.m.

MOVING IN

ALL DIRECTIONS

UT COPE WITH GROWING PAINS

Dorm occupancies spur students' waiting list worry

By Bobby Blanchard

It's been a rough few weeks for Sarah Pastore, who until recently did not know where she would live this fall. The psychology freshman began searching for housing in late July after UT informed her she was still on a waiting list for a housing contract.

Since signing her lease at 21 Rio, an apartment complex in West Campus, Pastore said she feels a bit better.

"I'm not freaking out about having to live in my car anymore," Pastore said, half-jokingly.

Laurie Mackey, UT Division of Housing and Food Service associate director, said UT is entering the school year with students still on the waiting list for a housing contract. In June, she told The Daily Texan that DHFS would be able to fill every housing request by the end of summer.

On July 24, DHFS sent an email to Pastore, one of 1,200 students, warning her she was still on a waiting list for a supplemental

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Powers helps students 'moo-ve' into dorms

By Alexa Ura

UT President William Powers Jr. personally greeted students moving into the Almetris Duren Residence Hall as part of one of the largest incoming freshman classes the 40 Acres has ever seen.

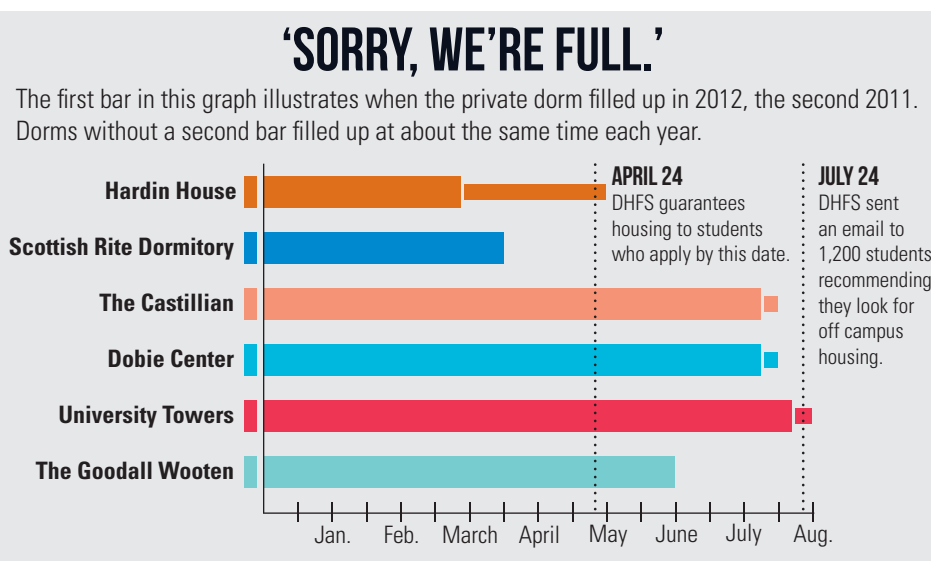
Powers was on hand to welcome incoming freshmen and returning students to campus residence halls as part of Mooov-In, an event where a coalition of more than 300 students, staff and faculty volunteers helped students move into campus housing.

"Coming to college and coming to a great public university like the University of Texas at Austin is a transformative moment for our students," Powers said. "Three of my children have gone here, and I see it through their eyes that it's an exciting place."

The University expected 5,158 freshmen and almost 7,500 total students to move in over the weekend, according to the Division of Housing and Food Service.

After months of preparation, the University welcomed what could be its

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CAMPUS



Zachary Strain | Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorn Band performs at Gone to Texas Tuesday, Aug. 28. The annual event welcomed the class of 2016, which could potentially be the largest incoming freshman class UT has ever seen according to University officials.

'Gone to Texas' encourages new students to get involved

By Jacob Martella

The number "16" burned brightly on the UT Tower at the 15th annual "Gone to Texas" welcome celebration.

Traditionally held the day before the first day of school, the celebration featured speakers, special performances and an address from UT President William Powers Jr. To accommodate the large class of incoming students, university officials set up about 1,200 additional seats. The event also featured the UT Honor Code, which encourages values like learning and responsibility, despite Powers' summer announcement that it would be changing within the next few months.

Student body president Thor Lund opened the night with a few encouraging words for the new students.

"We are a truly amazing place, and tonight is the beginning of a year and a

lifetime full of wonderful opportunities," Lund said. "If you haven't already noticed, Texas has a unique and valid spirit, and at the University of Texas, anything is possible."

Every year, Gone to Texas welcomes all students new to UT, whether freshman, transfer or graduate students. Junior transfer student Bryce Gibson said it was a good way to start off the year for him.

"I've always wanted to come to Texas," Gibson said. "It kind of gets you in the spirit of Texas."

In addition to hearing from Powers, students were also encouraged to take advantage of all the opportunities at UT. Biology and anthropology senior Alexa Van Brummen spoke about her experience reaching out to a professor and getting involved in research her first year.

Brummen works on spinal injury research and encouraged new students to

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— Thor Lund, Student Body President

get involved early in their time at UT.

"I know what all of you are thinking: 'Meh, I'll do that later.' But why not sooner rather than later?" she said. "UT gives you all of the resources to pursue any interest you might have."

UNIVERSITY

Guest columns venue for tuition controversy

By David Maly

The debate over UT tuition continued this morning as UT System Regent Alex Cranberg and Melinda Hill Perrin, former chair of the UT-Austin Development Board, voiced their opinions in Texas Tribune guest columns.

Cranberg called for a halt to tuition increases, while Perrin advocated for a tuition increase and spoke against the May decision by the UT System Board of Regents to freeze undergraduate tuition at UT for the next two years. Widespread debate has surrounded the issue of tuition at UT since its deregulation in 2003.

The board voted last May to freeze tuition for in-state undergraduates while increasing tuition for all other students, a decision that contradicted UT President Bill Powers' recommendation to raise tuition campuswide. The board voted to increase tuition for every other campus in the system that requested an increase.

Office of the President spokesperson Tara Doolittle said the University administration's opinion on tuition has not changed since last spring.

Perrin said the percentage of state funding making up UT's operating budget has declined from 47 to 13 percent since 1985, causing a decrease in stable funding that must be made up, in part, by an increase in tuition.

"In order for our tier-one institution to attract world-class faculty, students and researchers, we must have an appropriate funding mix that includes tuition, philanthropy and state funding so that we can sustain the mission of the University without unnecessarily burdening one group," she said.

Cranberg said while the percentage of state funding in higher education budgets has decreased, it has, roughly, kept up with inflation during the last 20 years. He said increases in educational costs and research budgets have caused the discrepancy in funding. Tuition at UT has grown more than 80 percent during the last 8 years.

Andrew Clark, international relations and global studies junior and vice president of UT's Senate of College Councils, said while tuition costs have risen, he believes the resulting rise in the value of a UT degree has been worth the cost.

"UT is growing larger and becoming a more competitive institution," he said. "It drives up costs, but that in turn raises the value of the degree that a university is able to give."

Lucian Villasenor is a Mexican-American Studies senior and a member



Alex Cranberg
UT System Regent

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TOMORROW'S WEATHER

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You're not going to be on top.

Construction delays West Campus move-in

By Andy Hoffman

Two West Campus apartment complexes slated for completion before the start of the school year are still under construction, forcing students and management teams to look at creative solutions.

While dorms and apartments in West Campus have benefited from a larger than normal incoming class, Longhorn Lux and Grand Marc apartment complexes face delays. The two complexes have left students without expected services and forced some into temporary accommodations.

At Grand Marc, students are currently living in the apartment building as construction continues. Longhorn Lux has sent its residents to the DoubleTree by Hilton and Hilton Garden Inn downtown, charging prorated rent starting when

they move into the hotel.

Kyle Meyer, supply chain management junior and Grand Marc resident, said construction has obstructed his job-hunting process.

"We haven't had Internet for the past couple days, so it impacted little things like sending in resumes and job applications," he said. "They've done well to compensate by giving us half-off of next month's rent. But half-off rent will only get you so far."

At 24th and Longview streets, Longhorn Lux is aiming to have students moved in Aug. 29, Evan Martin, real estate agent for Ely Properties, said. He said students have been displaced by the delays as classes begin.

"I've already had a father come to the office yelling," Martin said. "It's just insane."

"Because of the delay, we gave out monetary compensation to the students who weren't able to move in on



Pu Ying Huang | Daily Texan Staff

Maid Zeny Garcia cleans a bed in a West Campus Lux apartment unit Tuesday, Aug. 28. The tenants, after facing a delay in their move-in date due to construction, will have access to their units starting Aug. 29.

time and provided amenities at the Hilton Garden Inn and DoubleTree Hotel," Martin said. "Our agency is feeling the pressure for not having the property ready in

time. We bought it assuming it would be ready by the 15th. We can empathize with the students as we are in the same kind of bind."

DoubleTree sales man-

ager Julie Boyce said the hotel sees an increase in UT students every year when school starts, but this year's situation has sent even more students their way.

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housing contract and suggesting she start looking at off-campus options.

As of Monday, Aug. 27, 24 students, including nine freshmen, were on a waiting list for housing. Mackey said those students were notified Sunday they would stay on the waiting list until the twelfth day of class.

"We've warned them it doesn't look favorable, but we still keep them in mind as students cancel," Mackey said.

Although UT guarantees a bed to students who apply for housing by April 24, Pastore said she was not aware she could apply before accepting UT's admissions offer. She applied May 1.

She said she was notified in June that she was on a waiting list for supplemental housing, but Pastore said she had no idea she might not get a housing contract.

"I thought it was just a matter of waiting," Pastore said.

Pastore gave The Daily

Texan an e-mail exchange she had with DHFS in late June, when she inquired if there were any on-campus rooms left. In the University's reply, dated June 25, the Housing Reservations Team said: "We cannot guarantee housing and it may still be several weeks before we are able to reach you in the queue."

The e-mail does not mention or recommend off-campus housing possibilities. At the time of the e-mail, several off-campus private dorms still had rooms available.

Pastore, who is from Houston suburb Pearland, said she had to find an apartment under a time crunch, using only online research. Pastore said she chose a two-bedroom apartment at 21 Rio, and saw her room for the first time when she moved in Monday.

Many students who plan to live off-campus start looking as early as the prior fall semester. Pastore and others started in July.

The problem stems from an incoming freshman class made up of an estimated 8,000 students,

about 900 more than last year's class, and 400-600 more than expected.

When DHFS realized it would not be able to give every applicant a housing contract, it provided links to private dorms and online rental listings in the late July e-mail. All six private dorms linked were full at the time.

According to representatives, only one of the six private dorms usually have openings after July 24, which is when DHFS sent the e-mail.

Hardin House Dormitory, a private women's dormitory in West Campus, filled in February. Scottish Rite Dormitory, another private women's dorm off campus, filled before spring break. Goodall Wooten, a co-ed dormitory on Guadalupe Street, filled up in June. West Campus' The Castilian and the on-campus Dobie Center filled up around the same time in July.

Tillery Martin, the leasing and marketing team leader for University Towers, said the dorm usually has availability during move in dates

but filled up around July 20 this year. This is the only private dorm that usually has openings after late July.

Without private dorms to turn to in late July, students were forced to turn to apartments and other living options. Pastore said the only apartments available in late July were either expensive, or cheap and not credible.

"I was very disappointed with the University," Pastore said. "They just did not give me enough time to find an apartment."

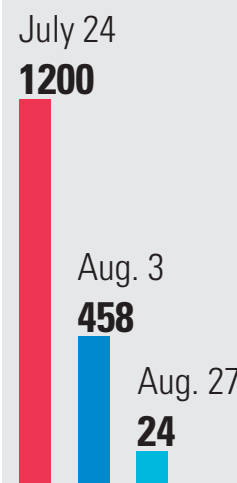
But Mackey said DHFS could not have given students more warning.

"We didn't know," Mackey said. "We give students notice when we know. This was a very unique year."

Chay Walker, a leasing and sales manager from 512

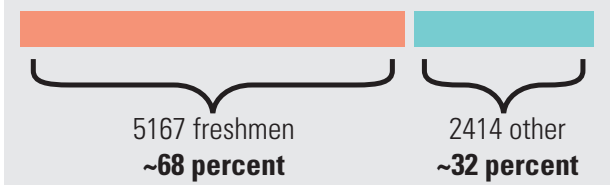
Realty, said he has surprisingly already started receiving requests for off-campus housing for next fall, something students normally start in October.

Number of Students on Housing Waiting List



7581 students live on campus

Of those, 350 live in supplemental spaces



Graphics by Natasha Smith | Daily Texan Staff

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largest freshman class in history. The University will not officially know if this is the largest class until enrollment is counted after the twelfth class day.

Powers said the University felt growing pains because of the large class but began preparations for the incoming students in April by creating additional course sections and First-Year Interest Groups, or programs that place freshmen into small groups that support academic performance and interests.

"I don't think we want to do this every year or have four

years like this," he said. "A year going through this, we will plan ahead for their sophomore and junior years."

Gage Paine, vice president for student affairs, said every student who submitted a housing application by May 1 was assigned to a residence hall.

Despite the increase in incoming freshmen, 70 percent of beds will go to freshmen as they do every year, said Dean of Students Soncia Reagins-Lilly.

"We have prepared for some time to ensure that we are providing the best student support so the larger class doesn't feel the increased number of students," she said.

Business freshman Melanie Diaz said she made sure to apply for housing the day the applica-

tion was released to ensure she got her first choice for housing in Kinsolving Residence Hall.

Some second-year students returning to live on campus might have felt the effects of accommodating a larger incoming class. Education sophomore Jazmine Castanon said her housing assignment was switched multiple times before she got her final assignment.

Castanon said she was unaware of the size of the incoming class.

Powers said the University's faculty and staff are excited to welcome the newest members of the Longhorn family.

"This for us, is what we do," Powers said. "We have a very large class coming in, but we are ready for them."

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NEWS BRIEFLY

Fire extinguished at Venezuelan refinery

PUNTO FIJO, Venezuela — Venezuela’s biggest oil refinery remained shut down Tuesday after firefighters extinguished a blaze that raged for more than three days following an explosion that killed at least 41 people.

While fuel tanks smoldered at the Amuay refinery, Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez said officials expected to restart operations at the refinery in two days.

