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CAMPUS

SG event addresses mental illnesses

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Students opened up about their mental illnesses, dismissing common myths and encouraging others to de-stigmatize issues such as anxiety and depression, at an event held Monday evening by Student Government.

Rhetoric and writing sophomore Dauphine Sizer teared up speaking about overcoming her severe recurrent major

depressive disorder.

“It no longer needs to fill the darkest corner of my soul,” Sizer said. “I started weekly therapy. Words cannot express what it has done for me.”

Ten students spoke at the event, sharing their experiences with ADHD, anxiety, depression and other mental health issues.

Advertising senior Andrew Byrne dismissed peers who believe his ADHD is an asset.

“Every morning I take 50

milligrams of poison just to get me through my day,” Byrne said. “(I) would love to not need that crutch, and a lot of people don’t seem to realize that.”

Design freshman Nader Sadoughi, who also has ADHD, encouraged the audience to avoid conforming to the expectations of others.

“I decided that I didn’t need to change my brain to fit a career I was studying for somebody else; I needed to find a career to fit me,”

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Freshman Michael Follis shares his struggles with maintaining his mental health during a Student Government Story Night.

SYSTEM

Gov. Abbott announces new regents selections

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Gov. Greg Abbott announced his three appointees for the UT System Board of Regents Monday, which includes the recently retired state Sen. Kevin Eltife, R-Tyler.

Abbott’s announcement comes as the terms of three regents are due to expire in February. The outgoing regents include Alex Cranberg, Brenda Pejovich and Wallace Hall, with the first two retiring regents supporting Hall in his review of the UT System and its admission process. Abbott’s selection made the UT board the only university to have all of its departing regents replaced with new ones.

Abbott’s additional appointees include Rad Weaver, CEO of the University-owned McCombs Partners, and Janice Longoria, the former vice chair of the UT System board.

The new regents’ terms will become effective Feb. 1 after the Senate approves them. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who is the president of the upper chamber, said he is in favor of Abbott’s choice of Eltife, according to the Texas Tribune.

“In the Senate, Kevin built a reputation as someone who demanded accountability and transparency in Government,” Patrick said in a statement. “That philosophy will serve him well as a regent. I will be supportive of his nomination.”

Eltife served in the Senate from March 25,

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Two visitors take pictures with their dog at Castle Hill on Monday afternoon. Also called the Hope Outdoor Gallery, it is a public space to display creative talents.

CITY

Brave New Books promotes kratom drug sale

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The Brave New Books bookstore on Guadalupe Street has started to advertise for a pain-relieving drug called kratom, which has been banned in several states.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, kratom is the name of a native tree species in Southeast Asia that has leaves with mind-altering opioid compounds. The leaves are consumed directly or brewed into a tea to serve as a mood upper, pain reliever and aphrodisiac.

However, on Aug. 30, 2016, the Drug Enforcement Administration filed a notice to classify kratom as a nationwide Schedule I substance, the most restrictive drug category, which includes drugs such as heroin, LSD and marijuana, according to CNN. The DEA has since backed down from the ban because of public opposition, but kratom is still illegal in seven states, including Louisiana and Alabama.

Bookstore manager John Bush runs Brave New Books with his wife and said the store has sold kratom for about two

years. The couple started marketing to students because they wanted to provide a natural alternative to caffeine and Adderall.

“We’ve had a lot of students come down, and everybody that has taken it has spoken highly of it,” Bush said. “There’s a lot of people who take it instead of going out binge drinking.”

Bush said 50 to 75 students have bought kratom since they started marketing the drug as a study aid, and he has been taking kratom regularly for stress and mental focus for the past seven months.

Lucas Hill, clinical assistant professor of health outcomes and pharmacy practice, said the DEA referenced 15 deaths that were attributed to kratom when it released the notice, but in 14 of those 15 deaths, there was some other recreational drug present in the person’s body.

“I don’t have evidence and have not been able to find evidence that substantiates that kratom is effective for anything like pain relief and drug dependence,” Hill said. “I also don’t have a ton of evidence that it’s harmful.”

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STATE

Filed bills attempt to amend gun legislation

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Several of the approximately 45 pieces of firearm-related legislation filed since Nov. 14, 2016 pertain to open carry and campus carry legislation.

Campus carry and open carry legislation was signed by Gov. Greg Abbott in June 2015. Now, the 2017 legislative session has the chance to make amendments or additions to these laws.

Campus carry

Two house bills have been filed that would provide public higher education institutions the ability to opt out of campus carry.

HB 282 and HB 391 — filed by Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, and Rep. Donna Howard, D-Austin, respectively — would make it a crime to carry a handgun on a campus that has chosen to opt out.

Ana Lopez, president of Students Against Campus Carry, said her

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CITY

Austin venue closes, leaves legacy in music scene

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Earlier this month, Strange Brew, a coffee shop and music venue in South Austin, suddenly closed its doors without notice, leaving unemployed baristas and a canceled lineup of musicians in its wake.

While those closely associated with the venue knew its business was struggling financially, not many expected the abrupt end to Strange Brew. Jeff Plankenhorn, who worked as a consultant and musician at the store, said the venue had a vibrant community of supporters in Austin, but ultimately, increasing rent and other financial factors led to its closure.

“Strange Brew tried really hard to reorganize things and take care of their employees,” Plankenhorn said. “It’s just a shame because Strange Brew has developed a different kind of vibe than a lot of places, and it was in an area where it was needed.”

Rose Bush, an Austin nurse and regular at Strange Brew, wanted to help former employees, so she put on a benefit for them Sunday night.

“It was more of a thank you from the Austin community for what Strange Brew was,” Bush said. “It’s difficult now for any small business owner, but especially those who want to make music happen.”

Musicians have praised the venue as one of the best “listening rooms” in Austin where customers could focus on the music. One of the great things about Strange Brew was its attention to the sound in the room and its desire to take care of the musicians, Plankenhorn said.

UT alumnus Bruce Hughes was one of those musicians. The Austin native played clubs and venues throughout the 1980s as a student, and in recent years, he was a familiar face at Strange Brew. Hughes said it was sad to see a venue as valuable as Strange Brew close down.

