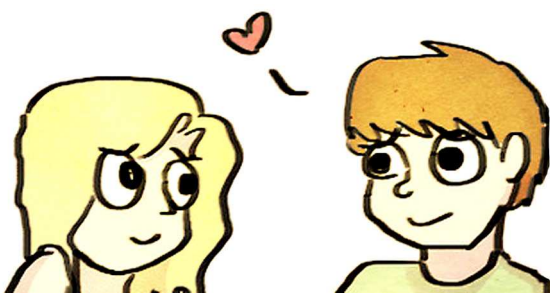




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## CAMPUS

# Phishing scheme targets students

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An unknown suspect used the UT Libraries interface and a fraudulent email address to launch a targeted phishing attack affecting students at the University. UTPD first reported the

attack on Aug. 13 after several students received suspicious emails with the title “\*Subject: \*\*UTexas Library System Problem\*.”

According to UTPD spokeswoman Cindy Posey, the attack sends users an email that looks like it comes from the UT Libraries

database. UTPD is unsure how many students have received the email, but reports have become less frequent.

“When it first arrives, it looks very legit and informs the user that their off-campus access to the UT Libraries has been compromised,” Posey said. “The link

forwards to a website that offers a UT EID login.”

UTPD said students should not open or click on any links in the email and delete it instead.

James Liao, network security analyst at the Information Security Office, said students receive phishing

emails frequently, although this was the first time he had heard of one using “UT Libraries” as a subject.

“People get phishing emails all the time,” Liao said. “They’re typically disguised as legitimate emails, and they’ll

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## CAMPUS

# UT alumni donate 120 artworks to the Blanton

By Kylie Fitzpatrick  
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The Blanton Museum of Art received a gift of 120 modern and contemporary Latin American artworks and an endowment contribution valued at a total of \$10 million from UT alumni Judy and Charles Tate of Houston, museum officials announced Thursday.

“With this gift, Charles and Judy have once again made a hugely valuable contribution to the life of UT-Austin,” President William Powers Jr. said in a statement Thursday. “This gift will continue to put us at the forefront as one of the country’s best museums for Latin American art and will provide many new opportunities for students, faculty and art historians.”

The gift enabled the museum to exceed its fundraising goal in “Campaign for Texas,” an eight-year, \$3-billion University-wide fundraising effort ending Aug. 31. The Tates’ donation of \$1 million will create an endowment for a curator of Latin American art.

Works by Frida Kahlo and her partner Diego Rivera, best known for murals and paintings in Mexico and the U.S., and Joaquín Torres-García, founder of the School

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# Bill Little set to retire from Texas sports

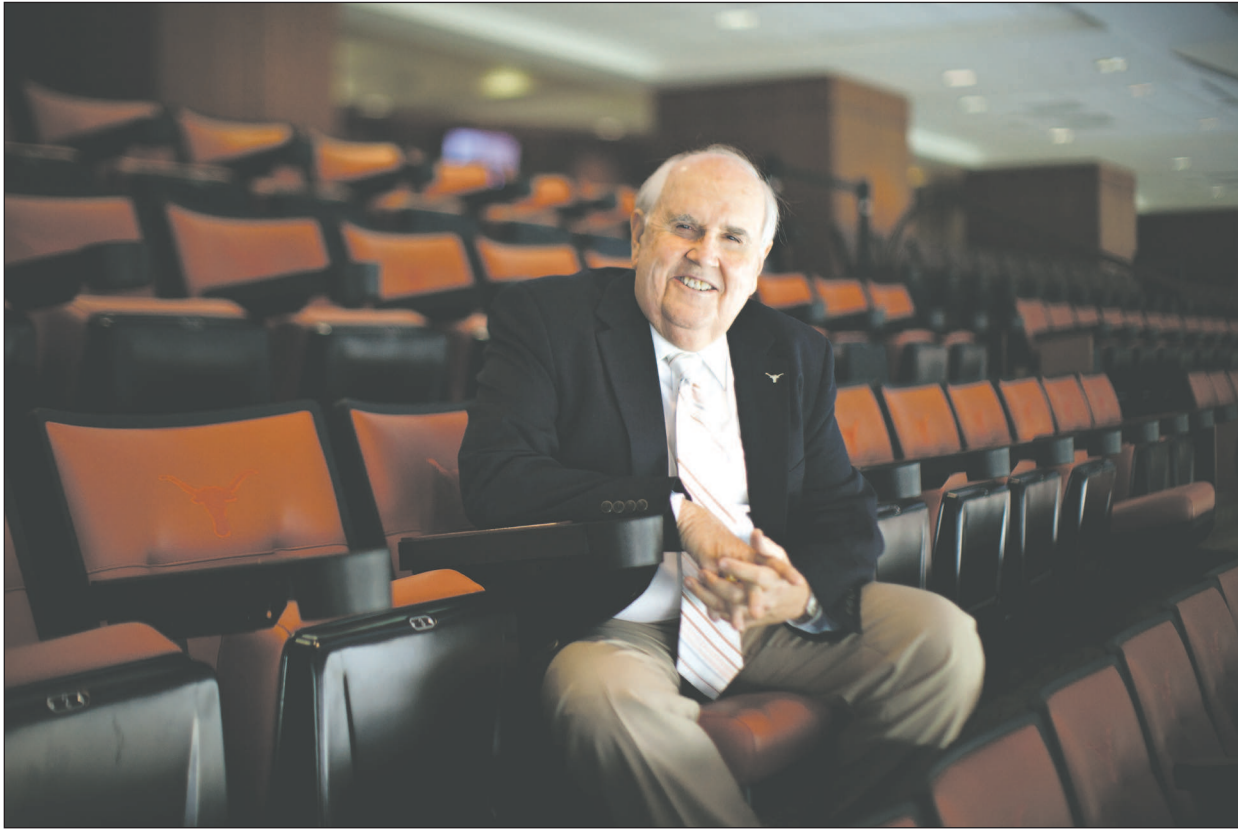
By Garrett Callahan  
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Seven years ago, Bill Little, special assistant to the head football coach for communication, made a promise to then-athletic director DeLoss Dodds and head football coach Mack Brown.

The longtime sports information director committed to stay at Texas for as long as Dodds and Brown did.

But, last January, just a few months away from turning 72, Little and his wife, Kim, realized that promise had been fulfilled.

“In January, I looked up, and both DeLoss and Mack were gone,” Little said. “A new group of people were coming in, and they needed their own people to do their own thing. So [Kim and I] said, in the words of Coach Royal, ‘Let’s just set our bucket down.’ And that’s what we



Lauren Ussery | Daily Texan Staff

Bill Little, special assistant to the head football coach for communication, will retire Sunday after 46 years with the Texas athletics department. The football and baseball press boxes will be named the Bill Little Media Center in his honor.

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## CITY



Jonathan Garza | Daily Texan Staff

City representative Chris Riley takes part in an Austin City Council meeting Thursday afternoon.

# Council votes to deliberate gender-neutral bathrooms

By Jackie Wang  
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The Austin City Council voted unanimously Thursday to pass a resolution to further explore the idea of gender-neutral bathrooms and another to ban driving or biking while using a cellphone.

Sponsored by councilman Chris Riley and co-sponsored by councilman Bill Spelman and Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, the resolution

aims to keep Austin’s spot as one of the nation’s leading cities in LGBTQ issues by changing all single-occupancy bathrooms to be labeled as “gender-neutral,” according to the council.

The resolution would require city manager Marc Ott to make the code amendments that will require single-stall restrooms to be labeled “gender-neutral.” He also must come up with

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## SPORTS

# New ticketing system faces sales decline

By Eleanor Dearman  
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With one day left before the start of UT’s 2014 football season, sales of “The Big Ticket,” the University’s new, higher-priced ticketing plan, are down in comparison to the previous plan’s sales last year.

The Big Ticket gives students tickets to all sporting events available to University students. The ticket replaced the Longhorn All-Sports Package this fall and costs \$175, compared to the \$80 LASP.

Steve Hank, senior associate athletic director and chief revenue officer, said the ticket guarantees students an assigned seat at UT football games and general admission seating to all other sporting events. Hank said Big Ticket sales are currently approaching 17,000 tickets. According to an open records request, 21,057 LASPs were sold in the 2013 school year.

In past years, UT athletics has sold tickets as the LASP, which students



Sarah Montgomery | Daily Texan file photo

Senior Gamaliel Mosqueda and sophomore Raul Rodriguez, members of the UT Hellraisers yell at the Horns Up event Wednesday.

could purchase during class registration. Hank said the switch to The Big Ticket is a response to a new federal law by the U.S. Department of Education that prohibits tying sales to registration.

According to UT spokesman Kevin Almasy, optional fees, such as the LASP, risk being in violation with

guidelines set by the Federal Student Aid and Parent PLUS loan.

“We couldn’t, by federal law, administer or tie the tickets to the registration process anymore,” Hank said. “Once that happened, we had to develop a new product and sell it in a new way. It was entirely due to federal regulation changes.”

The \$80 LASP gave students football tickets based on availability and a season pass to all other sporting events. The LASP could be paired with a \$70 football season ticket for a guaranteed seat at home games. Together, the LASP and football season ticket cost

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Graduate design student Shrankla Narya takes a phone call in an art building hallway Thursday afternoon.

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of the South that brought geometric abstraction to artists in South America, are among the works donated to the Blanton.

Blanton spokeswoman Kathleen Stimpert said the museum is already a major institution in the field of Latin American art whose legacy of exhibitions and scholarship in the field goes back to 1988, when it became the first museum in the U.S. to establish a Latin American art curator position.

“We were one of the first institutions in the United

States to begin collecting in any serious way Latin American art and presenting it as an important part of our historical canon,” Stimpert said.

The museum’s holdings in the field of Latin American art have grown to 2,200 pieces, after starting with a donation of 54 paintings by Texas collectors John and Barbara Duncan in 1971.

Beverly Adams, the inaugural Charles and Judy Tate curator of Latin American art, started working at the museum in January. Among her first endeavors has been the planning of “La Línea Continua,” an



Amy Zhang | Daily Texan Staff

With a gift from UT alumni Judy and Charles Tate of Houston, The Blanton Museum of Art exceeded its “Campaign for Texas” fundraising goal, an eight-year, \$3-billion fundraising effort.

exhibition starting Sept. 20 that will include a selection of approximately 70 works from the Tates’ collection.

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an implementation plan to present to the council by Sept. 25. Ott would first present the code amendments and implementation plan to stakeholders before taking the plan to the City Council. If the legislation passes, Austin will be the first city in Texas to require gender-neutral bathrooms.

Jennifer McPhail, an ADAPT of Texas member, said she supported the resolution because it also

increased access to bathrooms for people with disabilities. According to the website, ADAPT is dedicated to improving the quality of life for disabled citizens.

“We just want to do our business in peace,” McPhail said. “If you don’t have access to the bathroom, then you don’t have very much in the community.”

According to McPhail, people with disabilities are not always the same gender as their attendants and going to the bathroom has caused issues in the past.

Tyler Brown, a Plan II junior and the co-director of Queer Students Alliance at UT, said he thought the resolution should have happened already. Brown, a resident of Carothers Hall, said making single-stall bathrooms gender-neutral only makes sense because unisex bathrooms

already exist.

“Each floor [of Carothers] has a gender-inclusive bathroom,” Brown said. “It’s more for guests or parents who come to visit, but, if anyone did feel uncomfortable using other bathrooms, that’s open to them.”

QSA has plans to come up with their own legislation, according to Brown.

Roger Meza, a microbiology junior and QSA member, said, while he appreciated the council’s approach of labeling single-stall bathrooms as gender-neutral, he felt that it was not enough.

“Ideally, we would like for new restrooms to be created that have stalls that are not just for single use,” Meza said. “This is not going to feel like a gender-neutral bathroom. They will not be exposed to the opposite sex while going to the bathroom.”

Meza said the purpose of a gender-neutral bathroom was to have a space where anyone could go and feel more comfortable.

“It’s not just a transgender issue,” Meza said. “A woman walks into a restroom and is told, ‘This is a women’s restroom,’ because she looks like a man. She identifies as a woman — is biologically a woman. If you don’t look like a man or a woman, you’re going to be told, ‘You don’t belong here.’”

While there are some unisex bathrooms on campus already, Meza said, with future legislation QSA writes, they will push for more.

