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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SG candidates showcase platforms

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Executive alliance candidates discussed their platforms and how to help students become active participants in the Student Government process at the SG debate Monday night.

Daniel James Chapman, presidential candidate and economics and mathematics senior, said he and vice presidential candidate Austin James Robinson will listen to marginalized groups on

campus and highlight instances of racism and implicit bias on campus.

"With the removal of the Jefferson Davis statue, it wasn't just the president, vice president or SG executive board," Chapman said. "It was thousands of students signing petitions and calling for its removal."

Jesse Guadiana, vice presidential candidate and government junior, said he and presidential candidate Kallen Dimitroff want to bring the UT community to-

gether and make sure every voice is heard in SG.

"We want to make sure every single space and body on campus has a voice," Guadiana said. "Our legislation and the work we do is centered around that."

Binna Kim, vice presidential candidate and marketing junior, said she and presidential candidate Kevin Helgren want to listen to UT students' experiences to identify the issues that are important to them.

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Mike McGraw | Daily Texan Staff

The four student government executive alliance candidates participated in a debate on Monday evening.

LEGACY

Exhibition on Barbara Jordan's life launches

By Zach Lyons
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To commemorate the legacy of the late civil rights legend Barbara Jordan, the Barbara Jordan Freedom Foundation opened an interactive exhibit chronicling her life's work on Monday, the day after what would have been her 80th birthday.

The exhibit, held in the rotunda of the Texas Capitol Building, uses audiovisual and photographic content contributed by the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs and Jordan's alma mater, Texas Southern University, and showcases a wide range of moments from her career and civil rights efforts.

Jordan's sister, Rose Mary McGowan, said this breadth of information is what makes the exhibit meaningful to visitors.

"[The exhibit] tells the history of Barbara Jordan, from early childhood and her steps over the years to the [Texas] Senate, to her time in the [U.S.] House of Representatives," McGowan said. "Then her professorship at the LBJ School — together, it gives the historical perspective."

Boards lining the walls include photos and quotes that add detail to the history of Jordan's career. Jordan, who is revered for her rousing speeches, would often revise her speeches multiple times.

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GSA election sees increased involvement

By Cassandra Jaramillo
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Last year, only one executive alliance ran in the Graduate Student Assembly presidential election, but this year three are vying for the position.

Voter turnout in last year's GSA election was about 4 percent, just 462 votes out of a 11,331 graduate student body, according to data from the Office of the Dean of Students. This election has the most candidates running for GSA president and vice president since 2010.

Michael Barnes, GSA's Legislative Affairs director said the low voter turnout last year was a shocking statistic.

"It begs the question of how do you represent graduate students authentically when so few have made a decision in choosing that leadership?" Barnes said. "And what kind

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UNIVERSITY

Moody College's newly appointed dean plans to prioritize students

By Jasleen Shokar
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The University announced Monday that Jay Bernhardt has been appointed the new dean of the Moody College of Communication.

Bernhardt has served as the interim dean to the college since Sept. 1 and was the founding director of the Moody College's Center for Health Communication in 2014.

Previously, Bernhardt was the director of the National Center for Health Marketing at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and has worked at the University of Florida, Emory University and the University of Georgia.

"We have one of the best communications schools in the country and one of the most comprehensive and innovative colleges," Bernhardt

said. "The opportunity to lead us into the future was an exciting chance I didn't want to pass up."

Bernhardt said he hopes to focus on students and increase their involvement in the college.

"I'm a big proponent of student leadership and student engagement," Bernhardt said. "I served as a leader in Student Government as a student myself and found the experience to be really valuable. I want to create more opportunities for students to get themselves heard."

Maya Garcia, political communication and government senior and Communication Council president, said Bernhardt's willingness to work with students makes him a good fit for the college.

"I love that he wants to bring the college together," Garcia said. "Every fall we



Jay Bernhardt
Dean of Moody College

put on 'Cookies for Comments,' and he has been the first person to actually want copies of students' opinions. It shows that he is willing to go the extra mile to improve our experience here on the 40 Acres."

Bernhardt stated that though Moody is strong in many areas, there is always room for improvement.

"The most important

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CAMPUS

Initiative encourages students to report smoking on campus

By Mikaela Cannizzo
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Students now have the ability to anonymously report incidents of tobacco use through an updated Tobacco Free UT website.

The Tobacco Free Campus Initiative has prohibited the use of any tobacco product on campus property since April 2012, but these updates intend to strengthen the enforcement of this policy, Nosse Ovienmhada, Tobacco Free Campus coordinator, said.

According to its website, the policy strictly forbids tobacco products such as cigarettes, cigars, hookah and smokeless tobacco as well as other electronic smoking methods such as e-cigarettes and vape pens. The Tobacco Free Campus initiative strives to support those



Zoe Fu | Daily Texan Staff

A student smokes on the West Mall on Monday. Since 2012, UT prohibited the use of tobacco on campus property.

who want to quit smoking and offer resources such as classes and group sessions to provide students with the support they need. Despite the regulations, Ovienmhada said emails of reported compliance issues still occur.

"The majority of students are compliant with the Tobacco Free Campus

policy; however, we are not 100 percent," Ovienmhada said. "With a campus the size of many Texas towns, we continue to work on improving education, awareness and compliance."

Ovienmhada said some of the most common locations of reported smoking

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An audience member reads the brochure for the Beat the Rush concert series on Monday at the Blanton Museum of Art.

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prior to delivering them to add intensity, Janice Peyton, a TSU librarian, said.

“We have some of her manuscripts that were typed where she did manual strikeovers to correct the language she would use,” Peyton said. “And some of the words just became stronger and stronger and stronger.”

Visitors to the exhibit will be able to take away a lot about Jordan’s character and the extent of her achievements, David Warner, a professor in the LBJ School, said.

“I think [visitors] can learn about her dedication and her high personal ethics, combined with her ability to talk to and work with anybody,” Warner said, “And, really, the amount that she achieved in a relatively short period of time.”