The blast early Saturday was the deadliest disaster ever at a Venezuelan refinery and has thrown open a national debate about safety and maintenance within the country’s oil industry.

Officials said the explosion killed at least 41 people, including at least 20 National Guard soldiers stationed next to the refinery, and injured more than 150.

Criticisms of the government’s response to the disaster came from the refinery’s neighbors as well as oil experts. Officials have said a gas leak led to the blast, but investigators have yet to determine the precise causes.

Officials had said the fire was under control but then announced Monday that a third tank had begun burning. Residents said the flames finally began to diminish several hours before dawn on Tuesday.

Residents said they had no official warning before the explosion hit at about 1 a.m. Saturday. The blast knocked down walls, shattered windows and left streets littered with rubble.

On Tuesday, residents said they were relieved that the fire appeared to be out.

Remote Alaska to stockpile food, just in case

JUNEAU, Alaska — Alaska is known for pioneering, self-reliant residents who are accustomed to remote locations and harsh weather. Despite that, Gov. Sean Parnell worries a major earthquake or volcanic eruption could leave the state’s 720,000 residents stranded and cut off from food and supply lines. His answer: Build giant warehouses full of emergency food and supplies, just in case.

For some in the lower 48, it may seem like an extreme step. But Parnell says this is just Alaska.

In many ways, the state is no different than the rest of America. Most people buy their groceries at stores, and rely on a central grid for power and heat. But, unlike the rest of the lower 48, help isn’t a few miles away. When a fall storm cut off Nome from its final fuel supply last winter, a Russian tanker spent weeks breaking through thick ice to reach the remote town.

The state plans two food stockpiles in or near Fairbanks and Anchorage, two cities that also have military bases. Construction on the two storage facilities will begin this fall, and the first food deliveries are targeted for December. The goal is to have enough food to feed 40,000 people for up to a week, including three days of ready-to-eat meals and four days of bulk food that can be prepared and cooked for large groups.

To put that number into perspective, Alaska’s largest city, Anchorage, has about 295,000 people, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, and Juneau, its third largest, about 31,000.

Delivery of the food stockpiles would be staggered over three years. It would be replaced after it’s used or expired, and it’s entirely possible that much of the food will never be needed. It is not clear what the state will do with the expired, unused food.

The project has a budget of around \$4 million and hasn’t generated any real controversy.

— Compiled from Associated Press

Isaac strikes on Katrina anniversary

By Michael Kunzelman and Stacey Plaisance
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Finally a hurricane, the unwieldy and wobbly Isaac bore down on New Orleans Tuesday, almost seven years to the day that Hurricane Katrina transformed this city and became a symbol of government ineptitude, and a defining moment for leaders from City Hall to the White House.

While Isaac was far less powerful than the 2005 storm, it posed some of the same political challenges. President Barack Obama sought to demonstrate his ability to guide the nation through a natural disaster and Republicans reassured residents they were prepared, all the while readying for the coronation of Mitt Romney.

In New Orleans, the mood was calm as the first wave of rain bands and wind gusts rolled ashore, and these battle-tested residents took the storm in stride, knowing they’ve been through a lot worse. Tens of thousands of people, mostly in southeastern Louisiana, were ordered to evacuate ahead of Isaac, which was set to make landfall Tuesday night as a Category 1 hurricane with winds of at least 74 mph — much lower than the 135 mph winds Katrina packed in 2005.

About 13,000 homes and businesses had already lost power Tuesday afternoon. The storm’s winds increased slightly to 80 mph as it closed in on the coast.

Many residents along the Gulf Coast opted to ride it out in shelters or at home and officials, while sounding alarm about the dangers of the powerful storm, decided not to call for mass evacuations. Still, there was a threat of storm surge and the possibility of nearly two feet of rain as it slowly trudges inland.

“We don’t expect a Ka-



Devon Ravine | Associated Press
L'Rena Anderson leans into the wind as she walks along the beach on Okaloosa Island in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Tuesday. Anderson was among many local residents who turned out to watch the effects of Hurricane Isaac as it churns through the Gulf of Mexico toward an expected landfall in Louisiana.

trina-like event, but remember there are things about a Category 1 storm that can kill you,” Mayor Mitch Landrieu said, urging people to use common sense and to stay off any streets that may flood.

There was already simmering political fallout. Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal, who canceled his trip to the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., said the Obama administration’s disaster declaration fell short of the federal help he had requested. Jindal said he wanted a promise from the federal government to be reimbursed for storm preparation costs.

“We learned from past experiences, you can’t just wait. You’ve got to push the federal bureaucracy,” Jindal said.

FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate said such requests would be addressed after the storm.

“We wanted to make sure direct federal assistance got

out first,” Fugate said.

Obama, during a campaign stop in Iowa, attempted to stay above the fray.

“America will be there to help folks recover no matter what this storm brings. Because when disaster strikes, we’re not Democrats or Republicans first, we are Americans first,” the president said.

Isaac became a hurricane Tuesday, a massive storm that reached more than 200 miles from its center, threatening to flood the coasts of four states with storm surge and heavy rains on its way to New Orleans.

At businesses near the French Quarter, windows were boarded up and sandbags were stacked a few feet high in front of doors.

Some tourists said they would ride out the storm near the city’s famed Bourbon Street, and there was little to suggest a sense of worry.

“We made it through Katrina, we can definitely make it through this. It’s going to take

a lot more to run me, I know how to survive,” he said.

Obama said Gulf Coast residents should listen to local authorities and follow their directions as Isaac approached.

“Now is not the time to tempt fate. Now is not the time to dismiss official warnings. You need to take this seriously,” Obama said.

In Houma, a city southwest of New Orleans, people filled a municipal auditorium-turned-shelter. However, in the bayou country of Terrebonne Parish off Highway 24, storms pose a perennial dilemma for those living a hardscrabble life.

While some of the homes along Bayou Terrebonne and other nearby waterways show signs of affluence, this section of Louisiana 24 is mostly lined with trailer homes or small, often run-down houses. Staying could be dangerous, but many here who could be in harm’s

way have nowhere to go and little money to get there, especially given the high price of gasoline.

Monica Boudreaux lives in a trailer on low-lying land but was talking Tuesday morning with a cousin who lived closer to the bayou. They and two friends chatted as the storm approached. Boudreaux laughed when asked what she’ll do if the storm hits.

“I’m surrounded by all family,” she said, referring to her friends as well as her cousin. “I’ll just pick up my little feet and run, I guess.”

Water may be worse than wind because the storm could push walls of water while dumping rain to flood the low-lying coast in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and the Florida Panhandle.

New Orleans is in much better shape than it was before Katrina with an injection of about \$14 billion in federal funds to fix damage done by Katrina and upgrade the system.

Discrimination found in Texas redistricting

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The future of Texas’ voting districts is again in question after a federal court Tuesday found evidence of discrimination in new district maps approved by the state’s Republican-controlled Legislature last year.

The U.S. District Court in Washington wrote in a 154-page opinion that the maps don’t comply with the federal Voting Rights Act because state prosecutors failed to prove that Texas lawmakers did not draw the new congressional and state Senate districts “without discriminatory purposes.”

The ruling applies to the maps originally drawn by the Legislature in 2011, and not interim maps drawn by a San Antonio federal court that are to be used in the upcoming elections this November. The Washington court’s Tuesday decision is most likely to impact the maps that will be used in the next election cycle in 2014.

Luis Vera, an attorney for the League of United Latin American Citizens, called the ruling “better late than never” and a win for his and other minority rights groups that sued the state over the maps.

“The three-judge panel

unanimously found intentional discrimination across the state. There’s no ifs, ands, or buts about it,” Vera said.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott immediately vowed to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

“Today’s decision extends the Voting Rights Act beyond the limits intended by Congress and beyond the boundaries imposed by the Constitution,” Abbott said in a statement.

How Texas redrew its political boundaries was closely watched after the state was awarded four additional U.S. House seats based on a booming population largely driven by minorities. Those congressional seats were carved equally into two safely Republican and two safely Democratic districts.

The ruling is the latest in a process that started in June 2011, when the Texas Legislature passed new political maps but failed to get them “pre-cleared” by the Justice department.

The ruling comes months after lawyers for the state of Texas, the Justice Department and minority groups argued their sides in front of a three-judge panel in Washington. The two-week trial included dozens of witnesses as well as thousands of pages of documents on the redistricting process.

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Where we stand

A new year begins today for the Texan. We're ready. Being a college student today means finding your way in a world that seems to have lost its own. At almost every level of government, compromise loses and deficits prevail. A job after college sounds quaint, and is treated as an impossibility. We wage wars that no one understands and too few talk about. Almost fifty years after Charles Whitman killed 16 people from the Tower's observation deck, we witnessed a summer of shootings that society is still unable to explain or stop. Even the weather is weird.

The situation on this campus promises no more stability. President William "Bill" Powers throws his hands up almost daily when dealing with the UT Regents over how and why this University should educate 18-to-22-year-olds. He also battles Governor Rick Perry, whose time in office has become Putin-esque in its length, and who encourages this University to strive not for better, but good enough. This University Administration has erred as well. Almost 1,000 students were over-admitted to the incoming freshman class, and the Administration's focus on four-year graduation rates means the first and most frequent message those freshmen have heard, is "Exit in four years." There has not been enough discussion about what a student should do while still in

college. Instead, there are frequent and flashy high tech mentions of UT being the best (Gone to Texas), which, at The Daily Texan, we call advertising.

We admit, The Texan confronts its share of obstacles—like every newspaper we've had diminished advertising revenues and an identity crisis due to the reality that most of those nearly 1,000 incoming freshman will need training on how to pick up, much less read, a physical newspaper. But as the journalism school ponders the future of the industry, The Texan staff works hard on what will be published in the newspaper tomorrow.

There is a lot you can do in college besides go to class. Because this is the twenty-first century, even more exists for you to do during class instead of pay attention. Beyond campus lies a line of predatory sandwich shops and banks called the Drag. The University represents the world of ideas, though its administrators appear at times to have forgotten that principle, or fail to recognize their responsibility to defend it against so many attacks from so many directions. The burden rests on students to think for themselves even if louder voices tell them what to think. On these pages, students will find the original and un-recycled ideas of their peers.

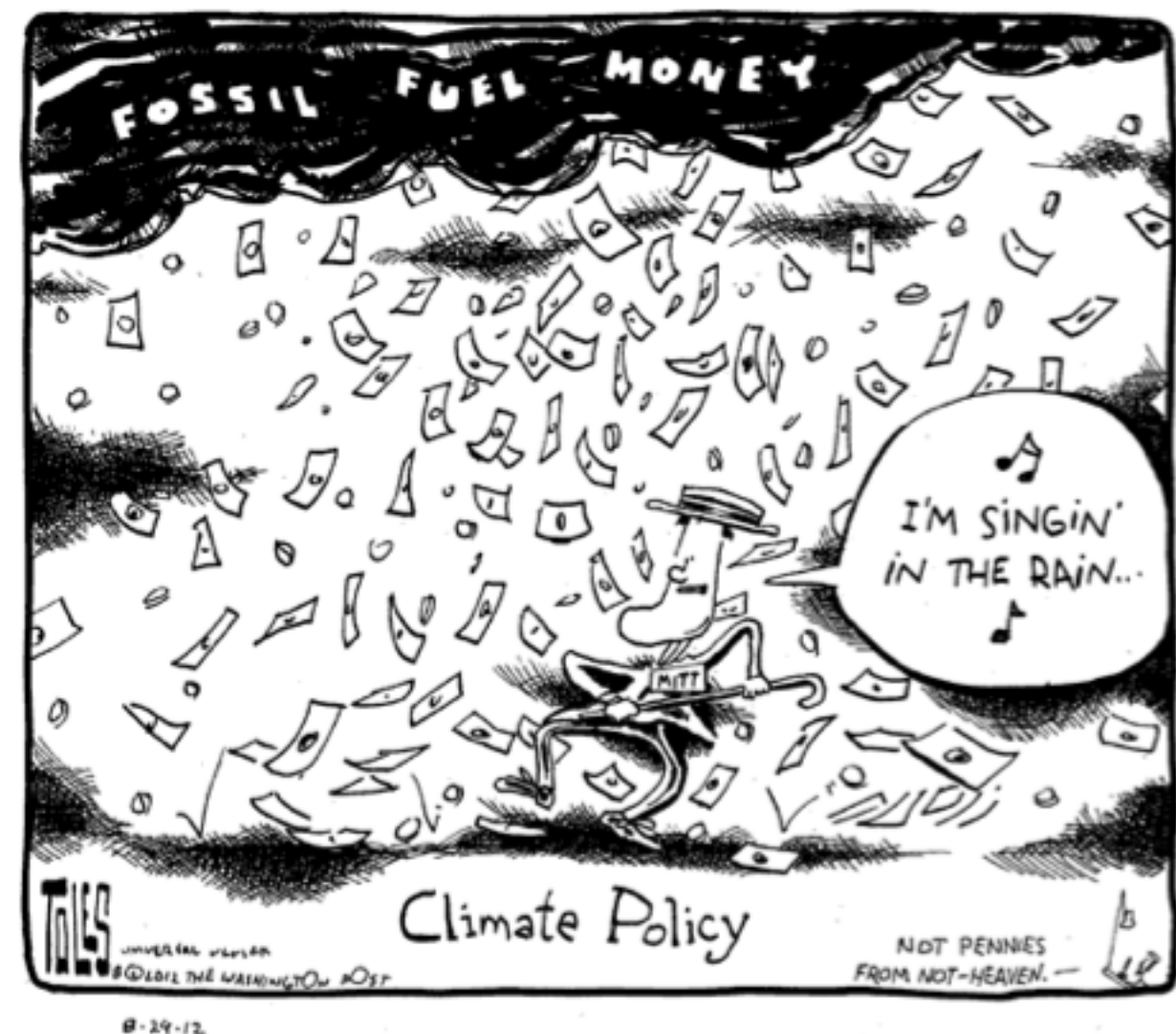
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— Susannah Jacob, Editor-in-Chief

GALLERY



Young Texans need jobs

Dave Player
Guest Columnist

If you're worried about getting a job after graduation (and you should be), pick your major carefully. A report earlier this year by Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce found that there was significant variance in post-graduate unemployment based on undergraduate major. Generally, graduates who majored in nontechnical fields, such as liberal arts (9.4 percent unemployment) and fine arts (11.1 percent), had a harder time finding jobs than their peers with technical degrees, such as mathematics (6.0 percent) and health care (5.4 percent).