“We’ve seen a lot of really beautiful clubs meet their demise,” Hughes said. “It’s harder and harder to find venues that can actually afford to rent dirt here in Austin, Texas.”

In September, Mayor Steve Adler announced a plan for a bond that aims to sustain Austin music venues facing



Carolyn and Dave Martin, a western swing duo, perform at Strange Brew Lounge Side. Strange Brew abruptly closed its doors earlier this month.

Juan Figueroa
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surging rent in Austin, with a goal to acquire \$10 million to purchase and preserve iconic venues.

While the bond is still in the planning phase, Jason Stanford, communications director for the mayor’s office, said his office is moving as fast as they can. Stanford said he expects the mayor to make an announcement about the

bond in March.

The bond will probably not be able to help venues such as Strange Brew that have already closed, but it’s too early to make that call yet, Stanford said.

Bush, who knows many of those in the Austin music community, said the bond is a sign the city is moving in the right direction, but “it’s a

small drop in a bucket.”

Bush referenced mutually beneficial venue situations such as at The Saxon Pub, where Gary Keller, head of Austin-based Keller Williams Realty, worked with city leaders and bought the venue’s land “to ensure that Austin doesn’t lose important musical landmarks like the Saxon Pub,” according to the Austin

American-Statesman.

Despite the closing of Strange Brew, Plankenhorn said the music of Austin isn’t going anywhere.

“(The Austin music scene) is beautiful and durable,” Plankenhorn said. “It goes through phases that are beyond a structure or a club, but we have a very resilient music community here in Austin.”

UNIVERSITY

McCombs hits 100-year mark

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This May, the McCombs School of Business will present its 100th year of bachelor’s degrees in business administration to the class of 2017.

The school was founded in 1912 with no more than 30 students and planted its roots in innovation, leadership and lifelong learning, according to the school’s website. A century later, the McCombs School of Business is home to more than 80,000 alumni and includes international satellite locations. Today, the McCombs program focuses on undergraduate research and promotes diversity, consistently landing in the top 10 national programs, according to the school’s website.

Undergraduate students stay current with some of the cutting-edge work in business academia that can then translate into deeper insights and a more nuanced understanding of how the business world works. The program’s focus on research dates back to the 1970s, when IC Squared, a think tank

devoted to research, was created at the University.

McCombs assistant professor Ram Ranganathan, who has won awards for research, said research is a crucial component of growing students’ critical thinking abilities that continues to benefit them in the professional business world.

“When students participate in research, they get a richer exposure to the burning questions in the field, the theories and their limitations and the whole process of knowledge creation,” Ranganathan said. “This can have a tremendous effect on their critical thinking and problem-solving abilities beyond what is possible in a traditional classroom setting.”

Aside from research, the school has highlighted diversity to prepare students for a global business society. The first woman graduated with a bachelor’s degree in business administration in 1920 and the first African-American in 1963. Today, the school has a diversity council and sponsors diversity initiatives with corporations such as American Airlines and

AT&T to network with and mentor students.

Government junior Tehreem Shahab, an officer of Students for Equity and Diversity, said exposure to diversity is necessary to train students to understand and respect individuals with differing opinions.

“Diversity training brings in different mindsets and allows students to see issues from a different standpoint,” Shahab said. “Working in a global market means exposing yourself to different cultures and languages and being prepared to collaborate with people who have unique perspectives.”

The degree has a long history, and students said they carry its legacy on with enthusiasm.

“Going into the business school means going into a place where you know your peers will be able to help you,” finance freshman Kitahn Navissi said. “The older students at McCombs astound me. All they’ve been able to accomplish ... (is) inspiring. I hope to be as successful as they are before I graduate in 2020.”



Founded in 1912, the McCombs School of Business will present its 100th year of Bachelor of Business Administration degrees in 2017.

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organization worked with Howard to file HB 391.

“It is kind of a large step, but we’ve got it out there,” Lopez said. “We are still respecting people’s Second Amendment rights to carry a weapon in a safe manner that doesn’t endanger others.”

HB 968 — filed by Will Metcalf, R-Conroe — and SB 349 — authored by Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe — would amend the law, which currently makes it illegal to carry a gun on the grounds of a school, to include post-secondary institutions, regardless of the institution’s status as private or public.

Media relations director J.B. Bird said the University cannot comment on pending legislation or on whether the University would choose to opt out if given that choice. University President Gregory Fennes has previously expressed concern with campus carry legislation.

Open carry

HB 375 — authored by Jonathan Stickland, R-Bedford — would allow individuals to carry a handgun without a permit, also referred to as “constitutional carry.”

“It is time in Texas to restore our Second Amendment rights to their originally intended level,” Stickland said in a December statement after filing the bill. “No Texan should have to pay a fee or take a class to exercise their right to bear arms.”

The bill, which would make carrying a firearm in a room where an open government meeting is being held illegal, would also restrict public universities from creating rules against permitting guns on campus.

Michael Cargill, owner and founder of Central Texas Gun Works, said he is a proponent “constitutional carry.” Currently, the requirement to acquire a handgun license is to take a four- to six-hour course, pay an application

fee and apply through the state. To purchase any firearm, an individual must pass a background check. This requirement would not change should HB 375 be implemented.

“I think every Texan should take the handgun license course, but it shouldn’t be something that is mandated by the state,” Cargill said.

Joshua Blank, manager of polling and research at the Texas Politics Project, said a University of Texas and Texas Tribune poll in February 2015 found only 10 percent of Texas voters thought Texans should be allowed to openly carry firearms in public places without permits.

“Given the lack of support going into the 2015 session for unlicensed, open carry and the declining desire to loosen current gun laws after the passage of open and campus carry, I don’t think that anything has happened to make unlicensed, open carry more palatable to the public, nor the legislature,” Blank said in an email.



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COLUMN

Trump abandons free trade’s opportunities

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Yesterday morning, President Donald Trump “left” the Trans-Pacific Partnership, better known as the TTP. Congress’ choice not to ratify the deal in the previous session all but assured this already, but this particular act marked the beginning of what could be the end of free trade as a marketable economic policy in the eyes of votes. And for that, we should be ashamed.