Regarding today’s political



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Janice Peyton, left, and Rose Mary McGowan celebrate the life and legacy of Barbara Jordan on her 80th birthday.

issues, Peyton said she’s confident Jordan would’ve taken a bold stand.

“She was so grounded in constitutional law, she was such a principled person that she saw things as either right or wrong,” Peyton said, “There was very little grey area — it’s either constitutional, or it’s unconstitutional”

Warner said much of Jor-

dan’s success in government was because of her ability to collaborate.

“She was very effective at forming coalitions, even with very conservative legislators,” Warner said. “She was somebody who really believed in achieving something.”

The exhibit will be open until Feb. 27. It is free and open to the public.

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thing we must make sure to have is the best people as part of our college, the best teachers, mentors and scholars” Bernhardt said. “When we have opportunities to hire, I will work very closely to bring in the best people and support and reward talented people.”

Elizabeth Glowacki, a communication studies graduate student who served on Moody College’s

Search Committee, said Bernhardt’s prior experiences will aid him during his tenure as dean.

“He truly believes in the college’s mission and is dedicated to strengthening the already solid foundation that the college has,” Glowacki said. “His background in academia and professional experience provide him with a unique perspective, as well as an ability to appreciate all of the different departments within the college.”

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of work is required to bridge that divide?”

The candidates for GSA president and vice president — Sahil Bhandari and Michael Scott, Wills Brown and Francesca Cicero, Warner Cook and Eloise Boisjoli — have said they want to see an increase in graduate student participation in this year’s election.

Bhandari, a chemical engineering graduate student, and Scott, an educational administration graduate student, said their campaign is focusing on being inclusive and listening to graduate student voices that are not heard often.

Scott said money budgeted for graduate student organizations often sees some funds left over, which they said is an indication that there’s not enough students participating or don’t know about the resources available to them.

“Both of us are going to be looking for academic jobs. Our career isn’t to be in University politics or University governance,” Scott said. “The reason that we’re running isn’t for a CV move. The reason that we are running is because we feel that student voices are silenced.”

Brown and Cicero, both College of Education graduate students, said they want to make the University a more graduate student-friendly campus.

Their platform includes raising awareness of the mental health of graduate students, increasing hourly wages for graduate students who have moved from salary to hourly wages, promoting collaboration with a graduate incubator space and creating dialogue on campus carry ahead of the 2017 legislative session.

“We are both in student affairs programs, and, for us, this wouldn’t be a part-time job,” Brown said. “This is what we want to do. We want to make campus better for students.”

Cook, an architecture graduate student, and Boisjoli, a music theory graduate student, said the improvements they’ve seen within their time participating in GSA in the last two years are improvements they want to continue if elected.

Their campaign aims to improve accessibility for students to get GSA information, facilitate housing and transportation needs for graduate students and increase transparency between the dealings of the University and graduate students.

“We want to see things get done, and we want to see GSA get better and become an audible voice on campus,” Boisjoli said.

The candidates will participate in a forum during the Graduate Student Assembly’s meeting on Feb. 24. Elections will take place March 2–3, and students can vote online at utexasvote.org.

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UT professors win presidential early career award

By Nancy Huang
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Thursday morning, assistant professor of physics Keji Lai received an email from the White House telling him he won a presidential award. “I thought it was spam,” Lai said. “But then the second email came after lunchtime, and it showed the White House release, and then I realized that it was real.”

Two UT professors were awarded Thursday the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, the U.S. government’s highest honor for scientists and engineers involved in research.

Lai and Deji Akinwande, an

associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, are among the 105 scientists and engineers across the country who received this award.

Every year, different departments of the government give out awards to young investigators from university faculties and national labs. Each department nominates out of their own pool to the White House, and then the White House selects the finalists.

Lai was nominated by the Department of Energy.

“My research specifically targeted energy-harvesting materials,” Lai said. “That’s a very strong goal of my research, to understand the energy process.”

Akinwande, whose research focuses primarily on lengthening the battery life of electronic devices, was nominated for the award in 2013.

“On Thursday last week, I was informed by email that I was going to be getting the award,” Akinwande said. “I was, of course, extremely delighted to hear this news.”

The individual departments that nominate recipients determine the amount of funding that comes with the award.

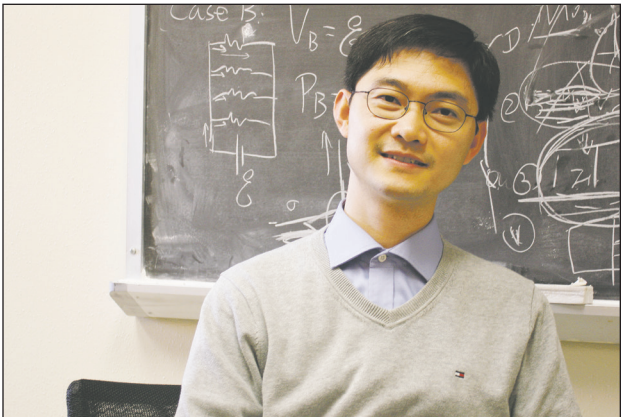
“Besides the recognition, [my award] comes with a million dollars to advance my research ideas,” Akinwande said. “So, in fact, I’ll be able to recruit a lot more under-

graduate students and graduate students to work at my lab to advance this research we’re doing on energy-efficient electronic chips.”

Lai was also nominated in December 2013. He said he was surprised by his win because of the large number of nominees for the White House to choose from.

“They have a totally untransparent process selecting the winners,” Lai said. “In the end, every year, there are a hundred people who are selected for this award.”

Associate professor of physics Greg Fiete, who was awarded the PECASE in 2010, said the award is a great honor because it is the most prestigious



Fabiana Peña Feeny | Daily Texan Staff

Assistant physics professor Keji Lai is one of 106 people to receive the government’s highest honor for early research.

award given by the government for young researchers.