“We want to have all of UT to have gender-neutral bathrooms, and the only problem is money,” Meza said. “Hopefully we can pass some legislation about that.”

City Council also decided

to prohibit the use of mobile electronic devices while driving, but drivers would still be able to listen to audiobooks and music using their cars’ stereo systems and use their devices hands-free. The ban on driving while using a cellphone strengthens current law, which only prohibits texting. The ban also applies to cyclists as well as drivers.

“We’ve been hearing for a long time now as we continue to improve our bicycle infrastructure that cyclists want to be considered as vehicles in traffic, just like any other vehicle,” Mayor Lee Leffingwell said. “I don’t think it’s good policy to have a set of traffic laws for motorized vehicles, or cars, or trucks and another set of laws for non-motorized vehicles.”

The new cellphone use policy will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2015.

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decided to do.”

Sunday, Little will retire, and, for the first time since 1968, he will no longer be an employee of Texas athletics.

The legendary wordsmith, who worked as a commentary writer and special assistant to Brown for the past seven years, saw the reigns of five football coaches, five basketball coaches and four athletic directors during his time in Austin. He attended 36 bowl games with the Longhorns and broadcasted more than 1,700 baseball games. Even Little’s honeymoon consisted of accompanying the Longhorns’ basketball team to New York during their NIT trip in 1978. But, after seeing six decades come and go at Texas, Little thought it was the perfect time to leave.

“It’s always hard to step away,” Little said. “But the timing was just perfect. I always said I never wanted to leave anywhere bitter, and that has always been important to me. The opportunity seemed right for the new administration — for Coach Strong and for everyone. It was a hard decision, but it was also an easy decision.”

Little grew up in

Winters, a small town south of Abilene that encompasses under three square miles and has a population of just more than 2,500. After growing up a Longhorn fan, he followed in the footsteps of both his parents and began his college career at Texas in 1960.

As a student, he majored in journalism and worked in the sports information director’s office, creating a close friendship with football coach Darrell K Royal that would span until his death in 2012. In addition, he served as the sports editor of The Daily Texan for two years, witnessing Royal’s first national championship in 1963.

In 1968, at 26, Little started his full-time career at Texas as an assistant sports information director after a job interview that lasted just two sentences.

“I saw there was this really good job in public relations at the University of Texas,” Little said. “I called Coach Royal, and I said, ‘Coach, I want to come back.’ And he said, ‘I’d like to have you back.’ And that was the extent of it. I started that spring.”

Unknowingly, Little would spend the next 46 years involved in Texas sports. Ironically, though, sports weren’t Little’s passion. His passion stretched through sports to the stories

that could be told and the people who were discovered through the game.

“I knew I loved journalism, and I knew I loved to tell the story,” Little said. “What I found in sports was the human element. It’s the conquest of the human spirit. It makes you love the game — whatever it is — and you cry with it, whether you win or lose.”

Little wanted to make a difference through his work and through his words.

“I always found that, if you can write something that can make a difference to somebody, it can change a life,” Little said. “I was a bad golfer and a worse tennis player. And I wasn’t big enough to play football, and I was too short to play basketball, so my only gifts were to write and talk. And, if I was going to do what God put me on this planet to do, then I needed to do those things.”

Little made that difference he was seeking and influenced so many around him that the football and baseball press boxes will now be named the Bill Little Media Center. A significant gift from longtime athletics supporter Marian Dozier created the funds to honor Little.

“It means so much to be able to honor my great friend Bill in this way,” Dozier said.

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\$150, compared to the Big Ticket’s \$175 price.

Economics junior Giovanni Nunez said he considered buying the Big Ticket, but the \$175 ticket, plus the \$20 transaction fee, was too high of a price.

“I’m a big sports fan, and UT-Austin is really big on sports,” Nunez said. “But, to be honest, the main reason is because I didn’t have enough money. I already owe a lot of money to the University.”

Marketing junior Jenny Zheng said she prefers the cheaper price, but the Big Ticket price is comparable to the prices of other universities. According to their ticket sales websites, Texas A&M University’s student ticket package costs \$290, and the University of Oklahoma’s costs \$215 for just football and basketball tickets.

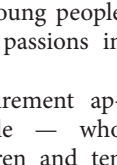
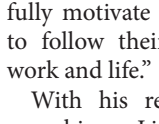
“So, from that kind of perspective, I guess it’s pretty fair since other schools also do this,” Zheng said.

According to Hank, the purchasing methods were combined to make the process more streamlined and efficient.

Zheng said she decided to buy the Big Ticket because she loves UT sporting events, but she wishes there was an option to buy only football tickets. She said she found the purchasing process more straightforward this year. The Big Ticket could be purchased directly from the ticket sales website and she said it made buying with groups less complicated.

“I’m kind of mixed,” Zheng said. “It costs so much more than last year, but I felt it was easier to figure out.”

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

# UT professor gains recognition from MIT

By Sam Limerick  
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A mechanical engineering professor at the University was named to Massachusetts Institute of Technology's list of "35 Innovators Under 35."

Guihua Yu was recognized last week on the list, which works to advance society through novel technological creations and applications, according to the list's website. The list has also named notable innovators in the past, such as Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and Google founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin.

"This is not only a great honor for the [research] group members but also a valuable recognition for the engineering scientific works at UT-Austin," said Borui Liu, a graduate student who works in Yu's research group in the Materials Science and Engineering program.

The work done in Yu's lab relates to hydrogels, which are networks of hydrophilic polymer chains

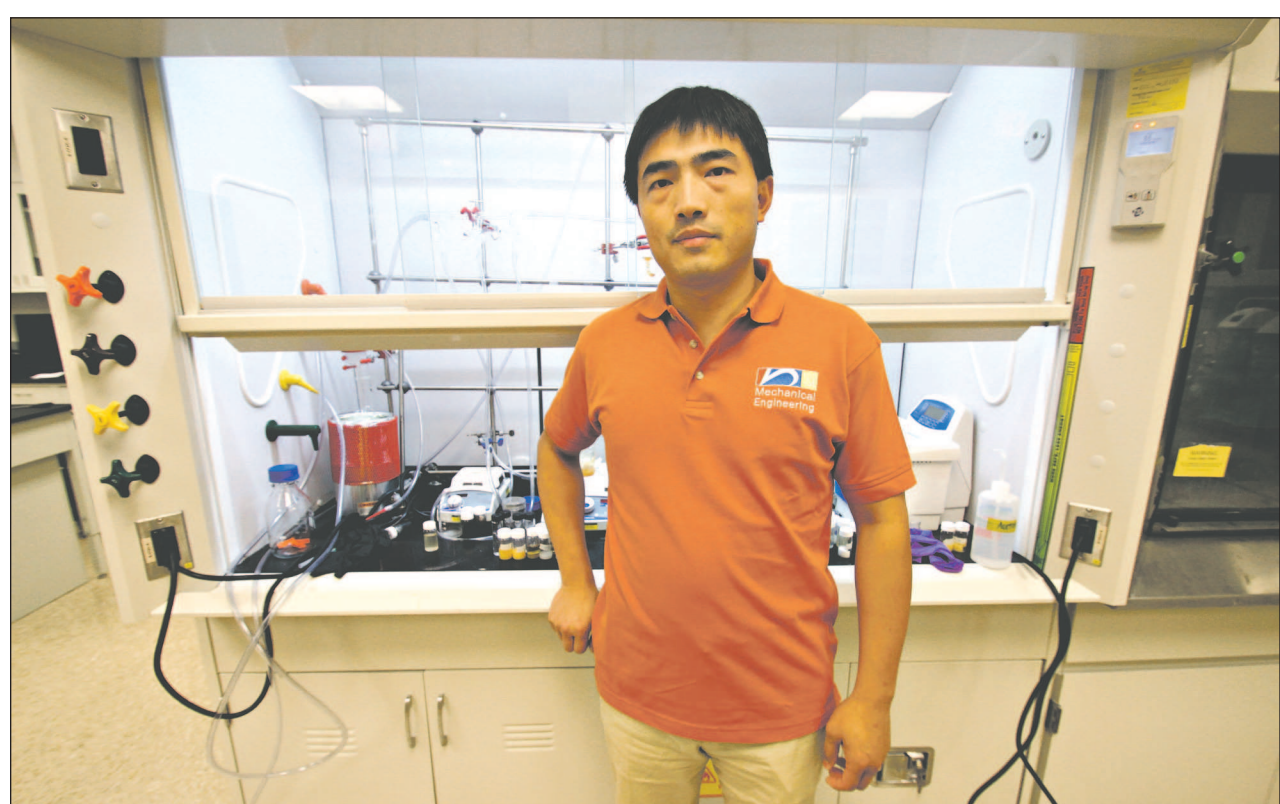
that are highly absorbent and possess a degree of natural flexibility — much like human tissue. According to Yu, hydrogels have been used as a mechanism in drug delivery and as scaffolds for tissue engineering in the past, but the utility of these materials has been limited.

"Due to the intrinsic insulating properties, hydrogels are rarely useful for electronics and energy-related applications," Yu said.

The recognition from MIT was prompted after Yu's research group created a hydrogel with a new nanostructure design that can transmit and store electricity.

"We would like to witness our conductive hydrogels to be put into use in a variety of daily-life applications, such as lithium-ion battery and supercapacitor electrodes, biosensors and drug delivery devices," Liu said.

This year's edition of the list brought Yu's research group and its work prominence in scientific literature, and a variety of



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Guihua Yu, a mechanical engineering assistant professor, stands in one of the two labs he works in daily with his students — specifically with hydrogels, which are networks of hydrophilic polymer chains.

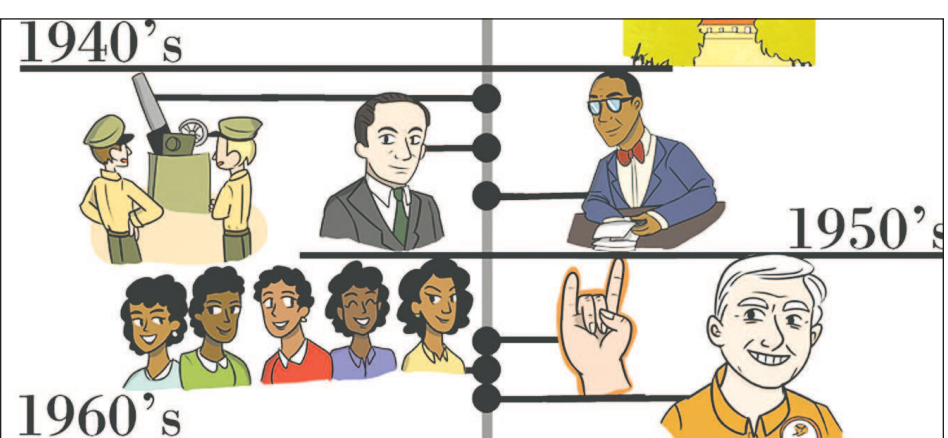
large technology companies have been in contact about the future applications of conductive hydrogels.

According to Yu, increased funding may come in light of the list's recognition, as well as future research in the field

of conductive hydrogels both at UT and elsewhere.

"Knowing the interesting applications we

demonstrated will attract more researchers to push together and make more exciting discoveries," Yu said.



MULTIMEDIA

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use the UT logo or other identifying information to make it look credible."

According to Liao, phishing emails work by using fake interfaces to gain access to sensitive information, such as passwords, account details or credit card numbers. The attacker then uses this information to virtually impersonate victims.

"You can use directories online to get email addresses

and then use Gmail or Yahoo to set up an anonymous email account and send anyone an email," Liao said.

Liao said whoever sent the phishing emails probably gained access to the UT Libraries logo and interface by copying and pasting the web code into an email.

The Information Security Office website offers ways for students to protect themselves against phishing attacks, including making sure to use secure and encrypted websites, using an anti-virus software

or firewall and being suspicious of requests for personal financial information.

Liao said one way to tell whether an email is legitimate is to put the mouse cursor over the link and see whether it links to the expected site.

If students fall victim to a phishing scam, Liao said they should immediately report the incident to whatever company the email impersonated, change their passwords and notify the Internet Crime Complaint Center.