During his campaign, Trump also placed the North American Free Trade Agreement squarely within his crosshairs. A separate deal negotiated under the Obama administration and the EU, known as T-TIP, looks to be dead in the water following his election.

As a political fight, this represents a departure from previous stances. While President Barack Obama stood in favor of free trade, most who opposed it stood to his left, and were concerned about the effects of outsourcing. In 2012, the Republican Party platform was staunchly pro-free trade. It was only after Trump and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-VT, ran on populist and isolationist platforms that either party began to seriously question being pro-trade. Even today, the majority of voters in both parties support free trade as a whole and the TPP in particular, even though neither party’s nominee did.

This leaves open the possibility that students who are still working through their beliefs could co-opt those of a candidate they admire without acknowledging the trove of evidence in favor of it. The rhetoric of Sanders, Trump and Hillary Clinton aside, free trade has benefited the American public, even as other policy

choices have meant that its benefits have gone to fewer people than they should have.

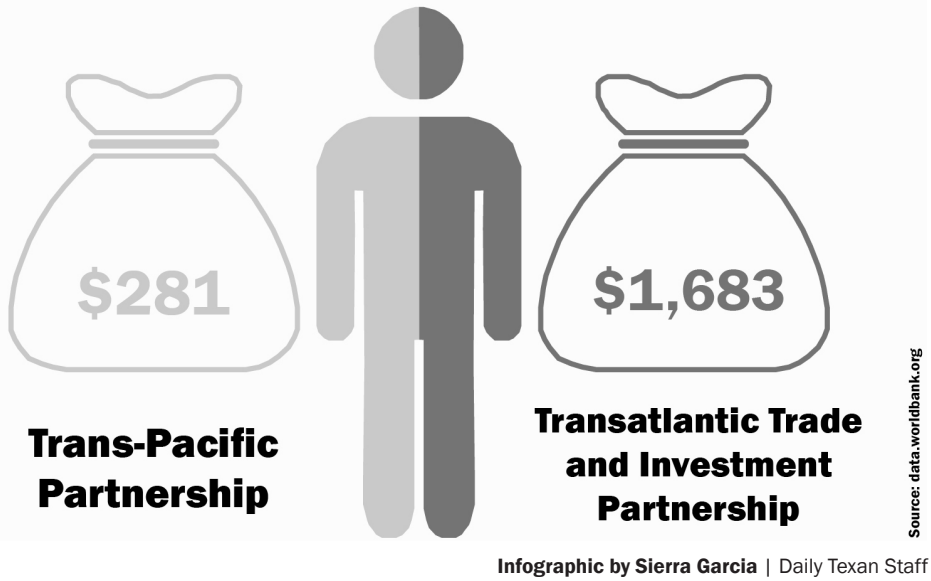
In short, we trade because it doesn’t make sense not to. When another country produces another good more cheaply than we can, American consumers benefit. And while jobs can be lost when nations with disparate average income trade with each other, trade between nations with similar labor and environmental standards tend to mean cheaper goods — and more jobs.

While outsourcing has undoubtedly cost the U.S. many of its manufacturing jobs, automation has arguably played a larger role. The difference is that through automation, more jobs are created because goods get cheaper — meaning consumers can buy more things — and the technological systems that now build those goods require better paid workers with more training to maintain. Indeed, the net effects of automation are better jobs and higher wages.

And while focusing on the number of manufacturing jobs is misguided, exclusively looking toward Rust Belt cities to assess the effects of globalization is even worse. Often, the jobs that left Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago are now in San Diego, Seattle and Atlanta.

That said, global trade plays a greater role than purely lining American citizens’ pockets. It also exists as an institution to promote foreign policy goals. Trump repeatedly attacked the TPP for making China richer — but by leaving it, we’re more likely to do that and risk handing them greater control over the Pacific region. By allowing China to replace the U.S. in that deal, which now seems likely, Trump hands China greater power over countries like Vietnam, Malaysia and Singapore that the U.S. is competing to influence, for better or worse.

By opting out of trade deals, President Trump prevented per-capita GDP growth worth hundreds of dollars per person.



Leaving T-TIP should be an even greater embarrassment. Not only are the EU member states similarly developed to the United States, making outsourcing much less of a concern, but reducing tariffs on American goods there would increase their competitiveness with China. While the projected GDP gains for the TPP were a mere half percent, T-TIP could have provided up to 3 percent growth.

This is not all to say the results of these policies have helped as many as they ought to have. Lack of reinvestment in education and infrastructure have capped how much of the benefits it has provided extend to all Americans. But following in line with the populist misdiagnosis of the problem will make life

more expensive for every American.

If and when Trump comes for NAFTA, Texas will be among those that loses the most. In the decades that follow his administration, students will be part of the inevitable rebuilding of global trade as an institution. While the institutions in place now are undoubtedly imperfect, the lessons their rise and impending demise can tell must be learned now. If more graduates of our University may end up unemployed in the short term, we have the responsibility to prevent that from happening when our children and grandchildren look to enter the job market.

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COLUMN

Legislature guts social services in name of ‘liberty’

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As we head into the third week of the 85th Texas Legislative session, one thing has become abundantly clear — lawmakers would like to force a false dilemma between freedom and public services. This decision is not the necessary choice our officials would like us to believe. Instead, it is constructed by a false narrative where our liberty and social services are mutually exclusive.

Let’s take the fight for “school choice” as our prime example. The state would have you believe that their public schools are failing to provide quality education to young Texans. Their solution is to provide reimbursement to parents who would prefer to send their children to a private or charter school or home-school them.

Lawmakers, including Sen. Ted Cruz, R-TX, have framed this policy as one of freedom of choice, saying that Texans have the right to attend the schools they desire to attend, even if they don’t personally have the finances available to do so. School choice, in theory, fixes that. Of course, another way to avoid making the choice between freedom and good schools is simply to improve the quality of public education in Texas. Yet, that is not the focus of this column.