“Professors Akinwande and Lai bring important recognition to UT — and especially their respective departments — by being honored this way,” Fiete said.

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incidents include areas near the Peter O’Donnell Jr. Applied Computational Engineering and Sciences Building, Ernest Cockrell Jr. Hall and the Perry-Castañeda Library. She said repeated violations will result in a referral to the Dean of Students or University Operations.

In order to increase compliance rates, the new reporting tool on the website will give students a chance to anonymously report on-campus tobacco use, according to the website. Ovienmhada said she hopes the tool will help gather more extensive and precise information about tobacco use as students continue to learn about and utilize the new website feature.

Journalism sophomore Maleeha Syed said she has noticed several instances of tobacco use on Guadalupe Street and at least one instance on 24th Street and Whitis Avenue. She said the incidents seemed to go unnoticed, but she believes smoking on or near campus is inconsiderate to those in the area.

“There are designated smoking areas for a reason, and it’s because you expose other people to secondhand smoke,” Syed said. “I just think it’s kind of rude to be blowing smoke everywhere and get it in everyone else’s faces as they’re walking right next to you.”

Susan Hochman, assistant director for health promotion and public health at University Health Services said secondhand smoke can have worse consequences than smoking itself because of sidestream smoke, which comes directly off of the side of the cigarette.

“[Secondhand smoke] is really more dangerous in the sense that if somebody is smoking, there’s a filter at the end of the cigarette, which filters the chemicals,” Hochman said. “Whereas getting pure smoke off the sidestream smoke contains more toxins than what’s coming through the filter.”

The areas included in the policy must be owned, operated, leased, occupied and controlled by UT.

While the policy encompasses all University-owned and -operated property, areas frequently occupied by students, such as the sidewalk across from Guadalupe Street, are not considered University property. The policy is not enforced in locations such as the sidewalk because of their status as non-University property.

Cindy Posey, associate director of Communications for University Operations, said the program does not involve the University of Texas Police Department, and they do not give out tickets for smoking violations.

UNIVERSITY

Grant brings cancer researchers to campus

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In January, Thomas Yankeelov, a professor of cancer research at Vanderbilt University, and Daniel Leahy, a biophysics professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, were brought to UT to teach classes, continue their research and contribute their experience in cancer research to three colleges within the University.

Yankeelov is working with the Dell Medical School and the Cockrell School of Engineering, and Leahy is working with the College of Natural Sciences.

“The outstanding colleagues and resources avail-

able at UT will allow my lab to pursue new and exciting avenues of research,” Leahy said. “We research the molecular mechanisms by which specific growth factors trigger cells to grow and divide. Understanding how these molecules work in normal and disease states is both extremely interesting and likely to guide design of anticancer therapies.”

In conjunction with the recruitment of Leahy, the College of Natural Sciences purchased a cyro-electron microscope, a tool that allows scientists to look at protein structures. The tool will compliment and expand the University’s research, including Leahy’s, Dean Appling, associate dean for re-

search and facilities of the College of Natural Sciences, said.

“[This new microscope] allows visualization of molecules in various activity states,” Leahy said. “We look at the structures of receptors for [multiple] factors to learn what structural changes ... are linked to cell growth and division.”

Leahy’s research will focus on lab work with cells using the new microscope, while Yankeelov will be working with the patient population in the clinical settings of hospitals in the Austin area.

“The past decade has witnessed an enormous increase in our knowledge of cancer on multiple scales, yet the outcome for many cancers

“The past decade has witnessed an enormous increase in our knowledge of cancer ... yet the outcome of cancer has not improved.

—Thomas Yankeelov, Professor of cancer research at Vanderbilt

has not improved,” Yankeelov said. “The overall goal of our research program is to develop tumor forecasting methods by integrating advanced imaging tech with other patient-specific data, to build predictive multiscale biophysical models of tumor growth to optimize therapy on a patient-specific basis.”

Yankeelov has already started collaborating with research institutes on campus and com-

munity healthcare centers around the city.

“It is important to note ... the [Dell Medical School] will provide us with the opportunity to take our methods to a large patient population, and the Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences will allow for a dramatic expansion of our efforts at computational model of tumor growth and treatment response,” Yankeelov said.

NEWS BRIEFLY

SG candidate files complaint over complaint

The Election Supervisory Board received a complaint on Monday from a Student Government representative candidate, David Maly, who claimed that Alexander Chase, associate editor at The Daily Texan, maliciously filed an inaccurate complaint of the Helgren-Kim campaign.

David Maly, a journalism and economics senior, is currently running for communication representative in the Student Government elections. He said he wants to fight for ethical journalism at the University.

“It’s bad enough for any student to do that, but for a member of The Daily Texan editorial board to do that is even worse because getting involved in student politics in a dishonest way is inappropriate,” Maly said.

However, Chase, Plan II junior and sole candidate for editor-in-chief of The Daily Texan, said he submitted his complaint for ethical reasons.

“For David Maly to say I’m lying is a complete misrepresentation,” Chase said.

David Engleman, chair on the Election Supervisory Board, said a case is only dismissed if there are not grounds for hearing a case. He said the Election Supervisory

Board wants to give everyone their best chance to state their case.

“Because we did not feel like this case had the grounds for dismissal for the Election Supervisory Board, we are going to hear the case with an open mind,” Engleman said.

Chase initially submitted a complaint of the Helgren-Kim campaign for early campaigning. The complaint was heard first by the Election Supervisory Board, which ruled unanimously in favor of Chase. It was later heard by the SG Supreme Court, which overturned ESB’s ruling, saying the Helgren-Kim campaign had not committed a violation.

The court also said if it had jurisdiction over Texas Student Media elections, it would further investigate Chase’s complaint.

“We would investigate whether petitioner has misrepresented himself and/or abused the ESB and Supreme Court system,” the court said.

In response to the opinion, Chase said he felt ethically bound to submit his initial complaint.

