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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Cigarroa reflects before departure

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Francisco Cigarroa, outgoing UT System chancellor, addressed Student Government at its meeting Tuesday and said he had fulfilled his goals in his more-than five years as chancellor.

Cigarroa, who will leave his role in January to return to practicing medicine, said he approached his role as chancellor using skills he learned as head of pediatric surgery at UT Health Science

Center-San Antonio.

"In order to excel in any administrative position you need to set priorities," Cigarroa said. "And that was exceedingly important in the role of chancellor because the System is so large."

When he became chancellor in 2009, Cigarroa said he met with the 15 presidents of the System's institutions and decided to work toward making UT the finest public university in America, improving the health of Texas, establishing a larger System

campus in South Texas and making System institutions leaders in the field of engineering and energy.

Cigarroa said he achieved all of this during his time as chancellor. He especially noted the importance of the Dell Medical School and improvements to the engineering programs in achieving his priorities.

"A school of medicine is such an unbelievable engine for innovations that



Amy Zhang | Daily Texan Staff

UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa speaks at the Student Government meeting Tuesday evening.

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## RESEARCH

# UT research team finds gene link to Parkinson's

By Chris Mendez  
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A University research team led by Somshuvra Mukhopadhyay, pharmacology and toxicology assistant professor, discovered that an increase in Parkinson's disease and other parkinsonian disorders can be linked to a gene mutation.

The mutation occurs in gene SLC30A10, which helps regulate the amount of manganese in the body's cells. The team's study of European families with a history of hereditary parkinsonism led to the finding.

"They had high levels of the metal manganese in their blood," Mukhopadhyay said. "This suggested that the gene was required to regulate manganese levels."

The reasearch team also determined that the gene codes for a protein that removes excess manganese from cells.

"It releases the amount of manganese within the cell," Mukhopadhyay said.

The gene mutation prevents the protein from removing manganese from the cell, and it increases the amount of manganese in the blood as a result.

"The gene blocked the transport of the protein, blocking the ability of the cells to transport manganese," Mukhopadhyay said.

He also said people who have been exposed to manganese through working in the steel industry have shown a higher level of manganese in their blood.

"People who live in areas where there's steel have a higher susceptibility to [manganese]," Mukhopadhyay said.

Mukhopadhyay said the understanding of the gene's

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## CAMPUS

# Expo teaches students, faculty security

By Josh Willis  
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At the NSCAM Cyber Security Expo on Tuesday, UT's Information Security Office gave students and faculty the chance to learn how to protect their cyber-selves.

Hosted in the SAC, the event featured speakers and vendors from a variety of companies and organizations that sought to educate and demonstrate how to best protect personal information.

Tim Martin, enterprise systems engineer at the software company Code42, said the company he works for provides students with a secure cloud backup program called Crash Plan.

"Crash Plan is a cloud-based endpoint backup system that takes care of all the data on your laptop or desktop," Martin said. "It is able to compress and duplicate the data so it's efficiently stored and safely stored at our cloud facility."

Martin said his daughter had her laptop stolen from the back seat of a car, but her writing was protected.

"Her master's paper ... was on her laptop," Martin



Xintong Guo | Daily Texan Staff

UT Information Security Officer analyst Alek Amrani teaches biochemistry junior Hye Jeong Lee to pick locks Tuesday. The Information Security Office helped students and faculty to learn how to protect themselves at the NSCAM Cyber Security Expo.

said. "She would have to go through that whole process of remembering those wonderful thoughts she had once upon a time, then putting

them back into a document."

Google account executive Jack O'Connell said encryption is important to cyber privacy.

"Data encryption is very important; there has been reports of the NSA and other government agencies eavesdropping from cloud

companies. That's where Google steps in," O'Connell said. "As a company, we

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## CAMPUS

# Professor: Nicaragua harbors cartels

By Christina Noriega  
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Dennis Rodgers, urban studies professor at the University of Glasgow, challenged prominent narratives about the leftist Nicaraguan government at a talk on campus Tuesday.

Rodgers, who spoke at Richardson Hall, said politicians, mainstream media, academics and non-governmental organizations have stated Nicaragua is one of the safest countries in Latin America. He said the claim seems true when compared to other Central American countries, such as Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, which have some of the highest homicide rates in the Western Hemisphere.