Rather, I contend that lawmakers are

framing this debate in a flawed fashion. It’s not true that our freedom will be completely curtailed if Texas children aren’t allowed to attend private school on the government’s dime. I argue that Texans would actually be more free if they had the free, convenient opportunity of having good public schools. This provides better access to education — or, more philosophically, “the truth” — which can set us free from the bondage of an uneducated citizenry. Thomas Jefferson, a great lower-case-‘C’-conservative thinker, believed this to be true as well.

Rather than believe our leadership when they say that freedom can’t exist without “school choice,” we should accept that social services trade-off with a spectrum of freedoms. Before we had fire departments, for example, nearly a million homes were burning each year. With the rise of firefighting in more recent history, the number of fires and deaths from fires has dropped substantially. Since fire departments — and police stations, and roads and so on — need tax dollars, all Americans have given up at least some of their liberty in the loss of their fiscal discretion. Texans’ loss of government-subsidized private education in exchange for quality public schools is just another of those curtailed “freedoms” that do not prohibit day-to-day liberty for the average Texan.

There are many examples of curtailing liberties for public services. Indeed, this column could be written by simply listing those services, such as government surveillance,



Emmanuel Briseno | Daily Texan file photo
Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick talks with Ross Ramsey during the Texas Tribune Festival on Sept. 24, 2016. Patrick has drawn fire for pushing a school voucher proposal this legislative session.

military conscription, taxation and the aforementioned. If Texans — Democrats and Republicans, liberals and conservatives alike — believe in a spectrum of freedoms that exist alongside amenities like public schools and firefighting, they should demand that their Legislature provide them. It is not the job of

our lawmakers to use phony rhetoric to manipulate our policy choices. Rather, Texans should not accept that liberty is not zero-sum and all-or-nothing and demand that our lawmakers act accordingly.

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COLUMN

Tillerson lacks qualifications for Secretary of State

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Almost one year ago and well before the 2016 election, Rex Tillerson — former ExxonMobil CEO and Donald Trump’s current pick for secretary of state — participated in a speaking event on campus. As luck would have it, I attended the event, blissfully unaware that I was listening to my future secretary of state. Although Tillerson came across as a serious and intelligent business man, in retrospect, much of what he said that evening was worrisome.

Tillerson’s responses to questions about climate change and dealing with foreign leaders like Vladimir Putin were particularly troubling. For example, when a student asked Tillerson how he does business with foreign governments which are hostile to U.S. interests, singling out Putin by name, Tillerson’s response was less than reassuring.

“I want to make sure that host countries, whether that’s Russia or Yemen or wherever

in the Middle East understand that I am not the U.S. government,” Tillerson said. “I am an American company, and I am bound by the laws of the United States and other countries, but I’m not here to represent the United States government’s interests. I’m not here to defend it nor am I here to criticize it. That’s not what I do, I’m a businessman.”

While this certainly is a good position for the CEO of a multinational corporation, it’s the antithesis of what Tillerson must do as a secretary of state. Even if we were generous enough to overlook his friendship with Putin, Tillerson’s worldview and past experience still make him an odd choice to represent U.S. interests abroad.

When another student asked Tillerson about climate change, Tillerson’s response came across as deliberately misleading. Although he acknowledged that climate change poses a significant risk, he also played down the scientific consensus on anthropomorphic climate change and expressed skepticism regarding the predictive power of existing climate models. If you

think combating climate change should be a top priority for the upcoming Trump administration, there wasn’t a whole lot to get excited about in this answer.

Although Tillerson is no longer CEO, it’s clear that his past ties to the organization could affect his ability to make objective decisions regarding climate change and Russia. For example, ExxonMobil has billions of dollars on the line in an oil deal with Russia, a deal that can only go ahead if U.S. sanctions are lifted. Even if Tillerson cuts all financial ties to the oil giant, his personal relationships and past experience with the company will likely shape his future behavior as secretary of state. With regards to climate change, ExxonMobil has come under fire for intentionally misleading the public for decades. It’s difficult to imagine that Tillerson would throw his former company under the bus by suddenly changing his tune the second he takes office.

Although I’ve specifically singled out the most troubling aspects of Tillerson’s appointment, I think it’s important to acknowledge that he made a good impression

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at that speaking event just short of a year ago. Most of his responses were candid and even charming. He gave the impression of being informed on every topic he discussed — after all, he is a UT alumnus. Despite this, I still believe that Tillerson is a poor fit for an office that requires him to place U.S. interests above those of former friends and businesses. Tillerson might have been a great CEO for ExxonMobil, but he’s also the last person we need representing America’s national interests on the global stage.

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FOOTBALL

Herman hopes to add key pieces to his roster

By **Steve Helwick**
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The Longhorns are casting their rods for sought-after recruits as National Signing Day sits just eight days away.

Gary Johnson, the eighth-ranked junior college prospect, committed to Texas via Twitter on Jan. 20. Johnson played his last two seasons at Dodge City Community College in Kansas, recording 82 tackles and etching his name as the top junior college linebacker prospect.

Johnson will only be able to play two seasons with the Longhorns after using eligibility at Dodge City. The inside linebacker will add depth to a veteran linebacking corps that includes current sophomores Malik Jefferson, Edwin Freeman, Anthony Wheeler and Breckyn Hager. Johnson selected to play for Texas over Oregon, Arizona State and Louisville.

Johnson marks head coach Tom Herman's top defensive recruit thus far in a class that wavers between the 30s and 40s in various rankings. But Texas continues to target Houston native K'Lavon Chaisson.

