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## UNIVERSITY

### Admissions investigation focus worries rep.

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After being denied access to interviews relating to the external investigation of UT's admissions process, state Rep. Lyle Larson, R-San Antonio, said he is concerned the investigation may focus on President William Powers Jr.

At a special meeting last week, the UT System Board of Regents denied a request from Larson and state Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, D-San Antonio, to attend or monitor all interviews conducted by Kroll Associates, Inc., the risk mitigation response firm leading the investigation that will look at outside influence over

the admissions process. Martinez Fischer and Larson, both members of the House Select Committee on Transparency in State Agency Operations, were assigned to monitor the System by the committee's co-chairs in August, after the committee's censure of Regent Wallace Hall.

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Lyle Larson  
State representative



Trey Martinez Fischer  
State representative

## WEST CAMPUS

### Pointe on Rio further delays move-in date to January

By Eleanor Dearman  
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The already delayed move-in date for future Pointe on Rio residents has been moved from October to January, according to an email sent to leaseholders Friday.

This is the second time the complex's move-in day has been changed. On July 24, leaseholders at Pointe received an email that said the building's construction would not be complete for the original move-in date on Aug. 16. Pointe officials scheduled the new date to Oct. 15 and gave residents the option to either stay at Dobie Center rent-free or find self-financed outside housing until then.

Now, residents are being told that the building will not be ready for move-in until January, according to the Sept. 19 email.

T'Erra Brown, psychology sophomore and Pointe leaseholder currently living at Dobie, said she was not surprised by the further delay.

"When I walked past the apartment a couple times, there was really no one over there working," Brown said. "They'd be there every few days. I'm not shocked. I'm upset, but I'm not really shocked."

The email attributes the delay to "city inspections and unforeseen construction delays."

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## CITY

### City Council debates ride-share options

By Jackie Wang  
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The Austin City Council discussed regulating transportation network companies' operations Thursday night. Council member Chris Riley, who sponsored the resolution to define and enter into agreements with transportation network companies, said he has never seen so much passion for a city issue.

"Taxicabs are great, but they are clearly not enough," Riley said. "I can understand the concerns because taxicabs have been providing services for decades, and there is some degree of disruption with this change."

The council passed the resolution 6-1 on the first reading. The final decision on the resolution was not made by press time.

21-year-old Hannah

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Council member Chris Riley rallies with ride-share supporters outside of the Travis County Commissioner's Office. The City Council is discussing a plan to legalize transportation network companies such as Uber and Lyft.

## RESEARCH



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Fred Beach, assistant director for energy and consumption, discusses China's energy consumption on campus Thursday.

### Professor discusses China's energy usage

By Mackenzie Palmer  
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Surpassing all other countries, China continues to demand the most industrial energy consumption, according to Fred Beach, assistant director for energy and technology policy for the Cockrell School of Engineering.

Beach spoke Thursday on China's continued success in leading the area of major energy sources as part of the University's Energy Symposium. He said he focuses his studies on the relationship

between China and the global energy demand.

"China's energy consumption has doubled in 10 years," Beach said. "China is now number one."

Beach said the reason that China has such a big lead in the energy industry is because of the country's large population. With more than 1.3 billion people living mostly on the eastern coast of the country, China has the largest population in the world.

China is not just a leader

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## RESEARCH

### Study finds obesity correlates with poverty

By Sebastian Vega  
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A UT assistant professor led a study that found a correlation between socioeconomic disadvantage and body mass.

Tetyana Pudrovka, head author of the study and sociology assistant professor, said the study proves that obesity does not only affect health, but social life and future earnings as well.

"You're already disadvantaged when you're born to poor parents. You have no control over your obesity," Pudrovka said. "Your parents' socioeconomic status already affects your risk of obesity and then [when] you're obese in adolescence ... you grow up and achieve less education and secure fewer socioeconomic resources because your obesity is also a disadvantaged social status, and it interferes with what you can achieve socioeconomically."

Pudrovka pointed out that the study does not focus on that lower-income families are more prone to being obese, but that obese people generally earn less income.

"We started early in [the participants'] life and



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Sociology assistant professor Tetyana Pudrovka found a correlation between poverty and obesity.

looked at the reciprocal relationship, by directional relationship, between poverty and obesity," Pudrovka said. "It's not that poverty increases your risk of obesity, but [for those] people who are obese in early life, their obesity also adversely affects their socioeconomic achievements."

According to the study, women are more prone to

having their careers hindered by obesity.

"This reciprocal chain was especially strong for women, and less so for men — especially the effect of obesity as a deterrent for socioeconomic achievement," Pudrovka said.

Along with her co-authors, Eric Reither of Utah State University and Ellis Logan and Kyler

Sherman-Wilkins of Pennsylvania State University, Pudrovka was able to evidence this by analyzing data from the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study. The study tracked the body mass and economic status of over 10,000 men and women for 36 years after their high school graduation.

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Preston Smith cuts a tree branch at Kealing Middle School on Thursday morning.

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Heather Cox, Pointe on Rio manager, declined to comment about the second delay.

In Friday's email the leaseholders were offered three options: to continue Dobie accommodations, including 25 meals a month and a parking spot, to continue staying at housing outside of Dobie until the complex's completion, or to cancel their lease with Pointe.

According to the email, if leaseholders decide to cancel their lease, it must be done by Oct. 21.

Toni Tatarevich, corporate communications senior and leaseholder at Pointe, said she feels the management is doing their best in a tough situation, but that their communication is inefficient.

