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Senator Kirk Watson (D-Austin) addresses opponents of Senate Bill 5, an anti-abortion measure, in the Texas Capitol rotunda in the first minutes of June 26.

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## UNIVERSITY

# Fisher case to go back to lower court for review

By Andrew Messamore  
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After months of deliberation, the U.S. Supreme Court has avoided a sweeping decision on the Fisher v. University of Texas case and instead ruled to send the case back to a lower court for review.

In a 7-1 decision, the court ruled the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit will be required to reexamine its opinion in the Fisher case. The Fifth Circuit previously held UT had not violated the constitutional rights of Abigail Fisher, a white woman, when the University considered her race in the admissions process.

The high court instead found the Fifth Circuit had not subjected UT's admissions policy to strict scrutiny when it considered the case, a constitutional requirement for using race to reach diversity goals, although the body has upheld racial diversity as a compelling interest for higher education institutions.

"The court must ultimately be satisfied that no workable race-neutral alternatives would produce the educational benefits of diversity," Justice Anthony Kennedy said in the decision.

In a statement, President Williams Powers Jr. said he was encouraged by the court's ruling and that the decision would have no effect on the University's admissions process for the Class of 2018. The University has not yet scheduled a date for the Fifth Circuit court hearing, officials said.

"We remain committed to assembling a student body at The University of Texas at Austin that provides the educational benefits of



EMILY NG / Daily Texan Staff

UT President William Powers Jr. addresses reporters at a press conference following the Supreme Court announcement on Fisher v. Texas. The Supreme Court decided to send the case back to lower court for reexamination in a 7-1 decision.

diversity on campus while respecting the rights of all students and acting within the constitutional framework established by the Court," Powers said.

Powers said he hopes UT can get to a point where using race is no longer necessary.

Fisher sued the University in 2008, claiming UT violated her right to equal protection when admissions considered her race as a factor in her application. Fisher did not qualify for admission to

the University under the Top 10 Percent Law, a statewide mandate which automatically admits the top 10 percent of in-state graduating high school seniors to Texas public universities every year.

She applied under holistic admissions, which includes race, socioeconomic status, gender and other factors in the application. About 25 percent of students are currently considered under holistic admissions.

Edward Blum, director of

the Project on Fair Representation, said the court ruling was a win.

"This ruling shows that universities that continue to use race based admissions will find themselves embroiled in polarizing and costly litigation," Blum said.

UT admits more white students than any other racial group under its race-inclusive admissions policy. Students admitted under this policy also come largely from households with yearly

incomes above \$50,000.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, argued UT had sufficiently explained and defended its use of race in admissions. Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas argued using race as a factor in admissions should be overturned.

Student supporters of UT's use of race in admissions also claimed the ruling as a win.

"We are very happy that affirmative action continues to be a compelling interest and that the University's current

admissions process is continuing to go in effect," said Joshua Tang, head of a student group supporting UT's admissions policy.

Glenn Ricketts, spokesman of the National Association of Scholars, which filed briefs supporting Fisher last year, said the organization hopes the Fifth Circuit decides individual merit, not race, is important above all.

"We'll have to see what happens," Ricketts said, "because this obviously isn't over yet."

## VIEWPOINT

# University's victory in Fisher v. Texas hangs on Fifth Circuit

On June 24, the Supreme Court voted 7-1 to kick back to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals the case of Fisher v. Texas, which pitted Abigail Fisher, a white woman who was denied admission to UT-Austin, against the University.

The decision of the Supreme Court came as a surprise to the many who had been expecting a broad ruling on the constitutionality of affirmative action. Instead, the justices' decision kicked up a cloud of uncertainty, and the immediate impact of the ruling on affirmative action was so vague that both Abigail Fisher and UT-Austin President William Powers Jr. declared victory on national television.

### STRICT SCRUTINY

The University certainly has reason to be happy with the ruling, in that the Supreme Court didn't dismantle UT's existing admissions criteria. But the court also suggested that the Fifth Circuit had failed to hold UT-Austin's admissions policy to the standard of "strict scrutiny" required for admissions processes that take into account an

applicant's race, meaning that UT-Austin's holistic admissions policy will once again be considered in the lower court, and that this time the judges must go over the University's policies with a finer-toothed comb.

Strict scrutiny, as laid out in relation to affirmative action programs in Regents of the University of California v. Bakke, requires universities that consider race in admissions to prove that doing so achieves a "compelling interest," such as the benefits of exposure to new ideas that come from having a diverse student body. Moreover, a university must be able to prove that the measures it uses to achieve this "compelling interest" are "narrowly tailored" to its purpose.