The takeaway is simple: They're not hiring philosophers (10.8 percent) at the same rate as nurses (4.0 percent). But the Georgetown study only confirms what most of us already know. The real question is what these trends should mean for our educational system as a whole.

Faced with budget cuts and a recession, our state has an opportunity to re-evaluate what we want out of our schools, colleges and universities in the upcoming legislative session. The UT Board of Regents has made it clear that improving graduation rates is the top priority this year. But, as the Georgetown study shows, more important than the number of graduates is the knowledge they possess upon graduation. Improved graduation rates do nothing to help Texans if they result in a flood of under-qualified graduates trained in unemployable fields. To truly fix our faltering education system our state government should re-commit to educating young Texans in technical fields.

The ongoing crisis in Europe illustrates the impact a vocation-based education system can have on a nation's economy. One of the most telling statistics of the recession in Europe is the unemployment rate among youth. "Youth unemployment" measures the percentage of people in the workforce between ages 15-24 who are unemployed. In recent months, that rate has climbed as high as 50 percent in Greece and Spain. And while youth unemployment rates don't count students as em-

ployed members of the workforce, the percentage of young people not working or in school (also known as the NEET rate) has also reached a fifteen-year high.

In stark contrast to Greece and Spain, Germany boasts a relatively low youth unemployment rate of 7.9 percent and a NEET rate of 9.5 percent. Many have attributed that success to Germany's vocational "dual training," a 43-year-old state-sponsored system which places young Germans in three-year apprenticeships where they split time between on-the-job training and classroom instruction. This hybrid-education model not only insures that graduates are credentialed, but also that they have the technical skills to immediately enter the workforce.

Vocation-centric education could be a huge boon for our cash-strapped state education system. While the Legislature is expected to make more budget cuts next year (on top of the \$844 million in cuts made to education in the last session), the state's economy is still growing. Texas added 457,700 non-farm jobs in the past two years, with fields such as manufacturing, energy, health care and business services seeing the most growth. Given those trends, better and more comprehensive vocational training isn't just an attractive option—it's a necessity.

Amidst talks of reforms, University loyalists have been quick to cite to the State Constitution to argue that our Legislature – and thus, taxpayers – are required to fund "a University of the first class." In their view "first class" is synonymous with prestige, university rankings and recognition for high-profile faculty.

This fall we must ask ourselves and our leaders what a "first class" university really entails: a prestigious label or an industrious alumni base? What young Texans need are jobs, and the technical skills necessary to acquire them. Our university has a 129-year history of producing talented and highly-trained graduates. It's by their skill and abilities that we should measure the quality of this University.

Player is a second-year UT law student from Dallas and a member of the Texas Student Media board

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“The three-judge panel unanimously found intentional discrimination across the state. There's no ifs, ands, or buts about it.”

— Luis Vera, attorney for LULAC, responding to a Washington D.C. court's finding of Texas' redistricting process being racially biased.

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CAMPUS

Campus waste study commissioned by UT

By Joshua Fechter

UT Division of Housing and Food Service is implementing single-stream recycling to encourage students and staff to dispose of waste properly.

University officials hope to decrease the campus' trash output by commissioning a study of how waste is disposed, which will conclude by the end of the fall semester.

Karen Blaney, assistant manager of Campus Planning and Facilities Management, said UT produced 140,000 pounds of trash per week, but only 66,400 pounds of recyclable waste per week during the spring semester.

"We have some work to do," Blaney said.

She said the University will advertise its proposal for the study to contractors in the next few weeks.

Blaney said the study will

analyze, among other factors, how much recyclable material is being disposed of in trash bins instead of recycling bins, and how much food waste is being disposed of in trash and recycling bins instead of being composted.

She said the contractor will analyze the waste output from academic and administrative facilities, and will include the athletics department and University Unions if those departments decide to participate in the study.

Last spring, the Division of Housing and Food Service implemented a recycling program that provides two waste bins in residential halls: one for trash and one for paper, plastic and aluminum waste.

Scott Meyer, director of dining services at DHFS, oversees the division's sustainability initiatives and said on-campus residence halls originally provided three cans for waste disposal: one for trash, one for

Waste Amounts August 2011 - July 2012

Tons of trash:
Duren - 48
San Jacinto - 140
Jester (incl. Wendy's) - 593
Kinsolving - 145
Andrews, Blanton and Carothers - 74

Tons of recyclables:
Duren - 4.6
San Jacinto - 30
Jester - 123
Kinsolving - 43
Andrews, Blanton and Carothers - not tracked

Source: Meagan Jones, energy steward for Facilities Services

paper waste and one for plastic and aluminum waste.

Meyer said he hopes consolidating recycling bins will



Pu Ying Huang | Daily Texan Staff

Resident adviser Eileen Kao explains how single-stream recycling has been implemented into the dorms. Residents now have a single blue bin for all recycling needs instead of having to sort through recycled matter between two bins.

encourage students and staff to recycle more frequently because they do not have to sort waste themselves.

Social work freshman Adilene Muñoz lives in Jester Center and said she does not currently recycle, but that

single-stream recycling bins may encourage her to do so. "I guess I'm just lazy about it," she said.

TEXAS TRIBUNE

Chancellors achieve progress but note areas of improvement

By Reeve Hamilton
The Texas Tribune

In late August of 2011, both Brian McCall, chancellor of the Texas State University System, and Francisco Cigarroa, chancellor of the University of Texas System, laid out new visions for their systems.

Though McCall's "Picking Up the Pace" plan came first, Cigarroa's "Framework for Advancing Excellence" garnered the most attention. He has been invited to the White House to discuss it — twice. Cigar-

roa's is also more comprehensive and specific in its goals, but both lay out similar thematic plans, such as implementing strategies to reduce students' time to degree completion, improving graduation rates and increasing philanthropic giving to their universities.

In the past week, both chancellors had occasion to review their progress with their respective boards of regents.

Generally, both leaders gave rosy reviews to the progress in their systems. For example, McCall noted that collaboration across his

system is on the rise, and Cigarroa observed that the UT System had strengthened and clarified its post-tenure review. Institutions in both systems have implemented \$10,000 degree programs, as Gov. Rick Perry called for in early 2011.

But there is still room for improvement. In his new "Setting the Pace" report, while discussing graduation rates, McCall notes, "We still need to better understand why those who leave our institutions without earning degrees do so."

A framework update put out by the UT System points

out that much progress remains to be made on the goals to expand health education and opportunities in South Texas, though Cigarroa recently announced the system's intention to graduate its first medical school class in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in 2018.

The UT System framework grew out of months of turmoil sparked by disagreements over how the regents should go about reforming higher education. The Texas Public Policy Foundation, a conservative think tank based in Austin, was the source of some of

the most controversial proposed changes to the state's higher education policies.

The TPPF endorsed the framework when it debuted, and stood by that endorsement as its anniversary approached. But Thomas Lindsay, the director of the TPPF's Center for Higher Education, cautioned against losing sight of improving how much students actually learn in college as the framework is implemented.


"We cannot speak credibly of 'advancing excellence' in public higher education without taking

first into account whether and how much students increase their knowledge as a result of investing four years in college," he said in a statement. "While increased graduation rates, online learning advances, sponsored research, increased advising and the like are important goals, to focus on these rather than the central goal of student learning serves little purpose."

But at Thursday's UT System regents meeting, the framework was clearly a source of pride. "From what

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TEXAS TRIBUNE

Why UT-Austin shouldn't raise tuition

By Alex Cranberg
As published in the Texas Tribune

The University of Texas System is an extraordinary institution. It educates more than 200,000 students, mostly from Texas, and it conducts an enormous amount of groundbreaking research. The cumulative impact of the education of young people and the research output of the thousands of brilliant faculty is prodigious and valuable. I could not be prouder of the University of Texas diploma on my wall, representing as it does not only knowledge and thinking skills gained but also the symbol of the four joyous and challenging years I spent growing as a person and learning about myself and others. What a gift the founders of Texas gave our state in establishing “a University of the first class.” It is a special privilege for me to serve on my university system’s board of regents (although the views expressed here are mine personally and not necessarily those of other board members).

Over the 35 years since I graduated, many measures of the quality of UT-Austin have grown dramatically. But tuition has also increased — by more than 80 percent over just the past eight years. I am forever grateful to the university and to the state of Texas for giving me the opportunity to be able to pay my own way through school and graduate almost debt-free. Today’s students are not typically so lucky.

It is fashionable to blame

higher tuition on legislative tight-fistedness, but the facts simply do not support that charge. Nationally, state support for higher education has roughly kept pace with general inflation over the past 20 years. Some pushing for higher student tuition tend to point out that state support of higher education has dropped substantially as a share of total revenues. That is true but only because educational costs have increased much faster than inflation and federally funded research budgets have grown substantially, making state support naturally account for a much smaller portion of the entire budget.

At UT-Austin, generous philanthropists and state-granted lands have endowed the university with extraordinary additional pillars of support that other institutions could only dream about. Even intercollegiate athletics, often a loss-maker, provide meaningful support for academic programs. Finally, a little-noticed change in the admissions practice at UT-Austin is shifting many slots previously allocated to Texas residents, who pay \$10,000 per year, to nonresidents, who pay \$33,000 per year.

During the past 10 years, after inflation, investment income and university funds available for operations (i.e., over and above capital expenditures) have grown by \$2,100 per student. State support has dropped by only \$1,300 per student, partly due to nonresi-

dent students not being subsidized by the state. Roughly two-thirds of state funding cuts are either tied to or offset by increased nonresident tuition. The \$3,300-per-year tuition increase families are already paying is simply not justified by reductions in state support — and nor is possibility of further increases.

The public is told by some that holding the line on tuition will imperil much-needed student programs, hold back research or result in a “dumbing down” of the university. The actual data demonstrate that this is a fundamentally misleading position. Instructional revenues are going up, even without tuition increases. State funding cuts are frequently cited by those asking for more money from students — despite the negative consequences of even higher tuition on student access. Yes, there are plenty of students willing to pay the tuition at UT even if it increased further. But is that what the founders of Texas had in mind for their “University of the first class”? The Texas Constitution does not famously promise its citizens a “University of the upper class.” We can earn financial support from other parts of society than students facing an uncertain job market. We can enhance learning productivity, better reward our faculty and have an even bigger positive influence on the world by harnessing technology even more innovatively than we do now. We do not need to increase tuition.

It is a competitive world. I love the University of Texas too much to see others take the lead. I expect the Texas Legislature, the University of Texas System and our many dedicated, inspired faculty, staff and administrators will continue to work together to find ways actually to cut students’ outlay and increase quality of learning so that UT students may be even more blessed by the UT opportunity than I have been.

Alex Cranberg sits on the University of Texas System Board of Regents.

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of Occupy UT, an organization that has strongly opposed tuition increases in the past. He said he believes an increase in state funding is the answer to the tuition dilemma, and he advocates for the elimination of tuition costs at the University altogether.

“What we need to do is get the state to actually fund education,” he said.

Villasenor said Occupy UT advocates for tax increases for wealthy Texans and businesses in the state that would ultimately make a UT education free for in-state students without compromising the quality of the University.

Villasenor said Occupy UT will be continuing its efforts in the fall by better educating the UT community on tuition-related issues so that community members can advocate for themselves.

Texas Exes spokesman Tim Taliaferro said nothing that surprises him about the debate surrounding tuition at UT is the fact that tuition is on the rise nationwide, and UT is getting much more attention than other universities.

“I don’t think it’s perfectly fair to put all the blame on the rise of costs just at the University of Texas at Austin,” he said.

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I understand, the chancellor’s framework is quickly becoming a national model,” said Gene Powell, the chairman of the board of regents.

“It is a work in progress focused on continual improvement,” Cigarroa said in a statement. “Some initiatives have been completed; for others, we have created the infrastructures that will yield substantive results

over time.”

Lindsay did not specifically comment on McCall’s plan for the Texas State University System, which has largely avoided the controversy that embroiled the state’s two largest university systems: UT and the Texas A&M University System.

McCall also marked the anniversary by calling for

further improvements in the coming year, including increasing the use of electronic textbooks and examining ways to reduce planning and construction costs for new facilities.

“Now that the pace has been set, we know what we must continue to do,” he said in his report. “The future is the result of what we do now.”

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PCL extends operational hours to 24/5



Zachary Strain | Daily Texan Staff
Thao Le, a student associate at the Perry-Castañeda Library, loads books onto shelves Tuesday afternoon. The PCL will operate on a 24-hour basis starting mid-October as part of a Student Government initiative.

By Bobby Blanchard

To provide students with a safe study space late on campus this semester, the Perry-Castañeda Library will operate on a 24-hour basis starting mid-October. Due to a Student Government initiative, the PCL will operate on a 24-hour basis five days a week, or 24/5, starting during this semester's midterms. The library will be open for 24 hours Sunday through Friday, closing at 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday evening. Last year, the latest the library was open was until 2 a.m. Monday through Thursday. The initiative will cost around \$40,000 per semester, which will pay for a new security guard and additional maintenance and upkeep costs. The Student Services Budget Committee is paying for half, and University Libraries and the Provost's

Office are splitting the rest. Travis Willmann, spokesperson for the University of Texas Libraries, said the library will not extend the hours it checks out books, operates the Information and Research Help Desk and offers other librarian services but will function as a safe study space for students late at night. Student body president and vice president Thor Lund and Wills Brown won the election with the goal of a 24-hour library in their platform. Brown said they campaigned as the "24-hour-PCL guys." Lund said it is also potentially a safety hazard to kick students out at 2 a.m., because some buses don't run that late. Brown said the library will remain safe late at night with a security guard at the front desk and another one patrolling the library. "After 10 p.m. you still

have to show your student ID, so I think in terms of safety concerns, we've addressed most of them," Brown said. The PCL operated on a 24-hour basis in the early 2000s, but the University reduced its hours after a decrease in student traffic late at night. Willmann said students weren't using the library's resources that late because they didn't need the books, but now they need the study space. "Students are less reliable on books and more reliable on space and electronic access," Willmann said. "There have been very dramatic changes in the way students use the library. We've reached the point when students really like and need this space." The John Peace Library at UT-San Antonio operates on a 24/5 basis. Unlike UT-Austin's student-led initia-

tive, the John Peace Library operates on this schedule starting the first day of class. Staff at the John Peace Library are available to check books out to students at all times, and the school does not require students to show an ID to enter. UTSA spokeswoman Anne Peters said UT-San Antonio is not in the middle of an urban area. Therefore, it does not have the same safety concerns as UT-Austin might. She said operating a library 24 hours has led to some unusual occurrences. "In the past year or so, we've had someone dressed up in a Wookiee costume from Star Wars, and come to the library in the middle of the night and high-five students," Peters said. "We think it's somebody who just wants to give students a spirit lift in the middle of the night."