"I think it's more of a corporate problem that this place isn't finished," Tatarevich said. "But it's a great inconvenience

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Loomis, who works mainly as a sales representative, said she started driving with Lyft when her friend

Graeme Hamilton | Daily Texan Staff

Pointe on Rio remains under construction and the move-in date has been pushed to Jan. 10 instead of Oct. 15. Leaseholders were given the option to cancel their lease.

because obviously I expected to have my own room, my own place, my own privacy, and that has not been fulfilled by the Pointe on Rio."

Tatarevich said she plans to continue staying at Dobie,

since Pointe is paying the rent, but is worried that the building will not be ready for move-in by January.

"My concern is what if they keep extending this deadline and I never get to

live there?" Tatarevich said. "That's what I keep thinking. How long is this going to go on? It's just so frustrating to drive by there. Very little progress, it seems, has been made."

recommended it as a good way to earn money on the side. Loomis said she needed the flexible hours Lyft provides to help take care of her son, Ambrose.

"It's hard," Loomis said. "A lot of times at my job I work until 2 p.m., and his day care is open until 6, so I drive from 2 to 6."

Uber and Lyft supporters packed the Travis County Commissioners Court on Thursday night. Before the flood of people in black Uber shirts and blue Lyft shirts poured in, the ride-sharing companies held a rally outside of the courthouse.

Political communications senior Kaitlyn Clark said she has been working with a task force made up of Austin stakeholders — Uber drivers, taxicab drivers and students — to launch a ride-sharing pilot program.

"We've been talking about possible ways to regulate," Clark said. "The group was designed to come up with a pilot program and right after [the group] formed, Uber and Lyft started operating. So basically, there is a pilot program that is illegal. Riley wants to start the program now with recommendations from staff and other cities, and come up with a more permanent solution."

The ordinance would only be temporary, but many taxi drivers who attended the council meeting still opposed the resolution. Yellow Cab driver Jonson Lemma said ride-sharing programs

are not only disruptive, but also unsafe.

"You can do all the background checks and stuff, but since it's not a commercial car, anybody can drive that car," Lemma said.

Riley said he is concerned with Austinites' safety, and he wants to help Austin embrace change in the right way.

"We do want to have some rules in place and make sure those rules work," Riley said.

Clark said one of the important aspects of ride-sharing programs like Lyft and Uber is nightlife safety.

"It's hard to get a cab late at night," Clark said. "We don't want to see people get into cars drunk. It's important to get these options for nightlife."

The council also directed City Manager Marc Ott to look at city code

amendments that would give street performers the public right-of-way and passed a resolution in support of the Texas legislature repealing House Bill 2.

One abortion-providing clinic in Austin has shut down already as a result of HB2, which was passed by the Texas Legislature last year and made abortion clinic requirements more stringent. Councilman Mike Martinez sponsored the resolution to repeal any provisions in HB2 that relate to regulating abortion services.

"We believe that there is going to be legislation to try and overturn HB2, and we want our values in Austin to be represented in Texas legislation," Martinez said. "We've done this on numerous occasions. We have influenced as citizens and council of Austin."

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in the coal business but practically dominates it, Beach said.

"China consumes more coal as a nation than the rest of the world," Beach said. "It was like someone hit a switch, and they decided to take over."

This was possibly because of the Chinese government wanting to raise the quality of life of its people, according to Beach.

"All of the world's people have every right to live and consume energy like you and I do," Beach said.

According to Beach, when added to the country's total population, this consumption rate becomes dangerous because the population then becomes an energy problem. Beach said the number of citizens burning coal as their source of energy in their own homes is a major contributing factor to China's consumption rate.

Beach said the world should be concerned about China's rate of energy consumption and use of fossil fuels because an end result could be an increase in global temperatures, causing sea levels to rise and a climate to change.

Petroleum engineering senior Gordon Tsai said he liked how Beach broke down the material.

"[It was] interesting how they compare to the U.S.," Tsai said.

Chemical engineering senior Dylan Gust expressed the same sentiment and said that it was very informative to him as well.

"It was great hearing the macro-perspective," Gust said. "Knowing this information will aid in my studies."

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measure that would depict the extent of students' obesity by evaluating over 7,000 high school yearbooks with a system of coding.

Sherman-Wilkins said people should reinforce positive values early on to try and avoid the correlation between obesity and socioeconomic disadvantage.

"It's very cliché, but knowledge is power," Sherman-Wilkins said. "Part of the challenge when crafting policies that address social issues is that people tend to not really understand what kind of mechanisms underlie those social issues. Early life matters, so interventions should be tailored to early life."

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RESEARCH

# Research shows benefits of bilingualism

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There can be economic benefits to learning a second language, according to a UT professor.

Education assistant professor Rebecca Callahan and UCLA professor Patricia Gándara conducted research for a book, “The Bilingual Advantage: Language, Literacy and the U.S. Labor Market,” that claims there is a negative economic effect to losing bilingualism.

“Bilingual instruction has been [in] decline,” Callahan said. “Our research showed us that there is an economic cost to people that lose their bilingualism.”

According to Callahan, learning a second language could also have psychological and social benefits, and evidence suggests that bilinguals perform better academically.

“Bilinguals tend to be better problem solvers, and they have different perspectives into new ideas,” Callahan said. “They are also less likely to drop out [of high school], more likely to enroll in college, and they are more employable.”

According to Iliana Alanis, associate professor at the College of Education and Human Development at UTSA, Callahan’s research could be used to prove the value of foreign language education.

“This book is timely in the Texas education and politics,” Alanis said. “When we visit legislators, they want to see research and data and the book provides this.”

The research for the book, which will be published in October, was conducted over the span of two years, and included the work of other scholars.