### HOPWOOD & GRUTTER

In 1996, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals dealt a blow to the racial diversity of UT-Austin when it ruled in Hopwood v. Texas that the Law School's use of race in admissions decisions was unconstitutional. The Hopwood decision led to the removal of race as a consideration in admissions decisions in the state. After Hopwood, minority

enrollment at UT dropped, causing the Texas Legislature to put in place the Top 10 Percent Plan in 1997, which increased minority enrollment at the University without explicitly considering race.

Hopwood, however, was reversed by the Supreme Court in the decision of Grutter v. Bollinger, which deferred to universities on decisions about using race in admissions. But last week's majority opinion, written by Justice Anthony Kennedy, made it clear that deference has its limits. The ruling stated that the Fifth Circuit Court had given too much deference to the University when that court declared it was ill-equipped to "second-guess the merits" of UT's race-conscious admissions policies. In other words, the Supreme Court declared that the lower court had been too hasty in declaring that UT-Austin's admissions policy was necessary and fair.

### WHY RACE?

Justice Kennedy didn't stop at the issue of deference, however. In addition, he pointed out that one of the linchpins in the Bakke schema

was that policies like UT's could not be used if "a nonracial approach ... could promote the substantial interest about as well and at tolerable administrative expense." Many have suggested that consideration of a student's socioeconomic level in admissions policies might be as beneficial to the diversity of the student body as considerations of racial and ethnic backgrounds.

But in 2003, six years after the Legislature passed the Top 10 Percent Plan, UT conducted a study in which minority students reported feelings of isolation and a majority of students agreed that there was a lack of diversity on campus.

That same study also found a shocking lack of black and Hispanic students in classes with five to 24 students: Ninety percent of those classes had one or zero black students, while 43 percent had one or zero Hispanic students. These numbers were used to justify the re-instatement of a racially based admissions policy after Grutter was decided. Although the percentages of minorities in entering classes increased slightly after the law's

implementation, these statistics, in our view, provide suitable justification for UT's continued use of race as one of many factors in the admissions process.

### POST-FISHER

It has been less than 50 years since the Civil Rights Act of 1964 became law. According to the Texas Politics Project, in 2007, 24.8 percent of Texas Hispanics and 23.8 percent of Texas African-Americans live in poverty, compared with just 8.4 percent of whites in Texas.

In sending Fisher back to the lower court, the justices have put at risk affirmative action policies across the nation.

We agree with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the lone dissenter in the case, who said, "Only an ostrich could regard the supposedly neutral alternatives as race unconscious. ... As Justice Souter observed, the vaunted alternatives suffer from 'the disadvantage of deliberate obfuscation.'" And as we all know, the only way for an ostrich — or the Fifth Circuit — to see the light is to pull its head out of the sand.

## VIEWPOINT

# Impeach Hall only if it ends the infighting

In last week's chaotic news cycle, you might have missed the proclamation from Texas Speaker of the House Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, expanding the purview of the House Transparency Committee to include proposing articles of impeachment against executive appointees—i.e., officials appointed by Gov. Rick Perry.

The newly empowered Transparency Committee quickly set its sights on the UT System Board of Regents, with a particular focus on Regent Wallace Hall, whose recent down-to-the-post-it-notes open

records request to the office of President William Powers Jr. drew widespread criticism.

Though official numbers are unavailable, recent open records requests made by or on behalf of Regent Hall have cost University officials quite a lot of time: According to UT spokesperson Gary Susswein, the University has had to hire a temporary employee for three weeks to take care of administrative duties in the president's office while other staff members gather the documents Hall requested.

In a statement to the Texas

Tribune, Perry spokesperson Lucy Nashed wrote that the Texas House's authorization of investigations into the Board of Regents would send a "chilling message" to gubernatorial appointees. Quite frankly, a "chilling" — of tempers, egos and the frivolous actions they lead to — is exactly what this situation needs. It is the hope of this editorial board that the Transparency Committee moves to dismiss, and not indulge, any more attempts at creating higher-education drama as they pursue investigations.

## GALLERY



—Senator Kirk Watson, D-Austin, on June 26

## CITY



**JORGE CORONA** / Daily Texan Staff

Psychology sophomore Ryan Rafols is sworn in to the 10-1 Citizens Redistricting Commission at the Town Lake Center on June 26.

# Citizens to set voting districts

**By Colton Pence**  
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The city of Austin will be broken up into 10 voting districts come next election, and a UT student is helping draw the lines.

Psychology sophomore Ryan Rafols beat out dozens of students aiming to sit on the 10-1 Citizens Redistricting Commission, a group of community members that will split the city up into voting districts for the November 2014 Austin City Council elections. Under the new ordinance, one city council member will be elected from each of the 10 districts and the mayor will be elected by the whole city.

Rafols was sworn in to the commission in June and is the lone student representative on the 14-member commission. Splitting the city up into districts is meant to allow voters to elect someone close to them who represents the political, neighborhood and economic diversity in

different areas of Austin. Currently, the six city council members are elected to serve three-year terms from the city at large.