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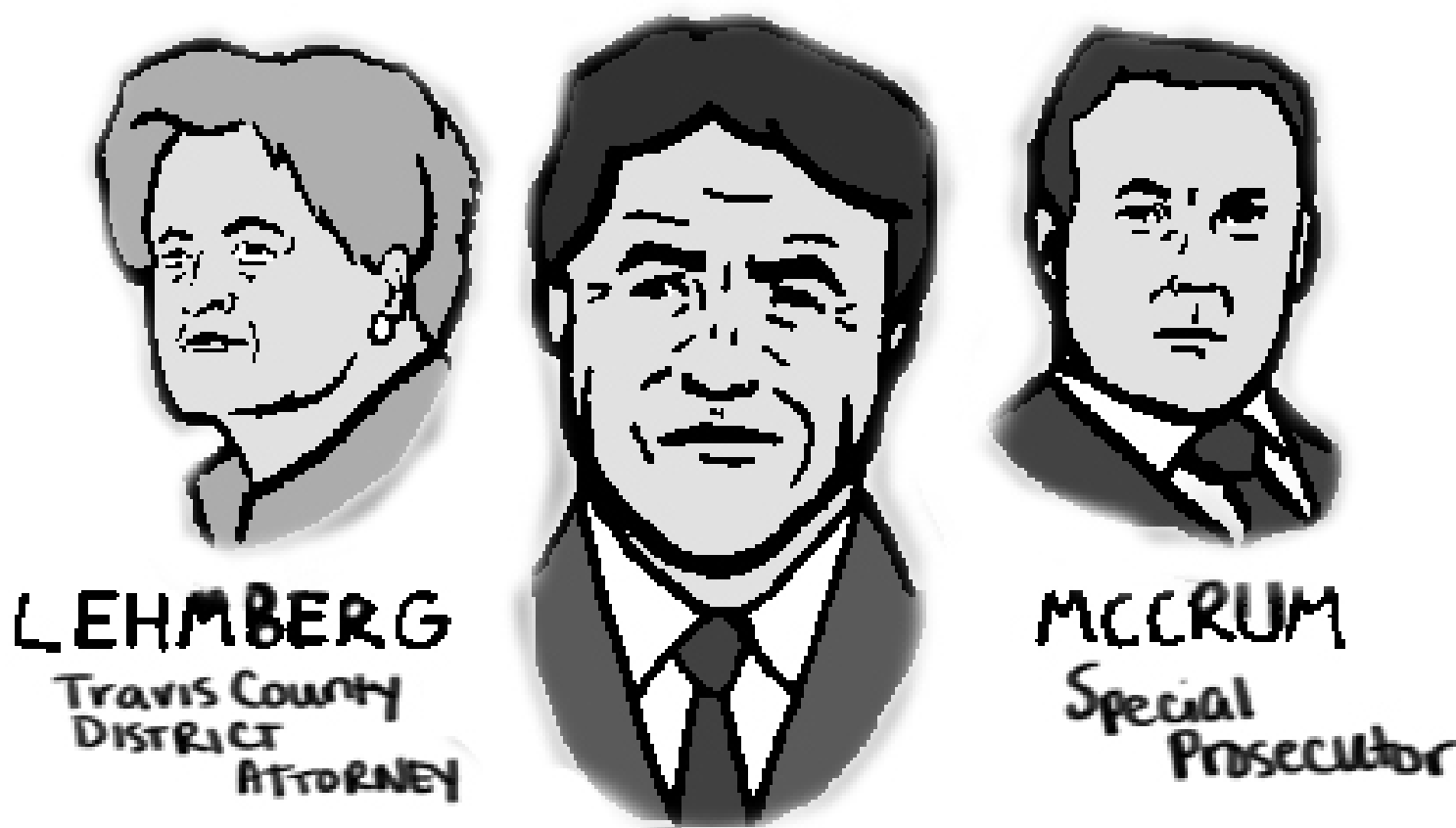
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## Was indicting Perry the right thing to do?

*Editor's Note: On Aug. 15, a Travis County grand jury indicted Gov. Rick Perry for abuse of official capacity and coercion of a public servant. Perry, the state's longest-serving governor, entered into political fisticuffs with Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmburg last summer when she refused to step down after her much-publicized arrest for drunk driving. Perry had made it clear that he would not allow state financial support to continue flowing to the Public Integrity Unit — which prosecutes political misconduct across the state and is overseen by Lehmburg — if she did not heed his calls for her resignation. In the face of her disobedience, Perry made good on his threat and vetoed \$7.5 million of state funding for the PIU. At the time, the unit was investigating misconduct at the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, but not by Perry himself, according to a Travis County prosecutor. Perry entered a plea of "not guilty" to both charges on Aug. 22. On Aug. 24, Democrat Mindy Montford, an Austin defense attorney, confirmed that Perry had offered her the job. Below, we have sought the opinions of key leaders of University Democrats and College Republicans on the matter.*

### In wake of indictment, Gov. Perry ought to resign

By Katherine Adams  
Guest Columnist

Texas hasn't indicted a sitting governor in 97 years. On Aug. 15, Gov. Rick Perry broke that streak with his two-count felony indictment for abuse of power and coercion.

Though the indictment does not paint a pretty picture of Texas politics, it would be far worse to sweep corruption under the rug in the interest of saving face. As embarrassing as this process is, the indictment proceedings demonstrate a judicial process devoted to uncovering truths Perry's office would rather keep hidden.

Fundamentally, this case illuminates the investigation the Public Integrity Unit (PIU) was conducting into a scandal involving the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT). Accusations that CPRIT was funneling funds intended for life-saving cancer research toward Republican donors prompted an investigation. In December, a former CPRIT official was indicted for improperly handing grants to a company backed by a wealthy Perry donor.

Naturally, this must have made Perry extremely nervous. It has been said that God helps three kinds of people: fools, children and drunkards. It was certainly a stroke of luck for Perry that the elected official responsible for the PIU, Rosemary Lehmburg, picked this time to drive drunk. Providence helped her from hurting anyone other than herself. With this providential windfall, Perry immediately began calling for her resignation — a win-win situation. Either she resigned or he would veto PIU's funding, and either way the CPRIT investigation would halt.

Yet an odor of mendacity permeated the good governor's self-righteous demand. Two other district attorneys — curiously, both Republicans — have been convicted of DWIs during his administration. The governor made no demands that they step down. Of course, neither DA was investigating the shady financial dealings of organizations closely tied to the governor's office.

Governor Perry offered a quid pro quo — DA Lehmburg's resignation in exchange for continued funding of the PIU. Without question, Perry has the constitutional power to veto legislation. What the constitution does not grant him is the power to coerce the resignation of a public official. The indictment was never about the veto. It was about Perry threatening to defund the PIU unless DA Lehmburg resigned and offering to restore funding only if she resigned.

Texans deserve a high standard of behavior from their publicly-elected officials.

Expecting the executive branch not to stoop to coercion and abuse of power isn't a terribly stringent standard; it is the bare minimum we should demand from our public servants. Ultimately, we have rules in our democracy and instead of respecting those rules, Perry, (apparently too long in office) decided they didn't apply to him.

Though right-wing pundits would have people believe otherwise, this felony indictment showcases the impartiality of our judicial system. The initial complaint was the result of an independent investigation by a nonpartisan group of citizens. The presiding judge, Republican Bert Richardson, is a George W. Bush appointee. Judge Richardson appointed Michael McCrum as the special prosecutor to oversee the investigation. Every Travis County Democratic official has recused themselves from the case. And it would be a trifle ridiculous to claim that the randomly selected grand jury is a group with a partisan agenda. It is difficult to discern the pattern of partisan abuse in this case.

This is how our judicial system is supposed to work. A grand jury reviewed witness testimony and evidence for months before they decided that there was enough to issue a two-count felony indictment. Perry will now avail himself of our judicial system, though at least he has been publicly shamed into paying his lawyers out of pocket, rather than with the tax dollars he had been using.

CPRIT officials engaged in questionable financial dealings. When the government office responsible for investigating became involved, Rick Perry panicked and responded with threats and intimidation. Now his only recourse is to shift blame from his own questionable actions onto a DA who has already paid her debt to society. Texans are smart enough to see this for what it is — the last resort of a man backed into a corner.

Regrettably, the entire situation is embarrassing for Texans. Our state's highest office is held by a man who has clearly demonstrated flagrant disregard for the rule of law. The felony indictments are just the latest example of corruption from Texas' longest-serving governor. Perhaps it is time for Texans to show our governor that we will not stand by while he reduces our office of the governor to the level of a playground bully hopelessly mired in partisan squabbles. Let us take a page from his playbook and call for his resignation and cross our fingers that he doesn't further embarrass us with yet another run for president.

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### Political disputes should not be resolved in court

By Amy Nabozny & Alexander Parker  
Guest Columnists

We have to admit, we are not law students. However, it doesn't take much legal know-how to understand that the recent charges against Gov. Rick Perry are nothing more than political theatrics caused by a scorned district attorney's office. But as a history major, Amy recognizes that this DA's office is notorious for unsuccessfully attacking major Republican politicians, from former Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison to former Congressman Tom DeLay. This is another desperate attempt for Democrats to maintain power in Travis County while taxpayers foot the bill.

When Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmburg — who's ironically the head of the state's Public Integrity Unit — was arrested for drunk driving, she completely tarnished her office. Not only was Lehmburg driving with a blood alcohol level three times the legal limit, she berated police officers, had to be restrained and was forced to wear a "spit shield" to stop her from spitting on the jail staff. Soon after this occurred, footage of Lehmburg's erratic behavior during her booking was made public on YouTube.

Anyone with an ounce of integrity would have apologetically stepped down from the office after an incident like this. Lehmburg selfishly continued to run the Public Integrity Unit even though she had previously endangered the lives of Texas residents and verbally abused policemen. Naturally, Perry asked Lehmburg to resign from her office. When she remained defiant, Perry said he'd defund her unit, which would result in the loss of her position. Again, Lehmburg defied Perry's request and, unsurprisingly, he vetoed the spending bill to the Public Integrity Unit.

The exchange between Perry and Lehmburg is a classic example of shrewd political bargaining. It is seen in all levels of government. If this qualifies as coercion, then it could be applied to almost any political power struggle. There is no need to create a legal precedent that allows common political squabbles to be criminally prosecuted. However, given the history of the Travis County DA's office, we all know this is a purely political prosecution, most likely initiated out of a fear that Perry would appoint a Republican DA. Even liberals outside of Texas agree this is a shoddy indictment. From The New York Times to David Axelrod, there is national public criticism from the left.

Texas Democrats can claim Perry used bad judgment or that he should have sought another route to remove Lehmburg, but to pin him as a felon is childish. They don't

care if this lengthy case will be paid by taxpayers, or that our governor could spend the rest of his life in prison, as long as they control their blue dot in a deeply red state.

Pursuing this case against Perry is more than just reckless with taxpayer money. It sets a terrible precedent of interfering with how officeholders carry out their duties. Perry fully explains the reasoning for his veto of the Public Integrity Unit's funding, which has become the focus of the indictment. The governor states that "despite the otherwise good work [of] the Public Integrity Unit's employees, I cannot in good conscience support continued State funding for an office with statewide jurisdiction at a time when the person charged with ultimate responsibility of that unit has lost the public's confidence. This unit is in no other way held accountable to state taxpayers, except through the State budgetary process. I therefore object to and disapprove of this appropriation." Perry has simply used his constitutionally-mandated power of a veto to shape policy. He even replaced the old district attorney with another Democrat, demonstrating this wasn't even about politics for Perry. If the governor can be charged for ensuring through legal means that the Public Integrity Unit has a leader with integrity, what is an appropriate use of constitutionally-mandated powers? No politician — Republican or Democrat — benefits from an environment where a use of legal power becomes illegal simply because it makes the other side unhappy.

Laws concerning coercion and abuse of power by public officials were never meant to stop actions sanctioned by one's office. They were meant to combat outright violations of an officeholder's duties like bribery and embezzlement. These laws should never be weaponized to fight in political disputes. Let debates and elections decide the merits of legal acts by our public servants. A fear of indictment and even punishment for performing legal actions only hinders officeholders from carrying out the duties of their office.

The indictment of Perry is reckless for many reasons. The governor never should have been prosecuted for using powers sanctioned by his office to remove an official who had so obviously failed in her duties. The case against Perry is largely frivolous and sets a dangerous precedent of using courts as a battleground for political disputes.