SYSTEM

Medical school ignites health care reflections

By Joan Vinson

UT President William Powers Jr. shared his health care story to add a personal voice to discussions about a planned medical school in Austin. As a 35-year Austin resident, Powers stressed the importance of having health care services available to Central Texans. UT spokesperson Gary Susswein said the powerful voice of President Powers will help spread the word in Austin. "Having people talk about their personal experiences makes the experience real and shows why, as a community, we will benefit from increased medical education," Susswein said. Healthy ATX is an organizing committee working with UT officials, including Powers, to improve local health care and to put a face on health care in the community. The organization launched in April with the "We all have a health care story" campaign, an effort that invites community leaders and average citizens alike to share videos of their experiences with health care in Central Texas. In 2011, state Sen. Kirk Watson created a "10 goals in 10 years" plan to improve health care in Austin. One of these goals is to build a medical school that will create health care jobs and expand health services in Travis County. Andy Mormon, chief of staff for Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell, said the mayor is a member of the Healthy ATX organizing committee for the medical school and is very supportive. He said the stories Watson and Powers shared make a difference and add a personal touch. "It is not unusual to have to go to Houston or Dallas to receive treatment for a complicated medical condition," Mormon said. "It is a very personal thing for

“It is ultimately up to the Travis County voters to vote on whether or not to increase taxes to support a medical school.”

—Alexa Stuijbergen,
School of Nursing Dean

” people to stay home and sleep in their own beds.” Alexa Stuijbergen, dean of UT's School of Nursing, said she thinks the "We all have a health care story" campaign is a useful way to personalize the cause to establish a medical school in Austin. "It is ultimately up to the Travis County voters to vote on whether or not to increase taxes to support a medical school," she said. "Right now the University Medical Center Brackenridge is outdated and cannot handle the teaching and technological aspects needed." In May, the UT System Board of Regents voted unanimously to fund the establishment of a medical school at UT. The combination of the regents' approval, a recent promise from the Seton Healthcare Family to pay up to \$250 million and funding from other sources, Watson's plan to bring a medical school to Austin is becoming more tangible. Exercise science senior Melissa Moore said she supports the plan for a new medical school. "I plan on attending medical school after I graduate, and it would be great not to have to move to Houston or out of state," she said. "What needs to happen is for the surrounding hospitals and the state legislature to allocate more funds."

NEWS BRIEFLY

Texas sheriff fired amid derogatory rants

FORT WORTH, Texas — A North Texas sheriff's deputy lost his job over rants he posted against his boss and two other county employees. A disciplinary letter obtained by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram (bit.ly/SQ4GVD) shows Richard "Bo" Aldridge accused Sheriff Dee Anderson of drinking and driving in his county vehicle. Anderson denied the allegation categorically. The letter also showed Aldridge made derogatory comments against one of his opponents in his campaign for the Precinct 1 constable's job, which Aldridge lost. He also made derogatory comments against County Commissioner J.D. Johnson. The Tarrant County Sheriff's Department's Disciplinary Review board recommended his dismissal, which Anderson agreed with. Aldridge didn't appeal the decision with the county's Civil Service Commission.

- The Associated Press

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SG's Lund, Brown give update on initiatives in YouTube report

By Bobby Blanchard

Student body president and vice president Thor Lund and Wills Brown released their first YouTube video address to UT's student body Tuesday evening, with production assistance from Texas Student Television. In the video they welcomed new and returning students to campus and updated them on initiatives Student Government spent the summer working on, including making the Perry Castañeda Library operate on a "24/5" basis, 24 hours a day, five days a week. Lund said the team is planning a monthly address to help keep SG as transparent as possible. He also said they will post to their Twitter account every time they meet with someone. Dean of Students Soncia Reagins-Lilly said Lund and Wills had a busy summer and were on task. Lund said he and Wills spent some of the summer meeting with student leaders to get feedback on their platform. They are now putting out a more interactive platform. "They have a wide array of ideas and incredible energy to assist our students and serve our students,"



Student body president Thor Lund and vice president Wills Brown released a video Tuesday, Aug. 28, to give an update on what initiatives Student Government worked on over the summer. Lund said they plan to give a monthly address.

Elisabeth Dillon
Daily Texan Staff
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Reagins-Lilly said. "They have a very robust platform that they will display and market and share." Brown said SG also worked to provide more late night food options for students on campus. Prufrock's Coffee Shop at PCL added salads and wraps to its menu, and Jester City Market will be open until midnight. "Before then, the only thing that was open after 11 p.m. was Wendy's," Brown said. "The beauty about the Jester City Market is it

has healthy options. It has salads. It has the wraps. It also has snacks. It has anything you want." There are several other initiatives Lund and Brown accomplished this past summer that they did not mention in the video. Lund said SG is starting a new program called Orange Outreach, which will allow different student organizations to work together on service projects. "Students do a lot of cool things by them-

selves," Brown said. "But if we all link up and come together and have one huge campus wide service project, we could do something big." Brown said UT RecSports added more season sports. Previously, basketball leagues were only offered in the spring and football leagues were only offered in the fall. RecSports will offer both sports during both semesters this year. Texas Sports and SG also worked together to create

a student tailgate area east of the stadium by the LBJ fountain. It will be a place for students who are not already a part of a tailgating organization to go before the game. SG has its welcome ceremony and first meeting of the semester Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Spanish Oaks Terrace. Its first meeting in the Student Activity Center's Legislative Assembly Room is set for Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.

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Donors come out in support of Livestrong despite controversy

By Bree Fowler
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lance Armstrong's reputation may be permanently stained but in the eyes of corporate and individual donors, his charity still wears an unsullied yellow jersey.

Armstrong announced last week he would no longer fight the doping allegations that have dogged him for years. He was subsequently stripped of his record seven Tour de France titles and banned from professional cycling.

But in the days following the announcement, the Lance Armstrong Foundation was showered with donations and pledges of continued support for its mission of promoting cancer awareness and research.

Public relations professionals say that while the famous cyclist and cancer survivor remains a polarizing figure, even his naysayers will have a hard time turning their back on the foundation and its trademark Livestrong yellow bracelets.

Armstrong's decision not to contest the doping charges may allow both him and his charity to finally move on, they say.

"He never said he's guilty, he said he's sick of fighting," said Peter Shankman, a vice

president at the public relations firm Vocus Inc., noting that none of the allegations against Armstrong have been proven. "He becomes a hero in this."

Armstrong, who retired a year ago and turns 41 next month, denies he ever took banned substances in his career, calling the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency's investigation a "witch hunt" carried out without any physical evidence. He said Thursday he would no longer challenge the USADA's allegations and declined to enter the agency's arbitration process.

On Friday, the USADA wiped out 14 years of Armstrong's career and barred him from the sport for life. The agency took Armstrong's decision as an admission of guilt, branding as a drug cheat the man who had built a legend reaching cycling's pinnacle after overcoming life-threatening testicular cancer.

That same day Armstrong was banned, the number of donations to his foundation nearly doubled to \$60,900 from \$32,300 the day before. And the number of donations nearly tripled to 937 from 313 the day before, according to the foundation's data.

The money kept coming on Saturday with 373 people donating a total of \$22,658.

In comparison, just four people made donations on the previous Saturday, the foundation said.

"The foundation was grateful to be overwhelmed by an outpouring of support in the last few days," Doug Ulman, the foundation's president and CEO, said in a statement. "The number of spontaneous donations and messages of solidarity from partners and supporters were amazing."

Corporate sponsors including Nike Inc., Anheuser-Busch and sunglasses maker Oakley have pledged their continued support for the charity. Johnson Health Tech, which licenses the Livestrong brand for a line of exercise bikes and other workout equipment, has also said it's sticking by the foundation.

And the home of Major League Soccer club Sporting Kansas City will continue to be called Livestrong Sporting Park. The club, which has promised to donate \$7.5 million in stadium revenues to Armstrong's foundation over six years, says it will not consider renaming the Kansas City, Kan., venue.

"Those who have been touched by cancer see Armstrong as an inspiration," said Michael Shmarak, a vice president of DKC Public Relations in Chicago. "Brands



Orlin Wagner | Associated Press

Signs and balconies overlook the main entrance of Livestrong Sporting Park in Kansas City, Kansas. Lance Armstrong's reputation may be in tatters after his announcement on Thursday, Aug. 23, that he would no longer fight the doping allegations that have dogged him for years.

recognize that power."

But Shmarak added that he wouldn't be surprised if the foundation decided to rebrand itself a little, creating a new symbol and steering away from the yellow bracelets that reference the now-tainted Tour de France yellow jersey.

Stan Steinreich, CEO of Steinreich Communications Group in Fort Lee, N.J., said that once the initial spike in donations disappears, the foundation could lose a significant amount of funding, because some people won't

want to have anything to do with Armstrong.

But in the long term, the charity is bound to rebound, because it has nothing to do with Armstrong's scandal, he said. It appears to pale, in public relations terms at least, in comparison with those involving other sports figures such as Tiger Woods and Michael Vick.

Over the past nearly 15 years, the foundation has raised nearly \$500 mil-

lion, partially though the sale of the yellow bracelets. Armstrong has said that his decision to not seek arbitration will allow him to focus more time on the foundation.

"I think the calculation he made was whatever effect these allegations have had, he did his jail time before the sentence was handed down," Steinreich said. "His world can only get better now."

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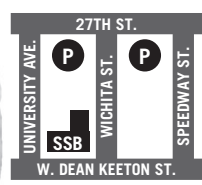
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Ron Paul followers boo Republican delegates for nulling votes

By **Stephen Ohlemacher**
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Feeling slighted, supporters of Texas Rep. Ron Paul’s presidential bid chanted and booed Tuesday after Republican convention delegates adopted new rules that could impede insurgent candidates in the future.

The brief uproar was a rare, unscripted moment in a carefully choreographed convention that organizers hoped would showcase Republican harmony over nominee Mitt Romney. After the voice vote on the rules, the next speaker was quickly called in an attempt to limit the amount of time Paul’s supporters had to chant “Shame on you.”

The rules are designed to limit the ability of insurgent presidential candidates to amass delegates to future Republican conventions. They will bind delegates to the outcome of presidential primaries and caucus-

es, preventing a candidate like Paul from pushing up their delegate counts at state conventions.

Paul delegates saw them as a power play by the Republican old guard.

“If you’re trying to win a presidential campaign and put on a show, you shouldn’t poke a sharp stick in the eye of conservative activists. That’s what happened,” said Colorado delegate Dudley Brown, who leads a gun rights organization back home.

Paul didn’t win a single presidential primary, but he got 190 delegate votes during the roll call of states that officially nominated Romney Tuesday. Romney got 2,061.

Paul briefly showed up on the convention floor, signing autographs and posing for photos. As he left the arena, he declined to say if he felt his delegates were being treated unfairly. “I’ll let you know when it’s over,” he said.

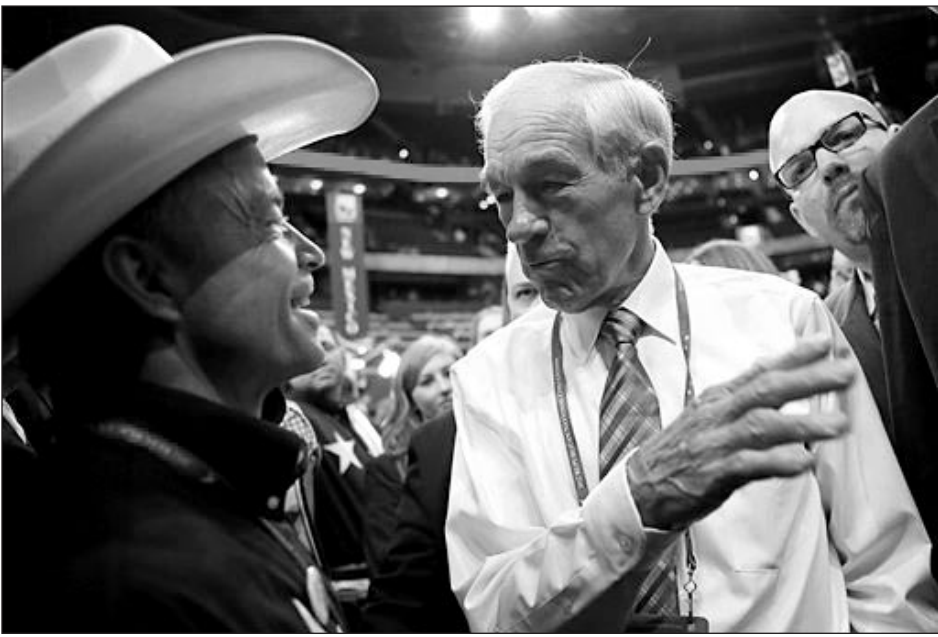
Paul later said in a broadcast interview that he has

no plans to endorse anyone for president.

“I am endorsing, you know, peace and prosperity and individual liberty, the Constitution, and I’m more intense on that than I am on the politics of it,” Paul told Fox News.

Supporters of the new rules say voters expect the delegate count to reflect the outcome of state primaries and caucuses. The convention’s rules committee made some late revisions to the new rules to placate party activists who weren’t necessarily Paul backers.

The new rules originally allowed presidential candidates to choose which delegates would represent them at the convention — taking that power from state parties. However, in a concession to local activists, party leaders agreed to remove the language. Instead, the rules say that delegates who support candidates other than the one they are obligated to



Jae C. Hong | Associated Press

Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, talks with a Texas delegate on the floor at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2012.

support shall have their votes deemed “null and void.”

“These rules will provide a strong governing framework for our convention and for our party,” said former New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu, who headed the rules committee.