Callahan said the goal of the book was to bring to light the economic advantage



Rachel Zein | Daily Texan Staff

Rebecca Callahan, assistant professor in the College of Education, has analyzed the economic advantages of being bilingual in today’s job market.

of knowing two languages. Callahan said she hopes the findings stand out to politicians, who may then support the teaching of a second language in schools.

“All children need to have their opportunity to develop their bilingual skills,” Alanis said. “This gives them an opportunity to do better in schools.”

According to Callahan, the book presents evidence that bilinguals tend to be more successful in the labor market and are more likely to finish a four-year degree than English monolinguals. One theory for the cause of this is larger social networks.

RESEARCH

# Professor discusses human impact on wetlands

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Based on his years of field study in Belize, geography professor Timothy Beach discussed the chronology and formation of ancient Maya and wetland agriculture on Thursday.

Beach, along with his team of graduate students, has conducted studies on wetlands to better understand their significance to the Mayan civilization. Through his research, Beach and his team also work to raise awareness of the impact human activity has on the natural sites.

At the event, which was part of the Mesoamerica Colloquium Series and hosted by the Department of

Art and Art History’s Mesoamerica Center, Beach said that human activity greatly affects the wetland ecosystem. Because of this, he said it is important to preserve the Central American wetlands and to add them to the UNESCO World Heritage list, which would designate them as culturally or physically significant.

“Humans are now the largest geomorphic agent on earth,” Beach said. “One of my hopes is to get some of these Mayan wetlands on the UNESCO World Heritage list.”

Beach’s field research analyzed the geomorphological data in the soil of both Central American wetlands and tropical forests. The soil layers he analyzed showed

evidence of past human activities, such as digging irrigation canals, farming and raising water tables.

Beach said he hopes this data will better answer the fundamental question of how important subsistence agriculture was to the Mayan civilization.

During his lecture, Beach said that understanding the roles and methods of Mayan farming will allow society to better understand and learn from Mayan civilization and the value it placed on wetlands and forests.

“Are [species in tropical forests] the economic species that the Mayans looked for and intended to keep?” Beach said. “If they were a really productive society, then why

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—Timothy Beach, Geography professor

don’t we recreate them?”

Geology graduate student Natasha Sekhon attended the lecture.

“It is interesting how geosciences and geography are interrelated, and you have a lot of relations you can make to [the findings],” Sekhon said. “It is very fascinating.”

Beach’s lecture also touched on other parts of his research, like soil layering and erosion in the former Mayan lowlands and perennial wetlands of Central America.

Tianyi Sun, a geology graduate student, said she attended this lecture because parts of the lecture covered information pertinent to her classes.

“We were talking of C3 and C4 plants in class, and I was told that I could gain other ideas or concepts that are relevant in my own studies and interests, and I did,” Sun said.

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Larson said he wanted to sit in on the interviews conducted by Kroll to ensure that System officials and regents were also being investigated.

“I wanted to make sure that we had a holistic investigation, and it wasn’t targeted specifically at President Powers,” Larson said. “It’s unfortunate that President Powers has been subjected to the pettiness of the regents. I hope that when the new chancellor comes in, we can put this behind us.”

Larson said he has heard of regents asking System staff members to go to the UT admissions office and request that certain students be considered for admission into the University.

“They typically ask a

staff member to go over and request a consideration that the student be admitted to UT-Austin,” Larson said. “I’ve been told by System staff that’s how they handle it.”

Records first obtained by The Texas Tribune show Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa — who commissioned the Kroll Associates investigation in June — has forwarded letters of recommendation, including those from state legislators, to Powers since he became chancellor in 2009. Cigarroa said at a board meeting in May that letters not sent through the prescribed process should no longer be considered in admissions decisions, and the regents formally approved the change in July.

The System began conducting its own inquiry into legislative influence

over the University’s admissions in July 2013, after Hall brought up issues with two emails he uncovered from one of his requests for University records. In May, the System announced the inquiry found no evidence of a structured system of favoritism or wrongdoing, but it did determine letters of recommendation sent by legislators to Powers or a dean likely influenced the admissions process.

Martinez Fischer said the board’s denial of the request makes it clear there is a level of disconnect between the UT System and the role of the legislative branch.

“I think time will certainly tell whether the UT System is following the laws that every other Texas agency is required to follow,” Martinez Fischer said.

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**NEWS BRIEFLY**

**Audit concludes funds need closer monitoring**

A state audit of the Texas Enterprise Fund concluded that the Office of the Governor needs to monitor and control the Texas Enterprise Fund administration in order to substantiate the program’s claims of job creation.

The extensive audit was released Tuesday near the end of Gov. Rick Perry’s term. Perry leaves office in January.

The audit also found that some companies that received award money from the program never submitted an application to the Texas Enterprise Fund. Since the program started in 2004, about \$172 million went to companies that did not apply.

The Texas Enterprise Fund was established by the Texas Legislature in 2003 with the purpose of attracting new business to Texas. The audit, which was the first comprehensive audit on the program since it was adopted, revealed inconsistencies in the awarding process to businesses as well as the claims that the program created jobs and fostered competition with other states.

According to the audit, poor monitoring by Perry’s office made it difficult for state auditors to corroborate the office’s claim that the Texas Enterprise Fund created more than 48,000 jobs.

The audit called for better record-keeping and more specific definitions — one of the state auditors’ recommendations was to define “key terms” in the award agreements. Other recommendations were just as basic: The audit recommended the Office of the Governor ensure all applications are complete and accurate, as well as check to make sure that applicants are eligible for awards from the Texas Enterprise Fund.

—Jackie Wang



COLUMN



Sarah Montgomery | Daily Texan Staff

UT President William Powers Jr. gives his last State of the University address on Monday afternoon. Powers discussed the successes the University has had during his nine years as president, and what he sees as the future goals of the University.