"All I want to say is they are all wrong and to debunk this dominant perception of contemporary Nicaragua,"



Mike McGraw | Daily Texan Staff

Dennis Rodgers challenged current perceptions of safety in Nicaragua in a talk Tuesday at Richardson Hall.

Rodgers said.

Rodgers said Nicaragua has become a narco-state, in which the government facilitates drug trafficking through its partnership with drug cartels. Nicaragua is an example of what Mexico and Honduras could become, according to Rodgers.

Leftist guerillas, such as the Sandinista National Liberation Front in Nicaragua, sprung up in several Central American countries in the 1980s, Rodgers said. The situation in Nicaragua was different from that in Honduras and El Salvador because the

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## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

# National Science Foundation donates to storm researchers

By Aimée Santillán  
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To help Texas emergency managers develop better storm simulations, the National Science Foundation donated \$3 million to the University's Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences.

Clint Dawson, head of the ICES Computational Hydraulics Group, started research about the storm surge problem in the late '90s. He said the grant is for a joint project between UT, Louisiana State University, The University of Notre Dame and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

He said the project started with the University of Notre Dame, which developed a

storm surge model based on the ADCIRC system for southern Louisiana. According to Dawson, the ADCIRC system is a computer model for simulating how hurricanes cause water to flood coastal regions.

"The model is used as a forecasting tool for emergency managers as storms approach land to help with evacuations," Dawson said. "One of the goals of this grant is to make the code more computationally efficient and robust as a storm surge forecasting tool."

Dawson said researchers have extensively used the model to study past hurricanes and to forecast current hurricanes as they approach land. He said the application would be the same with

the grant, but the focus is to extend the code in several ways by developing new algorithms and implementing new computer science tools, which will help the code adapt to new computer architectures.

"The main focus is to keep the code viable into the future," Dawson said.

The grant will help form STORM, a new version of ADCIRC that's designed to perform more efficiently across a variety of computer hardware architectures, according to Dawson. He said one of the goals for STORM is to work twice as fast as ADCIRC, enabling storm predictions to be made within an hour of receiving data inputs.

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Math and economics sophomore Seth Uzman plays Frisbee at the West Mall on Tuesday afternoon.

Chris Foxx | Daily Texan Staff

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encrypt data in transit and at rest.”

In contrast to cyber security, John Gordon, network security analyst for the Information Security Office, said consumers must know how to protect their physical possessions. He hosted a lock-

picking workshop for attendees to highlight how easy it is to pick an everyday door lock.

“As a responsible consumer, you should understand what technology is protecting your belongings, your house,” Gordon said. “[A lock] is a very simple mechanism. It’s been shrouded in secrecy over the years, but, once you understand the concept, it’s very

easy to get into locks that people put on their front doors.”

Josh Sokol, Open Web Application Security Project Foundation member, said, in the event of a cyber attack, there are ways to protect oneself.

“There are lots of good, free programs out there that you can use for malware stuff,” Sokol said.

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Dawson said turning AD-CIRC into STORM will help in the understanding of the history and composition of the original code, which could aid in creating other programs in general.

“We have to study how

to mitigate storm surge and how to effectively evacuate during a storm,” Dawson said. “These problems are too complicated to study only in a laboratory setting, and computer simulations must be used. Hopefully, this grant will make a difference to future stimulation capabilities for studying these problems.”

NICARAGUA

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Sandinistas gained mainstream political power, and, in 2006, Nicaraguans elected Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega as president.

Rodgers said the latest wave of the Sandinista movement has shifted dramatically from its original positions.

“What we might term Sandinismo 2.0 has very little comparison with the inspiring, transformative version of the 1980s,” Rodgers said.

He said the Nicaraguan government had manipulated the statistical figures on

homicide rates, as Nicaragua’s homicide rate was most likely closer to 25 homicides for every 100,000 inhabitants, which the World Health Organization considers to be at epidemic levels.

According to Rodgers, drug-trafficking routes in Nicaragua increased in the early 2000s after the government improved highway infrastructure, and the government has since conspired with drug traffickers. He said government judges routinely mitigate sentences for convicted drug traffickers, and, while the weight in drugs seized by the government has declined, it could be because of government corruption rather than effective police efforts.