Some say the ordinance could create a UT district where students are the majority or even pave the way for a student member on City Council. Some say students have a reputation for being apathetic, but Rafols said it is crucial for them to be involved in their community.

Rafols joined the military in 2008 and has helped oversee Travis County elections. He also served as secretary for the Austin Community College Student Government before he transferred to UT. Rafols said one of his biggest strengths is his ability to be impartial, which he believes will help him in drawing the new districts.

"I may be a student, but I've traveled the world and done more than most people my age. This task of redistricting will be difficult and it will take more hours than most are willing to commit because of this city's

rich culture, ideation and differing affiliations," Rafols said. "But I am willing to dedicate as much time as is needed."

Rafols said David Albert, his government professor at ACC, encouraged him to apply to the commission. Albert said he believes Rafols has a good sense of what other students think and the issues that ignite them.

“Local government is going to affect students like anyone else,” Albert said. “They should be aware of it and be engaged.”

UT alumnus John Lawler worked to get the 10-1 redistricting proposition passed in the November 2012 city election. Lawler worked as the UT Student Government liaison with Austin City Council for years and said the current city structure makes it difficult for students to find a voice in their local government.

“Taking baby steps and involving students systematically in city government will strengthen [the] student voice,” Lawler said. “We won’t be a side note, but up front and center.”



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# CAPITOL CHOICE



GUILLERMO HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ (LEFT), EMILY NG (ABOVE) / Daily Texan Staff

Left: Citizens at the Texas State Capitol watch their computers, trying to figure out the fate of abortion legislation Senate Bill 5 on June 26. Above: Senator Kirk Watson holds up two fingers to vote against Senate Bill 5 after Senator Wendy Davis' 11-hour filibuster at the Texas State Capitol on Tuesday night.

## UT community watches abortion debate unfold

By Colton Pence  
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Abortion bills are headed to the Texas Legislature again this week, and students who added their voices to the raucous crowd that derailed the legislation at the Capitol the first time around are warming up their vocal chords for round two.

Some students are concerned that stricter abortion regulations that result in abortion clinic closures could increase the cost of an abortion, imposing unnecessary financial hardships and forcing students to use measures that are less safe to get an abortion.

Others say although unexpected pregnancy is a life-changing event, students should keep the child and work through the challenges. Proponents of tougher clinic regulations say it will increase safety for women pursuing an abortion. The Texas Legislature will take up these issues again in its second special session starting Monday.

More than 5,000 people have signed up via social media to protest at the Capitol on Monday to oppose abortion legislation.

"Back to the beginning," said Elizabeth Anderson, an international relations and global studies Plan I senior who is against the Legislature's proposed regulations.

This week, the Legislature will consider HB 2, by state Rep. Jodie Laubenberg, R-Parker, which would regulate abortion providers, procedures and facilities. It will also consider SB 9, by state Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, which relates to prescribing and distributing abortion-inducing drugs.

Officials at the UT Women's Health Clinic are watching the debate unfold. Sherry Bell, senior program coordinator for University Health Services, said UT will probably adjust the advice it gives to pregnant students if clinics in Austin were affected by new abortion regulations.

"We inform women who are diagnosed with being pregnant of all legal options, without any bias or preference, and we certainly don't recommend choices be made at the time of their visit," Bell said.

On top of student concerns is a political debate that has captured national attention. Led by state Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, Democrats, the minority party, successfully killed abortion bill SB 5 by talking nonstop for 11 hours. Minutes before midnight, the deadline for passing the abortion regulations, a crowd of people in the Capitol yelled so loudly that senators were unable to vote on the bill.

"An unruly mob using Occupy Wall Street tactics has tried all day to derail legislation that has been intended to protect the lives and the safety of women and babies," said Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

Abortions can cost anywhere from \$450 to \$3,000 depending on how far along the pregnancy is. There is one Planned Parenthood clinic in Austin that provides abortions.

Republicans in the Texas Legislature have proposed regulations that some say will force 37 of the state's abortion clinics to close. Opponents of the bill say abortion clinics cannot meet proposed restrictions, such as requiring abortions be held in

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— Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst

surgical centers, mandating doctors provide abortion-inducing drugs in-person and demanding doctors have admitting privileges if an abortion goes wrong.

If the clinics close, women may have to travel hundreds of miles to get an abortion.

"Appointments will be hard to get because nothing in these bills reduces the need for abortion, but will reduce the number of safe, available, legal clinics open in the state," said Heather Busby, executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Texas.

Some UT students feel reducing the number of abortion clinics in Texas is not a problem. History senior Mary Thomas is pro-life and supports stricter abortion regulations. Thomas said she has a close friend who was born prematurely at 17 weeks.