To enact change, new president must continue Powers' legacy

By Paul Woodruff  
Guest Columnist

We need a president who can lead us through the enormous changes that lie ahead. Our world is changing more rapidly than we are, as is true of all great research universities. In the near future we — like the others — will have to change what we teach, the way we teach and the value we give to teaching. We will also have to change our approach to research, asking hard questions about what sorts of research are valuable and how the University should support research. A great university like ours is a treasure house of knowledge and at the same time an engine for developing new knowledge, but that is little use to the public unless we do a better job connecting our young students to the knowledge we preserve or create.

In recent years we have outdistanced our peer institutions in improving undergraduate education, but a palpable gap remains between our research and our teaching; our new president should lead us to bridge that gap as best we can. At the same time, studies about learning and new technology are challenging us to make radical changes in the way we teach. We cannot

hide from these.

Change comes hard to a university; academics form one of the most conservative professions on earth, and they fight hard to prevent major change. Courage is essential in the new president — the courage to take on the most serious problems, to face down resistance and to risk failure. Courage consists in having good values and sticking by them in the face of fear. The new president must be committed to certain values, above all to the importance of teaching undergraduates, which is too often subordinated to research of questionable value. The new president must also care deeply about the value of knowledge, which a great university like ours creates, discovers and preserves.

The main factor preventing change in American universities is the obsession with ranking. Most rankings are based on limited kinds of research that the academic profession values at a given time. Department chairs and deans are afraid to do anything that endangers their unit's rank, while they are always on the watch for funds that could lift them a peg or two in the estimation of colleagues from other schools. Rankings enshrine conservative values, and they make us suspend our own judgment

in favor of the judgment of others. The new president must have the courage to look past rankings to ask what our students really need to learn, as well as what kinds of research the university really should support.

After courage, the most critical quality will be the ability to communicate. The new president must have a talent for listening, speaking and writing. Listening is vital; the advocates of many points of view need to be heard, and they need to feel that they have been heard. Then, to lead us through change, the new president must be able to tell a story about the change that helps us believe in it and want to be part of it. Change of the magnitude we need cannot be forced from the top down; our community must make change its own, and this will not happen unless the president tells a compelling story.

In my 41 years at UT I have served under many presidents and known five of them fairly well. We have been fortunate in our presidents. The most recent one, William Powers Jr., has been the most effective agent of change I have seen leading us from the Tower. He understood the need to re-emphasize undergraduate education and led in developing an ambitious plan for reform well before political calls for change

came from outside the University. Reforms proposed from outside often have laudable goals, but they will fail in a great research university unless they are redesigned by people like Powers who understand how to change from inside, without damaging the brilliant learning community that we have built over the years. No president has done so much as Bill Powers to improve the undergraduate experience. His qualities are a good guide to the qualities we need in our next president. But all universities face even greater changes now, and changes at an accelerating pace. The new president will have a hard act to follow, but will have to lead us further and faster.

When a great president steps down, the University community should be proud, not over what the president accomplished, but over what we did under the president's leadership. Our University has a great history, but for us now it comes to this: We need a president who will make us proud to be part of the future of the University of Texas at Austin.

Woodruff is Darrell K. Royal Regents Professor in Ethics and American Society and was the founding dean of the School of Undergraduate Studies.

FIRING LINE

Reader commends family for donation to stuttering institute

Your article "UT unveils new stuttering institute" (Sept. 22) about the \$3 million donation by the Lang Family to create the Michael and Tami Lang Stuttering Institute at UT was most heartening. Kudos to the Langs for such an overwhelming donation in terms of both dollars and lives of children that will be changed through the free speech therapy offered at the institute.

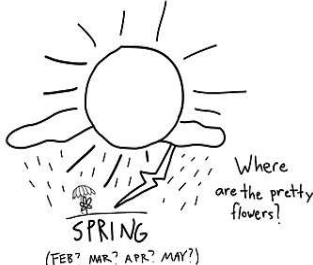
I just wish to mention that it is not generally known that every child in the U.S. has the right to free speech therapy, from preschool through high school due to federal legislation in the early 1970s. This incredible

benefit of free speech therapy is not just for stuttering and encompasses all speech problems faced by children. It is not an entitlement based on family income, so every child in the U.S. with a speech problem is eligible. I applaud The Lang Institute for Stuttering for offering free speech therapy to children. Hopefully this speech clinic at UT will be a national role model for many other speech clinics to offer free speech therapy to children in need.

— Edward Herrington, in response to the Sept. 22 article titled "UT unveils new stuttering institute."

GALLERY

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COLUMN

For Unseen, social media should promote freedom of expression

By Michael Schramm  
Guest Columnist

Here in the Unseen office, we were recently made aware of some UT student criticism of our anonymous photo-sharing app when photos of fliers started appearing in our moderation feed. A group of conservative students had plastered the campus with the words, "Respect your body. Stop posting boobs on Unseen." Especially as a company that cherishes freedom of expression, we would never dream of denouncing the students behind these fliers. In fact, we're all about creating an open forum for communication, so it's great to know we're getting people talking and generating discussion. In the spirit of open discussion, I do want to take a moment to address those statements and let students know about the kind of social environment we are trying to create in the Unseen app.

The only issue that we as a company have with the fliers is the judgment passed on women who post nude photos and the attempt to silence those who comment on their photos. Unseen users have every right to think for and express themselves (and let's be real, it's not only women posting topless pics, but men too). No one should be ashamed of their body, regardless of body type, color or size. Rather, the ability to show it freely without any social repercussions should really be something to celebrate. Nor is it disrespectful — it's a personal choice made by an individual. Through Unseen we want to create a safe environment for these kinds of choices. Whether someone is posting a nude picture or asking for advice about a personal issue, we want to make it possible for that person to get the attention, information and validation they need while revealing only as much about themselves as they choose.