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daughter in a custody battle, with the woman's story told as seen through the eyes of her dog. Bender's other play follows the story of a man and woman, with the woman suffering from an anxiety of flying.

"I am often drawn towards characters that live on the outskirts of society — the criminals, the loners and the underdogs — and I'm interested in how they work with the larger system," Bender said. "We all have a little bit of the underdog in us — a little bit of the wild in us — and I like to get us to a place where we can imagine ourselves in those roles."

D'Andrea said the primary challenge for the

**“**It was about looking at the story ideas bubbling in my head, and how I could tell those in just one minute, zeroing in on the pure, emotional aspect of the story.

—Katie Bender,  
UT Master of Fine Arts graduate

festival has been getting the audience to understand that it is more about the community than the individual. He said, since the popular themes are politics, traffic, gender, guns and technology, these plays have helped him realize his goal of saying something bigger about the world.

For him, the One-Minute Play Festival was a better alternative to touring in different cities with the same cast.

"We like to engage the local communities in each city instead," D'Andrea said. "I'm inspired by people who take time to create actions that are community driven and that intend to change the world."

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FOOTBALL

# Cedric Reed no longer just ‘the other guy’

By **Stefan Scrafield**  
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Last August, senior defensive end Cedric Reed was nothing more than “the other guy.”

Star defensive end Jackson Jeffcoat was returning for his senior season as the leader of the Texas defense, and hardly anybody even knew who the other defensive end was.

Now, just a year later, Reed is one of the most recognizable names on the Texas roster and has taken over as the leader of the Longhorn defense.

It may have been overshadowed by Jeffcoat’s incredible campaign last year, but Reed’s 2013 season was impressive in its own right, and the numbers back it up. Reed, a native of Cleveland, Texas, finished the season with 79 tackles, 19 tackles for loss, 10 sacks, five forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. If he weren’t playing alongside a consensus All-American, he might as well have been the best defensive player on the team.

Since then, Reed has been working with the new Texas coaching staff to improve his game, as he looks to replicate Jeffcoat’s accomplishments from last year.

“Just being with [strength] coach [Pat] Moorer in one offseason, it is amazing to see what happened,” Reed said. “I put on about 10-15 pounds, and I can definitely feel it out on the field. It hasn’t slowed me down a bit.”

The physical improvements may be more



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

Senior defensive end Cedric Reed had an impressive 2013 campaign but was overshadowed by All-American Jackson Jeffcoat. This year, Reed looks to take advantage of his situation and turn into “the guy” for the Texas defense.

obvious to the average eye, but it is Reed’s improvements on the mental side of the game that have impressed his coaches most.

“I can see plays more now,” Reed said. “With [defensive line] coach [Chris] Rumph I see a lot more things. My awareness is high. I think I am a better player than I was last year.”

It is to nobody’s amazement that the 6-foot-5-inch senior’s game has improved drastically compared to where he was last summer. But even Reed, who has always been quiet, has been

surprised by how much he’s developed as a leader in his final season.

“When we were at workouts, I said something, and I turned around and these little freshmen had these little puppy faces, and they were just looking at me like, ‘What do we do next?’” Reed said. “It just surprises you how much your leadership grows when you become a senior. Rumph got after me a little bit when he first got here because I was all quiet, and it just wasn’t me. But I think I really surprised myself with some of

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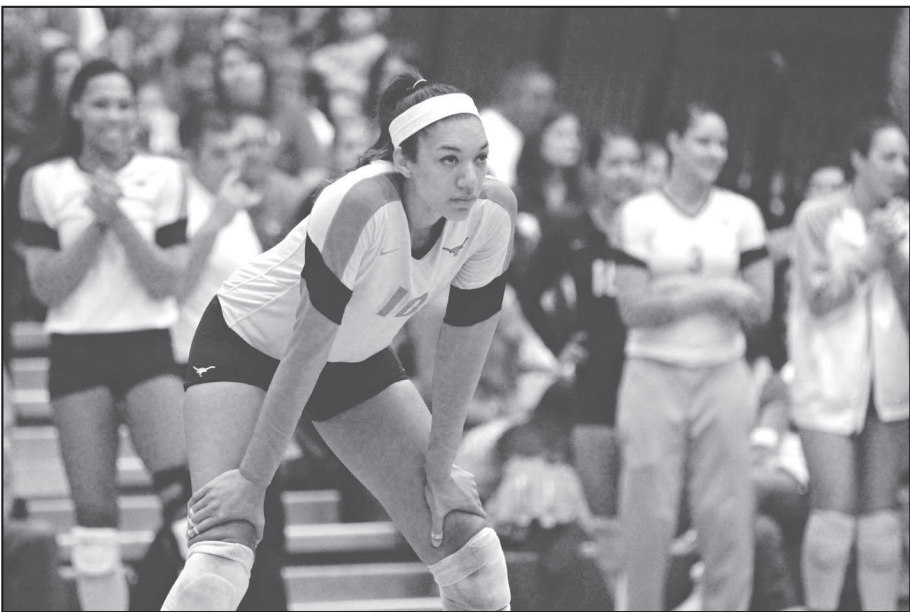
—Cedric Reed  
Senior defensive end

the leadership roles I’ve put on for him.”

Just as Reed was an unknown commodity a year ago, junior defensive end Shiro Davis is the unproven guy this year. If Davis can

benefit from Reed’s improved leadership skills, don’t be surprised to see this article again next year, with Davis replacing Reed. The only question is, who will be “the other guy”?

VOLLEYBALL



Chelsea Purgahn | Daily Texan Staff

Senior outside hitter Haley Eckerman is ready to take Texas back to the top. After last season’s Final Four exit, Eckerman and the Longhorns are ready to get the season under way.

## Season to kickoff in New Mexico

By **Jacob Martella**  
@ViewFromTheBox

As a middle blocker and center in high school, junior middle blocker Sara Hattis made quite the name for herself in New Mexico. In her time at Cleveland High School, just outside of Albuquerque, Hattis garnered All-State honors in both volleyball and basketball, was an Under Armour All-American honorable mention in volleyball and led her volleyball team to the state finals.

Now in her junior year at Texas, Hattis is returning home when the Longhorns compete in the Lobo Classic this weekend and can’t wait to show off her home state to her teammates.

“It’s an exciting experience to bring your team back to where you’re from and show them what you did and grew up with your whole life,” Hattis said.

Raised in Rio Rancho, about 20 minutes outside of Albuquerque, Hattis was a multi-sport star in high school. In addition to her honors in basketball and volleyball, she also succeeded in track and field, placing second at state in the high

jump her senior year.

Returning to her home state, Hattis is a key part on a Longhorn team looking to contend again for the national title after missing out on a chance to repeat as champs a year ago. The tournament is Texas’ first competitive match since suffering a heart-wrenching defeat to Wisconsin in the Final Four last December.

As tough as the loss was, Hattis said it was a good learning moment for the team.

“We have to be able to take every game seriously and not let down and think it’s going to be an easy game,” Hattis said.

That includes this weekend. While Texas comes in ranked second in the AVCA Coaches poll, none of the other teams in the tournament are in the top 25 and only one, New Mexico, received votes in the poll.

The Longhorns bring in a team loaded with talent, despite losing four players from last year’s team because of graduation. Along with the usual suspects in senior outside hitters Haley Eckerman and Khat Bell, Texas brought in two top freshmen in libero, Cat

McCoy and defensive specialist Kate Palladino.

With the top players whom they have, head coach Jerritt Elliott plans on moving to a 6-2 formation, keeping a libero in the back row at all times with the hope of that opening up the offense.

“With us running the players that we have, we have the ability this year that’s a lot more comfortable than it’s ever been,” Elliott said.

Texas will get a chance to try out the new system against three teams that struggled in 2013. New Mexico is the only other team in the tournament to boast a winning record last year but still missed out on the postseason. The other two, UTEP and Seattle, combined for a 27-36 record.

Even with the lower level of competition to open the season, Elliott said they’re ready to start competing against someone other than themselves.

“They’ve been pushing each other a lot,” Elliott said. “It will be great to see somebody else across the net and see kind of where we’re at at this point.”

## WEEKEND PREVIEWS

### WOMEN’S SOCCER | DANIEL CLAY

The Longhorns will play their first home games of the season this weekend with a matchup against No. 25 Arkansas on Friday at 7:30 p.m., and a 2 p.m. contest Sunday against Nevada. The games come on the heels of a trip to Honolulu, where Texas tied Arizona State and came from behind to defeat Hawaii in the Outrigger Resorts Shootout.

The Longhorns’ strong play in the shootout resulted in four players earning spots on the all-tournament team.

Texas will need to make sure that its solid play in Hawaii was not drained by the jet lag. Arkansas should provide the Longhorns with one of their first big challenges of the year.

The Razorbacks, one of four ranked teams in the SEC, carry an undefeated record and return eight starters from last season’s team that reached the



Abby Smith  
Senior

Sweet Sixteen.

Nevada struggled last season, ending with a 5-11-4 record, including a 3-6-1 record in Mountain West play.

Texas returns five players with four goals from last season. The returning goal scorers, combined with junior goalkeeper Abby Smith, may be enough for the Longhorns to take down their first of four ranked opponents on the season and get reparation for barely missing out on last year’s NCAA Tournament.

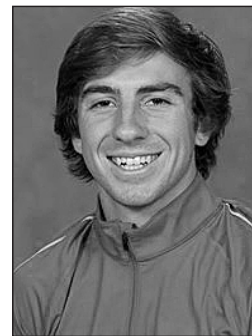
### MEN’S CROSS-COUNTRY | NICK CASTILLO

After finishing 14th at the 2013 NCAA Championships, the men’s cross country team is prepping for its first meet of the season, the Baylor Invitational.

The Longhorns enter the season ranked 23rd in the nation. Texas lost an All-American in Ryan Dohner, who finished 11th at the NCAA Championships. But senior All-American Craig Lutz — who finished 15th at last year’s NCAA meet, fourth at the NCAA South Central Regional and sixth at the Big 12 Championships — is returning for Texas.

The Longhorns are ranked second in the South Central Regional, only behind Arkansas, who finished 12th at last season’s NCAA meet.

The Texas women enter the season unranked nationally but find themselves ranked fifth in the



Craig Lutz  
Senior

South Central Regional. The Longhorns trail behind Arkansas, SMU, Texas A&M and Baylor.

The defending national champion, Colorado, is a unanimous first place choice on the men’s side, but the women’s side is less clear, as defending champion Providence is ranked 18th. With uncertainty on the women’s side, it could shake up to be an unpredictable season.

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### Cowboy’s Jakar Hamilton suspended

Second-year safety Jakar Hamilton was handed a four-game suspension by the NFL for violating the NFL’s substance abuse policy.

Hamilton is the second Cowboys defensive back to suffer that punishment after cornerback Orlando Scandrick’s suspension earlier this month for violating the NFL’s performance-enhancing drug policy.

The Hamilton suspension isn’t as painful as Scandrick’s because Hamilton wasn’t a key part of the team. Hamilton is in the middle of a fight to make the roster but had received recent praise from head coach Jason Garrett.

“Jakar’s done a really nice job,” Garrett said. “Unfortunately, he has been banged up here the last couple weeks. He has a lot of physical ability, and the big thing with him, like a lot of young guys, is simply maturing as a player. He definitely demonstrated that. But he has been out the last couple weeks. We like him a lot, and he’s certainly developed quickly for us, but his injury’s certainly a factor in our evaluation of him.”

The injuries Garrett refers to are a concussion and hamstring injury. He played in three games last year as an undrafted rookie out of South Carolina State.

—Evan Berkowitz



CITY

# Hatbox doesn't cap its weirdness

By Alex Pelham  
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Aaron Sandlin could easily be called a hat advocate. As an employee at Hatbox: A Modern Haberdashery's South Congress store, Sandlin appreciates hats for their elegant craftsmanship and design.

"I always like to say that hats are special because not everybody will wear them," Sandlin said. "A hat can help your appearance; it can bring out something in your face. I get a lot of compliments when I go out. It's nice that people still appreciate them."

The shop, which was originally located on Sixth Street, recently relocated to two stores, one at The Domain in North Austin and the other on South Congress because of the remodeling of several storefronts on Sixth Street. The store plans to make a return in spring 2015.