Mariana Morante, global policy studies and Latin American studies graduate student, said she appreciated Rodgers’ deconstruction of governmental statistics.

“Statistics present one story, but, once you’re there, you can see a whole different reality,” Morante said.

Yoalli Rodriguez, Latin American studies graduate student, researches feminist movements in Mexico. She said she attended the talk to make connections between the states of violence and government repression in Nicaragua and Mexico as well as other Central American countries.

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integrates itself across all fields and disciplines in a great university like UT-Austin,” Cigarroa said.

In 2013, the state combined UT-Brownsville and UT-Pan American into a single institution, now known as UT-Rio Grande Valley, which will open fall 2015. Cigarroa said additional plans for a medical school for that campus will help to improve the area and contribute positively to research and the reputation of the System.

“It’s going to change the landscape and the human impact of South Texas forever,” Cigarroa said.

Cigarroa said the engineering program will further improve its environmental efforts as it continues to examine the field in West Texas.

“We really looked at how we are stewarding from West Texas land. ... We’re in the process of appointing a world-class director who really knows how to run oil and gas,” Cigarroa said.

These efforts and others combined showed Cigarroa that he had fulfilled his goals at the University and was ready to step down come Jan. 4.

“I think the combination of the Dell [Medical

School], our investments in engineering and the additional STARS funding will position the University of Texas at Austin as America’s finest public university,” Cigarroa said.

Cigarroa did not address UT-Austin President William Powers Jr.’s resignation in his speech. Cigarroa received backlash from many students, including SG leaders, when news broke in July that he asked Powers to resign. Powers and Cigarroa later agreed to set Powers’ resignation date for June 2015.

After Cigarroa’s speech, SG representatives proposed two new pieces of legislation. Both were submitted to the Legislative Affairs committee.

The first legislation stated SG is in opposition of Secure Communities, a program run by Immigration and Customs Enforcement that sets guidelines for the detainment of immigrants for illegal offenses.

“It was established to find violent, undocumented criminals, but it has overwhelmingly failed in its mission,” University-wide representative Taral Patel said.

The second resolution states SG stands behind the core values of Longhorn football head coach Charlie Strong.

manganese, Mukhopadhyay said people consume manganese through eating foods such as fish and certain vegetables.

“We get manganese from the diet,” Mukhopadhyay said.

Usually, this is not a problem, but those with the genetic mutation could accumulate too much manganese in their cells, which could become toxic.

The high levels of manganese in other people, then, has indicated that they might have the mutated version of the gene.

Mukhopadhyay also said environmental factors could affect the function of the gene.

“In most cases, I do believe there’s a genetic factor and whole range of other factors involved,” Mukhopadhyay said.



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EDITORIAL

Pragmatism, student interest make Cole best mayoral candidate

*Editor's Note: Early voting began Monday and continues through Oct. 31. Election day is Nov. 4.*

After countless years with a small, commission-style city government, Austin will elect 10 district city council members for the first time this November, a direct result of voters passing the 10-ONE redistricting plan two years ago. The "ONE" in that plan refers to the mayor, who will still be elected by the entire city. But the job will be far different come January because not only will Mayor Lee Leffingwell step down after two terms, but the chief executive will have to work with a city council that looks and acts radically different.

Between the top three candidates for mayor, civil rights attorney Steve Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole and City Council Member Mike Martinez, the choice is abundantly clear for us. Cole possesses both the requisite experience and the needed temperament to be an effective and passionate mayor for all of Austin, including students.

While we certainly appreciate many of the big ideas Adler has brought to the table, this lawyer and philanthropist has no political experience whatsoever. In every election, but particularly in this special one, Austin needs a leader who does not need on-the-job training. We need a mayor who is familiar with the way this city does business. Unlike Houston, Austin does not have a strong mayor system. This means, despite what Adler may be suggesting, that the mayor cannot unilaterally change policies. The mayor would need to calmly and diligently work with the city council to do that.

Between Martinez and Cole, furthermore, we find the latter to be the clear choice. While we think Martinez has some good ideas as well, they appear both less refined and less realistic compared to his competitor. Martinez talks in broad platitudes about opposing the gentrification of East Austin, but his personal actions don't always match his policy statements.