What a user sees and experiences on Unseen is raw. It's real and open and certainly not

“In providing a place where students can say what they want and be who they want, we fully expect criticism. But ultimately we place a higher value on freedom of expression for everyone than on the opinion of those who believe in aggressive censorship.”

the kind of thing you find on a Facebook profile or an Instagram feed. In providing a place where students can say what they want and be who they want, we fully expect criticism. But ultimately we place a higher value on freedom of expression for everyone than on the opinion of those who believe in aggressive censorship.

We strive to be completely transparent in our active moderation of posts, and every comment or piece of content that we remove from the feed is taken incredibly seriously. While we're dedicated to protecting users from malicious activity, we are not in the business of creating an artificial, super glossy view of the world in the way that other social media platforms do. For young adults these days there is a huge amount of pressure to live up to the overcomposed personas that have grown out of public profiles. We still have a way to go, but we're pioneers in a new age of honest social media, building an environment free of this burden. We want to unshackle this generation from the expectations — and social repercussions — of an online identity.

Schramm is the CEO and co-founder of Unseen.

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BUSINESS

# Alumni siblings turn father's hot sauce recipes into business

By Noah Brooks  
@NTBrooks1011

The Singh siblings didn't expect to be in the business of hot sauce. But Omesh, Mukesh and Sunita Singh, all UT alumni, are now using their degrees to aid in the making and marketing of Scorpion Gourmet Hot Sauce, a company founded by their father.

The Singh's will be among the hundreds of vendors at the 33rd fall Pecan Street Festival. Taking place Saturday and Sunday, The Pecan Street Festival is held during one weekend each fall and spring and features local food, art, crafts and more than 60 Austin musicians.

After their father had been making hot sauce as a hobby for years, the family decided to put it on the market in 2012, and the company has been growing ever since.

"My siblings and I asked whether [our father] wanted to continue this hobby or actually bring it to market to share with everyone," Mukesh said. "We refined the recipe, and before you know it we formed Scorpion Gourmet Hot Sauce and we were off."

While on the festival circuit to promote their family's hot sauce, the Singhs went to the spring Pecan Street Festival. Their success led them to be-

come vendors again in the fall. "The Pecan Street Festival has been one of the best shows we have done," Sunita said. "We have done many shows in a variety of cities, but the market in Austin and at the Pecan Street Festival is unique, and we enjoy interacting with this market." Although the Singhs didn't expect to use their degrees to help promote their family's hot sauce, the siblings found that they were invaluable.

"As novice entrepreneurs, our experiences at UT have definitely shaped the success of our family business," Sunita said. "For me, my business background from McCombs has facilitated my understanding in what it takes to run a business from accounting and finance to marketing." Omesh, who received his degree in pre-medicinal biology in 2005, said UT helped him to be a better entrepreneur.

"To this day, I attribute my success in my professional career and with Scorpion Gourmet to my experience at UT," Omesh said. "Not only did UT nurture my entrepreneur abilities, but UT has armed me with the tools to be an effective communicator, networker and overall be able to navigate through the very competitive world of food product sales."

Recently, Scorpion

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—Omesh Singh, UT Alumnus

Gourmet was picked up by Central Market after a regional manager from the company tried it at ZestFest, a food festival that features hot and spicy dishes in Irving, Texas. "[The regional manager's] desire was to see this product on the shelves of all the Central Markets," Omesh said. "Within a few weeks we were on all the shelves in Texas. We are happy to share this exciting news with our customers at the Pecan Street Festival."

It still comes as a surprise to the Singhs that they are a part of the Pecan Street Festival.

"I remember coming to Pecan Street Festival when I was in school and seeing all the vendors, never thinking that I would once be here promoting my family's hot sauce," Sunita said. "Coming back to Austin always brings back a lot of memories and excitement."



Madison Richards | Daily Texan Staff

Mikaylah Bowman is the co-founder of Farewell Books, an independent bookstore that also serves as a space to showcase creative work. The store is currently featuring the work of visual artist Erik Swanson, a UT alumnus.

## BOOKSHOP

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ing world as well. Their first gallery item will be a collection of fake book covers by Austin-based artist Kevin McNamee-Tweed.

"He has been working on a series of fake book covers, and they're really humorous, but also really beautiful," Bowman said. "We're also

going to start work on books that document the artist work in our gallery, so those will be more frequent."

There's always a risk when starting a new business, especially a bookstore, but, for Bowman, the past year-and-a-half has been worth it.

"I think, surprisingly, the business has done better than we expected it to," Bowman said. "It was a

huge leap of faith and certainly an experiment. But, also, we work second jobs, and Farewell is a labor of love. We feel like we're trying to do a good thing, and we feel everyday that what we're doing here is for our community. So, we're happy to make any sacrifices, especially because our community helped us start this space."

## EXHIBIT

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cated to experimenting with ensemble performances.

"It is based a lot on the idea of building overtones over a fundamental bass note, something that related directly to the core of Sound Construction — bringing music back to its acoustic principles,"

Lippel said.

Philadelphia-based artist Sam Cusumano created a series of interactive, site-specific installations called "Electricity for Progress — Modification." Cusumano will set up stations in the Blanton's galleries with modified electronics and toys for guests to interact with.