Mississippi Republican National Committeeman Henry Barbour said delegates shouldn’t let a fight over rules distract from the goal of beating Democratic President Barack Obama.

“None of us want a campaign overreaching,” Barbour said. “We want bound delegates to live up to their commitment.”

NATIONAL

Former player denies drug charges

By **Nomaan Merchant**
Associated Press

DALLAS — A federal judge ordered former NFL wide receiver Sam Hurd to be jailed indefinitely Tuesday for failing two drug tests and allegedly buying drugs while already facing charges he tried to distribute marijuana and cocaine.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Jeff Kaplan indicated that he was less troubled by the drug tests than the allegations that Hurd had tried to buy drugs while he was out on bond. He revoked Hurd’s \$100,000 bond.

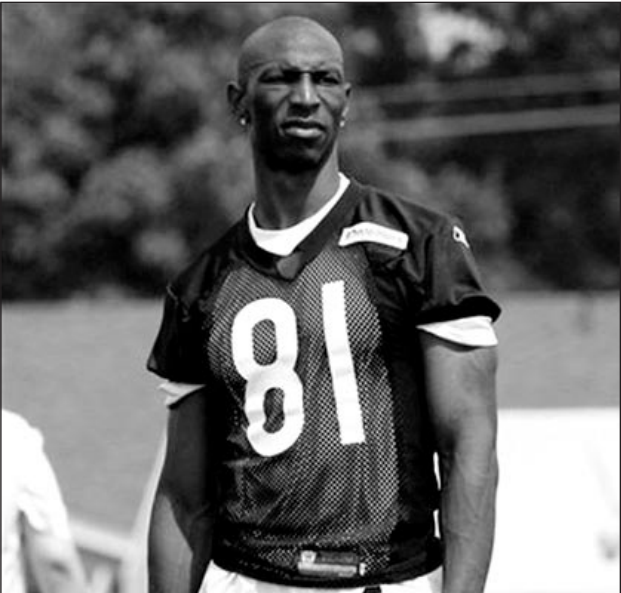
After the hearing, Hurd turned toward his family and supporters in the courtroom and said: “Lies.” He spoke briefly to a few people watching before he was led out of the courtroom.

The 27-year-old Hurd, who played for the Chicago Bears and Dallas Cowboys, was arrested again earlier this month. Prosecutors say he tested positive for marijuana at least twice this year. His cousin also allegedly told authorities he tried to buy five kilograms of cocaine (about 11 pounds) and 200 pounds of marijuana on Hurd’s behalf.

The cousin, Jesse Tyrone Chavful, also told prosecutors he sold Hurd 30 pounds of marijuana for \$10,500 in May.

Hurd was arrested in December after allegedly accepting cocaine from an undercover agent at a suburban Chicago steakhouse. According to court documents, Hurd took 1 kilogram (about 2 pounds) of cocaine and told the officer he wanted to eventually buy five to 10 kilograms of cocaine and 1,000 pounds of marijuana per week to distribute in the Chicago area.

An alleged co-conspirator accused of helping Hurd,



Nam Y. Huh | Associated Press

Chicago Bears wide receiver Sam Hurd watches teammates practice during NFL football training camp at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill.

Toby Lujan, pleaded guilty last week to a cocaine possession charge.

Prosecutors left court Tuesday without comment. Hurd’s mother, Gloria Corbin, attended the hearing along with his wife, sisters and at least one former teammate, Marion Barber.

“That’s my son,” Corbin told reporters afterward. “I love him, I support him and I believe in him.”

Hurd entered court in an orange jail uniform and handcuffs that were eventually removed. He took notes during the nearly two-hour hearing and often shook his head as law enforcement agents testified about the evidence against him.

Cecilio Bustamante, a supervising probation officer in Dallas, said Hurd admitted to first failing a drug test in May and then again in July — the second time after entering into drug counseling. Immigration and Customs Enforcement special agent Robert Alarcon testified that months after Hurd’s arrest and release on bond, his cousin, Chavful, allegedly brought 30 pounds of marijuana in a blue ice chest to Hurd for \$10,500.

Chavful was arrested June 6 after trying to take delivery of five kilograms of cocaine and almost 200 pounds of marijuana, Alarcon said. Chavful would later tell agents he was buying the drugs for Hurd and said he had talked to “Big Sam” several times leading up to the sale, Alarcon said.

Alarcon said he believed Lujan and Chavful did not know each other, lending credibility to their separate testimony.

Jay Ethington, Hurd’s attorney, repeatedly questioned the strength of the evidence and suggested Chavful was blaming Hurd to lighten the blame on himself.

“We are very disappointed that the judge accepted the government’s version of the facts that are based on exaggerated and even fabricated testimony of a non-credible informant,” Ethington said in an email afterward. “We will continue to try to bring the truth to the courthouse.”

NATIONAL

Writer draws ideas from heritage

By **Chris Vogner**
Associated Press

DALLAS — The young boy looked up on his grandfather’s wall and saw a jagged object. It looked dangerous and spoke of family secrets.

“I was old enough to know what they were,” University of Texas at Dallas assistant professor Matt Bondurant says of the brass knuckles he spied at his granddad’s house in Franklin County, Va. “I was scared to death of them, but I would pull a chair up and I would reach up and feel them.”

Franklin County was a bootleg moonshine hotbed during Prohibition, immortalized in Bondurant’s 2008 novel *The Wettest County in the World*. His grandfather and his great-uncles were major players in a brutal game — brutal enough to make those brass knuckles come in handy.

“It made clear to me that my grandfather grew up and lived in a world very much unlike my own,” he says.

That world, and that enforcer’s weapon, can now be viewed by all in *Lawless*. The new movie, starring Tom Hardy, Shia LaBeouf and Jessica Chastain, is based on Bondurant’s book. Opening Wednesday, the film has given Bondurant further occasion to consider his ancestors’ trade, a blood-and-booze-soaked business that no one liked to talk about when Bondurant was a swimming-obsessed kid growing up in Alexandria.

“There’s a very clear, strong tradition: You don’t talk about moonshining,” Bondurant said after a recent preview screening in Dallas. “You don’t bring it up. It could get you in

a lot of trouble. You could get yourself hurt doing that.”

And so Bondurant was left to wonder. He heard fragments and legends: about how his great-uncle Forrest (played by Hardy in the film) had his throat cut and claimed to have staggered 12 miles through a snowy night to the hospital. Or the one about the massive shootout in the midst of what came to be known as the Great Franklin County Moonshine Conspiracy of 1935. That one was written about in the newspapers, and court transcripts left a juicy paper trail as well — juicy enough to set Bondurant’s imagination whirring.

He knew he didn’t have enough concrete information to write a nonfiction account. But that was OK. He was already a fiction writer — his first novel, *The Third Translation*, was published in 2006. And what do novelists do? They fill in the gaps by making stuff up.

“As a fiction writer I realized the big, blank spaces were the fun parts,” says Bondurant, 41, who teaches creative writing and literature. “That’s where I get to create these big dramatic narratives that connect things together. It’s a constellation of possibilities.”

Keeps you from getting hurt, too.

Now that constellation of possibilities has its biggest platform yet, with a young star (LaBeouf) filling the shoes of Bondurant’s grandfather, Jack. Australian director John Hillcoat and screenwriter Nick Cave turn *Wettest County* into a sort of rural gangster movie, with the sounds of rat-a-tat machine guns, rickety old stills and Hardy’s stoic Zen hillbilly mumbling.

But for Hillcoat, who also

directed *The Road* and *The Proposition*, it all comes back to Bondurant’s words.

“What a great writer,” says Hillcoat by phone from Romania, where he’s shooting ironically, a whiskey commercial. “I loved the dialogue. I loved the way he illustrated the shock and the power and the scariness of the violence. But most of all I loved the way he explored the moral and philosophical consequences. That was all there in the book.”


Lean and bespectacled, Bondurant doesn’t look like a tough guy. Instead he looks like a swimmer, which brings us to his latest novel. *The Night Swimmer*, published earlier this year and now out in paperback, focuses on a woman who throws herself into open-water swimming and encounters trouble between warring tribes when she moves to coastal Ireland with her husband. (It’s the rare novel written by a man in a first-person woman’s voice.)

Bondurant grew up a competitive swimmer; he actually enrolled at the Division 1 swimming power West Virginia University before burning out on the sport and transferring to James Madison to pursue writing.

For Bondurant, the two disciplines are closely related.

“The skills and challenges of writing are a lot like swimming,” he says. “It’s a very isolated, discipline-based activity. When you’re swimming, you have to spend large amounts of time inside your own head. There’s sensory deprivation like being underwater.”

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OFFENSIVE OUTLOOK

Brown set to shine

By Lauren Giudice

Last season Malcolm Brown stepped onto campus as a pupil under veteran running back Fozzy Whittaker. After Whittaker’s season-ending injury during Texas’ loss to Missouri, Brown and the rest of the running backs were forced to take over earlier than expected. Now that Whittaker has graduated, it’s their turn to completely take the reins — both in terms of leadership and on-field performance.

“We had Fozzy Whittaker last year, and as an older guy he knew everything that we needed to know for us,” Brown said. “With him gone now, me and the other running backs need to step up and take over that role.” Brown prefers to lead by example and does not consider himself a very talkative person. Especially with freshman running back Johnathan Gray entering the mix, the running backs have the opportunity to become even

more dominant. Gray, from Aledo, Texas, rushed for 3,886 yards and 65 touchdowns his senior season at Aledo High. Just like Whittaker helped both Brown and Joe Bergeron, it’s their turn to help out the freshmen. In recent years, the Longhorns have relied on passing more than running. But the Longhorns do not have Vince Young or Colt McCoy now. What they do have is an offense that has struggled with the passing game. Head

coach Mack Brown hopes to make the offense more balanced. But until that happens, Malcolm Brown will be there. “I just contribute in any type of way I can,” Brown said. “Coach Mack Brown can throw me into any type of situation, and I will do what I can.” Last season the team had an average of 202.6 rushing yards per game and 189.9 passing yards. Now that Brown is a sophomore, his role will continue to grow.

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Malcolm Brown Elisabeth Dillon Daily Texan file photo



David Ash Trent Lesikar Daily Texan file photo

Stability will lead to results

By Chris Hummer

Texas’ offense has quite a bit to prove in 2012. Last season the Longhorns averaged 28.1 points a game, the second worst total in the Mack Brown era. Texas featured three different starting quarterbacks, eight players saw over 30 carries and a wide receiver, Jaxon Shipley, had a better passer efficiency rating than all of Texas’ starting signal callers combined. With that much turnover it’s little wonder why the offense struggled, and the group has a large chip on its shoulder to prove it can live up to the Long-

horns’ lofty standards. “It’s a chip for everyone offensively, and not only us, but the entire team,” said co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Bryan Harsin. “We want to keep the ball in our hands at all times, and the goal is to end every drive in a kick. That’s our mentality offensively.” The mind-set has changed, but performance really comes down to the players on the field. And the 2012 version of the Longhorns is much better prepared for consistent scoring success. The quarterback position isn’t fully resolved, but Texas has finally released the depth chart, naming

sophomore David Ash the starter for the season opener against Wyoming. However, the coaches are adamant that Case McCoy will continue to see snaps, it just remains to be seen how many. “The situation will dictate whether we can [play both guys] or not,” Harsin said. “But if the situation dictates for Case to come in, we’re rolling with that. So he has to prepare himself in that way.” While the quarterback situation is still fluid, the units around the spot continue to gel. The offensive line returns four of its five starters from

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Depth Chart

QB	David Ash (So., 6-3, 223)	Case McCoy (Jr., 6-2, 200)
RB	Joe Bergeron (So., 6-1, 230) –OR– Malcolm Brown (So., 6-0, 223)	Johnathan Gray (Fr., 5-11, 207)
FB	Ryan Roberson (Sr., 5-10, 240)	Chet Moss (So., 6-2, 255) –OR– Alex De La Torre (Fr., 6-1, 230)
WR	Jaxon Shipley (So., 6-1, 192)	Bryant Jackson (So., 6-2, 199) –OR– John Harris (So., 6-3, 218)
WR	Mike Davis (Jr., 6-2, 193)	Kendall Sanders (Fr., 6-0, 183)
WR	Marquise Goodwin (Sr., 5-9, 180)	D.J. Monroe (Sr., 5-9, 175) –OR– Cayleb Jones (Fr., 6-3, 211)
TE	D.J. Grant (Sr., 6-3, 238) –OR– Greg Daniels (So., 6-5, 258)	Barrett Matthews (Sr., 6-2, 235)
LT	Donald Hawkins (Jr., 6-5, 310)	Kennedy Estelle (Fr., 6-7, 300)
LG	Trey Hopkins (Jr., 6-4, 301)	Sedrick Flowers (rFr., 6-3, 313)
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COLUMN: OFFENSIVE OUTLOOK

Texas' final record won't come down to QB



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Sophomore David Ash has won the offseason quarterback battle and was named the starter for the Wyoming game. It will be up to the players around him to determine how good Ash can be.



By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Columnist

It was 237 long days between Texas' Holiday Bowl win over Cal last December and the day, to no one's surprise, when the Longhorns finally named David Ash their starting quarterback last week.

"I didn't think [it would happen]," one source with intimate knowledge of the situation said. "I knew it would happen."

Despite Mack Brown's pleas at this summer's Big 12 Media Days to not count out Case McCoy, who didn't play a single snap in the Holiday Bowl victory after being picked off four times in his final seven drives in the regular season finale against Baylor, Ash, the 2011 Holiday Bowl MVP, topped the depth chart.

But unlike the days of Vince Young and Colt McCoy, the Longhorns won't lean on their quarterback to carry the offense. They have the nation's only backfield with two running backs that were the best in the country at their position coming out

of high school in Malcolm Brown and incoming freshman Johnathan Gray. They return all three starting wide receivers from a year ago and all but one offensive lineman.

"When the guys around you are better and experienced, all it does is help you out," Ash said. "You feed off each other and get better every day."

Ash will be feeding off a running game that promises to be one of the nation's best. Before being nagged by a turf toe injury for most of the second half of last season, Brown was on pace to run for 1,000 yards as a freshman while Joe Bergeron averaged 6.4 yards per carry and broke out with a 191-yard performance in a win over Texas Tech last year in Brown's absence. To make sure Brown and Bergeron get through this season injury-free, Johnathan Gray, who scored more than 200 touchdowns in his high school career, should get plenty of touches.