“The ESB will likely acknowledge — considering they ruled unanimously in my favor — that the process was necessary,” Chase said.

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COLUMN

Go outside for sunny outlook on life

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Being outside is a free and easy way to reduce stress that many students do not take nearly enough advantage of. While finding time to go outside and take a walk or a hike or just sit in the sun can be difficult, it is instrumental to student health.

During the 2012–2013 school year, 48.7 percent of students nationwide attended counseling for mental health concerns. This percentage has been increasing every year since 2010. Even scarier, 23.2 percent of students have intentionally injured themselves without suicidal intent, and 8.8 percent have made a suicide attempt. Considering 20.2 million students were enrolled in higher education as of 2015, the number of students with mental health concerns is an incredibly high number. The bottom line is that we're stressed out.

One way students can reduce their stress is by spending more time outside. Nature has not only proven to be a stress reliever but also has proven to make the brain function in a better and healthier way. As students, we can use all of the brainpower, vitamins and relaxation we can get.

Though many students retreat to their rooms to play video games to relieve stress, they shouldn't. Instead, reading a good book or doing some homework on the South Mall would be much more effective. People who live in environments with

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more green spaces are likely to have lower levels of cortisol, a hormone that induces stress. Spending as little as five minutes outside can reduce stress levels.

Taking a regular outdoor walk is good for one's long-term mental health. Studies at Stanford University found that people who take walks in nature see more positive effects on their brain when compared to those who walk in urban spaces. Studies have shown that looking at nature for short periods of time increases the brain's ability to pay attention.

Furthermore, exercise is proven to reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety. Exposure to sunshine increases the body's levels of vitamin D, which improves muscle function, the immune system and mood. Moreover, going outside makes one a better and healthier student.



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Carmen Ortiz, nutrition junior and public relations officer for Longhorn Wellness Club, explained that the positive effects of going outside are infinite. Not only does it lower stress and increase brain activity, she said, but it can also increase creativity.

“There are also studies that encourage walking barefoot in the grass — or “earthing” — to encourage immunity, blood flow and other body functions,” Ortiz said. “Along with objective studies, there are benefits for mental health. By stimulating your mind to the beauty of your natural surroundings, the possibility of clearing overbearing thoughts becomes higher. Therefore, you have more time to enjoy life and thrive in your circumstances rather than

feel bogged down by negative thoughts.”

Austin is known for its outdoor spaces. If you can't make it to Zilker Park, the 360 Overlook or the Greenbelt, our own campus and surrounding areas are home to gorgeous green spaces. Try studying on the South Mall, taking a walk by Shoal Creek or heading over to Mozart's Coffee Roasters for a gorgeous view of Lady Bird Lake. If you have even less time, try strolling to class instead of speed-walking or riding a bike. There is no excuse to not get outside for at least a few minutes a day, and there are no downsides to the sun exposure and exercise that will inevitably occur.

Kashar is an English freshman from Scarsdale, New York.

COLUMN

High academic journal prices justify sharing of illegal articles

By Jake Schmidt

Daily Texan Columnist
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Last October, Russian neuroscientist Alexandra Elbakyan was indicted by a New York district court for creating a website that illegally uploaded over 47 million scientific journal articles to the web. Her case highlights the growing tension in the scientific community over the unfair business practices of journal publishers, which charge upwards of \$35 a pop for articles that authors submit pro bono.

“[It's] just insane when you need to skim or read tens or hundreds of these papers to do research,” Elbakyan said in an interview with TorrentFreak. “Everyone should have access to knowledge regardless of their income or affiliation.”

Enter Sci-Hub, Elbakyan's website that has been deemed “the Pirate Bay of science.” With hundred of thousands of articles viewed each day, Sci-Hub gives students and researchers access to crucial resources they otherwise couldn't afford. Many say they wouldn't have been able to complete their masters thesis or lab project without it.

But the battle for “the right to knowledge” is far from over. Elsevier, the publisher that filed against Elbakyan's website in October, won the case. Sci-Hub switched Internet domains to avoid being shut down.

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The publish-and-pay model is losing steam as more scientists and researchers switch to open access platforms, but the change is not happening fast enough. Publishers such as Elsevier will not relinquish their market dominance without a fight.

“Sci-Hub, a pirate website, provides an example of how researchers create a ‘work-around’ to get access to research behind paywalls,” said Lorraine Haricombe, vice provost and director of UT Libraries. “The system is broken. I think we will continue to see increasingly bolder steps to create a work-around.”

But even institutions as large as the University of Texas are struggling to pay the massive fees for journal subscriptions. “The pricing of academic journals creates an ongoing challenge to maintain the rich depth and margin of excellence of UT Libraries' collections,” Haricombe said. “We are losing buying power due to inflationary costs of approximately \$600,000 per year. Lack of access to these resources will ultimately affect the research, teaching and learning as well as the status of UT



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Libraries as a Tier 1 research collection.”

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“Society depends on universities and research organizations for new discoveries. It makes sense that the archival record of that research and ideas should be made available to the benefactors, or taxpayers, of that research,” Haricombe said.

She offers a list of ways to help restore accessibility to knowledge:

“Know your rights as an author;

Retain the rights you want to use and develop your work without restriction;

Deposit the final peer-reviewed manuscript in an open access repository (e.g. Texas ScholarWorks);

Develop an open access policy that commits the UT community to disseminate research and scholarship as widely as possible, to the people of Texas and the world.”

Support Sci-Hub and the open access movement on Facebook, Twitter and through a petition to Elsevier.

Schmidt is a physics and aerospace engineering sophomore from Austin.

COLUMN

Smart art of hip-hop, rap deserve our praise, recognition

By Kennedy Brookins

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What comes to mind when you think of hip-hop music? Most people think of money, drugs and fast women. Ask me what comes to my mind, and I'd say politics, passion and poetry.