Chaisson sits at No. 34 in ESPN's recruiting rankings. He's the fourth-highest-rated

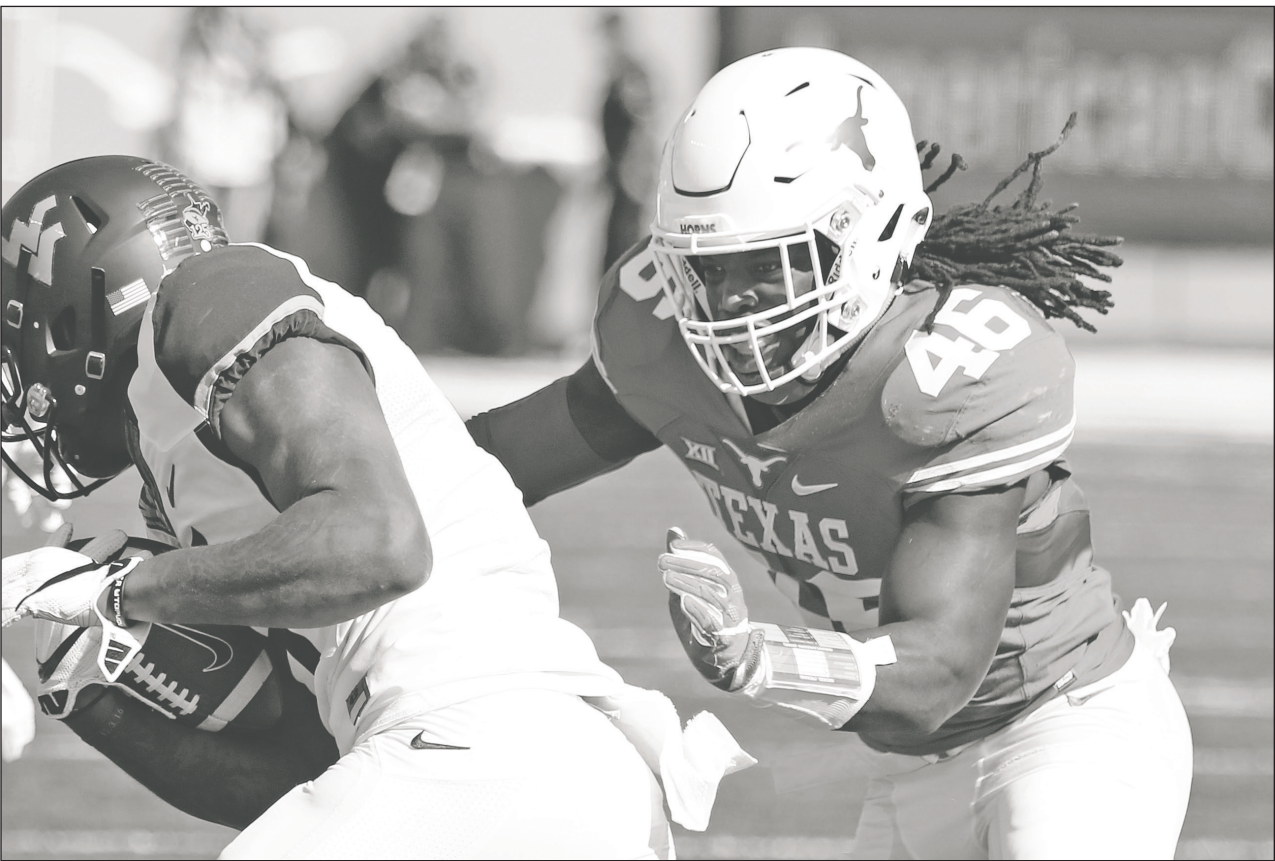
defensive end in the class of 2017. The addition of Chaisson could add increased star power to Texas' defense, a unit that struggled at the beginning of the 2016 season.

Offensive tackle Stephan Zabie remains on Herman's radar, too. Zabie is a local Westlake prospect built 6 feet 6 inches tall and 290 pounds. With the departure of senior Kent Perkins from the offensive line, Zabie could step into a starting role from the jump.

The ESPN 300 prospect visited Texas, one of 23 programs to send him an offer, on Jan. 20. Zabie is the 24th-ranked offensive tackle prospect by ESPN and a four-star recruit.

Texas has its sight on another four-star recruit too: cornerback Chevin Calloway. Calloway hails from Dallas and is listed as the 11th-best cornerback by ESPN. He previously visited Nebraska, Ole Miss and Arkansas but has a scheduled visit to Austin for this Friday.

The cornerback recorded three interceptions and 61 total tackles at Bishop Dunne High School this season. The Texas defense did not record an interception until October last season, so adding playmakers from the secondary should be one of Herman's top priorities.



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Rising junior linebacker Malik Jefferson attempts to bring down a West Virginia ball carrier on Nov. 12. Texas lost the home matchup against the Mountaineers, 24-20. Jefferson totaled 11 tackles in the game, a 2016 season high.

The other four-star cornerback on Texas' wish list is California native Javelin Guidry. The quick corner, who runs a 4.35-second 40-yard dash, is a popular target among Pac-12 and Mountain West schools. Guidry initially committed to Houston to play for Herman but de-committed on Nov. 28 following Herman's departure. If play-

ing for Herman is Guidry's priority, he may once again leave the west coast for the Lone Star State.

Great recruiting made Herman a household name at Houston, and he may land another great class at Texas if several targeted players commit. National Signing Day commences next Wednesday, Feb. 1.

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Allen was named Big 12 Newcomer of the Week after two impressive performances of his own.

Allen averaged 19.5 points and 14.5 rebounds against the top-10 conference foes. Allen finished with 22 points on nine field goals in addition to 19 rebounds in Lawrence — all career highs for the standout freshman.

He'll look to improve upon his stellar play to give Texas more success down the stretch of conference play.

—Alex Brisenio

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Jayhawks can't break losing streak in Fort Worth

The Jayhawks (6-13, 0-8 conference) entered Fort Worth on Sunday with hopes of finding an end to their seven-game winless drought. But the squad ran into trouble during the second half of the game, which led to defeat against TCU, 83-68.

Kansas tallied the first points of the game to spark a strong start to the first half, but the team's miscues allowed the Horned Frogs

The Jayhawks couldn't find the net enough to get on track and extended their losing streak to eight games.

to gain a 62-49 lead by the end of the third quarter. The Jayhawks couldn't find the net enough to get on track and extended their losing streak to eight games.