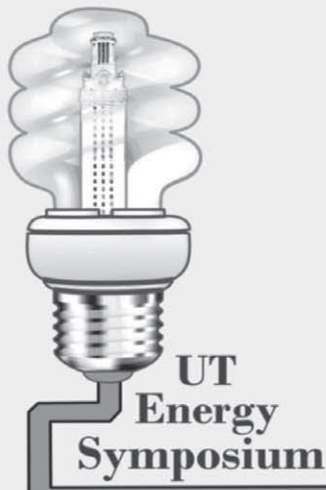
"We're going to run the ball well," junior offensive guard Trey Hopkins said. "That's been an emphasis of ours. But we're also going to pass the ball well

and give our quarterbacks time back there. But if we can run the ball, bring more guys in the box and get those long downfield passes, that's what we're trying to do. We're definitely going to be a strong running team."

Marquise Goodwin, fresh from his first Olympics, is capable of running a 40-yard dash under 4.3 seconds. Mike Davis is back after leading Texas with 45 catches and 609 yards last year as a sophomore and Jaxon Shipley returns following a freshman year that saw him give Davis a run for his money with 44 receptions for 607 yards. Shipley did throw three touchdown passes last year, though, three more than Davis. and he is part of what should be a much-improved group of wideouts.

"I like what our wide receiver position has done," co-offensive coordinator Bryan Harsin said. "Jaxon is a guy that provides a spark out there in practice and that energy has been shown in the entire receiving corps ... Those guys [The receivers and

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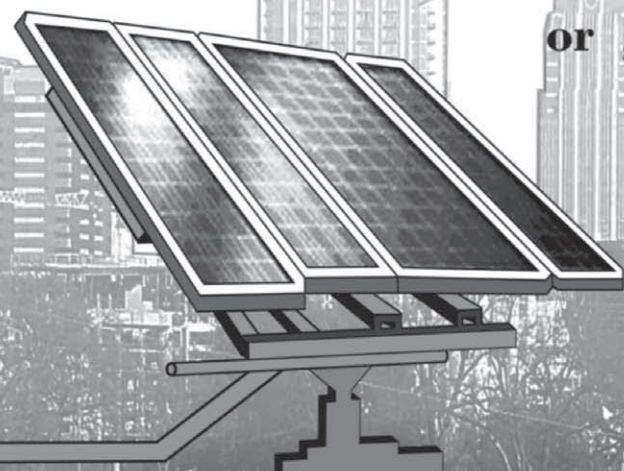
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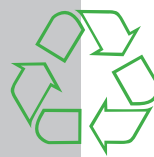
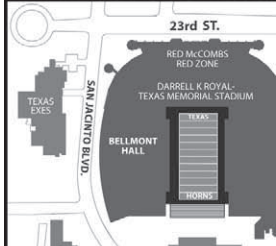


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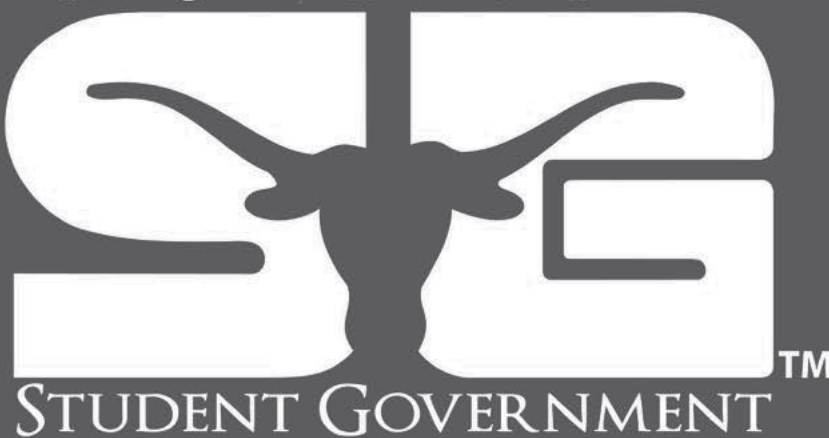
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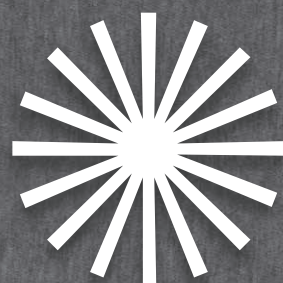
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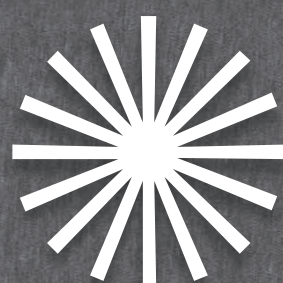
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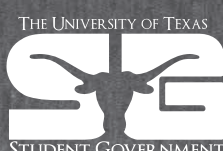


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STAT GUY

Successful ground game set to pace Horns' attack

 **By Hank South**
Daily Texan Columnist

With the ongoing quarterback carousel engulfing all the hype around this year's Longhorns football team, a position arguably just as important could sustain a debate of its own. For the first time in a while, the running back position is loaded with talent for the Longhorns.

Returning lettermen Malcolm Brown and Joe Bergeron look to handle the bulk of the carries, complemented by freshman standout Johnathan Gray. With both Brown and Bergeron listed as co-starters, what will be the deciding factor on which player stays in the game longer? If you look back at the stats from 2011 and define a "quality carry" as a carry of four yards or more, a first down or a touchdown, the go-to running back is fairly inconclusive.

For the entire 2011 football season, Brown was handed the ball 172 times and turned 87 of those handoffs into quality carries, a 51 percent success rate. Bergeron was called upon 72 times, converting 43 carries into successful en-

deavors, a 60 percent rate. With these statistics, the answer is clear: Bergeron should be the most-used back this season. However, if you dive further into individual game statistics and account for Brown running the ball 100 more times than Bergeron, that might not necessarily be the case.

Against Top 10 teams Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, Brown converted 17 successful carries out of 36 attempts for a 47 percent rate, while Bergeron only handled the ball three times, rushed for -3 yards — with a long of 2 — for a zero percent success rate. While that looks good on paper for Brown, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State had the 43rd and 90th ranked rushing defenses in the nation respectively in 2011. The debate carries on.

What about the Holiday Bowl? Quarterback David Ash proved himself to the Longhorn faithful as a reliable signal caller; however, Brown and Bergeron — each hampered by nagging injuries — didn't do a lot to carry their individual momentum into 2012. Brown made five out of his 13 carries quality, rushing for 35

yards, while Bergeron created one out of three, with a 7-yard burst, and 9 total yards on the evening.

Both backs missed three games apiece last season, which isn't unusual for freshmen adjusting to the speed of college football. When returning post-injury, Brown proved less reliable, converting 13 of 41 carries, a 32 percent success rate, while Bergeron turned six of 12 into successful attempts. If you're still in a summer daze, that's 50 percent.

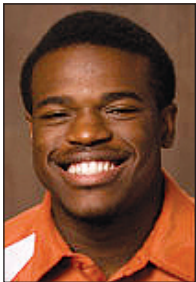
Most people don't look at these numbers when deciding which running back they prefer. For most, it boils down to who had more yards and who had more touchdowns. Brown had 742 yards, while Bergeron had 463. Each back had five scores on the year.

Nothing will be solved until the Longhorns hit the field against Wyoming Saturday, and it doesn't need to be. Having two quality running backs is a blessing for any team in this day and age. Add in one of the best prep-running backs in high school football history in Gray, and you have one of the most dominant rushing attacks in the country.

MAJORITY RULES

Quality carries (carries of 4+ yards, a first down, touchdown)
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RUNNING BACK



MALCOLM BROWN



JOE BERGERON

OVERALL	51 percent (87/172)	60 percent (43/72)
VS. TOP 25	47 percent (17/36)	0 percent (0/3)
AFTER INJURY	32 percent (13/41)	50 percent (6/12)

VS. RICE	10/16	3/6
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VS. TEXAS A&M	4/17	No carries
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BROWN

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Quarterback David Ash said the running backs' experience from last year will help the offense.

"Experience, there's no substitute for it," Ash said.

Brown missed both the Missouri and Texas Tech games with a turf toe injury last season. But according to Bergeron, Brown has been working hard to avoid injuries.

"With him knowing how to take care of his body now, you see him doing a lot of stuff that he's doing now that he didn't do last year," Bergeron said. "We cold tub more. We're in the training room more. We're hitting the weights a lot harder than we did last year."

Brown was the first true freshman since Cedric Benson in 2001 to lead the team in rushing, with 742 yards. But he still sees room for improvement in himself, especially in pass protection.

"That is one thing that I wanted to focus on," Brown said. "We all want to be complete backs and stay in on third downs when the blitzes are coming and we're passing the ball."

Picking up blitzes was one thing Whittaker was so good at.

"That is one thing that Fozzy brought to the table," Brown said. "He was the older guy, he knew the protections, and he had been here for so long that he knew exactly what to do."

Brown currently shares the top of the depth chart with Bergeron. Both players had five rushing touchdowns last season.

"Both guys, just from a year of experience, you can see how those guys have come back and understand the offensive line and understand the run game and understand we are trying to hit with the run," said co-offensive coordinator Bryan Harsin. "And so I've been pleased with both guys. I think they have been tremendous through camp. The other area, not just running the ball, but in protection, as well."

With the words of Whittaker in his mind, Malcolm Brown is ready to continue his impressive career at Texas. If this season's offense is similar to last season's, he'll need to.

FOOTBALL

Tucker earns starting job for NFL's Ravens

By Chris Hummer

Justin Tucker has been one of the most clutch kickers in Texas history, and now he has a new home.

Tucker was named the starting place kicker for the Baltimore Ravens Sunday after they cut veteran kicker Billy Cundiff.


Cundiff, who missed a 32-yard field goal that would have clinched the AFC championship game last season, rebounded quickly, however, signing with the Washington Redskins Tuesday.

Tucker displayed his ability to perform in the biggest moments throughout his career, and last season he cemented his place in Texas lore with his game-winning 40-yard field goal against Texas A&M to end the rivalry.



Mack Brown was thrilled to hear his ever-reliable kicker had earned a job.


"We are so excited about Justin," Brown said. "I got a text from Justin and texted him right back. And I don't think anybody has ever been as excited."


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last season, with the only addition being junior college transfer Donald Hawkins. Last year the group struggled in pass protection, allowing 28 sacks, the fourth-worst total in the Big 12, and the inconsistent blocking played a large role in the quarterbacks' struggles.

This year they're more prepared as a unit to do their part for the aerial attack.

"People can expect us to do our jobs a lot better than we've done in the past," guard Trey Hopkins said. "We're going to be a physical running offensive line. We're going to have the great combos and pancakes. But we're going to be a lot better in pass protection as well."

The Texas wideouts are also in a much better position to make Ash and McCoy shine. Shipley, junior Mike Davis and senior Marquise Goodwin return to give Texas an experienced core.

Last year Texas was 82nd out of 120 teams in passing yards per game, and were the third-worst attack in the pass-happy Big 12. Oklahoma State led the conference with a blazing 387.2 yards a contest, while Texas was almost a full 200 yards behind the Cowboys with 189.9. With disparities like that, it's little wonder why the Longhorns' offense was pedestrian.

However, this group of receivers is set to help return the passing attack to prominence. Davis has looked more like the deep-play threat the was as a freshman, Goodwin is a more mature route runner and Shipley is poised to emerge as one of the Big 12's best.

"We're starting to see plays made not only running the ball, but pass-

ing the ball," Shipley said. "We've been making a lot of explosive plays in practice in the passing game. We have another year of experience, we know all the routes and things are just getting much easier for us [the wide receivers]."

Shipley mentioned it, but the running game is expected to be the centerpiece of the Texas attack. Last year the Longhorns were 22nd in the country in rushing yards per contest, and that was in spite of a plethora of injury issues.

Malcolm Brown and Joe Bergeron are back for their sophomore campaigns, and each is more prepared to deal with the rigors of the college schedule. They've both added bulk to their already intimidating frames and the extra weight should help them prevent some of the injury issues that plagued them last season.

Freshman Johnathan Gray, the top ranked half-back in the class of 2012, will also contribute out of the backfield. With those three, Texas has the potential for an incredible three-headed running back core.

It isn't perfect, but this team is in a much better spot heading into the opener than it was a year ago. The offense is entering its second season under Harsin, and the extra maturity and familiarity with the system could be the biggest contributing variable to offensive success in 2012.

"We understand the system better," Harsin said. "Our players understand it better, and we are able to get into some more of the details and really the fun stuff."

After last year, any amount of fun the offense can bring would improve Texas exponentially.

BASEBALL

Pitcher John Curtiss out for 2012 season

By Peter Sblendorio

Coming off of an impressive freshman season in 2012, sophomore right-handed pitcher John Curtiss will miss the entire 2013 season after undergoing Tommy John surgery on his right elbow.

Curtiss likely sustained the injury in the Longhorns' season ending loss to Kansas in the 2012 Big 12 tournament, as he was forced to leave the game with two outs in the seventh inning with what at the time was being called a sprain. The injury proved to be more significant than originally thought during the offseason, however, requiring the righty to undergo surgery.