Admittedly, today's hip-hop has lost some of its original appeal. Turn to 102.3 The Beat and you might hear Future rapping about scandalous sex with “Real Sistas,” Kevin Gates expressing the importance of having “2 Phones” or Young Gotti plotting to slide in your girl's DMs. As sad as it is, these are the popular artists that represent today's hip-hop. Independent rapper DJ-V describes these artists as being apart of the “dark cloud of materialism that plays on the radio.”

It's no wonder that these songs are written at an average third grade reading level. It's no wonder that older generations consider this music damaging to our culture. It is hard to understand, then, why we keep

celebrating this side of such a beautifully honest and thought provoking art form.

My challenge for you is to look beyond what's popular in hip-hop. It's important to know that good music and marketable music might not be the same.

DJ-V says there is a shortage of rappers who stay true to their craft. He said, “We need more innovative people promoting what's real instead of what sells.”

When you dive into these kinds of artists' discographies, you might be surprised at the profound insight you discover.

Take Lupe Fiasco's “Words I Never Said,” for example. In this song, Fiasco comments on the war in the Middle East, the corrupt government and the absurdity of student loans. It's refreshing when a rapper speaks on real issues. Not to mention, you'd be hard-pressed to find an artist of any other genre who can discuss these political themes as smoothly as Lupe Fiasco.

Other times, being a smart rapper simply means that you can tell a story that's authentic, reflective and passionate. Outkast's “Da Art of Storytelling” (Pt. 1) is the

epitome of this ability. In this cautionary tale, the rap duo details, among many things, the struggles of a girl named Sasha Thumper, whose life tragically crumbles as a result of drug abuse.

The art of wordplay also deserves recognition. As mentioned earlier, most rappers write songs at around the third grade reading level. What this doesn't take into account, however, is the wit found in those seemingly simple words.

Underground hip-hop group Typical Cats have songs filled with fun wordplay. In “Cliché,” Qwel raps, “Just ‘cause I stand over you don't mean you understand me.” Could a third grader read this? Probably. Could a third grader understand this? It's less likely.

There are so many amazing rappers whose songs read more like carefully crafted poetry than just another catchy tune. English junior Nelsy Padilla believes that rap music, now more than ever, is breaking away from the stereotypes.

She said that she notices more rappers using “rhyme schemes and imagery that

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are still relatable but not just about what people typically think rap is.”

Kendrick Lamar's masterful LP, *To Pimp a Butterfly*, was taught in English classes around the nation. Pusha T, Madlib and Chance the Rapper are just a few more names making hip-hop smart again. Will we be smart enough to give them the spotlight they deserve?

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BASEBALL



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Kyle Johnston explodes toward the plate in Friday’s opening night loss against UNLV. The sophomore fought through some command issues in his fifth career start but ended up surrendering just one run and three hits in four innings of work.

Former relievers anchor Texas rotation

By Daniel Clay
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Tres Barrera called the 2016 Texas pitching staff the most talented in his three years at the 40 Acres.

“We’ve got some guys that can throw the baseball,” the junior catcher said. “They’re very talented, but they’re eager to learn.”

However, the staff has less experience than one might hope from a group with ambitions of a sustained postseason run. The 2016 roster only includes three pitchers who started five or more games in 2015 and none of them posted ERAs below 3.95. The youth of the Texas arms has forced head coach Augie Garrido to get creative with how he uses his talent.

Garrido sent out a trio of

pitchers with a mere 13 career starts between them in the season opening series against UNLV. Those eager arms that Barrera was talking about did not appear phased by switching from the bullpen to starting rotation.

“I love to start,” senior lefty Ty Culbreth said.

Culbreth, one of the few seniors arms on the staff, made 22 appearances out of the bullpen in 2015 but was in relatively unfamiliar territory over the weekend. The veteran, however, responded brilliantly to his new role, surrendering just a solo homerun in his five innings of work in his seventh career start.

That homerun was one of two runs that the converted relievers would surrender the entire weekend.

Culbreth may have been

accustomed to waking up on game day knowing that he was going to pitch for five innings at the collegiate level, but the success that took many onlookers by surprise was expected by the well-experienced Garrido.

“He doesn’t like getting up, warming up, not knowing whether he’s going to go in or not,” Garrido said. “That’s the hardest and the worst thing about a game, being a bullpen pitcher.”

Relief pitchers know that uncertainty is a large part of what they have to do, but recognizing that fact and actually doing it in a game situation are two separate things. That dichotomy is made especially clear for Texas’ core group of freshman pitchers who were so dominant in high school that all they did was start games.

Garrido responded to the

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—Tres Barrera,
Junior catcher

situation by trying to give his young freshmen coming out of the bullpen a taste of the consistency enjoyed by veteran starters.

“The young pitchers especially need to warm up knowing they’re going in the game because that’s all they’ve ever done when they were in high school,” Garrido said. “Warm up before the game, and pitch it.”

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Wildcats responded immediately with a 3-pointer on the other end. Senior guard Javan Felix found himself at the free-throw line with 13 seconds left but missed his attempt.

Kansas State freshman forward Dean Wade missed an open 3-pointer with three seconds left that would have ripped the heart out of Texas. The Longhorns avoided what would have been a second-straight deflating loss — Texas lost to Baylor at home 78-64 on Saturday.

The victory didn’t come without its challenges. The Longhorns came into Monday with one win in their last seven games at Bramlage Coliseum and nearly faced another defeat thanks to foul trouble.

Texas and Kansas State combined for 41 fouls in the game. Senior center Prince Ibeh fouled out of the game with 4:01 left to play and was limited to only nine minutes, while the forward duo of senior Connor Lammert and junior Shaquille Cleare each tallied four fouls.

Thankfully for Texas, Kan-

sas State was in foul trouble as well, and the Longhorns took advantage, knocking down 16-of-19 free throws.

But it was Taylor and Felix who helped the Longhorns get over the hump. Taylor said on Saturday that he and Felix needed to be aggressive and make things happen rather than wait for things to happen.