The Jayhawks hope to find their first conference win as they face Oklahoma State on Wednesday in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | TEXAS 84-83 OKLAHOMA

Jones downs Oklahoma in final seconds

By Trenton Daeschner
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Fans began heading for the exits Monday night at the Frank Erwin Center just as Oklahoma went up 83-78 with 19.1 seconds left. But then the unthinkable happened. Sophomore guard Eric Davis Jr. knocked down a three, and Oklahoma freshman guard Kameron McGusty missed two free throws on the other end. The door was left a little too wide open for Texas to capitalize. Freshman guard Andrew Jones proceeded to hit the shot of a lifetime — a fadeaway three to down the arch-rival Sooners at home. Texas 84, Oklahoma 83. “When it left my hand, it felt real good,” Jones said. “When it dropped, I was happy.” The Longhorns withstood the hot shooting of Oklahoma freshman forward Kristian Doolittle, who finished with 29 points and 10 rebounds. Senior forward Shaquille Cleare went to work down low for Texas. Cleare was masterful in the lane and finished with a career-high 23 points and eight rebounds. Davis finally came to life shooting the ball. Davis scored 18 points, 15 of which came from red-hot shooting from beyond the arc. “Today was definitely a confidence booster,” Davis said. “Definitely seeing the ball go in was good.” While Monday night’s Red River Showdown was a far cry from last year’s matchup in Austin in terms of importance



Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman guard Andrew Jones, center, celebrates with teammates after drilling a game-winning three with 1.8 seconds remaining against archrival Oklahoma. Jones scored 16 points Monday night, but none were bigger than his last three. to conference standings, Texas still secured a much-needed home victory. The Longhorns took down the Buddy Hield-led Sooners last year at the Erwin Center in thrilling fashion, 76-63, to vault Texas to 10-6 in Big 12 play. Times have changed since then for both teams, as each limped into Monday with losing records and are doubtful to make the NCAA tournament. The stakes were nowhere near as high and the crowd was nowhere near a sellout. But this was every bit as important. “We needed this in the worst way possible,” Cleare said. Texas got off to a much better start than it did Saturday in Lawrence against No. 2 Kansas. The Longhorns scored on their first three possessions to take an early 7-2 lead, which increased to 15-6 before Oklahoma woke up. A game of runs ensued. The Sooners went on a 9-0 run, followed by a 9-0 run of Texas’ own. A three by Doolittle gave Oklahoma its first lead of the game at 26-24 with 7:57 left in the first half. More back and forth followed, and a layup by sophomore guard Kerwin Roach Jr. with three seconds left put the Longhorns up 41-39 at the intermission. Davis continued his hot shooting right out of the break. Back-to-back threes from Davis and freshman guard Andrew Jones in the first two-and-a-half minutes capped off a 10-1 run to put the Longhorns up 51-40. Texas led 66-56 with 9:21 to play but squandered the lead late. A dunk by sophomore guard Rashard Odomes with 59 seconds to play gave the Sooners their first lead of the second half at 80-78. Three-straight free throws put Oklahoma in complete command — until Davis and Jones spoiled it. “Don’t give up — that was my main message,” Davis said. “Don’t give up.” Texas hopes to carry the momentum into Saturday as the Longhorns head out of conference to face Georgia on the road. “You can’t get too high or too low,” head coach Shaka Smart said. “You still got to turn the page.”

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | BIG 12 NOTEBOOK

Longhorns, Bears remain atop Big 12

By Vanessa Le
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Bears maintain winning streak to stay atop Big 12 standings No. 2 Baylor (19-1, 8-0 conference) rallied in the fourth quarter to pick up its 17th-straight win in a 79-73 battle against No. 24 West Virginia on Saturday. The Bears entered the fourth quarter under pressure for the first time since losing to Connecticut in mid-November. West Virginia trailed by a mere four points heading into the final frame. But the Bears pulled out their 53rd consecutive home game victory after senior forward Nina Davis and junior guard Kristy Wallace sank six-straight free throws late in the game. The Bears’ narrow margin of victory signals they’re ready to compete come March, but they must replicate their success on the road against Kansas State on Wednesday in order to protect their lead in the Big 12 rankings.

Texas finds consistency out west Texas (14-4, 8-0 conference) defeated Texas Tech, 77-57, Saturday to boost head coach Karen Aston past Gail Goestenkors for second place on Texas’ all-time wins list with 103 victories. The No. 12 Longhorns picked up their 12th-straight victory while handing the Red Raiders their first home loss of the season in Lubbock. Freshman forward Joyner Holmes led the Longhorns to success by notching her fourth double-double of the season. Aston’s team secured the win by holding Texas Tech to 35 percent shooting and matching its season low with nine turnovers in the game.

The Longhorns aim to keep their winning streak alive and stay perfect in conference play as they head to Fort Worth to battle TCU on Wednesday.

Oklahoma rallies past Cowgirls during in-state rivalry No. 20 Oklahoma (15-5, 6-2 conference)



Emmanuel Briseño
Daily Texan Staff

defended its home court, 68-62, against Oklahoma State after rallying from a 12-point deficit in the middle of the third quarter. The result marked Oklahoma’s third-biggest comeback win for a Big 12 game in program history. Free throws played a big role in the Sooners’ success over the Cowgirls. They knocked down 20 shots for their second-best free throw performance in conference play this season. The Sooners look to build off their big win against Iowa State on Wednesday before hitting the road to face conference-leading Baylor in Waco on Jan. 29.