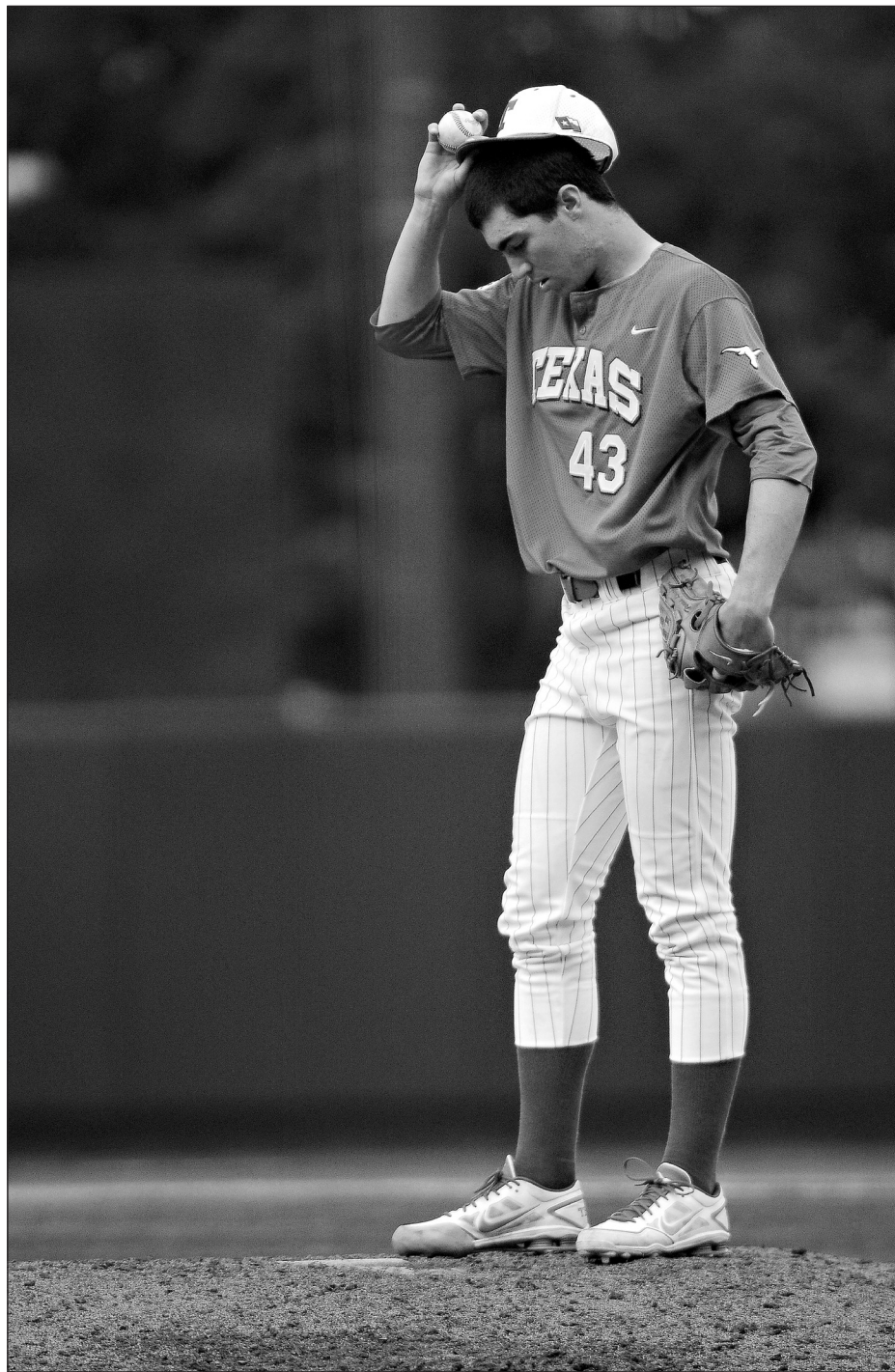
"John had reconstructive surgery to repair a sprained ulnar collateral ligament to his right elbow," head baseball trainer Michael West said. "He is expected to make a full recovery for the 2014 season."

The surgery on Curtiss' right elbow was successful, and he is on track to return to the Longhorns' pitching staff in 2014. It typically takes a year for pitchers to recover completely from Tommy John surgery.

In his senior year at Southlake Carroll High School, Curtiss pitched 72 2/3 innings for the Dragons, which was 8 1/3 more innings than he pitched in his freshman season with the Longhorns. Following the news that he would miss the upcoming season, Curtiss remained confident in his teammates and pledged to make a strong effort to be ready for 2014.

"I'm looking forward to contribute in any way I can to the program this season," Curtiss said. "I think the team is going to be pretty good this year. I know I will work hard to get back."

Curtiss appeared in 28 games, four starts, for the Longhorns last season,



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Sophomore pitcher John Curtiss is out for the entire 2013 season after he had Tommy John surgery to repair his right elbow. Curtiss went 2-3 with a 3.50 ERA last season over 64 1/3 innings last year.

sporting a 2-3 record and a 3.50 ERA. He allowed just 55 hits in 64 1/3 innings and struck out 48 while holding opposing batters to a .237 average.

He began the 2012 campaign in the starting rotation, but was sent to the bullpen after suffering losses in his first two starts against Duke and Stanford. He rejoined the rotation on May 19 against No. 7 Baylor, pitching 4 1/3 innings of one-run ball in a Longhorns win against the Bears, before starting what turned out to be Texas' final game of the season against

Kansas on May 24.

Both of Curtiss' wins came in relief last season, and he also picked up a pair of saves out of the bullpen. Each of the three losses he suffered came as a member of the starting rotation.

The Longhorns were hopeful that Curtiss would emerge as a full-time starter in 2013, but they will now be forced to look into other rotation options. Texas should have a deep pitching staff in 2013, as many of last season's top performers on the mound were underclassmen.

I think the team is going to be pretty good this year. I know I will work hard to get back.

— John Curtiss, sophomore pitcher

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VOLLEYBALL

Texas looks to continue streak in West Virginia

By Rachel Thompson

Two hundred is the number of yards in two football fields, the number of pennies in two dollars.

It's also the number of conference wins UT head volleyball coach Jerritt Elliott will have under his belt if the Longhorns bring in another victory Wednesday at West Virginia.

That monumental number in Elliott's career marks the start of a promising season for the No. 2-ranked Longhorns, who will dive into Big 12 play at West Virginia.

Texas ended last year with a 25-5 record and an NCAA regional final appearance.

The Longhorns began this season with a blistering 3-0 sweep of LSU Friday at the 26 West Longhorns Classic, marking the 31st consecutive home victory in Gregory Gym.

Returning All-American outside hitter Haley Eckerman had 16 kills and committed only one hitting error. Fellow returning All-American outside hitter Bailey Webster had 10 kills, while freshman libero Kat Brooks made her collegiate debut with

13 digs. Texas committed just six hitting errors to defeat the Tigers.

"I think we have improved a lot," junior libero Sarah Palmer said. "Overall, we have always been an offensive team. We just set up everything well and can execute it really well into our game plan."

The tournament continued Saturday as Texas swept Cal Poly for a 3-0 victory over the Mustangs. Utility player Sha'Dare McNeal had four blocks, four digs, one assist and only two hitting errors to lead the Longhorns to victory.

Eckerman had five kills, three service aces, four digs and two blocks, while Webster had seven kills, four digs and three blocks.

Freshman middle blocker Molly McCage had two digs, eight blocks and four kills in nine attempts without errors. Despite claiming 12 of the final 20 points of the game, the Mustangs could not overcome a powerful Longhorn offense.

Texas also took on the No. 19 San Diego Terrors Saturday, ending with another 3-0 sweep to win the tournament. Eckerman was named tournament MVP after marking



Haley Eckerman
Sophomore
outside hitter

35 kills and scoring 44.5 points. Twelve Longhorn blocks aggravated the San Diego offense, which hit .083 in the match.

Outside hitter/setter Nicole Dalton had 49 assists throughout the tournament, while junior setter Hannah Allison had 48.

McNeal, Webster and Dalton were named to the all-tournament team. Texas now leads the nation in home-win streaks with 33 matches.

After playing West Virginia, the Longhorns will head to the Nike Big Four Volleyball Classic this weekend to face Florida and Penn State.

"We have some pieces that we think are pretty solid," Elliott said. "Our middle blocking court is really good. It is a good group. I like our demeanor, competitiveness and composure."

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quarterbacks] have a chip on their shoulder to prove something."

Indeed, the Texas passing game has a lot to prove. After a big win over the Red Raiders last year, the Longhorns went 25 drives with Ash under center without scoring a touchdown. They scored three points while Ash was picked off four times over that stretch. Texas can't afford a similar string of unproductive possessions this season.

"I've always expected

to be the guy," Ash said. "I throw the ball pretty well. I'm accurate. I think I've learned to make good decisions. Those are the two most important attributes — accuracy and decision-making."

As much as Ash has likely improved, if Texas gets to the BCS bowl game he promised after accepting the Holiday Bowl MVP award in San Diego last December, it won't be because of him. It will be because of the players around him.

Those are the two most important attributes — accuracy and decision-making

— David Ash, quarterback

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Texas strikes for three goals breaks two-game losing skid

By Wes Maulsby

Texas began the season with four straight one-goal games, and was shut out in its last two games against Arkansas and North Carolina State. Despite only giving up just one goal in each game and restricting the number of shots available to their opponents, the Longhorns could not capitalize in the attacking third, resulting in losses. Texas was able to change that Sunday as four straight one-goal decisions gave way to a 3-0 win over Toledo.

Texas scored three goals in a win over Dayton earlier this season but also conceded two as the game went into overtime.

"We've been frustrated with ourselves because

we've been beating teams with our possession but haven't finished," sophomore Allison Smith said. "This gives us confidence and we just keep going."

The Longhorns' attack begins with a stable midfield and is carried out with movement on and off the ball.

"We have a substance to our attack. We have a foundation," said first-year head coach Angela Kelly. "We created enough opportunities [in previous games], and to finally reap the rewards gives them a sigh of relief."

Senior Kristin Cummins got Texas on the board first with a goal in the 40th minute. Texas kept the pressure on in the second half as Sam Tionson replaced Kelsey Borowitz as keeper for



Allison Smith
Sophomore forward

Toledo in the second half. A one-goal game was blown open with two quick scores in the second half as freshman Lind Meyer scored off a corner in the 69th minute followed by Smith in the 72nd minute.

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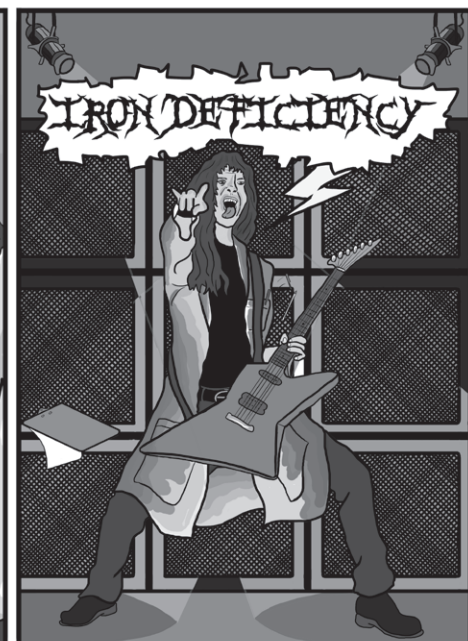
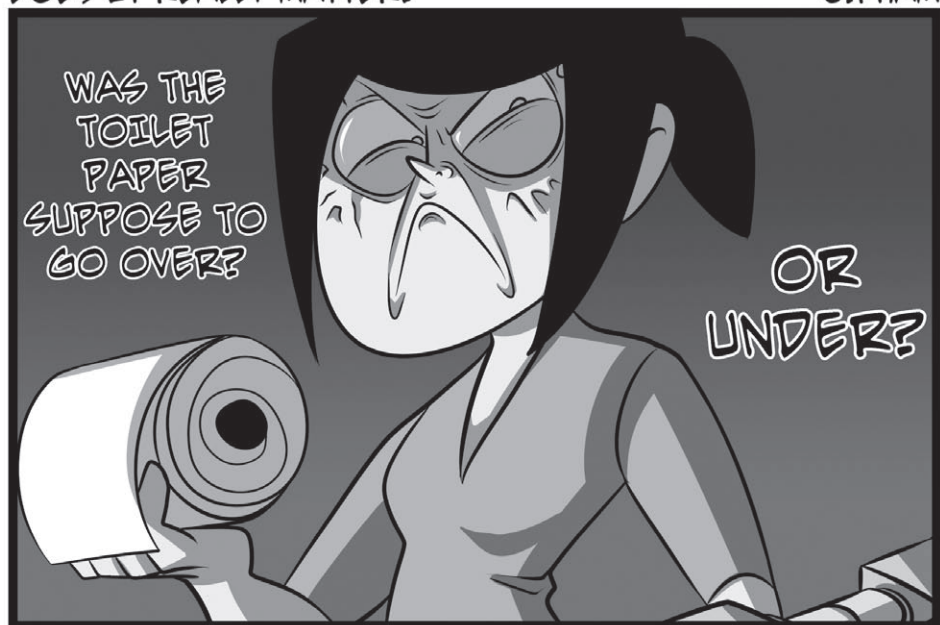
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MOVIE REVIEW 'LAWLESS'



Shia LaBeouf and Tom Hardy star in Lawless.

'Lawless' cast wreaks lively chaos

By Alex Williams

The first trailer for “Lawless” looked like a film way too light and action-packed for director John Hillcoat, who relentlessly punished audiences with his last two films. “The Road” and “The Proposition” are gorgeously photographed, impeccably crafted works of misery and human cruelty. “Lawless” keeps the hard edge that defined Hillcoat’s earlier work while mixing in a healthy dose of fun, making for a work just as effective but far more entertaining than anything Hillcoat has produced before.

Between this film and HBO series “Boardwalk Empire,” Prohibition-era gangsters are making a bit of a comeback in pop culture lately. “Lawless” is set in Franklin County, Virginia, the biggest moonshine pro-

ducer in the world. The three most proficient bootleggers are the Bondurant brothers: the gruff, notoriously resilient Forrest (Tom Hardy), the young and eager Jack (Shia LaBeouf) and Howard (Jason Clarke). Unfortunately, Special Agent Charlie Rakes (Guy Pearce) is after them, and the threat that he poses is not just to their business, but to their lives.

Between this film and “The Dark Knight Rises,” Hardy is really coming into the public eye. His performance as Bane was a highlight of the summer and a perfect prelude to his coiled, monosyllabic work here. Forrest is a man of very few words, and it’s a testament to Hardy’s charm that he’s able to get a laugh with nothing more than a grunt by the end of the film. There’s a myth building around Forrest that he’s immortal after a few

close calls, and the way Hardy engages that perception — playing Forrest as a heavily guarded, decisive instrument of destruction — is a blast to watch. Hardy’s scenes with Jessica Chastain, the de-facto mother of the crew, have a tenderness that stands out amongst the bloodshed, and watching her slowly peel away Forrest’s defenses is a lovely showcase for both actors.