The two took it to heart. In addition to Taylor’s 19 points, Felix added 13, 12 of which came in the first half to help the Longhorns overcome its foul woes.

But in the end, it was Taylor’s 3-pointer that will be remembered as the biggest shot of the night.

It may be against an unranked foe, but beating the Wildcats was important for Texas. A loss would have meant that Texas would be heading into its big two-game home stand against No. 2 Kansas and No. 3 Oklahoma having lost four of its last five games.

The win gives the Longhorns some of their momentum back heading into one of the toughest stretches of their season, all thanks to the junior guard who isn’t a great 3-point shooter.

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BASKETBALL

Texas scrapes win over Kansas State

By Akshay Mirchandi
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Isaiah Taylor isn't a great 3-point shooter. In fact, he came into Monday shooting under 30 percent from deep. But the junior guard had the ball in his hands behind the 3-point line with under a minute to go on Monday night. With a Kansas State defender staring him in the face, Taylor dribbled and dribbled, precious seconds ticking off the clock. Finally he pulled up, stepped back and let the ball fly from deep. The result was a bucket that put Texas up 69-65 with 45 seconds left and helped the No. 25 Longhorns sneak by the Wildcats, 71-70, in Manhattan, Kansas. Taylor scored 13 of his 19 points in the second half, with five coming in the final minute. After his big three, Taylor knocked down two free throws to put the Longhorns up 71-67 with 31 seconds to play. But like they did all night, the

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Zoe Fu | Daily Texan Staff

Point guard Isaiah Taylor powers to the basket in a Feb. 16 game against West Virginia. In yesterday's matchup against Kansas State, the junior scored a team-high 19 points including a crucial 3-pointer that put Texas up four with 45 seconds left.

LONGHORNS IN THE NBA

Veteran Tucker steadies Suns' rebuilding efforts



By Steve Helwick
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In an atmosphere that has been constantly changing all year, one thing remains constant: P.J. Tucker. The 30-year-old veteran from Texas walked onto the hardwood of the Talking Stick Resort Arena on Sunday to start his 56th game of the season against the San Antonio Spurs. When the buzzer sounded and the clock read triple zeros, Tucker exited the arena with seven points and a team-high 30 minutes to his name. His Phoenix Suns fought hard but ultimately left the arena with a 7-point loss. It's an occurrence Tucker and the Suns have become used to. Phoenix has lost 11 games in a row and 26 out of their last 28. During this disastrous run, the Suns have lost their leading scorer, Eric Bledsoe, for the season with a torn meniscus. They have also fired their head coach Jeff Hornacek and traded away Markieff Morris, their longest-tenured player. But Tucker remains in Phoenix. With all the changing parts around him, the small forward now holds the title as the longest-tenured Sun. "For me to still be here

“For me to still be here is absolutely crazy.”

—P.J. Tucker,
Phoenix Suns small forward

is absolutely crazy,” Tucker told AZCentral. After five seasons of playing overseas, Tucker rejoined the ranks of the NBA during the 2012-13 season, as a member of the last-place Phoenix Suns. Despite currently playing for the team with the third-worst record in the NBA, Tucker claimed “it would suck” to be traded, according to Arizona Sports. With zero playoff appearances in four seasons with the Suns, Tucker wants to earn a playoff berth with the same team that gave him a second opportunity in the NBA. Tucker is the only player on the young roster who started both opening night and the Suns' latest defeat. His scoring and rebounding averages have dropped from previous seasons, but he continues to show up and play for the franchise every night. In four seasons with the Suns, he has only missed six games. Tucker walking onto the hardwood every night is like clockwork in Phoenix. He is dependable, no matter what his team's record is. The only games that Tucker has regularly missed in his career are playoff games, and he hopes to change that before leaving the Valley of the Sun.

FOOTBALL



Head coach Charlie Strong poses with his new hires at a press conference on Monday.

Joshua Guerra
Daily Texan Staff

Texas stays close to home for new coaching additions

By Mark Skol Jr.
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With three holes in the coaching staff after National Signing Day, Texas head coach Charlie Strong looked to fill the vacancies with coaches that all had a common thread — a Texas connection. Wide receivers coach Charlie Williams and defensive backs coach Clay Jennings each spent time at TCU, while running backs coach Anthony Johnson was a running back for the Longhorns' 2005 National Championship team. “We [got] three vet coaches that [have] been in this state, that [have] been around Texas high school coaches and understand what we're doing and what we're all about,” Strong said. For the three new coaches, home is where the heart is. Each knows about the tradition Texas football brings and is eager to flip the script of the 2015 Longhorns' 5-7 finish. With over 30 years of coaching under his belt, Williams has the most experience of all the new hires. He

worked with some of the best talent the NFL has ever seen at the wide receiver position, including Reggie Wayne and Keyshawn Johnson. Williams said he left the NFL because he was especially intrigued by the challenge the Texas job brings and wants to make Texas great again. “First and foremost, you have to win every place you are at,” Williams said. “That's the bottom line. Can the heat get a little hotter around here? Yes, 'cause this is Texas, and we realize that. We want to put these guys in the best position to win, and we can't worry about anything else.” Seven of Jennings' defensive backs finished among the top 10 on the team in tackles in his second season as the defensive backs coach at Arkansas. But he had to sleep “with one eye open” because of the number of times he referenced Texas. “I had a great opportunity and great time while I was coaching in Fayetteville,” Jennings said. “But to have an opportunity to come home and work with these kids and work with this staff

and try to take this program to the next level with coach Strong, it was too good to pass up.” For Johnson, who helped Toledo's running game average over 200 yards per game, being able to coach back in the state of Texas is more than a dream come true. “Words can't even describe how I feel right now having the opportunity to come back [to Texas] and coach,” Johnson said. “I knew at some point I would be back. I just didn't know when. Words wouldn't do it any justice.” The coaching carousel at Texas has taken spins in many directions this off-season with a total of five new hires in the past three months. But Strong said he doesn't have a problem with the constant change because it will force Texas to stay focused on winning. “It doesn't bother me one bit because there's going to be new energy; there's going to be new passion,” Strong said. “Even the players, for them, it's a new breath of life. Their slate is clean. Now they get to start all over again.”