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Freshmen earn conference awards A pair of Longhorn freshmen were honored last week after two dominant performances. Freshman guard Joyner Holmes was awarded Big 12 Conference Freshman of the Week after leading Texas to two victories over No. 20 Oklahoma and Texas Tech. Holmes shot 50 percent last week en route to averaging a double-double with 16.5 points per game and 12.5 rebounds per game. The guard from Cedar Hill now has four double-doubles in her freshman year. Holmes will look to keep the Longhorns undefeated in conference play when they travel to Fort Worth to take on TCU on Wednesday. Freshman forward Jarrett Allen had quite a week as well. Although Texas came up short against No. 6 Baylor and No. 2 Kansas,

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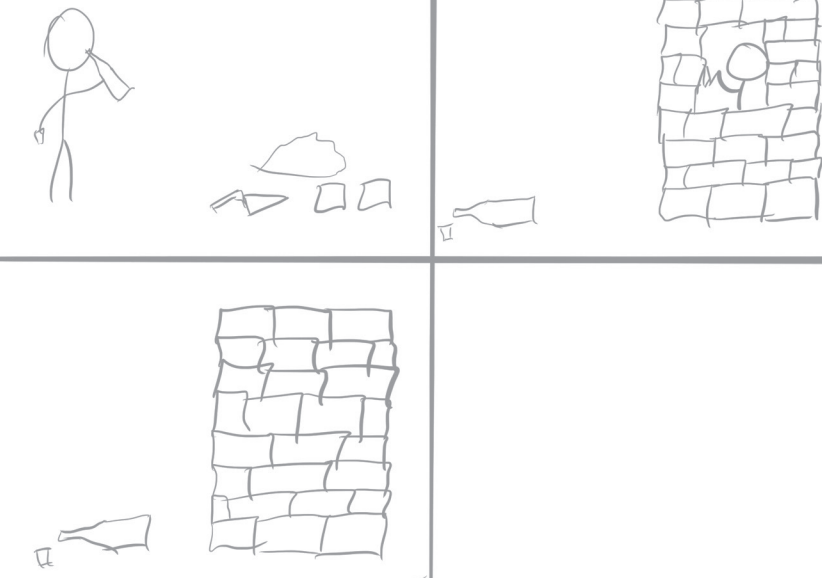
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4 Sounded kittenish

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13 Assistance

14 Allergy sufferer's lifesaver

16 Title heroine who says "I would much rather have been merry than wise"

17 Clear adhesive

19 Each

20 Treble

21 Software fix

23 Pack (down)

25 Backpackers' routes

28 French royal line

32 Mad ____

33 Omani money

34 Cardamom or turmeric

35 Ernie in the World Golf Hall of Fame

36 Synagogue singers

38 Something that fits in a lock

39 Add details to, with "out"

41 Marie Antoinette lost hers in la Révolution française

42 Get the ball rolling?

43 Cocktail usually served with an orange slice and a cherry

46 Sloping water trough

47 Drudge

48 Start of Caesar's boast

50 French cake

54 Surface-dwelling race in "The Time Machine"

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2 Decadent, as cake

3 "Eww!" inducer

4 Pilgrimage destinations

5 Pamphlets, postcards and such

6 Mark Twain, notably

7 Org. concerned with climate change

8 Johnny of "Sleepy Hollow"

9 Bottom-feeding fish known formally as the morwong

10 Like the D-Day assault on Normandy

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28 Jewish organization on campus

29 Sycophantic

30 Fortunes

31 Remove, as spilled ink

32 Certain jabs

36 Muchacho's sweetie

37 Back out of "Squad" (2016 hit movie)

42 Two-toned horse

44 Bad car to road-trip in

45 Mr. ____, host of "Fantasy Island"

49 1961 space chimp

51 Color of unbleached silk

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53 Enforcer of the Fed. Meat Inspection Act

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55 Reed of the Velvet Underground

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ALBUM REVIEW | ‘HANG’

Foxygen discovers breakout sound on latest LP

By Chris Duncan
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Thriving as a music duo is traditionally quite difficult, with many groups often expanding with unofficial members to find a more welcoming sound. On their newest album, Foxygen have done just that.

Amongst the sea of intriguing artists signed to indie-rock label Jagjaguwar, Foxygen is the strangest — not because of their sound, but because of their lack of a breakout moment. Since 2005, the group produced a number of LPs and EPs, varying their sound quite drastically each time, but nothing caught on. Their most popular effort, *We Are the 21st Century Ambassadors of Peace & Magic*, was easily their worst, sounding like a rebrand of MGMT mixed with every generic rock ‘n’ roll staple imaginable. With their latest LP, *Hang*, the duo has gone in a completely different direction and expanded their repertoire to surprising results.

Key to this transformation is a full-blown orchestra. Foxygen members Sam France and Jonathan Rado incorporate everything from horns to cellos and violins to try to

capture a sleek retro feeling, and for the most part, their attempts are successful. Their sound on this LP is absolutely enormous, larger than anything fans have heard from the duo. The best word to describe it is full — it feels like the sound Foxygen has always meant to create.

Tracks such as “Follow and Leader” and “On Lankershim” embody this fuller sound Foxygen has adapted, with horns and strings dominating the background of each song. These songs project Foxygen as a full band rather than two people. It feels like an evolution of their music rather than just another album where they spin their tires, tirelessly trying to drive home the same melodies with limited success.

However, not every song has a beautiful transformation with added orchestral arrangements. “Mrs. Adams” in particular becomes lost in this album’s colorful tracklisting, blending in because of a lack of originality compared to other songs. It draws heavily from the likes of David Bowie and Elton John but doesn’t distinguish itself with originality like many other tracks. Nonetheless, the orchestral



With the help from a full orchestra, Foxygen finds its groove on this exciting LP.

Courtesy of Foxygen

HANG

Artist: Foxygen
Genre: Indie rock
Rating: ★★★★★

arrangements across the entire album add an additional layer of passion and energy to Foxygen’s music that seemed to be lacking before.

Hang revolves around pop influences from the 1970s, bringing in tasteful spurts of rock to drive a bright moment home. The album’s intro, “Follow the Leader,” is textbook nostalgia, incorporating some

soul into the mix that reminds listeners of Van Morrison at his prime. “America” is another standout, bringing some exuberant piano to the forefront of the track. Of all the songs on this record, “America” will certainly be the best performed live because of how energetic it will sound.

Hang may come as a bit of a surprise to fans of

Foxygen who were used to their typical pop-rock sound, but it’s nothing that betrays their general sound and aesthetic. This slight tweak is growth in the right direction, possibly enough to find popularity and critical acclaim. New fans will find oodles of nostalgia, and if you’re already a fan of ’70s pop rock, this is the album

for you. Sure, Foxygen isn’t reinventing music, but they sure do know how to craft a well-paced album and an entertaining listen.