While we disagree with all three major candidates on Proposition 1, the urban rail issue, we think Cole has the most pragmatic take of the major candidates. At a debate hosted by UT Student Government and The Daily Texan on Monday evening, Cole talked somewhat frankly about what she would do if Proposition 1 does not pass — as many think it may very well not — saying she'd work to establish other modes of transportation. Whereas the other candidates would still be intent upon forcing unpopular boondoggles down Austinites' throats, Cole would respect public sentiment and try to move forward working for a more manageable plan.

On transportation network companies, such as Uber and Lyft, we also found Cole to be a tempered voice of reason in a debate where simplistic sound bites and tribalistic loyalties led other council members to push for hasty and impulsive legalization without working out the big problems in equity and public safety. We still think the gouging tactics evident in Uber's so-called "surge pricing" should be strongly curtailed.

But most of all, we think Cole could keep the most open mind for students' interests.



Photo Courtesy of Sheryl Cole for Austin

She has pushed for measures to increase the housing affordability for students, and she has even actively encouraged students to participate in the discussion about so-called "stealth dorms."

All in all, Austin faces some good choices

among the candidates to be its next mayor. We believe Cole is simply the best because she has strong experience in Austin city government, pragmatic capabilities and a genuine desire to help students. She's the best option, for University students and for all of Austin.

FIRING LINE

District 9 endorsement overlooks candidate Kathie Tovo, reader says

I'm disappointed to read the district 9 council endorsement in the journal of an institution dedicated to fostering critical thinking.

Riley's policies enrich a privileged few while costing the rest of us — whether we live in a dorm, a nearby apartment building or house. Riley's multi-million dollar developer giveaways contribute nothing to affordability. Rather, they feed the speculative land prices that property owners could never demand if they couldn't count on the upzoning giveaways Riley's famous for.

Increased density has not lowered the price of a single apartment or condominium. Meanwhile, Riley voted to rewrite the city code to reduce developers' required contribution to the city's affordable housing program.

And with each additional floor of luxury condos Riley grants on top of the zoning code's limit, he adds an average of two more cars per unit onto our congested streets. More cars, more traffic, more danger to bicyclists. With friends like Riley, cyclists don't need enemies. Tovo incorporated substantive bicycle and pedestrian thruways, facilities, and Lady Bird Lake connectivity when negotiating the South Central Waterfront sub-district's Hyatt-Fairfield development — plus a mechanism to make developers pay for affordable housing in the district.

The Texan editors compare Riley and Tovo for accessibility. I wonder if the editors ever tried to make an appointment for an office visit with either council member. I'm quite sure they'd find both equally accessible.

Regarding the two candidates' positions on transportation networks, the difference is one of customer rights and protections. Tovo seeks driver insurance to protect you as a passenger;

Riley is fine with you simply taking your chances with the driver and vehicle that picks you up. While Tovo seeks to limit the gouging prices you get charged during peak events and areas, Riley's okay if you get charged ten times the standard fare and find out later.

The editors tout Riley's work with the Interfraternity Council and Student Government to revise the city's sound ordinance. But they didn't mention Tovo's work with the City Planning Commission's Codes and Ordinances committee to review and revise the City's noise ordinance. That review led to the formation of the City's Music Department and Director, and new noise ordinance enforcement mechanisms city-wide.

The editors call Tovo's vision for a future Austin "infeasible" and "cozy." Actually, their feasibility is proven — when Riley and his council cohorts don't undermine them. Upholding neighborhood plans' provisions for directed growth and mixed use on commercial corridors is likely the only way to sustain Austin's life qualities, while Riley's giddy rubber stamp "any growth, anywhere" approach is analogous to celebrating a cancer.

Finally, to dismiss a position that includes preserving Austin's history is ironic when you consider the number of historic buildings on the UT campus — a community I would hardly classify as a "museum district with no growth."

District 9 is the most diverse and dense district in the new 10-ONE configuration. Tovo has committed in her campaign to respect the differences and diversity of the district's areas and residents. With an architect as her husband, and two daughters who may also want to attend UT — and stay in Austin, she has a vested interest in our

continued growth. Responsible is not suppressive. Conversely, a candidate who represents and is funded by the moneyed interests that have dominated City Hall for decades can only continue to thrive by pitting the district's unique interest groups against one another.