"She was alive when she was born and was a distinguishable, yet tiny, baby," Thomas said of her friend. "I firmly believe that women should not have the right to kill viable children in their womb under the guise of reproductive choice."



GUILLERMO HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ / Daily Texan Staff

State Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, begins her filibuster of Senate Bill 5, a measure that would enact severe restrictions on abortions in Texas. Senate Democrats, with the help of thousands of their supporters, were able to prevent the bill from being voted on before the end of the special session at midnight on Wednesday.



Above: An opponent of Senate Bill 5 celebrates in the rotunda of the Texas State Capitol shortly after the end of the legislative special session. Left: Brian McAuliffe stands in the gallery of the Texas Senate on Tuesday morning in anticipation of Wendy Davis' filibuster of Senate Bill 5.

GUILLERMO HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ  
Daily Texan Staff

# Abortion rights filibuster makes senator's name known

By Alberto Long  
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Standing on her feet and talking nonstop for 11 hours without drinking water to oppose a bill on abortion restrictions made state Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, a household name nationwide.

"She's making everyone feel like they're a part of something, that everyone can have a voice," said international relations and global studies sophomore Leigh Larson. "She represents humility, which is something foreign in Texas politics."

Larson was one of hundreds of Texans at the state Capitol last week supporting Davis in her efforts to kill SB 5, a bill that would impose some of the toughest abortion restrictions in the nation.

"The leadership may not want to listen to Texas women, but they will have to listen to me," Davis tweeted a day before she stood for 11 hours. "I intend to filibuster this bill."

Although Republicans eventually called enough strikes on her to end her filibuster, where a senator speaks nonstop to keep the chamber from voting on a bill, Davis emerged with 100,000 additional supporters under her belt. However, she is a new target for some Republicans in the Legislature.

Sonya Grogg never thought she would make a career of politics before working three legislative sessions with Davis. Grogg said it was Davis' commitment to public service that kept her in the field.

"Things can always be better, I think that's what drives her," said Grogg, who works as Davis' legislative director.

Davis started her career in politics serving on the Fort Worth City Council and became a state Senator in 2008. Davis started out as a young mother living in a trailer park, but worked to put herself through school at Texas Christian University and Harvard Law School.

Gov. Rick Perry is one conservative unhappy with Davis' actions against tougher abortion restrictions. Last week, Perry said he was sad Davis does not recognize the importance of life given her own humble beginnings.

"Even the woman who filibustered in the Senate the other day was born into difficult circumstances," Perry said. "It's just unfortunate she hasn't learned from her own example that every life must be given a chance to realize its true potential and that every life matters."

Despite the anger she has incited among conservatives, Davis has made herself stand out in Texas. Thousands have said they will stand with her Monday, when the Legislature reconvenes to discuss abortion.

"The idea is to be engaged," Grogg said. "Sometime down the road, you're going to realize that you can actually make a difference, that there is an avenue for your voice to be heard."

## NBA DRAFT

# Unsuccessful drafts could harm recruiting

By Sara Beth Purdy  
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For years, Texas head coach Rick Barnes has utilized a recruiting philosophy that focuses on bringing in five-star elite athletes who stay around for one or two seasons before embarking on careers in the NBA. Essentially, he crafted Texas into an NBA factory. Over the years it has been successful — bringing in top players such as Kevin Durant, LaMarcus Aldridge, Avery Bradley and Tristan Thompson — but Barnes has had trouble retaining these superstars.

Because of this recruiting philosophy, the success of Texas athletes in the draft and their subsequent success in the NBA has had a large effect on recruiting. The best example of this is Durant. After Durant gained national attention playing for the Oklahoma City Thunder, Texas attracted many athletes, including Thompson.

“I saw Kevin play for the Longhorns and thought if someday I could be half the

player he was, I would have done my job,” Thompson told reporters at SportsDayDFW. “There is no doubt that was a big part of my decision to come to Austin.”

Durant’s success was instrumental in convincing others Texas could be a place that bred NBA stars. ESPN recently ranked Texas as the No. 10 program for athletes considering a career in the NBA, thanks to Durant, Aldridge and T.J. Ford. In addition, the Longhorns have the second most drafted athletes in the Big 12 conference with 16. Kansas is first in the conference with 25.

Aldridge was drafted by the Chicago Bulls second overall in 2006 and currently plays for the Portland Trail Blazers. Ford was drafted in 2003 by the Milwaukee Bucks, but has since retired due to injuries.

Directly following successful drafts, the Longhorns enjoyed healthy recruiting classes. The Longhorns’ class of 2009, following Durant, consisted of Bradley, a five-star recruit, along with

J’Covan Brown, Jordan Hamilton, Jai Lucas and Shawn Williams. Durant’s success also inspired the class of 2010 that featured the five-star Thompson and four-star Cory Joseph.