NIGHTLIFE

LGBTQ venue Cheer Up Charlies provides local music, safe space

By Daisy Wang
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Amidst a sea of creative minds, UT alumnae Maggie Lea and Tamara Hoover found each other through a shared appreciation of music, the LGBTQ community and each other. In a matter of time, their partnership gave rise to one of Austin’s signature venues — Cheer Up Charlies.

“We met, and it just felt like we were on the same entrepreneurial wave,” said Lea, co-owner of Cheer Up Charlies. “We very organically became friends and then partners.”

Located on Red River Street, Cheer Up Charlies is an LGBTQ bar and music venue that showcases local musicians and hosts events promoting inclusion and community.

In 2009, Cheer Up Charlies began as a food truck on the former lot of Ms. Bea’s on East Sixth Street. Hoover sold handmade raw chocolates and sandwiches, but financially, the truck wasn’t able to support her. When Ms. Bea’s entire lot went on the market, Hoover jumped on the opportunity to settle into the larger space.

The bar opened the week of SXSW in March 2010 with little to no funds. Concert organizer Todd Patrick helped Hoover set up and prepare for shows. Hoover said this was the beginning of live music at her venue.

“Todd came and said, ‘You

need to build a stage here, and this is what you need as far as sound equipment,” Hoover said. “I watched him activate that space, and it really inspired me.”

Hoover’s developed passion for live music led her to collaborate with Lea, who began helping her book music gigs. At the time, Lea was curating Cinema East, an annual film series, but was searching for another creative outlet. Though Austin’s mainstream music scene is saturated with big name artists and festivals, Lea makes an effort to focus on booking local bands.

“I’ve lived here a long time, and I just remember making friends and meeting people (through shows), and I think local music does that the best,” Lea said.

For Hoover and Lea, who both identify as members of the LGBTQ community, making the bar feel inclusive is personal. Brian Almaraz, longtime bar manager of Cheer Up Charlies, said the establishment offers a progressive environment not found at most establishments.

“We really create a culture where everyone feels welcome,” Almaraz said. “It’s where like-minded and un-like-minded individuals can share and progress their thoughts and ideas.”

But the duo’s ideas aren’t always so well received. As the sole female music venue owners in Austin, Lea said they face difficulties male bar owners don’t necessarily encounter.

“We met, and it just felt like we were on the same entrepreneurial wave.”

— Maggie Lea,
Co-owner of Cheer Up Charlies

“We’ll be at very official meetings, and we’ll offer ideas, and the guys will just kind of be like, ‘Alright,’ and move on,” Lea said. “When working with men, there’s a lot of shutdown, because they have this way of just taking over the conversation. It happens all the time to us.”

Though they relocated to a booming portion of Red River Street in 2013, Lea said four years later the venue still struggles to recapture the same spirit and crowd their old location drew.

Despite this, the two still look forward to a revival of the community they know and love, especially in the wake of the current political climate.

“It can be disheartening at times, but I can definitely sense our community coming back,” Hoover said. “The queer community is really good about activating our voices, and we stand up and fight for what we believe in. I would feel extremely successful running this business if I knew that people were using this space to its maximum capacity.”



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UT alumnae and partners Tamara Hoover and Maggie Lea co-own Cheer Up Charlies on Red River Street. Their LGBTQ bar and music venue has been open since 2010.

THEATRE & DANCE

‘The Great Society’ chronicles Johnson presidency on stage

By Morgan O’Hanlon
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Picket signs flood the streets. Loud chants, shouted in unison, call for solidarity in the face of injustice. Though this image is pulled from a scene from Robert Schenkkan’s play “The Great Society,” it could easily be mistaken for a description of the news today.

“The Great Society” is the second of UT alumnus Schenkkan’s plays chronicling former President Lyndon B. Johnson’s time in office, and it details the creation of the social programs from which the play gets its namesake. Though it’s no newcomer to the stage, the play’s premiere at Austin’s Zach Theatre on Wednesday will be the first performance in Johnson’s home state of Texas.

“There are a lot of lessons to be learned from re-examination of the second term of President Johnson, both in a sobering way and in a hopeful way,” Schenkkan said.

According to UT history professor Don Carleton, the source of the uncanny parallels between the Johnson era and today come from issues left unresolved by The Great Society. Carleton said that

since the time of The Great Society, many of its original tenets have been either undermined or unraveled, and this has inspired the protests that we see today.

“The reason there’s so much civil unrest is that the people who’ve been itching to get rid of these programs are finally getting their way,” Carleton said. “But the people who get direct benefits from these programs aren’t just gonna let that happen.”

Schenkkan said Johnson’s programs made him a great leader and an interesting subject to write about because of his powerful ability to create compromise across party lines.

“If you could separate his domestic policy from his foreign policy, I think he would be up there on Mount Rushmore,” Schenkkan said. “But you can’t take Vietnam out of the equation, and he should bear his fair burden of responsibility for it.”

The moral complexity of Johnson’s presidency inspired Schenkkan to use his play to tackle thematic issues such as exercise of political power and to what degree one can justly exercise their conscience.

“It’s a fascinating challenge

and one that has grown less acute in recent weeks,” Schenkkan said.

As the national partisan divide strengthens, Schenkkan said he wishes there were another Johnson who could find common ground to make progress.

“We’re now in a position to better appreciate his political genius,” Schenkkan said. “Certainly, we could do with a little bit more of LBJ in the Democratic Party right now; he got stuff done.”

Opinions on the man himself aside, Schenkkan said studying the social unrest of the era and the responses made by leadership might help the U.S. avoid repeating history.

David Steakley, a UT alumnus and creative director at Zach Theatre, said the play’s arrival in Austin may be late, but its timing couldn’t be better.

“The audience is going to have a very strong visceral response to this work, because it’s going to feel like it was written the morning they walked into the theater,” Steakley said. “It’s disheartening to see us as a society either repeating history or grappling with issues that we never resolved.”



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