— Cory Walton, Austin resident, in response to our Monday endorsement of Chris Riley for District 9 council member over Kathie Tovo.

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Q-AND-A

Muslim Student Association seeks to open conversation with students

By Syed Rizvi

Daily Texan Columnist  
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*Editor's Note: This interview has been condensed from its original length.*

Muslims are a part of the community here at the University of Texas at Austin. There are seven Muslim student organizations. Muslims take part in local charities, the same classes and enjoy Texas football much like the rest of the student body here at UT, but as a community that is increasingly discriminated against and underrepresented, it is important to know Muslims as your peers, friends and neighbors. The following are highlights of an interview conducted with Yousuf Kidwai, a finance and pre-med senior and president of the Muslim Students' Association here at UT, an organization that I am also a member of.

**Syed Rizvi:** What is the Muslim Students' Association?

**Yousuf Kidwai:** It serves as a platform for like-minded individuals, whether Muslim or non-Muslim ... It's just an open community for people to come together to appreciate Islam and the religion that it is and move forward in creating a joint community, a social community.

**Rizvi:** Why did you join MSA?

**Kidwai:** It was a place of belonging. There were so many things that MSA was doing that piqued an interest in me. For example, they did a lot to try to clear up the negative image of Islam and what's going on around the world ... they let people know that what Islam is really about helping people, being peaceful, like throwing events like Fast-a-Thon, where they [alleviate] hunger for the poor, raising money for breast cancer awareness; they are for the community.

**Rizvi:** What do it mean to be Muslim? What does that mean for the importance of MSA?

**Kidwai:** Religion plays a major role in my identity because it is my belief system ... Therefore, [religion] is very important. That is why the Muslim Students' Association is so important ... because it a way to help and propagate those morals... and help create a greater understanding [of religion].

**Rizvi:** Does this greater understanding translate to personal, academic and professional success?

**Kidwai:** Yes it does because the teachings of Islam ... teach people to be good people, to do good unto others, be the best person you can be ... by solidifying my faith, I am solidifying my academic life ... my social life ... and the

community at large.

**Rizvi:** What is the typical student life for a Muslim?

**Kidwai:** You can't pigeonhole an entire group into one mold. So what I'll explain to you is what a stereotypical Muslim who will take the rules and regulations of Islam and apply them to their life [will and won't do] ... drinking is prohibited, so a stereotypical Muslim instead of drinking ... though there are many that do ... will hang out, sports are big, there is a giant basketball culture among the Muslim community. People love to play FIFA and Madden ... board games... [watch] TV ... it's not about what you're doing but who you're with.

**Rizvi:** It seems, besides the drinking, what you described sounds like the life of a typical student. Do you concur?

**Kidwai:** I do concur. We are just normal people. We're students, working toward our degree and we are just trying to find our way in life. It's like everyone else. We struggle with our grades ... half the seniors I know are freaking out about what they are going to do next year, myself included... [We might not] tailgate before a football game, [but it] doesn't mean we are not going to enjoy the football game. We're just as big of fans of Texas football as anyone else.

**Rizvi:** Have you experienced racism on campus?

**Kidwai:** Yes. Yes, I have. I am not going to claim that I have experienced racism to the degree that others have; [racism experienced] has mostly been in arguments and fights ... there was a discussion that I was having with a class fellow ... we used to eat lunch together and he flat out told me that he believes all Muslims are terrorists.

**Rizvi:** [For] MSA, the organization [and] the community, is racism commonplace?

**Kidwai:** You don't get outward racism, but sometimes when you're tabling for a cause, as I mentioned before East-African Famine, or different things, people come up to us and ask and be really interested in our cause and ask us, "Who are you?"; well, "We are the Muslim Students' Association on campus," and you see the looks on their faces change, you can see their attitude change, they no longer want to talk to us or be a part of this greater cause ... That is something the MSA has felt, and it has held us back. Sometimes we will be fighting for great causes and trying to do major things in the Austin community ... and you can tell people are much less willing to partake because of the name "Muslim Students' Association."

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Radio-television-film students in “Creative Nonfiction Production” will work on a documentary about Groundwork Music Project this semester.