“Kevin opened up the doors,” Barnes said.

Aldridge even credited his decision to come to Texas, rather than following a life-long dream to play at North Carolina, to Ford’s success at Texas and in the NBA. In one of the Longhorn Network’s Round Tables, Aldridge said because Ford did well and was drafted high, he was driven to become a Longhorn.

Further, Cameron Ridley, a five-star recruit who currently plays for the Longhorns, commented before coming to Texas that Aldridge’s success and the way the coaching staff utilized his talents was a huge factor in his choice of colleges.

But the days of Durant and his legacy seem to be fading. The Longhorns are struggling to fill the scholarship spots. This summer,



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Sophomore Myck Kabongo went undrafted in the 2013 NBA Draft after foregoing his two remaining years of eligibility, making it the second straight year without a Longhorn drafted.

sophomore Myck Kabongo went undrafted. The 21-year-old who forfeited two remaining years of eligibility and who was once heralded as the next Ford, is now hoping to get an offer as a free-agent for a team that needs point guard depth.

Kabongo’s undrafted status marks the second straight year a Longhorn has failed to go in the draft. Last year, Brown went undrafted and signed to play with the Miami Heat’s summer league.

The Longhorns’ recent problems on the court have led to a decrease in recruits. The fading shadow of Durant stirs up a possibility that Durant was an anomaly, and not many people remember Aldridge is from Texas. For the first time in five years, the Longhorns have failed

to land a five-star recruit. In addition, it is the first time in a long time that the Longhorns have only one recruit above three-stars, a four-star recruit in Kendal Yancy-Harris.

To confirm this downward trend, Barnes, along with The University of Texas men’s athletics director DeLoss Dodds, have announced a change in recruiting philosophy. The NBA factory that Texas once strived for is no longer producing adequate results. Barnes is trying to shift his focus from producing NBA athletes to being more successful in the NCAA. The powers at Texas are switching to a recruiting philosophy that focuses more on career, four-year players than the one-and-done superstars.

Out of the 31 Top 100

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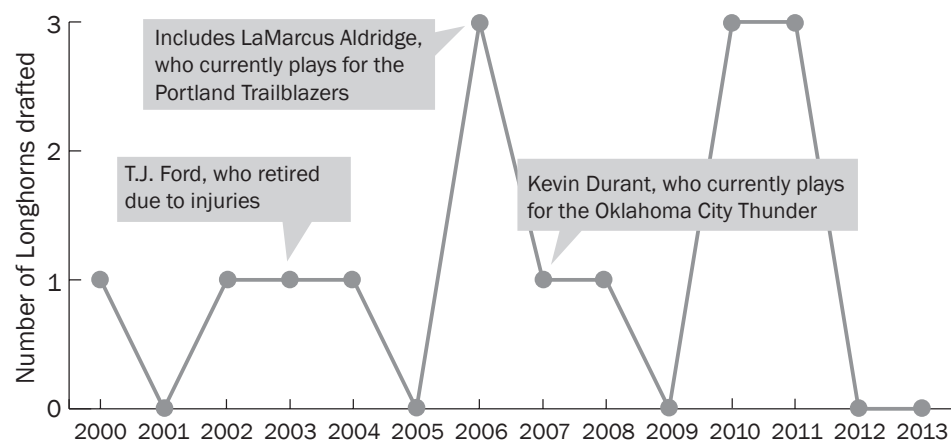
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—Rick Barnes,  
men’s basketball head coach

recruits that Barnes has coached, only nine, not including current players, have stayed through four years of college. Out of those 31, five left early via transfer and 12 entered the NBA.

“The one-and-done, if you have a couple on your squad, that’s fine,” Barnes said. “But I think to build a squad around that is not good.”

## PAST DRAFT SUCCESS UNDER COACH RICK BARNES



## FOOTBALL

# Offensive, defensive players commit to Longhorns

By Drew Lieberman  
& Diego Contreras  
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The class of 2014 recently landed several recruits. Marble Falls wide receiver Garrett Gray committed on June 10. Last season Gray caught 82 passes for 1,226 yards and scored 18 touchdowns. Gray received offers from more than a dozen schools, but picked Texas after impressing coaches at a recent mini-camp.

Wide receiver Dorian Leonard committed to the Longhorns on June 13. Leonard's commitment was surprising since he hadn't been vocal about ranking offers, which included Oklahoma

and Florida State.

On June 15, Texas added two more members to the class of 2013 with the addition of former TCU commit Emanuel Porter and junior college tight end John Thomas. Porter, who committed to the Horned Frogs in August before recently decommitting, brings to the class a high level of athleticism. He hasn't been focused entirely on football for very long, but he has the size, speed and potential to be an impact player in college.