BIG 12 NOTEBOOK

Jayhawks primed for another Big 12 title

By Jacob Martella
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Despite all the turmoil in college basketball this season, one thing looks like it will remain the same — the Kansas Jayhawks winning the Big 12 title. The Jayhawks took a big step toward securing their 12th-straight regular season conference championship with a 72-63 win on the road against Kansas State. The win, plus Oklahoma's win at West Vir-

ginia, gives Kansas a two-game lead in the conference with four games left to play. Frank Mason III led the way for the Jayhawks with 16 points and five assists. Kansas faces No. 19 Baylor on Tuesday night before closing out the season with games versus Texas Tech and No. 17 Iowa State and on the road at No. 25 Texas on Feb. 29. **Motley hauls in Big 12 Player of the Week award** Baylor sophomore forward





Jonathan Motley started the game against Texas 11-of-11 from the field. His reward: his first Big 12 Player of the Week honor. Motley finished the game 12-of-13 with 27 points. The performance came just days after he scored 27 points against Iowa State, matching his career high. Iowa State redshirt junior guard Deonte Burton took home the conference's Newcomer of the Week award after scoring 23 points and securing

14 rebounds against TCU. Burton also had 14 points and six rebounds against Baylor. **Jayhawks, Sooners remain in top three in AP poll** Kansas remained the highest-ranked Big 12 team in the AP poll, retaining its No. 2 position on Monday after two wins last week. Oklahoma held its No. 3 position despite a loss at Texas Tech last Wednesday but fell into a tie for the spot with Virginia. Baylor made the biggest gain



of any Big 12 team, jumping up six spots to No. 19 following the blowout win at Texas on Saturday. West Virginia and Iowa State each fell four spots after rough weeks. The Mountaineers checked in at No. 14 after losses to Texas and Oklahoma, while the Cyclones stand at No. 17 after a midweek loss at Baylor. Texas remained in the poll at No. 25 after splitting its two home games against ranked opponents last week.

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Schubert leads strong Longhorn effort in Allstate Sugar Bowl Intercollegiate Despite not breaking par, the Longhorns tallied a successful day Monday, moving up three spots to sixth after shooting one-over par in the second round of the Allstate Sugar Bowl Intercollegiate. Texas currently sits at 10-over par for the tournament, 17 shots back of leading Florida. Junior Haley Mills was the one of two Longhorns to break par in the round, carding a two-under par. Mills is four shots back of Stanford's Lauren Kim, who leads the individual competition at six under. Sophomore Sophia Schubert also stayed under par in the second round, finishing with a three-under 69 to move up to a tie for 33rd after a rough first round. Natalie Karcher ended her day with an even 72, while Tezira Abe and Julia Beck shot eight over and nine over, respectively. Tuesday's final round begins at 8 a.m. —Jacob Martella



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5 Triangle on a pool table

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16 Maker of Arctic Blast and Java Freeze beverages

17 Arthurian island

18 Some PC screens

19 Criticized giggling

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23 Mentalist Geller

24 Ticks off

25 Tattered

28 Travelers with paddles

31 Gun, slangily

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35 Landlord's counterpart

36 Struggled to make progress

42 Digs deeply (into)

43 Beano competitor

44 Bull session?

45 Halite formations that might be oil reservoirs

50 How-to book

52 Address of Juliet's balcony?

54 Umberto author of "The Name of the Rose"

56 Proceeded without trying very hard

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62 "C'mon, be ___"

63 Nearest target for a bowler

64 Fashion designer Klein

65 Repetitive means of learning

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2 "... and on and on and on"

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9 Celeb's arrest report, to the celeb, say

10 Actress Mends of "2 Fast 2 Furious"

11 Neighbor of Caps Lock

12 Bumbling detective of film

13 "Spring forward, fall back" unit

14 One in opposition

20 Time immemorial

22 Aetna offering, briefly

26 Mimic

27 Torretta, 1992 Heisman Trophy winner

29 "___ Mine" (George Harrison autobiography)

30 Noble knight who found the Holy Grail

32 Wolf Blitz's employer

33 You may be asked to arrive 90 mins. prior to this

35 Sneaky shelters

36 Pres. who recuperated at Warm Springs, Ga.

37 Sign before Virgo

38 Aristocratic ancestry

39 Eye layer whose name derives from the Latin for "grape"

40 Gas in signs

41 "Spring forward, fall back" inits.

45 Fifth Avenue retailer

46 13-Down, in Italian

47 Grinding teeth

48 Fall Out Boy genre

49 Where John Kerry and Bob Kerrey served

51 On drugs

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54 They benefit from boosters

55 Crash, with "out"

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CAMPUS

No margerine for error: J2 chef feeds masses

300

Editor's Note:
In 300 words or fewer, this series spotlights people in our community whose stories typically go untold.

By Elizabeth Hlavinka
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Hungry students shuffle through the packed lines of the J2 buffet, overwhelmed with lunch options. Grilled cheese sandwiches, stir-fried veggies and an extensive salad bar await them, and it is all prepared by a team run by Ivory Mobley.

Mobley, the lead cook at the J2 kitchen, has been planning and cooking the kitchen's meals for the past five years. His management duties also entail documenting the quantities of each food the kitchen produces, which includes upwards of 800 sandwiches per day.

"Sometimes you get to the point where you don't ever want to see a grilled cheese sandwich or a panini [again]," Mobley said.

Mobley said he has always been a foodie and that, as a child growing up in Savannah, Georgia, he often helped his mother cook meals she sold from their home.