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### CAMPUS

## Culture committee highlights, connects diverse backgrounds

**By Lauren Zimmer**  
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The African American Culture Committee knows the importance of making a statement on campus. Members of the AACC hope to promote cultural diversity and bring African and African-American traditions to campus, working as a subcommittee of Campus Events and Entertainment, known as E+E.

Clarke Cromartie, undeclared sophomore and AACC officer, said the committee is a welcoming community that connects with individuals from different backgrounds.

“The goal is to make [AACC] known on campus,” Cromartie said. “We are just one part of Campus E+E. However, I think everyone wants to be connected to something. We could be that something.”

AACC has meetings each Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. in the SAC, where members work with officers to determine which volunteer projects and events they want to create.

“Whatever we showcase is what people are going to think about our culture,” Cromartie said.

“We take precautions.” Paul Mannie, civil engineering sophomore and AACC officer, explained the significance of promoting cultural identity.

“I think it’s important to let other people outside of your culture know why you do the things you do in your culture,” Mannie said. “People talk about culture appreciation versus appropriation. We have to not only appreciate other cultures but understand them, because you don’t want to lose yourself based on where you live.”

Although AACC’s main goal is to promote diversity, Julian Hayes, radio-television-film sophomore and AACC officer, said the committee improves leadership and public speaking skills.

“I joined AACC because I thought it would be a good leadership opportunity,” Hayes said. “You learn how to speak up, and have your opinion noticed.”

An example of one of AACC’s successful events is Culture Shock, a talent show representing African and African-American culture. This year’s Culture Shock was held in the SAC Auditorium, and YouTube personality Spoken Reasons was the host.

“The goal of Culture Shock is to connect people — black or non-black — by showcasing black culture to the UT community,” Mannie said.

Mannie said this year’s Culture Shock has been his favorite event so far because it ran smoothly and new acts were added to the show.

“We had different acts,” Mannie said. “We had dancing, singing, rapping and a fashion show.”

AACC has also paired up with the Asian American Culture Committee and the Mexican American Culture Committee to create a “Cultural Mixer” that will highlight each culture’s food and activities.

“The event was created last year by the freshmen group committee, but E+E wants to make it a staple event to get communities together and connect with each other and to showcase each culture,” Mannie said.

Hayes said cultures are diverse, but it is imperative to include all traditions in events because AACC does not want to exclude anyone.

“In AACC, we do want to showcase African culture, but it’s not to say our culture is the only thing to be showcased,” Mannie said. “But it’s important to have a spot on this campus.”

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captivates anyone she comes in contact with,” owner Liz Atherton said. “She is just so sweet and immensely talented.”

Fultz said she is grateful her career has given her an opportunity to explore so many different

facets of storytelling.

“Between all these things — acting, screenwriting and coaching — I feel so utterly balanced and satisfied” Fultz said. “I have worked a long time in the business, and I have endured out of love. You just love it all so much it becomes your crack habit.”

—Mona Lee Fultz, UT alumna

### TROJAN

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process, which has been going on for the past six weeks, has been smooth and enjoyable because of the actors.

“The group of actors that I have, have worked incredibly hard, been very dedicated students, very

talented students,” Daniels said. “They’ve really come together as an ensemble, and I think there’s a lot of passion about doing the show.”

Daniels and the cast hope their audience will empathize with and be able to put in a modern context the play’s themes of women’s demoralization.

“The reason they did Greek theater was to hold a mirror up to society and have them look at moral questions,” Daniels said. “So, when you go look at that, you should go through a cathartic experience. I thought it was worth doing that — not only for the people who perform it, but also for the audience.”



Radio-television-film sophomore Julian Hayes, civil engineering sophomore Paul Mannie and undeclared sophomore Clarke Cromartie are officers for the African American Culture Committee.

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FOOTBALL

# Texas looks for upset in Manhattan

By Stefan Scrafield  
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The last time Texas won in Manhattan, Kansas, sophomore quarterback Tyrone Swoopes was learning to write cursive, head coach Charlie Strong was at South Carolina and people were listening to music on Walkmans.

Chris Simms threw two touchdown passes, Dusty Mangum hit the go-ahead field goal and Marcus Tubbs, who currently works on Strong's staff, blocked a last-second Wildcat kick to seal a 17-14 victory back in 2002.

The Longhorns haven't won in "The Little Apple" since.