Thomas was a three-star tight end out of high school and signed with LSU in 2012 before going to junior college after failing to qualify academically. Thomas gives

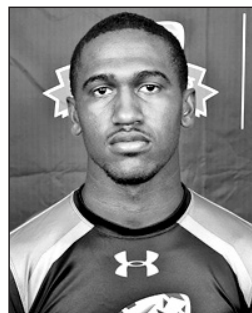
Texas the tight end the class needed for 2014.

The Horns also landed class of 2015 offensive tackle Maea Teuhema, who committed with his brother, defensive end Sione Teuhema in the class of 2014, as well as offensive tackle Connor Lanfear and Keke Coutee, who may play receiver or defensive back at Texas.

## DEFENSE

The Longhorns' defensive class of 2014 has added depth in the last few weeks, notably on the defensive line.

A pair of defensive ends, Sione Teuhema and Jake McMillon, made commitments to the Longhorns.



**Dorian Leonard**  
Wide receiver



**Jake McMillon**  
Defensive end



**Sione Teuhema**  
Defensive end

McMillon, from Abilene, Texas, narrowed down his choices to TCU and Texas, before deciding on the Longhorns. Sione Teuhema is the most recent defensive addition to the class of 2014.

Texas also received

commitments from defensive tackles Courtney Garnett and Trey Lealaimatafao. Garnett, from New Orleans, committed to the Longhorns in early April after receiving offers from many of the top teams in the country,

including Ohio State and Texas A&M.

Lealaimatafao received offers from numerous Big 12 programs before committing to the Longhorns. The San Antonio product attended Earl Warren High School.

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## TECHNOLOGY

## Citygram refashions old trends

By Taylor Prewitt  
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Chris Perez's finger navigates the iPad, showing off the stop-motion animated fashion editorial, the Instagram featured feed and the 360 degree movable shoe advertisement of the inaugural issue of Citygram, a blog/magazine hybrid crafted by Perez and a team of Austin bloggers.

Citygram is the newest Austin lifestyle publication, boasting a gluten-free dining columnist and an inspirational columnist. The magazine's repertoire of knowledgeable locals is not its sole claim to personalization, however.

The digital publication harnesses its iPad format to emphasize interaction between reader and writer by allowing readers to tweet or email writers straight from the app — utilizing communication Perez feels most magazines are lacking.

"Magazines are like 'Hey, share this.' But not 'talk to the person who wrote this,'" Perez said. "I could tweet this writer and ask them what they would eat from this local restaurant."

Since the proliferation of tablets like the iPad, digital versions of print magazines have been lauded as the answer to the readership problems of the industry. Magazines such as GQ, The New Yorker and Vanity Fair all have iPad alternatives and the Atlantic announced recently that it would publish a weekly compilation of popular web content to an iPad app.



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Columnists Tolly Moseley, Sarah Stacey, founder Chris Perez, advertising manager Jane Ko and columnist Kris Waggoner are all part of the Citygram staff. Citygram is a new digital magazine that features a high degree of interaction between its readers and its contributors, ads and articles.

"Magazines have to adapt to the new kinds of ways of consuming content more than almost any other platform," said Robert Quigley, a journalism professor in the College of Communication. "Because magazines are so visual, they're really made for a tablet, as far as the reader experience."

According to a study by the Pew Research Center in 2012, despite the innovations, only 22 percent of adults have tablets.

"The only thing that's difficult about [Citygram] is that it's specifically designed

for the iPad," said Joanna Wilkinson, Citygram fashion columnist. "I don't know if everyone is wanting to get an iPad."

Digital magazines now have some interactive features but mostly they're just static, Perez said. Citygram fights to dismantle the deficits caused by a print-minded industry.

"With Citygram, everything is a button, but maybe doesn't look like a button," Perez said. "Being able to incorporate an Instagram feed or embed audio or video ... My biggest challenge is overcoming the perception of a

digital magazine."

Citygram is also innovative in its use of advertisements, a useful skill in an industry that relies on advertisements to retain a profit — especially because Perez and his team plan to keep the issues free for now. The ads of the "glossy" magazine pages rely on the same philosophy as the rest of the magazine — engagement. Perez plans to make aesthetically pleasing ads with viewable photo galleries or click-through reservations.

The possibilities for specified analytics are promising and allow advertisers to

pinpoint exactly how and where to use their money. Citygram will also be able to more firmly grasp its readers' interests.

"Magazines can say this many people bought an issue, but we know how many people viewed this page or responded to a certain advertisement," Perez said.

For now, Perez plans to keep his publication local, saying that Austin is more accepting of the digital era.

"I think people here aren't scared of this," Perez said. "And they go to this for a real people connection."