Hatbox started out as Vertigo Inc., a gift and art store based out of Houston. Owner Lauri Turner eventually moved the shop to Austin. After several name changes, the store evolved into "A Modern Haberdashery," displaying elaborate, handmade hats. Hatbox often works with artists and vendors around the world to bring products to the shelves.

Despite its Houston roots, Hatbox fits perfectly with Austin's various locally owned companies. The store and its employees also attempt to adhere to many of Austin's fundamental traditions.

"Most of the other hat stores you find are going to be part of a corporate



Ethan Oblak | Daily Texan Staff  
Patrick Hornbeck resizes hats at the Hatbox store on South Congress on Thursday afternoon. The local, Austin-only store features classical hats with elegant craftsmanship.

chain," Sandlin said. "Being a local, Austin-only store, we like to go along with the slogan of 'Keep Austin Weird.' We're a weird company. People come in and say that hats are weird."

According to Miranda Hilderbrand, Hatbox manager and UT graduate student, Hatbox sees its share of students interested in upgrading their headwear. She said young adults regularly flaunt the company's products.

"I've seen a lot of students walking around on campus with hats we've sold," Hilderbrand said. "We've previously worked with UT before; we've hatted their marching band."

Joanne Kim, Spanish and chemistry sophomore, often finds herself wearing different types of hats, most of which are more contemporary, as opposed to the classical designs sold by Hatbox. Despite the difference in



Ethan Oblak | Daily Texan Staff  
Patrick Hornbeck sets up hats for display at the Hatbox store Thursday afternoon. Hatbox provides a selection of diverse hat options, fitting the nature of its customers.

design, she feels hats serve as a representation of a person.

"[The hats I wore] changed over the years," Kim said. "They are something that show my personality. I originally stuck with beanies. Now, I'm obsessed with snapbacks. If I'm looking for something formal, I'll wear fedoras."

Haberdasheries like Hatbox are somewhat of a rapidly

growing phenomenon in a city that prides itself on being unusual. The employees at Hatbox say they try to convince people who don't believe they could adapt to regularly wearing hats to simply give it a shot.

"People will come in and say that they like hats, but they wouldn't look good on them," Hilderbrand said. "We take that and say, 'Challenge accepted.'"

## EVENT PREVIEW

# Playwrights challenged to compose one-minute plays

By Kritika Kulshrestha  
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## ONE-MINUTE PLAY FESTIVAL

Katie Bender, UT Master of Fine Arts graduate and actor-turned-playwright, loves a challenge. In 2003, Bender discovered writing was more challenging for her than acting and moved from acting to writing plays.

One of 40 Austin playwrights participating in Austin's first annual One-Minute Play Festival on Friday, Bender is set for another challenge.

"The unique challenge of a one-minute play is that it is really hard to have an idea simple enough to contain a beginning and an end," Bender said.

For another Master of Fine Arts playwriting student, Joanna Garner, participating in this festival was about ensuring that her play did not look like a gimmick, improv or sketch.

"It was about looking at the story ideas bubbling in my head, and how I could tell those in just one minute, zeroing in on the pure, emotional aspect of the story," Garner said.

**When:** Aug. 29-30 at 8 p.m.  
**Where:** Salvage Vanguard Theatre  
**Admission:** \$20

The festival was started nine years ago by New York-based Dominic D'Andrea and, today, has 22 national partnerships. D'Andrea, producing artistic director, said he will showcase close to 80 one-minute plays by eight directors from Austin.

"The performance is 80 pulses of storytelling with minimum props and costumes," D'Andrea said. "It's focused on the connections and is so much more about the group rather than the individual."

Bender said working on two one-minute plays for the festival reminded her just how much is possible on stage in a very short amount of time.

One of Bender's plays is about a woman who lost her

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The first exhibition of one-minute plays opened in New York City. Friday, 80 one-minute plays are set to premiere in Austin, created by local playwrights.



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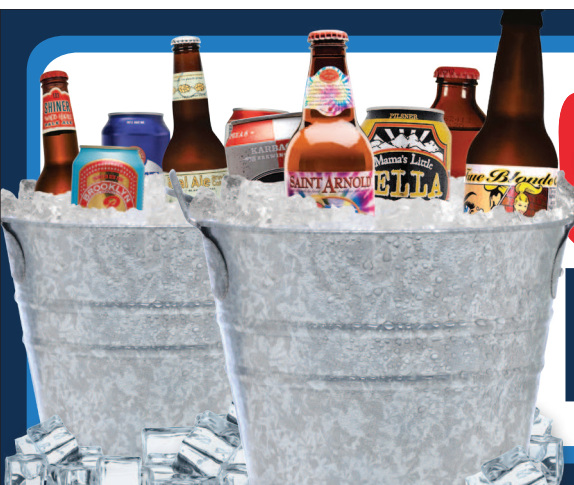
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## EDITOR’S NOTE

The wait is over. After nearly eight full months of training camps, workouts and way too much talk, new head coach Charlie Strong will finally get to see his team in action. The Longhorns open their season against North Texas at Darrel K Royal-Memorial Stadium Saturday. Strong insists all he wants is a win, no matter the score, but a blowout victory would give the Longhorns some added momentum heading into a couple tough non-conference games in September.

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# Ash key to Longhorn success

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Since Colt McCoy left Austin, Texas fans have desperately wanted someone who can be consistent for the Longhorns under center.

Despite how far-fetched it may seem, Texas was just 30 minutes away from both a Big 12 title and a BCS bowl appearance last season.

In their season finale, the Longhorns sat tied with Baylor at halftime of the de facto Big 12 championship game, with the opportunity to claim their first conference title and BCS bowl appearance in four years.

But that's not how it would end, as Texas went on to lose to the Bears and ended up getting drilled by a much stronger Oregon team in the Valero Alamo Bowl to close the book on the Mack Brown era.

However, looking back, it is easy to find the one

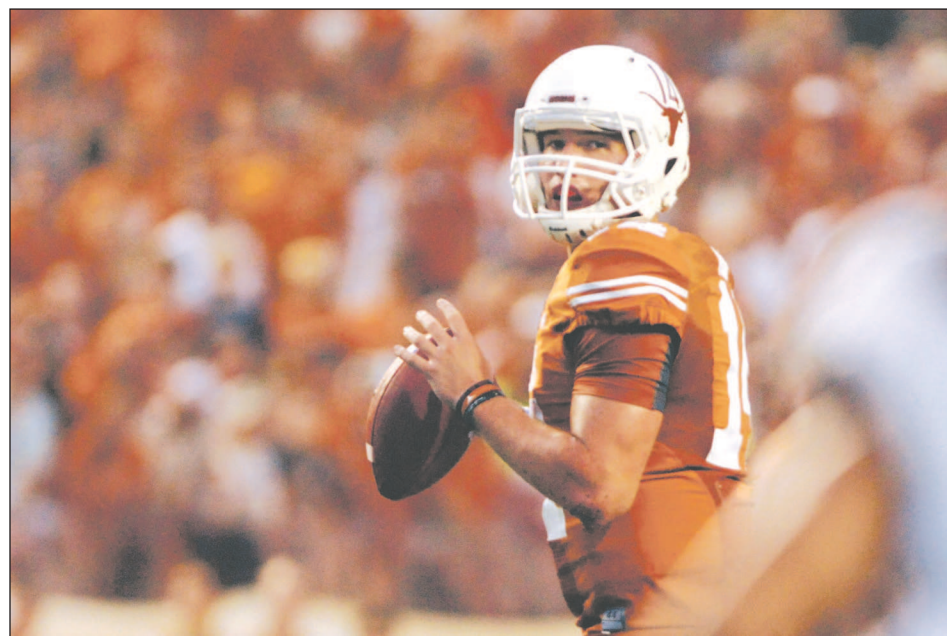
constant that troubled Texas during those last 30 minutes: the quarterback position — the same issue that has plagued the Longhorns ever since Colt McCoy left the 2010 BCS National Championship Game after injuring his shoulder.

Since McCoy left Austin, Texas fans have desperately wanted someone who can be consistent for the Longhorns under center. Former quarterback Garrett Gilbert failed to produce results, causing him to transfer to SMU after his junior season. Colt's younger brother, Case, showed flashes of

potential but never turned into the solution Texas needed. And David Ash, who was once full of promise, has suffered multiple head injuries that have kept him off the field throughout his first three seasons.

But now, with a revamped approach under new head coach Charlie Strong, Texas' chance to shine will again come down to consistency at the quarterback position.

Of the last four national championship winning teams, two were led by Heisman-winning quarterbacks — Cam Newton and Jameis Winston — and the other



Shelby Tauber | Daily Texan file photo

Texas quarterback David Ash has showed flashes of brilliance for the Longhorns when healthy, but his history of concussions has prevented him from playing a full season at Texas.

two were led by a passer, AJ McCarron, who set every Alabama passing record and led the nation in quarterback

rating in 2012. In today's college game, a solid quarterback is needed to win.

Ash, who will be the

starter on Saturday, has the ability to become that leader.

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# BY THE NUMBERS

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**101-17-3** Texas' record in season openers — a win percentage of over 83 percent.

**15-1** The Longhorns record in opening games under Mack Brown. Charlie Strong went 3-1 in season openers at Louisville, with his only loss being his first game as the Cardinals' head coach.

**3-23** North Texas' record against opponents in the Big 12 conference. UNT has fallen to Texas all three times the two teams have played each other since the Longhorns joined the Big 12.

**9-0** Texas' all-time record against North Texas, an opponent that Texas has faced under every coach since first meeting during Darrell K Royal's final season in 1976.

**1999** The last time the Longhorns lost a season opener, when they fell to the North Carolina State Wolfpack 23-20.

**28** The most consecutive season opening wins the Longhorns ever recorded, which occurred from 1908-35. Texas has won its last 14 season openers dating back to 2000. With a win this weekend, Texas' current winning streak in season openers will be by itself as the second longest in school history.

**33-10** The average score of Texas' nine meetings with North Texas, a series that has recently been quite a bit more lopsided. In the three meetings last decade, the Longhorns outscored the Mean Green 148-7. North Texas has only broken 20 points once against the Longhorns, while the only time Texas failed to reach 20 points was in the first meeting in 1976.

**1-4-1**

North Texas' record in its season openers coming off an appearance in a bowl game. The Mean Green won the Heart of Dallas bowl last season.

**4,128**

Yards of total offense produced last season by North Texas quarterback Derek Thompson and running back Brandin Byrd, both of whom graduated. That total accounts for over 77 percent of North Texas' 5,336 yards of offense in 2013.

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The number of returning starters, according to Phil Steele, for North Texas, from a 2013 squad that went 9-4. Notably, the Mean Green lose their quarterback and top running back, as well as their entire starting defensive line.

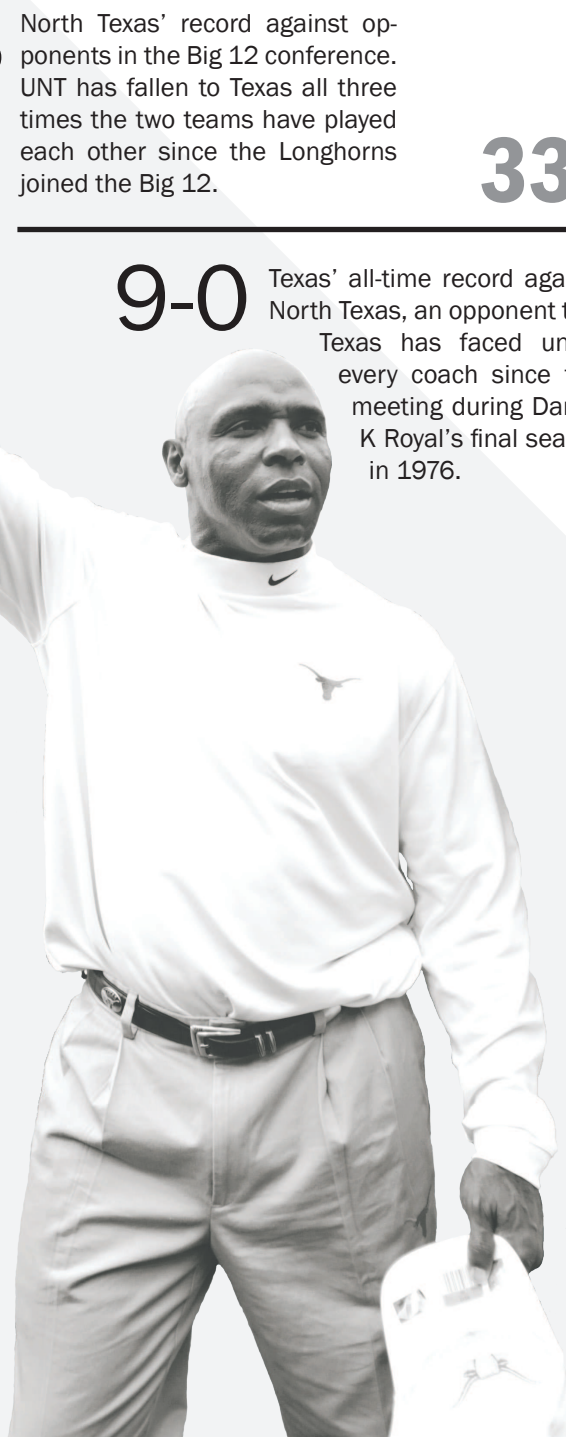
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The jersey number of former Longhorn Darius Terrell, who is now a wide receiver for the Mean Green. As a junior in 2013, Terrell caught seven balls for 76 yards and a touchdown at North Texas.