"We hope to change that," senior wide receiver John Harris said. "It was just tough for Coach Brown to beat. Maybe it's because, when the leagues were split, the two teams didn't play each other as much."

The Longhorns have only been to Manhattan three times in the 12 years since they last won there. But, that alone doesn't explain how a program like Texas, which was revered as one of the top teams in the nation for much of that span, has struggled so much against a school like Kansas State, known for its 75-year-old coach and his love of walk-ons.

In those three visiting losses



The Longhorns, who have not won on the road against Kansas State since 2002, have allowed an average of 42 points in their last three games in Manhattan and lost the last two by an average margin of 21.5 points.

Chelse Purghan  
Daily Texan  
file photo

to the Wildcats, the Longhorns have surrendered an average of 42 points per game, with the two most recent defeats coming by an average margin of 21.5 points.

"I think it's more of a mental thing for the Texas team that's been there," Harris said. "Knowing that you haven't won there or knowing that this team kind of has you rattled mentally is the thing we have to get over."

This year's trip to Manhattan, especially being Strong's first,

may be the toughest yet for the Longhorns. Kansas State comes into the game ranked No. 11 in the country and sits atop the Big 12 standings as the only team that remains undefeated in conference play.

"You admire that program because they're just tough, smart and dependable," Strong said. "When I say dependable — they're a very disciplined football team: not many penalties, not many turnovers."

As always, head coach Bill

Snyder has the Wildcats playing mistake-free, hard-nosed football again in 2014.

Fresh off a 31-30 win over then-No. 11 Oklahoma last weekend, Kansas State comes into its matchup against Texas ranked 13th in the nation in scoring offense, thanks in large part to senior quarterback Jake Waters.

Waters, a prototypical dual-threat who spent two years in junior college before joining the Wildcats, has thrown for 1,431

yards and nine touchdowns this season while rushing for another 371 yards and seven scores.

"Right now, he's playing like he's one of the best quarterbacks in the Big 12," senior defensive back Quandre Diggs said. "It's just another opportunity to go out and play against a great quarterback."

Diggs will get that opportunity Saturday, and, if all goes to plan, he and his teammates will leave Manhattan with a rare win.

VOLLEYBALL



Mike McGraw | Daily Texan Staff

Texas volleyball would set the record for longest home win streak in program history with a victory Wednesday.

## Texas looking to set record for home win streak against TCU

By Jacob Martella  
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It's no secret that Texas has a tremendous home-court advantage in Gregory Gym.

Between all of the hard surfaces and configurations, including an up-close and personal student section, Gregory Gym boasts one of the best environments for volleyball in the country.

"It's an amazing gym," head coach Jerritt Elliott said. "The setup of it has been fantastic."

Now, the Longhorns have a chance to do what no other Longhorn team has done in Gregory Gym — win 34 straight games.

With a win Wednesday night against TCU, Texas would surpass the 2011-2012 Longhorn team for the longest home-win streak in program history. But, despite the allure of such an achievement, Elliott said the team isn't going to talk too much about it before the match.

"There might be a slight mention, but it's not that important to us," Elliott said.

Gregory Gym hasn't always played home to volleyball. While the gym, along with the Frank Erwin Center, hosted the team from the program's start in 1990, the team moved to the Recreational Sports Center and remained there until the end of the 1997 season. Beginning in 1998, the Longhorns moved back to Gregory permanently

“I think it's an environment that should be sold out on a nightly basis. We know the students are coming out as often as possible.

—Jerritt Elliott,  
Head coach

and have been dominant since, posting a .863 winning percentage at home.

In the past 11 seasons, the Longhorns have been almost unbeatable at home. In that span, Texas has gone nearly undefeated in its home schedule, including this season's 6-0 streak, and posted a .944 winning percentage.

Elliott said, while this year's team isn't focused on the record, they do want to recognize the players who helped start it.

"It's more important to recognize the players that came before us that helped us create this streak," Elliott said.

The configuration of Gregory Gym makes it a difficult place for opponents to play. It's almost completely comprised of hard surfaces, leaving nothing — other than the championship banners — to soak up any of the sound. That, coupled with the fans sitting almost on top of the court, can make the gym loud for opposing teams.

Elliott said a growing fan base has also helped with the advantage.