What to do this   
**Fourth of July**  
By Elyana Barrera

If you're looking for a nontraditional way to proclaim your love for the stars and stripes, check out our top picks for Fourth of July events.

**Where:** The Scoot Inn, 1308 E. 4th St.

**When:** 2 p.m. - 11:45 p.m.

**Cost:** Free

Wear swimsuits to the Scoot Inn, where a slip and slide, corn hole, tug of war, a pig roast and music will complete its Fourth of July party.

**Where:** The White Horse, 500 Comal St.

**When:** 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

**Cost:** \$5 suggested donation

The only thing vanilla about Texas Roller Derby's Independence Day event is the flavor in the pudding wrestling tournament. The event is only open to those 21 and older.

**Where:** Umami Mia Pizzeria, 1500 Barton Springs Rd.

**When:** 4 p.m.

**Cost:** Pizza eating contest is free to enter

Umami Mia will hold a pizza eating contest in celebration of the U.S.A. The first contestant to finish three pizzas the fastest will win a pair of tickets to this year's ACL Festival.

**Where:** Blue Starlite Mini Urban Drive-In, 1901 E. 51st St.

**When:** 8:45 p.m. - 12:15 a.m.

**Cost:** Car slot tickets start at \$10 (with a Groupon)

Blue Starlite Mini Urban Drive-In will screen "Independence Day," complete with their annual showing of on-screen fireworks and a cookout.

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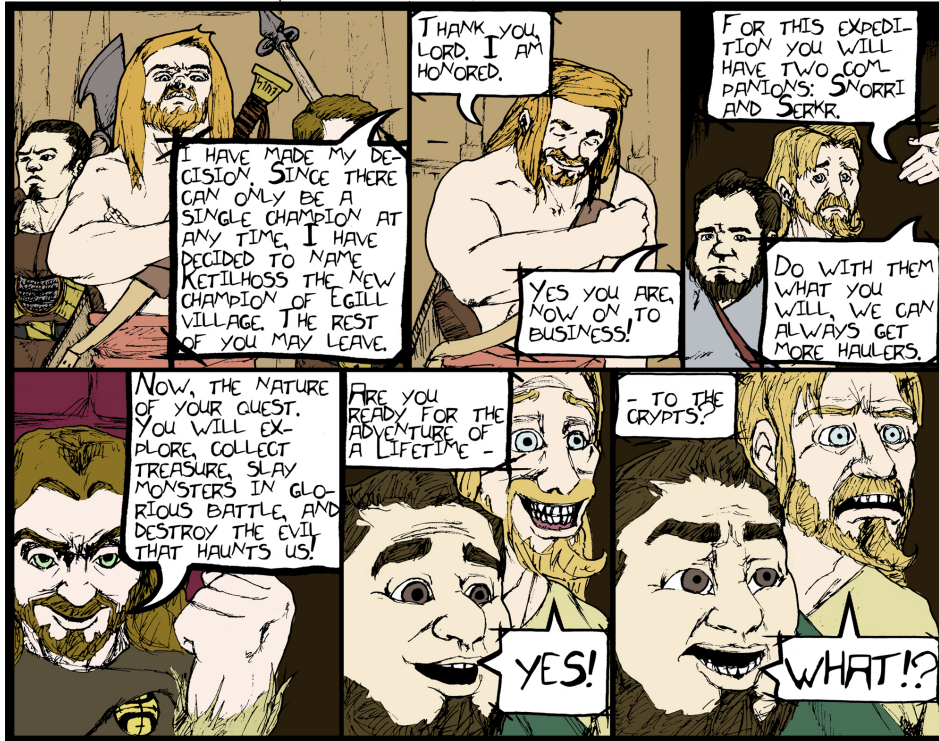
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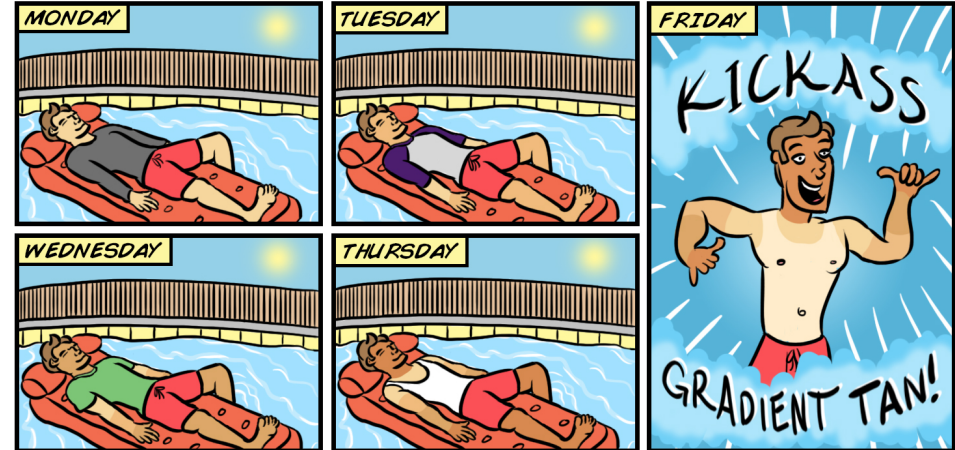
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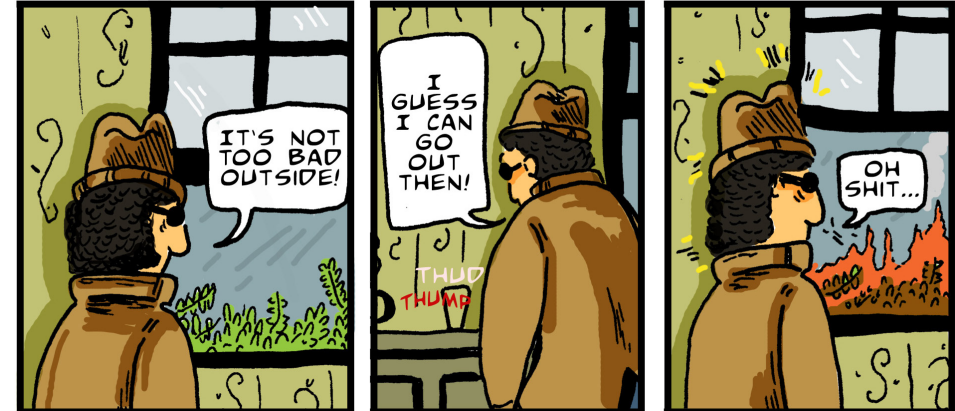
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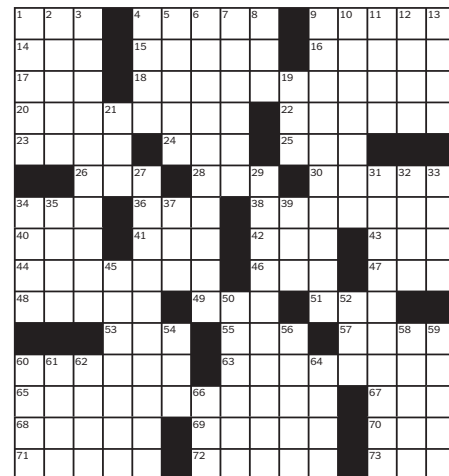
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4 Greeted at the door  
9 Davis of "A League of Their Own"  
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15 Speak grandly  
16 Director Welles  
17 Score between birdie and bogey  
18 Neat in appearance  
20 "Nothing left to say"  
22 1950s Ford failures  
23 Sharpen  
24 Glum  
25 "In case it's of interest ..." on a memo  
26 Tierra \_\_\_\_\_ Fuego  
28 Pan in Chinese cookery  
30 "Waiting for"  
34 Air conditioner meas.