Unfortunately, the main character of the film isn’t Forrest, it’s Jack. LeBeouf can be good in the right role, but he’s utterly unconvincing as a hard-ass bootlegger. Jack’s character arc is your basic crime lord origin story, straight out of “The Godfather,” but instead of becoming the king of anything, Jack continually screws up. A strong character grows and changes over the course of his story, but Jack rushes into situ-

ations half-cocked and relies on his brothers to cover his back all the way through the film’s climax. Unfortunately, LaBeouf fails to make any of this material particularly interesting, and his best scenes often involve him working with Hardy or Mia Wasikowska, who plays his love interest with a relaxed, alluring confidence.

Also worth mentioning is Pearce’s work as Agent Rakes, the film’s hammy villain. Pearce gives a fascinatingly opaque performance, and all of the different strokes he brings to the character combine to make Rakes seem as alien as possible in the Virginia backdrop. And Rakes is a propulsive element in the film, wreaking havoc across Virginia with reckless abandon. Nick Cave’s script has simple, smart dialogue, and seems to understand the stubborn sense of independence that drives the bootleggers at the film’s center.

Cave also collaborated with Hillcoat on “The Proposition,” and this film has the same hard-jawed, bloodthirsty sensibility. The difference here is the amount of fun Hillcoat has is having with his action. Even when things turn ugly, there’s still a pulpy appeal to every moment of the film. The skilled direction and Hardy’s gruff, fantastic performance combine to make “Lawless” an exciting and worthwhile.

TECHNOLOGY

Samsung must innovate after Apple’s lawsuit

By Hannah Peacock

Last Friday, in one of the biggest patent lawsuits in history, a jury ruled Apple will receive more than \$1 billion in damages from notable competitor Samsung.

Apple’s suit claimed that Samsung had infringed upon multiple patents with its phones running Google’s Android software, including scrolling, zooming and navigation features, as well as icon design and appearance. The jury sided with Apple, stating Samsung had used Apple technology on six different patents, and awarded the Cupertino-based company a \$1.05 billion settlement.

There is much debate as to how this decision will affect both companies as well as third-party competitors. Some believe this defeat for Samsung will open new doors for lesser names in the smart phone industry, such as Microsoft’s Windows Phones. Others believe this challenge will force Samsung to step up to the plate and create new technologies. What is certain is to stay competitive, Samsung will have to invent new products that do not infringe on Apple’s patents — something many of its latest and best-selling products have been ruled guilty of. With Apple-like technology removed from Samsung’s products,

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usability for the Android devices will likely decrease. However, this gives Samsung an opportunity for genuine innovation.

The real mystery, however, lies in the story’s omniscient third party, Google. A market share loss for Samsung will also hurt the Android software and its owner. In a statement released by Google regarding Apple patents, the company said “Most of these (Apple patents) don’t relate to the core Android operating system. Google believes the core Android operating system to be safe from Apple’s patents and will likely push manufacturers toward a more uniform Android base. A more streamlined Android market would make it easier for consumers to buy new phones across the Android platform, while staying familiar with the software.



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Talking with curious mohawk-ed flight director

By Hayley Fick

While viewers anxiously watched Curiosity, NASA's Mars Science Lander, during its "Seven Minutes of Terror" in the early morning hours of August 6, 2012, it was not a live feed of Mars they were seeing. Unlike human spaceflight missions, they watched the rover's personality come alive via humorous tweets, cutting edge video simulations and the reactions of flight engineers in the control room at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA. The matching Polo shirts, crazy hair and unabated excitement in the control room combined with the meme-making explosion of fans on the internet spawned an unlikely STEM education hero. When he's not making science cool again, NASA's "Mohawk Guy," Bobak Ferdowsi, enjoys sci-fi and music festivals with his friends. Ferdowsi had some great advice for students as he sat down with The Daily Texan via Skype.

The Daily Texan: First off, who did your hair?
Bobak Ferdowsi: I have a friend named Katie [Encaco] that works at The Factory (*thefactorystudio.com*); a hair and makeup studio with an in-house art exhibit and DJ booth) in Pasadena, CA.

DT: Where did you go to school?
Ferdowsi: I went to school at University of Washington and then MIT.

DT: On your way to NASA did you do any interning?
Ferdowsi: I worked through school. I had a research assistant position during undergrad, and then the same thing in grad school.

DT: What advice would you have for students, especially in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields?
Ferdowsi: I think you have to pick something you really like doing. There's a lot of hard work of course. A lot of it comes down to just having good friends around you and the company. I personally really love the people I work with and that helps me get through a lot of the more difficult times. I think the other thing is you have to find reasonable goals along the way, milestones that you can achieve. For me it's been nine years on this project, and if I was just waiting for this one, I would've probably given up a while ago. There's little things along the way that you find, like I did this test really well or I did that, and that helps kind of keep you going.

DT: What inspired you to pursue a career in the space industry?
Ferdowsi: I always liked math and science of course, and as a kid, I would always sketch out cars and spacecraft and things like that. Then it just sort of seemed like a natural evolution I guess in some ways. I liked sci-fi, and I thought space was really cool. It's something that is so unique to humanity. It's something we can do that's so much cooler than what one guy can do by himself. It's like this team effort,



Bobak Ferdowsi, flight director for the Mars rover Curiosity, who cuts his hair differently for each mission, works inside the Spaceflight Operations Facility for NASA's Mars Science Laboratory Curiosity rover at Jet Propulsion Laboratory, JPL, in Pasadena, Calif. Sunday, Aug. 5, 2012.

Brian van der Brug
Associated Press

and in doing it as a big team, you feel like, 'Look at what we were able to accomplish.' That's really exciting, for me at least... the thought that I could be a part of something bigger.

DT: Some people have described Adam Steltzner (lead engineer of Curiosity's Entry Descent and Landing phase) as sort of a hipster. How does he feel about you stealing the spotlight from his Elvis hair?
Ferdowsi: I hope I'm not stealing the spotlight. He is one of the most amazing people I know because he's such a well-grounded person, and he has such a cool life, I think, in general. On top of all that, he's leading this entry-descent-landing team, and obviously, you saw the results of that. I hope that I'm not stealing, and I don't think that I'm stealing any of his spotlight. I have a little bit of idol worship when it comes to Adam, but I see him all the time, and we obviously work together. We're having a good time. I think we're just both enjoying the fact that MSL (NASA's Mars Science Laboratory) was such a success.

DT: Have you ever been to Texas?
Ferdowsi: I've been to Dallas, Houston and Austin. I have family that lives in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, so I've been there a lot. I had a couple friends that went to UT-Austin, so I like it. It's fun.

DT: You said you've been working on the Curiosity mission at NASA's JPL (Jet Propulsion Laboratory) for nine years? When Spirit and Opportunity landed on Mars in 2004, were you already planning for Curiosity?
Ferdowsi: We've actually been

planning for Curiosity in one way or another probably since about 2001, so this is a little over almost eleven years now in the making by the time we landed. When I came on, it was kind of like the concept area. We were still working on like what is this mission going to achieve, what sort of technologies are we going to be able to have and demonstrate, what is going to be the feat forward for science, and in our case, what is going to be the big feat forward for the landing system?

DT: I know your social media presence has sort of blown up over the past couple of days, but is there anything in particular you would like to see NASA do in social media? What social media do you personally prefer to work with?
Ferdowsi: I think our team here actually has been really awesome. I follow a lot of the NASA, JPL and all those kind of feeds. It's fun that we have a sense of humor about the whole thing, and I think that's a good way to reach out to more people. It's really cool for me on a personal level. I love getting to know some of the other people at the centers, and things like that. It makes it a more relatable experience because obviously, I always find the science and engineering stuff very cool, but it's also really cool to kind of see, 'Oh. That's a person, and I understand what they're going through.' It's really fun to get that inside information into what it's like at other places and what other people are doing.

DT: What are you like just as a normal person? What are some of your favorite music or movies or television shows?
Ferdowsi: That's a tough question. I really like "How I Met Your Mother." It's kind of a little bit sad now in retrospect, but I haven't had a whole lot of time for TV in the last couple years. In terms of music, I went to Coachella this year. That was awesome. I had a great time. I went with a bunch of coworkers and friends, and we had a blast. I'm into

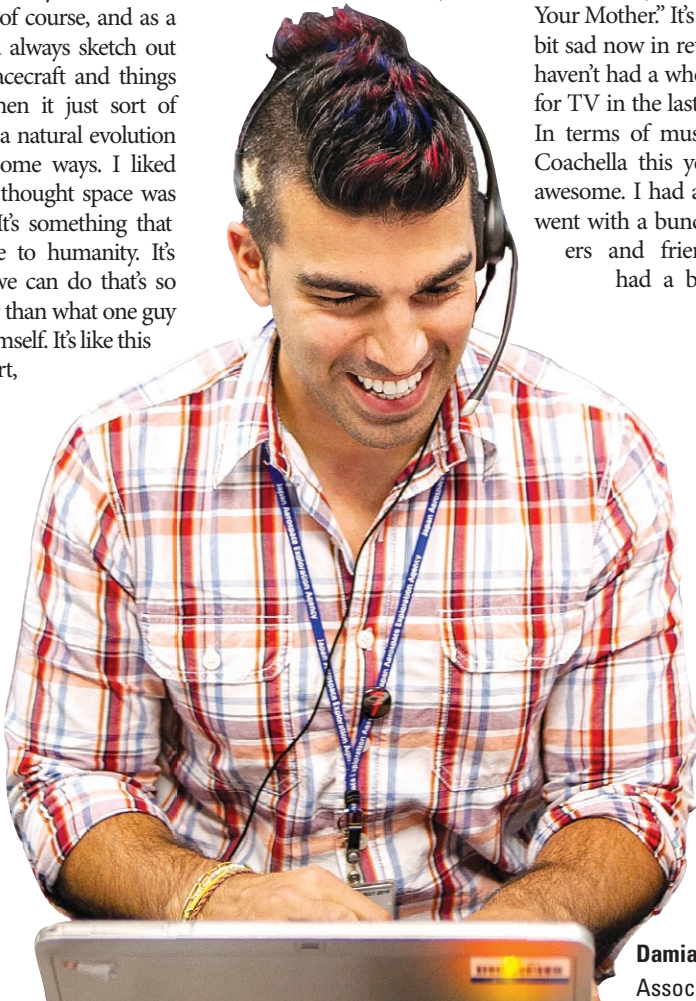
whatever. I like to have fun too, but sometimes, like the last couple years, of course, it's been a little more work-focused and trying to get this thing off the ground and onto Mars.

DT: Did you know that there have been astronauts tweeting at you such as Mike Foreman and Clay Anderson? I'm sure you have just like an inundation.
Ferdowsi: That's actually really awesome. It still kind of blows my mind that there are people that think highly of me, especially people like astronauts which I think are so cool. I haven't realized that, but I'm totally going to go look for that right now because that's totally awesome. That's amazing.

DT: The Space Center Houston event hosted more than 1500 people, and everyone was so excited to watch the landing.
Ferdowsi: It's so emotional for me to see the fact that other people are really excited about this too because for me it's always been a labor of love. It's incredibly fulfilling to see the Times Square pictures of people out there watching the landing and seeing all the landing parties that are going on everywhere. It's so rewarding to know that everybody else loves this stuff as much as we do.

DT: What are your future plans, at NASA or otherwise?
Ferdowsi: I've got at least a few months of being a flight

director on the surface, and I'm kind of learning that job right now. Yesterday was a training day for me, and today I'll do a little bit more of it. Then after that I'm just hoping that we have another really exciting project to work on. I have to say, it was funny because after nine years, you're a little bit tired and exhausted maybe from this project, but as soon as we landed, I was just like, 'Let's do this again!' For the next project, I think it's going to be an awesome ride, but in the meantime, I think Curiosity is just going to be an amazing project. We're going to get so much cool pictures and science back, and I hope people are still excited about it.



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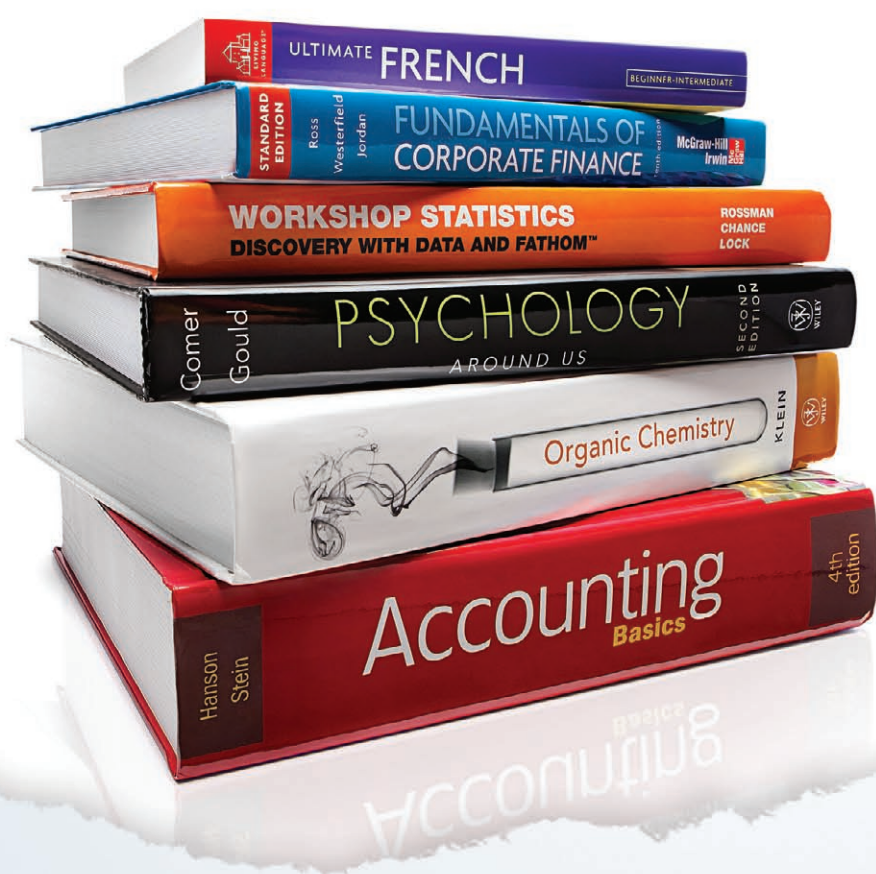
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