"Our players feed off of

that," Elliott said. "I think it's an environment that should be sold out on a nightly basis. We know the students are coming out as often as possible."

Opponents have also noticed the difficulties of playing at Gregory, Elliott said it has been difficult for Texas to schedule opponents in Austin, leading the Longhorns to schedule two matches next week against Zhejiang New Century Tourism, which won the top Chinese women's volleyball league in spring.

"Everyone is so concerned about RPI," Elliott said. "The conferences are so big that a lot of teams need to get 'W's so they can have a record to make the NCAA tournament."

TCU comes into the match looking for its first ever win against Texas. The Longhorns swept the past two matches against the Horned Frogs and have won all seven previous meetings against them since TCU joined the Big 12 Conference in 2012.

Texas will continue its home conference schedule Saturday against Oklahoma at 5 p.m.

FOOTBALL | COLUMN

## Swoopes' emergence gives hope for future

By Peter Sblendorio  
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It may have taken him half the season, but sophomore quarterback Tyrone Swoopes is starting to provide some hope for the future.

After a series of uneven performances in the first four starts of his career, Swoopes has been a different player in his last two games. He's been poised and confident, erasing the "talented but raw" label — at least for the time being — that many attached to him throughout the first half of the season.

Most importantly, though, he looks like a player who could be a major part of the Texas offense for the next two seasons.

Swoopes passed for at least 300 yards while rushing for at least 50 yards against both Oklahoma and Iowa State. A Texas passer has not seen these totals since Colt McCoy donned the burnt orange from 2006-2009.

These performances have made Swoopes' early season struggles against BYU and Baylor seem like an eternity ago.

"It's just so fun to watch the development of Tyrone and how he's getting better and better week by week," head coach Charlie Strong said. "Our offense is going to go as our quarterback goes."

Physically, Swoopes possesses all the tools to excel as a collegiate quarterback: an imposing 6-foot-4, 243-pound frame, superb throwing arm and good enough speed to keep defenses on their toes. The question

has been whether he could acclimate himself with the offense and become a leader after being pressed into action. More and more each week, he's proving the answer to be "yes."

For a team that's battled quarterback uncertainty for half a decade now, Swoopes' emergence offers a reason for optimism. Texas consistently fields one of the most talented rosters in the nation, but it's the teams with excellent quarterback play that regularly contend for conference championships.

Swoopes' poise late in the last two games has been promising. He led two late touchdown drives against Oklahoma and almost got Texas a win, and he then led a last-minute field goal drive against Iowa State to clinch the victory.

However, he isn't a finished product quite yet. His interception returned for a touchdown against Oklahoma took place after he stared down his receiver before throwing into coverage. Last week, he made a terrible judgment call when he tried to force a ball into traffic in the red zone, a throw resulting in an easily avoidable interception.

At the same time, though, he's shown flashes of impressive playmaking ability in the last two weeks that some quarterbacks could only hope to have. If he can outgrow his mistakes and continue to harness his talent, Swoopes could firmly establish himself as Texas' starting quarterback and give the Longhorns a future to look forward to.



Ethan Oblak | Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore quarterback Tyrone Swoopes has passed for at least 300 yards in each of his last two games.

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#### Colt McCoy to start for Washington Redskins

After recent struggles in the NFL, former Longhorns' star Colt McCoy will get the opportunity to start once again under center.

The Washington Redskins announced Monday that if quarterback Robert Griffin III isn't healthy, McCoy will start against the Cowboys this weekend in Dallas — his first start in the NFL since week 14 in 2011 when he was with the Cleveland Browns.

Last Sunday, McCoy replaced a struggling Kirk Cousins, who recorded a fumble and an interception in the first half against Tennessee. McCoy, who played for the Longhorns from 2006-2009, completed 11 of 12 passes for 128 yards and a touchdown, leading the Redskins on a late, game-winning drive.

"He does have great intangibles," Washington head coach Jay Gruden told ESPN. "He's a very good competitor. I feel like he'll get us in the right play and make the right throw. I've always liked his demeanor. He has the intangibles to be a good quarterback. He has a great opportunity Monday."

Sunday marked the first appearance McCoy has seen this season. However, throughout his career, he has recorded 4,500 yards with a completion percentage of 58.9 percent.

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