**17.8**

Points per game allowed by North Texas in 2013, eighth-best nationally. But the Mean Green allowed an average of 29.3 points in losses while only surrendering an average of 12.7 points in victories.

**Charlie Strong,**  
Head coach





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for Texas if he is able to stay healthy. The 6-foot-3-inch, 230 pound gunslinger already has the eye of quarterbacks coach Shawn Watson, who said he expects Ash to become the best quarterback in the country.

"He's really good right now," Watson said. "In what we do and what we ask him

to do — to be honest with you — he's been outstanding and awesome. He's now got to go take it and put it on the stage."

With an upgraded defense under Strong and incredible talent at the running back position, the Longhorns' key to victory lies with Ash. If he is able to stay healthy and return to top form, he has the ability to return Texas to the glory it experienced with Colt McCoy at the helm.

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# Thompson, Espinosa, Johnson key for Texas

By Nick Castillo

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## Safety Mykkele Thompson

Senior safety Mykkele Thompson didn't have a good season in 2013. Thompson recorded 39 solo tackles and one interception but had zero pass break ups. During the 2013 season, Thompson often found himself in poor positions and wasn't there to make a play or took a bad angle to the ball.

As a senior, it will be Thompson's job to help the safety opposite of him, as it will either be true freshman Jason Hall or sophomore walk-on Dylan Haines this weekend.

It will be interesting to see how much Thompson has improved under former Longhorn defensive back and current defensive coordinator Vance Bedford.

## Center Dom Espinosa

As a fourth-year starter, senior center Dom Espinosa finds himself as the leader of the offensive line. Espinosa will be the line's anchor as offensive line coach Joe Wickline has yet to find a cohesive group of starters. While Wickline searches for the right combination, it will be Espinosa's job to hold the line accountable and ensure the hogs are doing their job. With the emphasis on running the ball and keeping quarterback David Ash healthy, it's important the guys up front dominate the line of scrimmage.

## Wide receiver Marcus Johnson

Although senior wide receiver Jaxon Shipley, who was out for most of fall camp with a hamstring injury, has been cleared to play against North Texas, junior Marcus Johnson is still an important cog in the Longhorn offense.

Johnson has made big plays off of the deep pass. He caught two touchdowns in 2013 and had 350 receiving yards.

While the deep threat from League City, has made big plays during his career, Strong is looking for a receiver who can not only be a vertical threat but can also take a short play and make it into a big gain. Johnson's counterpart, Shipley, is more of a possession receiver which means Johnson has the greatest potential to be that guy for Strong.





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# Players to Watch: Week 1

By Peter Sblendorio  
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## Senior LB Derek Akunne

The strength of the 2013 North Texas squad was clearly the defense, which finished fourth in the nation in takeaways and eighth in scoring defense. Seven starters from that defensive unit are gone, leaving Akunne as the most accomplished returning veteran in 2014. Akunne turned in a stellar junior campaign last year, finishing second on the Mean Green with 90 tackles while racking up four pass breakups, 4.5 tackles for loss and a forced fumble. At 6 foot, 242 pounds, the versatile linebacker possesses the size and quickness to range from sideline to sideline and stop the run. He likely hasn't ever faced a rushing attack quite as potent as the Longhorns', but he should be the most feared player on the North Texas defense come Saturday.

## Junior RB Antoine Jimmerson

Jimmerson turned in another impressive season as a sophomore last year, rushing for 446 yards and seven touchdowns in a reserve role. He enters this season as the feature back, and he appears deserving of the promotion. Jimmerson has averaged at least 4.2 yards per carry and scored at least five touchdowns in each of his first two seasons, and those numbers could both improve as he earns more carries in 2014. He has the ability to impact the passing game too, as he racked up 298 receiving yards and 5 receiving touchdowns in his first two seasons. Texas will be eager to improve its run defense this season, but the versatile Jimmerson has the skill set to give the Longhorns some trouble early on.

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North Texas running back Antoine Jimmerson will carry the Mean Green offense in 2014. The junior back will rely on a veteran offensive line in front of him that returns four starters.

## Evans carrying on family tradition

By Jori Epstein  
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It wasn't clear, at first, whether Erick Evans, red-shirt freshman running back, made the North Texas football team because of his skill or his connections.

The Seagoville High School graduate was certainly talented, signing with Air Force, a top-25 FBS team at the time. But when military life differed from his expectations, he quickly sought an escape.

"The Air Force wasn't my cup of tea," Evans said to the Denton Record-Chronicle. "I thought it was something I wanted to do, but it wasn't the right fit."

Luckily, he had pull with the Mean Green when he decided that maybe the "right fit" was just down the street from home. Evans' brother Zed, who graduated from Louisville in 2012 after playing running back and defensive back for then head coach Charlie Strong, had just transferred to North Texas to capitalize on his final

year of eligibility. Zed Evans had been practicing for North Texas as a safety and as a member on special teams, and he would later tally 19 tackles in the 2013 season. But even before his production, Zed's recruitment was enough to pull Erick Evans onto the roster.

It didn't hurt that Erick Evans had three letter-winning seasons and 23 touchdowns to show for his high school career. The younger Evans agreed to redshirt.

"My brother told me there was a possibility he would come to North Texas," Erick Evans said of his transfer. "When he said he was coming on a visit, I thought about coming here. It made it an easy decision."

Now Erick Evans looks to ease a decision his coaches must make — whether to play him during Saturday's season opener at Darrell K Royal-Texas Stadium. He says he wants "to prove that [he] can play with the first team" by working hard and putting forth maximum effort. Adversity and challenge are nothing new

to Erick Evans, who broke his foot during both sophomore and junior years of high school. Despite the injuries, he has made a name for himself with his speed.

"He brings so much speed that we have lacked," offensive coordinator Mike Canales said. "He's someone we haven't had since I have been here [for five years]. He's that fast."

Erick Evans knows speed is his greatest strength, but he likes to say his intelligence is just as much an asset on the field. The mechanical engineering student understands the system of football, as if it was one of his mechanical systems to design and analyze. He has no trouble combining the physical and mental strengths of his game on the field.

"He has good vision," Dan McCarney, North Texas head coach, said. "He's tough, he's smart [and] he's putting himself in position to help us. We knew he had speed, but he needed to

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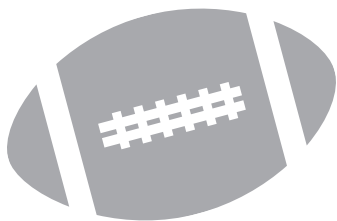
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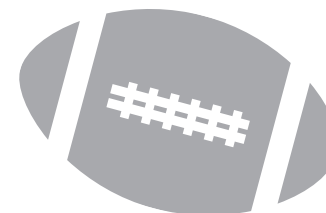
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# Keys to the Game

By Daniel Clay  
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## TACKLE

It may seem strange to put the most fundamental aspect of football as a key for one of the most esteemed programs in the nation, but for the last couple of seasons, the Longhorns have not been able to reliably bring down opposing ball carriers.

2013 saw too many Longhorn defensive backs unsuccessfully fly in for big hits without wrapping up, allowing opponents to pick up precious yards after contact.

Strong's no nonsense attitude may be the tackling remedy the Longhorns needed, but North Texas is an underdog with the talent to capitalize on mistakes if the Longhorns continue to concede yards after contact.

## GET THE OFFENSE CLICKING QUICKLY

This year's "warmup" game could end in a devastating upset if the Longhorns cannot put some points on the board on their opening drives.

North Texas is not light work for the Longhorns. The Mean Green won nine games in 2013 and finished eighth in the FBS in points allowed per game.

In his first competitive football since last September, junior quarterback David Ash needs to complete some quick hitting passes to his patchwork crew of pass catchers on the opening drive to open up the run game for junior running back Johnathan Gray, who is coming off of a torn Achilles tendon.

If Texas cannot control the clock with its ground game and the Mean Green stay competitive going into halftime, which is not unrealistic considering they were tied with Georgia going into the third quarter of a game last year, head coach Charlie Strong's debut could turn sour.

## STOP THE RUN

Texas allowed 183.1 rushing yards per game last season and, in contests against BYU and Oklahoma State, the Longhorn front seven looked completely helpless against the spread-option running attack.

Josh Greer, North Texas' junior college transfer quarterback, should not hurt the Longhorns with his legs as Taysom Hill and Clint Chelf did for BYU and OSU, but he will be handing the ball off to explosive junior running back Antoine Jimmerson, who gets to run behind an offensive line that returns four starters, including Mason Y'Barbo, a senior Lombardi Award candidate.

Texas returns three starters at linebacker, but the veterans need to make their tackles closer to the line of scrimmage to prevent North Texas from controlling the clock and disrupting the Longhorns' rhythm on offense.



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# Stock Up, Stock Down: Week 1

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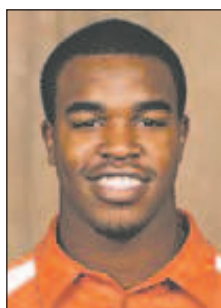
## ▲ Stock Up: DB Quandre Diggs

Diggs has been doing and saying all the right things this summer. He leads the team in career interceptions (8) and pass breakups (32). He thought about leaving for the NFL last year, but new head coach Charlie Strong convinced him to stay to work with the new coaching staff and keep improving. The improvement is showing as Diggs has bought into Strong's philosophy and is the leader of the defense.



## ▼ Stock Down: QB Tyrone Swoopes

It doesn't seem that long ago that fans were chanting for the freshman QB to get into the game. But now, with junior quarterback David Ash back healthy as the starter this year — and getting last year back with a medical redshirt — we may have seen the last of Swoopes as a Longhorn. Freshman QB Jerrod Heard, currently behind Swoopes, has more potential, while 6-foot-7 2015 recruit, Zach Gentry, may be the QB of the future for Texas.



## ▼ Stock Down: WR Daje Johnson, OT Desmond Harrison, DB Josh Turner

The three will sit out of Saturday's game against North Texas for violating "one of [the] core values," according to Strong. They all committed the same offense, and the number of games they will miss has not been decided yet. Strong has laid down the law in his first offseason, and it's setting the tone for the team. He dismissed RB Joe Bergeron, RB Jalen Overstreet and CB Chevoski Collins. The only difference between those kicked off and those suspended is that the former are repeat offenders. Johnson, Harrison and Turner may be toeing a thin line from here on out.

## ▲ Stock Up: RB Johnathan Gray

He suffered a torn Achilles tendon Nov. 9 against West Virginia, putting his junior campaign in question. He has been cleared to play, though, without any restrictions. His speed may not be what it was when he went down with the injury, but he should still give Texas a nice pairing behind the quarterback. With the dismissal of Joe Bergeron, we may be seeing a lot more of Gray than we did when he was healthy last year.



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# Matchups: Week 1

By Daniel Clay  
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## QB

### Advantage: Texas

Saturday marks junior David Ash's first competitive football game since last September. In that time, however, Ash has had the benefit of tutelage from new quarterbacks coach Shawn Watson, who molded Teddy Bridgewater into a star.