Once he got to college, Mobley studied social work, but after



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Ivory Mobley is the lead cook at J2 in the Jester Residence Hall. Mobley is currently attending culinary school and hopes to open a fusion restaurant in the future.

a brief stint working with the nonprofit organization Invisible Children, he moved to Austin to go to culinary school.

He soon took a job at UT and was promoted to lead cook.

Now a full-time employee at J2, Mobley also occasionally works special events at the Thai restaurant Sway.

Mobley said in the future, he wants to finish culinary school

and open his own small restaurant, an Asian-comfort food hybrid that fuses his two favorite types of food.

For now though, he said he enjoys the balance of the casual,

friendly environment at UT and the more hectic, demanding atmosphere of a busy kitchen.

"It can be stressful, as far as getting stuff out on time and making sure everything tastes

right, but I like that pressure," Mobley said. "It's also rewarding when you have a student come back and want more of what you made because it means they liked it. To me, it's worth it"

CITY



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Dan Sifuentes started the Outside the Box Dropout Prevention program in the Austin Montopolis community. The program offers students a place to receive free tutoring for 90 minutes each week.

Tutoring program focuses on reducing dropout rates

By Anna McCreary
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When Dan Sifuentes met 9-year-old Juan, he was what Sifuentes considered a "double whammy," a non-native English speaker with a learning disability. Juan was in danger of repeating the second grade, but after a summer of tutoring with Sifuentes' program, Juan started the next school year as a proud third grader.

"[Juan's mom], like clockwork, would bring him in to the tutoring program, and he would read and read and read," Sifuentes said. "He was one of those students when he first started that needed to learn how to learn."

Sifuentes has dedicated his career to teaching students like Juan how to learn and to believe in themselves. In 2013, he started a tutoring program, Outside the Box Dropout Prevention, to target high dropout rates in the 78741 zip code. The program is based in Montopolis, a community on Austin's east side facing economic disadvantages that negatively affect the potential success of its education system and students.

For 90 minutes each week, students of all ages can attend free one-on-one tutoring sessions with volunteers at the Montopolis

Recreation Center.

"We're thinking outside the box of what we can do," Sifuentes said. "One of the things I tell the service learning volunteers when they come in is, 'I want you to bring some of your experience here — in how you learned, in what you struggled with and what makes you what you are.'"

Sifuentes said student success is largely dependent on the relationship each one develops with his/her tutor. The one-on-one tutoring model resembles the relationship he had with his older siblings during their childhood in the Montopolis area.

"Having my older siblings as role models influenced me to do well academically, to go to college," Sifuentes said. "It wasn't so much, 'Are you going to college?' It was, 'What college are you going to?'"

Rocio Lara, a mother of two daughters in the program, has been involved with Outside the Box since the beginning. She said she appreciates the way the program establishes the tutors as good examples for her children.

"I appreciate the UT tutors coming to us because it is their time, and they are sharing it with us," Lara said. "I say to my daughters, 'They are coming to you even though they

don't have to, and when you are older, you need to work with the community, too.' They see that [their tutors] are good people, and they know when they grow that they can become people like them."

Education junior Brittany Romero said, as a tutor, she enjoys watching one of her students grow more comfortable communicating his feelings to her.

"[My student] tells me now more about what he feels uncomfortable with in terms of his schoolwork," Romero said. "He's much less timid with me now. With his reading, he would skip lines a lot, so I made him make himself a bookmark with his name on it to follow along the lines."

One of Sifuentes' former students now volunteers with him as a tutor at Outside the Box. Sifuentes said he enjoys working alongside his former student and hopes to one day see his current students, such as Lara's daughter Jessica, achieve similar levels of academic success.

"One of the visions I have for my students, like Jessica, who's five years from graduating, is that one day I'll walk into a class at UT to talk about Outside the Box, and she's there," Sifuentes said. "I can see that, and I can't wait for that to happen."

MUSIC

Two Albums: Promising young rappers to listen to

By Chris Duncan
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Young Sinatra — Logic

Robert Bryson Hall II grew up in a rough neighborhood without a father and struggled to apply himself in school, eventually dropping out in 10th grade because of poor academic performance.

Fortunately for Hall, his mentor, Solomon Taylor, guided him toward music, helping Hall spawn a moderately successful Internet rap career under the name Logic. *Young Sinatra*, his second mixtape under the Logic name, takes from several East Coast styles — mainly Jay Z and Wu-Tang Clan — combining

serious lyrics with pop-oriented production.

Since the release of *Young Sinatra*, Logic has honed his talent, signed to a label and found success with two studio albums, including his most recent, *The Incredible True Story*, which sold over 140,000 copies in its first week.

Tracks to listen to: "All I Do," "Let Me Go," "As I Am"

10 Day — Chance the Rapper

Chancelor Bennett, known by his pseudonym Chance the Rapper, started recording his first solo project, *10 Day*, following a

10-day suspension from high school for marijuana possession.

Bennett didn't release the tape after the suspension. It wasn't until a full year later, in 2012, that *10 Day* found its way to the Internet. The mixtape took off locally for its sample-heavy and eclectic sound, drawing comparisons to early Kanye West and Outkast for its up-beat production style.

The quick success of *10 Day* built connections for Bennett, leading to his first mainstream release, 2013's *Acid Rap*.

Tracks to listen to: "14,000 Minutes," "Family," "Prom Night"



Editor's note:

Tat-Tuesday is a weekly series that features students around campus and their tattoos.

Check out our recurring series online at dailytexanonline.com

By Hunter Gierhart
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Undeclared sophomore Tristan Rafuse has a tattoo of a domino on his right arm. The tattoo represents him and his cousin, Trace.

"The numbers [of the

domino] are our athletic numbers — the three is his, the seven is mine," Rafuse said. "We wanted to get something together since we were kids, and this was the way we found

to represent us together."

His cousin got his tattoo on the opposite arm.

"When we put it together, it looks like you're playing dominoes," Rafuse said.



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