"I want people to learn

about the electronics and systems surrounding them," Cusumano said. "I try to explore the ways that electricity and electronics function by allowing a listener to 'hear' the invisible processes happening inside of circuits. Guests are inspired to create amazing sounds, textures and questions."

## PLANS

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my husband and I walked down and I was like, 'What is this place? Is it a sports bar? Is it a German hall? ... Why don't we have an Oktoberfest here?'"

Roland met with the board of directors, who agreed to let her plan an Oktoberfest celebration for free. After its success, she was hired as an executive director for the club.

This year's AustOberfest will be even bigger than before, featuring 18 different food vendors — all with craft sausages and German-style sides — and nine different German beers.

"The hall is amazingly decorated, but the inside stage is a competition stage," Roland said. "We have a yodeling competition, a stein-holding competition and an air accordion competition."

Roland said they would stay well below max capacity for quality control.

"The best part about the event is you pay \$40, and you can eat your way through the next couple months," Roland said. "We plan on keeping the ticket sales capped to eliminate large lines."

Wertzner said he's looking forward to the unlimited food and drink.

"It's a good hangout place," Wertzner said. "I want to try

all the different vendors, and I'm kind of a beer snob. You can sample them all."

Saengerrunde, the oldest German heritage club in Austin, was first founded in 1879 and organized itself as a singing society. The hall is home to the Saengerrunde Maennerchor, the governing body of Austin Saengerrunde, who meet every week to sing traditional German songs.

Brian Michalk, the club's president, graduated from

UT in 1994 with a degree in computer science and was a member of the Longhorn Band. Michalk continued to play the tuba after graduation and is part of the Longhorn Alumni Band. For Michalk, Saengerrunde is more of a hobby, but one that he said takes up more time than it probably should.

"It's a labor of love," Michalk said. "It's enjoyable. I really like seeing plans come together, like throwing this

Oktoberfest celebration, and when it's done, we can revel in the glory of a successful event."

With such rapid growth after only one year, Michalk foresees bigger things for future AustOberfest celebrations.

"Next year, we'll probably shut down the street," Michalk said.

AustOberfest will take place at Saengerrunde Halle from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$50 at the door.

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VOLLEYBALL

Longhorn's depth continues to contribute

By Nick Castillo  
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As No. 2 Texas clawed its way back from a two-set deficit against West Virginia, it relied on its depth, as it has time and time again this season, to come back and remain undefeated.

Throughout the season, head coach Jerritt Elliott has proclaimed that the team's strength is its balance. While the Longhorns have reliable upperclassmen — senior outside hitter Haley Eckerman, senior outside hitter/middle blocker Khat Bell, junior outside hitter Amy Neal and junior middle Molly McCage — it's Texas' ability to utilize all of its players that has helped it excel this season.

"The nice thing about our program is that we have a ton of depth," Elliott said. "The depth is challenging in the gym environment. You've got to perform on a daily basis in our practice gym to get a spot on the court. When we get into matches, we've got a lot of confidence in people we can pull off the bench."

The difficult practices have been noticeable to the players, but Neal said they welcome it.

"In our gym and practice, it's super competitive, which makes everyone train really hard," Neal said. "On any given day, anyone's spot can be taken. But I think it makes everyone get a lot better that we're so deep because we challenge



Ethan Oblak | Daily Texan file photo

Led by senior outside hitter Haley Eckerman, No. 2 Texas continues to roll on pace to a 9-0 start. According to head coach Jerritt Elliott, the main reason for the perfect record thus far isn't their star hitter, but rather the team's depth.

each other in every aspect of our game."

The tough atmosphere in the Longhorn practice gym has translated well to game-play. Throughout their first nine games of the season, the Longhorns have used a variety of lineups and have managed to rotate every player on their roster into a game. The team has totaled 418 kills, led by Eckerman with 78, followed by Neal with 67. Texas has also recorded

435 digs this season with the help of freshman libero Cat McCoy, who leads the team with 131.

The Longhorns have used their entire roster to claim 27 of the 32 sets they've played. The team's balance is what helped Texas win against then No. 11 Florida, ease past then No. 21 Arizona, squeak by then No. 9 Nebraska and come back Wednesday night to beat Big 12 foe West Virginia. Texas remains un-

defeated through its first nine games this season and pushed its Big 12 winning streak to 17 games Wednesday, all with a balanced approach.

"I think it's been really fun to be undefeated," Neal said. "We've been tested in a lot of different environments, and that's helped us become better and train better in the gym. Being undefeated is cool, but any team can come out any given day and

beat you."

The Longhorns fell a game short of playing for the national championship last season and are hoping to get back to that stage this season.

"At the end of the day, we all want the same goal," sophomore setter Chloe Collins said. "There's no individual goal. The ultimate goal is to be in a national championship with your team."

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Orange-White meet gives freshman their first look

By Rachel Wenzlaff  
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To senior swimmer Kip Darmody, being a Longhorn is about being part of a team and respecting tradition.

Many of Darmody's teammates share his interpretation, and for the five freshmen new to the men's swimming and diving team, Darmody hopes Friday's Orange-White scrimmage will teach them what he learned his freshman year.

"I remember [my freshman year], Brendan Hansen telling me that the second I put a Texas cap on, I'm representing more than myself," Darmody said. "I'm representing the spirit of Texas and all the guys who swam before me. It's bigger than you. This is the meet where the freshmen really learn that type of spirit."

Although the scrimmage has big implications for morale, it is

largely informal.

Head coach Eddie Reese said the swimmers, especially freshmen, see the scrimmage as an opportunity to prove themselves.

"To me, it's not as important as the importance they give it," Reese said. "Any time you stand them up and use automatic timing and you put on the fast suits, it becomes a test."