North Texas announced Monday that it will be starting Josh Greer, sophomore junior college transfer, who put up decent numbers — passing for 1,205 yards and eight touchdowns in six games — at Navarro College last season.

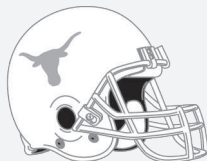


## RB

### Advantage: Texas

Head coach Charlie Strong's decision to dismiss Joe Bergeron ended any hope of a three-pronged attack for the Longhorns, but the loss means more touches for junior Johnathan Gray and senior Malcolm Brown, who led the team with 1,099 all-purpose yards last season.

The Mean Green will miss senior Brandin Byrd, last season's leading rusher, but explosive junior Antoine Jimmerson has the potential to rip off long runs, with the help of a veteran offensive line.



## WR

### Advantage: Texas

A healthy Jaxon Shipley, who has been cleared to play Saturday, is what swings this matchup in the Longhorns' favor. But behind the senior is returning junior contributor Marcus Johnson and few others to fill the void left by the departures of Mike Davis and Kendall Sanders.

The Mean Green offense is predicated on spreading the ball around its receiving corps, meaning even receivers who were low on last year's depth chart have experience. The addition of three-star freshman Tee Goree will help replace North Texas' top two receivers.



## OL

### Advantage: North Texas

UNT returns four starters from last year's offensive line, including two Lombardi Award candidates in senior guards Cyril Lemon and Mason Y'Barbo.

The Longhorns lost four starters from last season, but return senior center standout Dominic Espinosa. New offensive line coach Joe Wickline's magic could make this unit a team strength by the end of the season.



## DL

### Advantage: Texas

North Texas begins 2014 without any of last year's starting defensive linemen.

Texas counters that by bringing back three of four starters on a strong defensive line. Man-eating defensive tackles, senior Desmond Jackson and junior Malcolm Brown, will keep offensive linemen occupied and help star senior defensive end Cedric Reed build off last season's ten-sack campaign.



## LB

### Advantage: Texas

Texas returns all three starters, but the trio of senior Jordan Hicks, senior Steve Edmond and junior Peter Jinkens were forced to make too many tackles downfield and struggled mightily at times against spread option offenses.

The Mean Green only return one starter from last year's solid corps but welcome the addition of junior Anthony Wallace, a former four-star Oregon recruit.



## DB

### Advantage: North Texas

The North Texas secondary, anchored by senior safety Lairamie Lee and three cornerbacks who combined for seven picks and seven tackles for loss last season, should be the strength of the Mean Green defense.

The Longhorns' secondary struggled to consistently tackle last year. At times, they were painful to watch. Senior cornerback Quandre Diggs is a returning bright spot with excellent cover skills, which should ease the burden carried by freshman safety Jason Hall.



## ST

### Advantage: North Texas

North Texas lost star return man Breelan Chancellor but retains redshirt sophomore punter Blake Macek, who was responsible for the average opposing drive starting at the 25.8-yard line last year, the fifth best mark in the nation.

Junior kick returner Daje Johnson has the elusiveness and breakaway speed that makes him a threat to score on every return, but the loss of kicker Anthony Fera will hurt, and senior punter William Russ has yet to see the field during his career.







**Malcolm Brown**  
Running back

# Gray, Brown combine to lead Texas offense

By Drew Lieberman  
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When Texas running backs Johnathan Gray and Malcolm Brown first learned of Joe Bergeron's dismissal from the program, it would've been natural for them to worry about their position. After all, Bergeron's 25 career rushing touchdowns equaled the combined production from the duo over their entire collegiate careers.

But instead of panicking, both backs accepted responsibility and are poised to run wild this season.

"When it happened, Johnathan called and I said, 'What are you thinking?' and he just took a deep breath and said, 'We got it, coach,'" Tommie Robinson, Texas running backs coach, said. "Malcolm being so mature, he knows what it takes to win. He knows what he has to do. He knows what his role is going to be, and if we add a little more to it, he's fine with it."

Last season, the Longhorns didn't often use Gray and Brown in a tandem. Until the Oklahoma game, Gray was primarily the feature back with Brown rel-

egated to a backup role. But that all changed against the Sooners, when Gray and Brown ran around the Sooner defense to the tune of 123 and 120 yards, respectively. In Texas' next few games, the duo split carries, with each back having his own success. This season, Texas will look to emulate last year's combined success against Oklahoma and will likely do so by splitting carries between the backs who, in essence, will both be starters.

"Coach T-Rob — he likes everybody playing," Brown, who is entering his senior season, said. "So we're gonna have a nice little rotation; if somebody gets hot, they are going to stay in until they get tired."

While there is little doubt the two running backs can be effective when healthy, their track records in that department is a cause for concern. Last season, junior Gray missed Texas' final four games with a torn Achilles tendon, and although he is cleared to play, his ability to return to pre-injury form remains to be seen. Brown, on the other hand, missed eight games over his first two seasons but didn't suffer an injury in 2013. The Longhorns need the two backs to be healthy in 2014, but Robinson knows he will need to have other backs ready to go regardless.

"You got to have all your kids prepared to play," Robinson said. "A few years ago, you knew that one kid was going to be your guy, and you can hone in on him a little bit and focus. But now you can't do that — you got to get all your kids ready to go."

With the dismissal of Bergeron and also Jalen Overstreet in July, Texas has a pair of freshmen, Donald "Duke" Catalon and D'Onta Foreman, as its only real depth at the position. Catalon was an ESPN Top 300 player and someone whose knowledge of the game impressed coach Robinson early.

"Duke Catalon came in, and I could tell Duke was very well-coached," Robinson said. "This kid was ready. Now he still has a lot to learn, but his football IQ was pretty high for a freshman coming in."

Foreman, on the other hand, was a late qualifier who gained eligibility in summer school. Both running backs will likely see the field early on, although Catalon is expected to miss the North Texas game due to an injury.

If Gray and Brown stay healthy, the Longhorns will have one of the best tandems in the nation. However, if injuries arise, Texas' lack of depth will drastically hinder the running game.

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DEFENSE



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Defensive tackles Malcom Brown (90) and Desmond Jackson (99) have made a name for themselves in the middle of Texas defensive line heading into this season. The two big men have both had individual success as Longhorns but seem to be at their best when paired together.

## Tackles anchor Longhorn defense

By Stefan Scrafield  
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It's rare for defensive tackles to get much media attention. The big men in the middle are generally relied upon to stuff the run and occupy blockers, two fundamentals that don't exactly get fans jumping out of their seats.

But, when they combine to weigh over 600 pounds and bench press more than 900, it's hard to ignore them.

That is the case for Texas' interior pairing of Malcom Brown and Desmond "Tank" Jackson, who have been making headlines this offseason as

two of Texas' most dominant defensive players.

"Anytime he gets a play I'll hear his mouth and I'll tell him, 'Don't worry about it. I'll get two plays,'" Jackson said of the competitive relationship between the two linemen. "Then I get two plays and then I'll get in his ear about it. We just really go back and forth, so it's just competing."

That "friendly" competition and the development of their relationship has a lot to do with how the duo has improved as Longhorns, but, aside from that, their journeys to this point are quite different.

Brown, a junior, came to Tex-

as as the second best defensive tackle in his class and the 12th best player overall, according to ESPN. Ever since arriving in Austin, the Brenham, Texas, native has lived up to the lofty expectations that accompany such a highly touted recruit.

After playing in all 13 games as a freshman, Brown was elevated to a starting role last year and exploded onto the scene. As a sophomore he registered 68 tackles, 12 tackles for loss, two sacks and six quarterback pressures, impressive numbers for any defensive lineman, let alone a supposed run stop tackle like Brown.

At 6-foot-2, 320 pounds, it's

hard to believe someone of Brown's size can run at all, but it is his athleticism that sets him apart.

"Malcom [Brown] is big guy that can move, very powerful, can get in to somebody's body, can punch and get off the block and then go run and chase the football," said head coach Charlie Strong. "We had a scrimmage and they threw a screen play to one of the backs and you saw him running down from behind once we got the ball, kept it inside and front of us."

Jackson's road to the top of the

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# NCAA denies OU's DGB appeal

By Jacob Martella

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Oklahoma wide receiver Dorian Green-Beckham will have to wait until 2015 to play at Oklahoma after the NCAA denied his appeal to allow him to play this year. Green-Beckham transferred to Oklahoma after being dismissed from Missouri because of off-field issues. Although he racked up 883 receiving yards and 12 touchdowns last year, the junior has a history of legal issues, including marijuana possession and being investigated for suspected burglary, although he was not arrested. Green-Beckham joins Joe Mixon and Frank Shannon on the sideline for the Sooners this year. Both Mixon and Shannon were suspended for the year early this summer.

## Richardson named Iowa State starting QB

For the second straight season opener, Sam Richardson will be under center for Iowa State when it faces North Dakota State, the team announced last week. Richardson, who has thrown for 1,938 yards, 19 touchdowns and seven interceptions in his career, was named the starter going into last season, but the junior struggled to be consistent and lost the job to Grant Rohach, who led the Cyclones to wins over Kansas and West Virginia. With those wins, Rohach was the favorite heading into fall camp, but apparently Richardson was able to elevate his game enough to win back the job.

## TCU won't name starting QB until game day

TCU fans likely won't know who the starting quarterback will be for the



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TCU quarterback Trevone Boykin saw limited action as a signal caller for TCU last season, replacing Casey Pachall on multiple occasions. With Pachall gone, Boykin will battle Texas A&M transfer Matt Joeckel for the starting spot this year. The Horned Frogs will start the season with both quarterbacks splitting time.

Horned Frogs through at least the first game of the season. Last week, head coach Gary Patterson said both Trevone Boykin and Matt Joeckel will see playing time in the home opener Saturday against Samford. Boykin, primarily a running quarterback, has thrown for 3,252 yards and 22 touchdowns but also tossed 17 interceptions in two seasons. He has run for 730 yards and 10 touchdowns in his career. Joeckel is eligible to play after transferring from Texas A&M

and is more of a traditional, passing quarterback.

## Fans asked to vote for Kansas' home opener jersey

The Jayhawks are allowing their fans to decide what jersey they'll be wearing for their home opener against Southeast Missouri State on Sept. 6. At a pep rally last Friday, the team revealed three jersey and helmet combinations that fans will be able to vote for via text message. The uniform choices include a blue jersey with a white

helmet, a blue jersey with a red helmet and a gray jersey with a blue helmet.

## OSU taps J.W. Walsh as starting QB

Oklahoma State head coach Mike Gundy finally put to bed the worst-kept secret in the Big 12 on Aug. 21, when he officially named J.W. Walsh as the starting quarterback for the Cowboys. Walsh was the Big 12 Offensive Freshman of the Year in 2012 and has thrown for 2,897 yards, 22

For the second straight season opener, Sam Richardson will be under center for Iowa State when it faces North Dakota State, the team announced last week.

touchdowns and eight interceptions in 18 games through his career. The redshirt

junior is the only quarterback with substantial experience on the Cowboys' roster.



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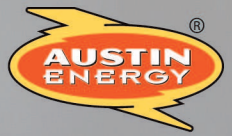
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# Games to Watch: Week 1

By Jacob Martella  
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## No. 14 Wisconsin vs. No. 13 LSU (in Houston)

A showdown between two legitimate contenders for the inaugural College Football Playoff, this is easily the top game of the weekend. Wisconsin is fortunate that this game is in Houston — rather than Death Valley — but will have to replace a chunk of its defensive line and contain five-star freshman running back Leonard Fournette. LSU, on the other hand, needs to find a solid quarterback to replace Zach Mettenberger in order to compete in the SEC. This might be an early-season game, but it could have big implications on the playoffs come January.

## No. 12 Georgia vs. No. 16 Clemson

This has to be the most underrated top 25 match up in a while. Even with both teams having to replace quarterbacks taken in the NFL draft, these two squads could also be contenders for the playoffs, and this game could go a long way in determining their 2014 destinies. The matchup that will likely decide this game will be between the Clemson front seven and Georgia junior running back Todd Gurley. If the Tigers can contain Gurley, they have a shot at pulling off a big road upset to begin the season.