## DOWN

- 36 "The Tears \_\_\_\_\_ Clown"  
38 Modern film genre with dark themes  
40 Crew team implement  
41 Clickable address, for short  
42 Monterrey gold  
43 Suffix with glob  
44 Three-dimensional  
46 One a woman can't trust  
47 "I'm gone"  
48 Enthusiastic kids' plea  
49 Seek, as permission  
51 Oscar winner Brynner  
53 Stately 33-Down  
55 Letters before an alias  
57 Make over  
60 Small stock purchase  
63 Like a weedy garden  
65 Just going through the motions

## DOWN

- 1 Swimming pool statistic  
2 Boise's state  
3 "Band with the 1983 hit 'Hungry Like the Wolf'"  
4 Piglets' mothers  
5 Expanses  
6 \*Washington city near the Oregon border  
7 "That's adequate"  
8 Below zero: Abbr.  
9 \*Affectedly virtuous  
10 Soil problem  
11 Salinger title girl  
12 Christmas song  
13 No ifs, \_\_\_\_\_ or buts  
19 Wrestling official, briefly  
21 Buttonless shirt, informally  
27 "Hit song for the Kingsmen with famously unintelligible lyrics"  
29 \*Joke starter  
31 Blackjack player's option ... or a description of the answers to the starred clues?



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- 32 Slick  
33 See 53-Across  
34 Pear variety  
35 Finger food at a fiesta  
37 Monk's title  
39 The Roaring Twenties, e.g.  
45 Last of a dozen  
50 Fries lightly  
52 Spigoted vessel  
54 Any of the Andes: Abbr.  
56 "Based on \_\_\_\_\_ story"  
58 Metropolitan region that includes India's capital  
59 Old-time music hall  
60 Translucent gem  
61 Actress Moore of "G.I. Jane"  
62 G-rated oath  
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