The swimmers will race for first place on a team that is consistently ranked as one of the top-10 teams in the country. And that's exactly what makes this race so interesting.

"Eddie [Reese] and [assistant coach] Kris [Kubik] always believe that we actually end up getting more hyped up to race each other than other teams," Darmody said. "We race each other almost every single day, and to actually step up on the blocks and have your time pop off in front of someone else's, it really gives you a sense of pride."



Jonathan Garza | Daily Texan file photo

Senior Kip Darmody has had plenty to celebrate in his Texas career, but for the five new swimming and diving freshmen, the Orange-White meet will be their first chance to show off.

The high intensity of the inter-squad competition will give the coaches an opportunity to nit-pick and find areas for improvement.

"The faster you go, the

more chances that mistakes will show up," Reese said. "I'm going to be surprised. They're gonna be really fast."

Although Reese expects to be surprised by their speed, the overall talent of

the team will come as no shock to him.

"This year started better than any year I can remember," Reese said. "We're the strongest in the butterfly, and we are weak nowhere."

WEEKEND PREVIEWS

MENS TENNIS | JASMINE JOHNSON

The men's tennis team will compete in the Saint Francis Health System ITA Men's All-American Championship in Tulsa, Oklahoma, this Saturday in a tournament that goes until Oct. 6.

Competing in the main singles draw are seniors Søren Hess-Olesen and Lloyd Glasspool.

Glasspool, who ranked No. 31 in the preseason ITA rankings, finished last year's tournament with a loss in the consolation quarterfinals. Two-time All-American Hess-Olesen, who ranked No. 5 in the preseason ITA rankings, finished last year's tournament with a 1-1 record in singles play.

Hess-Olesen and Glasspool will compete in the doubles main draw and look to improve on last year's loss in the consolation finals.

Senior Adrien Berkowicz will join junior Nick Naumann and sophomore George Goldhoff in the qualifying singles draw.

Goldhoff, the reigning ITA Texas Region Rookie of the Year, advanced to the main draw quarterfinals in last year's tournament.

Berkowicz and Goldhoff will pair up in the qualifying doubles draw.

Junior Michae Riechmann will compete in the pre-qualifying singles draw.

TRACK AND FIELD | JAMES GRANDBERRY

Texas will compete in the first major meet of the fall season Saturday at the Roy Griak Invitational hosted by the University of Minnesota.

The invitational will feature many of the top-ranked teams from around the nation, including local rival Texas A&M, along with Ohio State, Iowa State and many more.

Both the men's and

women's teams are coming off the heels of a sweep at the UTSA Ricardo Romo Classic last weekend. Red-shirt freshman Robert Uhr was named Big 12 Runner of the Week for his performance in San Antonio with a mere 15:29.1, setting off a 1-2-3 finish for the Texas freshmen in the men's race.

This was Uhr's first weekly award from the Big 12 Conference for cross country and

WOMENS TENNIS | KYLIE HOPKINS

Texas will travel to Pacific Palisades in Los Angeles for the ITA All-American Championships this weekend and will be there until the final day on Oct. 5.

Sophomores Ratnika Batra and Neda Koprcina, ranked No. 81 and No. 112 in the ITA rankings, respectively, will compete in the pre-qualifying singles draw. Batra is the first

alternate to receive a berth to the qualifying singles competition if a player withdraws. Junior Breanna Addison, two-time All-American and Big 12 Player of the Year, will compete in the main singles draw. Addison ranks No. 13 in the ITA national rankings.

The doubles teams of freshmen Ryann Foster and Danielle Wagland, as

well as junior Lana Groenvynck and sophomore Pippa Horn, will play in the pre-qualifying doubles draw to try and earn spots in the qualifying rounds.

Pre-qualifying singles and doubles competitions are Saturday and Sunday, and the main singles competition will take place Oct. 2-5.

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TOP TWEET

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All I know is Derek Jeter playing SS for the Yankees. his retirement is equivalent to the sky no longer being blue. #Farewell-Captain

TODAY IN HISTORY

1961

Roger Maris hits homerun number 60, tying Babe Ruth's record.

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Soccer begins Big 12 slate this weekend

The women's soccer team began the season with a respectable 5-3-2 record, including a strong effort in a loss against No. 1 UCLA. This weekend, though, marks the start of Big 12 competition and Texas will immediately face the strongest punches the conference has to offer.

The Longhorns will take on undefeated No. 9 Texas Tech (9-0-0) Friday at 7 p.m. and face No. 17 West Virginia (7-2-1) Sunday at 1 p.m.

Despite having been shut out in three of their last four matches, the Longhorns do not sound too concerned about letting recent struggles bother them.

"We're just focused on Texas Tech. They're a top-10 team, and we respect them and want to beat them," senior defender Julie Arnold said. "We had a great weekend last weekend, played the top team in the country. We're excited about Friday."

Texas Tech will not need much offense to leave Austin with a win. The Red Raider defense, anchored by star sophomore keeper Lauren Watson, has held opposing offenses to only five goals on the season. Texas' game Sunday will likely be more high scoring, as West Virginia has scored 12 goals in its last three matches.

—Daniel Clay



FILM

# Students create new film festival in place of WXWC

By Danielle Lopez  
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Twice a year, the sun crosses the earth's equator, the seasons change, and day and night become equal in length — this is an equinox. Two UT students aim to give independent filmmakers a chance to present their work around this event at the Equinox Film Festival.

In the spring of 2014, West by West Campus, a student-organized film and music festival, had its last run. Inspired by WXWC, radio-television-film senior Jeff Mertz and geology senior Max Bridges combined their interest in film and Mertz's love of astrology to create the student showcase. The festival will take place Friday in the Jesse H. Jones Communication Center's auditorium.