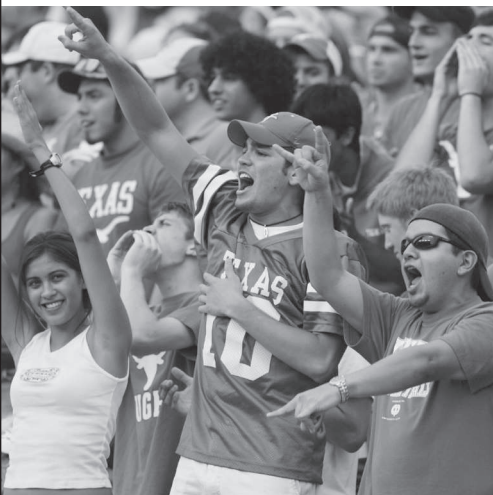
## No. 1 Florida State vs. Oklahoma State (in Arlington)

After a bit of a tumultuous offseason, red-shirt sophomore quarterback Jameis Winston, the reigning Hesiman Trophy winner, leads Florida State in the first step of trying to repeat as national champion. Despite the losses of Devonta Freeman and Kelvin Benjamin on the offensive side of the ball and Timmy Jernigan on the defensive end, the Seminoles have the talent and depth to pull off a repeat. However, despite a lack of returning experience, the Cowboys won't be a walkover. Junior quarterback J.W. Walsh, former Big 12 Offensive Freshman of the Year, will control the reigns of an offense that features an impressive running back duo of senior Desmond Roland and junior-college transfer Tyreek Hill, who has made a name for himself with his speed. With both teams hoping to be back in the same stadium Jan. 12, expect this to be a pretty competitive game.

## West Virginia vs. No. 2 Alabama (in Atlanta)

This is an intriguing matchup between two teams that had disappointing finishes to last season. West Virginia has struggled since joining the Big 12 two years ago but comes into this season with a boatload of running backs and solid depth at the wide receiver position. Alabama, on the other hand, is looking to atone for two bad losses at the end of the year to Auburn and Oklahoma, after a run of three titles in four years. The most interesting matchup will be the quarterback battle between the Mountaineers' Clint Trickett and the Crimson Tide's Jacob Coker, both of whom are transfers from Florida State. And while this could become a runaway in Alabama's favor, don't immediately discount a West Virginia team that could be a dark horse in the Big 12 this year.

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# Heisman Watch: Week 1

By **Sebastian Herrera**

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## 1. Florida State QB Jameis Winston (So.)

**Last Game Played:** N/A

**2013 Season:** 257-for-384 (66.9%), 4,057 yards, 40 TDs, 10 INTs, 219 rushing yards, 4 rushing TDs

Winston comes into this season as the reigning Heisman Trophy winner and reigning national champion. He and his Florida State Seminoles took 2013 by storm, and based on their schedule this year, there is no reason Winston can't at least be back as a finalist for college football's most prestigious award. The Seminoles will barely be tested during their repeat national championship quest. Their toughest contests will be matchups with Clemson, Notre Dame, Miami (FL), Florida and Oklahoma State. This should bode well for Winston's chances. What won't, however, is history. Only one player ever, Ohio State's Archie Griffin in 1974 and 1975, has won the Heisman Trophy twice.

## 2. Oregon QB Marcus Mariota (Jr.)

**Last Game Played:** N/A

**2013 season:** 245-for-386 (63.5%), 3,665 yards, 31 TDs, 4 INTs, 715 rushing yards, 9 rushing TDs

Many have Mariota as their Heisman favorite for a lot of reasons, but one sticks out the most: his intangibles. The junior quarterback runs a high-octane Oregon offense as efficiently as ever and makes little mistakes along the way. But more than that, he's as mature as they come, and as a result, is prepared to handle the toughest of situations. Mariota is incredibly consistent and is poised to become one of the biggest names in college football this year. He won't have an easy road to the Heisman, given Oregon's difficult schedule, but there's a reason the Ducks are favored to earn one of the four playoff spots: Mariota's supporting cast. With them, Mariota's chances are very high.

## 3. Baylor QB Bryce Petty (Sr.)

**Last Game Played:** N/A

**2013 Season:** 250-for-403 (62.0%), 4,200 yards, 32 TDs, 3 INTs, 209 rushing yards, 14 rushing TDs

Petty broke out last season under Baylor head coach Art Briles' quarterback-friendly system. The Midlothian, Texas, native protected the ball well while also putting up the fourth-most yards by any FBS quarterback. He had the second-best passer rating, behind Winston, and led Baylor to a Big 12 title, only losing one game along the way. But it's Petty's X factor, his running game, which really had a surprising effect on games. He'll have to up the ante to surpass the likes of Mariota and Winston, but is certainly in the mix.

## 4. UCLA QB Brett Hundley (Jr.)

**Last Game Played:** N/A

**2013 Season:** 248-for-369 (67.2%), 3,071 yards, 24 TDs, 9 INTs, 748 rushing yards, 11 rushing TDs

In a dual-threat quarterback era, Hundley has made his name known for both passing and rushing. Hundley's arm and his prototypical throwing style puts him among the elite college signal callers, and the fact he accounted for 66 percent of UCLA's offense last season shows the type of impact he has. Hundley needs to prove he can win every game, and the Oct. 11 matchup versus Mariota's Ducks could be huge for his campaign.

## 5. Georgia RB Todd Gurley (Jr.)

**Last Game Played:** N/A

**2013 Season:** 165 carries, 989 yards, 10 TDs

The college football landscape has changed, and new pass-heavy systems have decreased the Heisman opportunities for running backs. Realistically, Gurley would have to have an unbelievable season to win this award. But being the best running back in the nation puts Gurley in the preseason discussion. Gurley had an injury-riddled 2013, which affected his numbers. So matching or surpassing his 2012, 1,385-yard season is not only possible, but expected.



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Baylor quarterback Bryce Petty is the Big 12's top Heisman candidate. The Bears signal caller will lead a high octane offense again this year, hoping to improve on last season's success.

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### Junior WR Carlos Harris

At 5-foot-8-inch, Harris is the shortest player on the North Texas roster, but he could prove to be among the Mean Green's most dynamic weapons. Harris possesses dangerous speed that allows him to separate himself from the coverage and break off big runs after the catch. Last season, he finished third on North Texas with 47 receptions, 553 yards and two touchdowns. Both of the Mean Green's starting receivers from 2013 are gone, meaning Harris should have an even bigger role in the offense this season. In addition to being a viable receiving threat, Harris will take over as North Texas' punt returner this season.

### Sophomore QB Josh Greer

Greer is yet to attempt a pass at the NCAA level, but he earned the starting nod under center junior Andrew McNulty due to his playmaking ability. At 6-foot-5-inch, 220 pounds, Greer possesses ideal size for a dual-threat quarterback, and he impressed enough in the offseason to be named the starter despite his lack of game experience. He faces the tough task of making his debut against a ferocious Texas defensive front that excelled at pressuring the pass last season. Greer will need considerable help from his offensive line to give him time in the pocket and allow him to find an early rhythm.

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develop as a total player."

His North Texas teammates believe Evans has developed, both on and off the field. They noted that Erick Evans' intelligence doesn't fade when he walks off the field — rather, he steps up to show his competitive edge every time he touches the ball, according to senior offensive lineman

Mason Y'Barbo. Canales echoed the sentiments, admiring Erick Evans' attitude toward the game.

"He's a great kid who never complains or questions anything," Canales said. "He was just waiting for an opportunity and has shown he wants the job."

Erick Evans may not have made it to Denton on his

own — most critics say it was his brother's connections that brought him back south. But since he stepped foot in the Dallas suburb, the younger Evans has earned every bit of recognition he's received. The recognition came quickly too, but, for an oft-described "speed back," moving fast is nothing new.

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Longhorn depth chart hasn't been so smooth.

He too was a top-ranked recruit, coming to Texas a year before Brown as the fourth-best defensive tackle in the class of 2011, according to ESPN. But the senior's first two years as a Longhorn weren't nearly as impressive, as he recorded just 43 tackles in 25 games as a freshman and sophomore. He became known more as a guy who could lift a ton of weight — he benched 525 pounds as a sophomore — than as a good football player.

Finally paired with Brown as a starter in 2013, Jack-

son began to make a name for himself. In Texas' early November contest against West Virginia, Tank, as he's aptly nicknamed, registered eight tackles, three tackles for loss and two sacks, wreaking absolute havoc in the Mountaineer backfield. That performance appeared to give Johnson a confidence boost, as he finished out the season averaging four tackles per game, finally living up to the high expectations that have followed him throughout his college career.

"You look at [Jackson] and there's a guy who isn't very big, but he can just an-

chor the line of scrimmage and you like that because he is so strong," Strong said.

While both Brown and Jackson are very talented athletes on their own, it appears as though they are at their best when paired together.

"When he messes up or I mess up we can tell each other about it," Brown said when asked what makes them so good together. "When we come off the field he'll ask me what I got on this play and if he did the right thing, or I can ask him what kind of block he got and see if I did the right thing."





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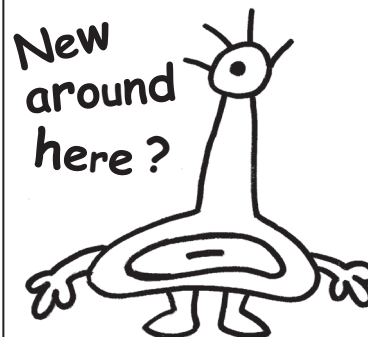
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# BIG 12 POWER RANKINGS

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## 1 Oklahoma

The suspensions of five-star recruit Joe Mixon, junior transfer Dorial Green-Beckham and the team's leading tackler from last year, Frank Shannon, keep the Sooners from being the heavy front-runners. However, they are still serious contenders for not just the Big 12 crown, but for a spot in the first College Football Playoff. Sophomore quarterback Trevor Knight is poised for a big season after dominating Alabama in the Sugar Bowl, while the defense should be mighty tough.



## 2 Baylor

This may be just a two-team race between Baylor and Oklahoma, with the big matchup coming Nov. 8 in Oklahoma. Baylor will, no doubt, rack up points with possibly the best offense in college football. Senior quarterback Bryce Petty returns to christen the new stadium, helped by having the majority of his receiving corps back. The only question is whether the defense can at least be mediocre. That's all they may need.



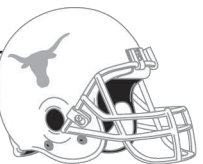
## 3 Kansas State

There is a significant drop-off after Baylor. But, Senior Wildcat quarterback Jake Waters made huge strides throughout last year, after struggling at first, and senior wide receiver Tyler Lockett turned into a star. And you can never underestimate head coach Bill Snyder.



## 4 Texas

Texas may be the most unpredictable team in the conference. Can junior quarterback Davis Ash take that next step in solidifying his role as the leader of the offense? Can the running back duo of junior Johnathan Gray and senior Malcolm Brown stay healthy? What will head coach Charlie Strong's impact be? Can the defense stay more consistent? The talent is there, but so are the question marks. Best case scenario, it finishes third in the conference behind far more talented teams in Baylor and Oklahoma.



## 5 Oklahoma State

The Cowboys will take the biggest step back of any Big 12 team. They continue to juggle the quarterback position, with junior J.W. Walsh getting the start in week one — déjà vu. In addition, Walsh will have a thinner receiving corps and a defense that lost most of its playmakers.



## 6 Texas Tech

Sophomore quarterback Davis Webb is going to be a star soon. His 403-yard, four touchdown performance in the Holiday Bowl proved his potential. The Red Raiders will score points, but they may give up even more. They surrendered over 30 points per game last season and only return three starters on defense.



## 7 TCU

TCU lost Devonte Fields, the preseason Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year, before the season even started, and he may have taken any hope it had with him. The Horned Frogs will have senior Texas A&M transfer Matt Joeckel at quarterback, which is an improvement at the position, but that isn't enough to make them relevant for a Big 12 title.



## 8 Iowa State

Iowa State was awful last year and don't look to be much better this year. Its offense looks almost identical, as does the defense. That's not a good thing.



## 9 West Virginia

That Geno Smith Mountaineer team is a thing of the past. The only bright spot from last year's team — running back Charles Sims — has graduated to the NFL. Its defense should improve marginally, but that's not saying much.



## 10 Kansas

Poor Jayhawks. The only intrigue here is how long head coach Charlie Weis will keep his job.





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