"Going to West by West Campus' film fest felt like such a great communal experience," Mertz said. "Really being in touch with both West Campus and the student film community just felt really cool. Once West by West Campus was over it just seemed like something else had to be done." Mertz submitted his work to WXWC's film portion last year but was rejected. He said this helped motivate him to develop Equinox.

"It's part of me wanting to start something for people like me that didn't get into other things and to just be more accepting of diversity," Mertz said. "And beyond that, I've always had a profound connection to the changing of the seasons, and I want to create a



Daulton Venglar | Daily Texan Staff

Radio-television-film senior Jeff Mertz and geology senior Max Bridges are the co-founders of the Equinox Film Festival, set to take place Friday. Equinox was founded in response to the end of West by West Campus

connection and awareness to it."

Although the festival was created with students in mind, it is open to all independent filmmakers who want to screen their work.

"We're all part of the same community, and I think we all have very similar struggles," Mertz said. "So excluding it as a students-only film festival would be counterintuitive to the message we're trying to create."

The only restriction on submissions was that they be under 15 minutes. Mertz said that, unlike other film festivals, the submissions did not have to be restrained to one certain genre. Additionally, Mertz and Bridges said Equinox is not a contest.

"I think, more than anything, I hope to give students a place to show their work if they haven't had a chance to show it elsewhere," Mertz said.

"Having a place for that kind of diverse material is good."

Bridges said that the festival will be a great way to socialize with other people interested in film.

"It'll be interesting to see why some people are there, and the story behind their film if they submitted one," Bridges said. "Then maybe we can network and work on projects together in the future."

Nader Ibrahim, a radio-television-film senior and creator of one of the 10 films that will be shown, said he made his film two years ago but never submitted it anywhere.

"I decided that this would be a cool chance to finally do that," Ibrahim said. "I just want to see what [Equinox] is all about and get to watch other people's work."

Mertz intends to hold the

festival every semester near the time of the equinoxes. Although Mertz is a senior, he will be taking a fifth year before graduating, giving him more time to establish Equinox.

"I don't have any plans to do what [West by West Campus] did and stop just so it can be my legacy," Mertz said. "That would defeat the reason why I'm doing this. If the support is there, I hope this can go on indefinitely."

ART

The Blanton is hosting a sound exhibit, which will explores tone and its connection to color. The exhibit, "SoundSpace: Sound Construction," is the eighth installment of the sort in the Blanton.



Courtesy of Blanton Museum of Art

## Blanton's biannual SoundSpace exhibit showcases interactive musical experience

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The halls of the Blanton Museum of Art reverberate with deep bass notes, acoustic echoes and the fuzzy undertone of white noise. These elements combined create what is called a "sound construction."

On Sunday, the Blanton will host SoundSpace: Sound Construction, an immersive event that will explore tonal color and texture through a concert and interactive exhibits placed throughout the museum's galleries.

The exhibition is the eighth installment in the Blanton's acclaimed SoundSpace program, a series of biannual music events that seek to make ambitious and creative music accessible to the public.

Adam Bennett, the Blanton's manager of public programs, said Sound Construction will include musical performances that utilize both traditional and unconventional handmade instruments.

"We were excited about doing a SoundSpace that had interactive elements,"

Bennett said. "We thought about how so many interesting composers and musicians had invented new instruments."

The concert will feature the premiere of "Symmetrographia," a new work by Austin composer Travis Weller. It is a program-length piece that showcases musicians playing instruments ranging from the viola to two piano wire skiffs. The performance will also feature a sixteen-string instrument of Weller's own creation.

"The project called for a huge diversity of discrete

sounds," Weller said. "After kicking around some ideas for the piece, I decided to throw all the instruments I could at it to see what happened, but it seemed to be begging to be expanded into a richer, more complex soundscape. That was when I started thinking about this piece."

Another Sound Construction performer is Dan Lippel, a solo guitarist at the International Contemporary Ensemble, a group of composers and instrumentalists dedi-

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## AustOberfest plans for larger turnout this year

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Electrical engineering senior Konrad Werzner skipped last year's AustOberfest because he was underage, but he won't have to worry about that this year.

"It's an all-ages event, but a lot of people go for the beer because it's all imported German beer," Werzner said. "Some types of beer you can't even get at Spec's."

Austin Saengerrunde Halle, located on San Jacinto Boulevard, will host

their second annual AustOberfest, a mash-up of "Austin" and "Oktoberfest," on Saturday.

Saengerrunde Halle used to regularly host an Oktoberfest, but stopped in the 1980s.

Reagan Roland stumbled upon Saengerrunde Halle two years ago, and she immediately thought of Oktoberfest.

"It's kind of a funny story," Roland said. "I live four blocks away, and

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UT alumnus Brian Michalk is the president of Austin Saengerrunde, Austin's oldest German heritage club. AustOberfest will take place at Saengerrunde Halle on Sept. 27.

CITY

## New bookshop opens with space for visual and literary artists

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Located on Cesar Chavez, right past I-35, Domy Books was a hidden gem, a bookstore with a vast array of independent literature and comics that served as an alternative to BookPeople and Half Price Books. It created such a niche for itself that even when the owner decided to close up shop in late 2012, the staff decided to continue on.

Farewell Books, located where Domy Books once stood, was founded by Mikaylah Bowman and Travis Kent, two former employees of Domy. The store was opened in May of last year, after Bowman and Kent ran a successful fundraising campaign on Kickstarter, a crowdfunding website, that raised enough for them to secure the building's lease.

"When the owner [of Domy Books] pulled out financial backing in 2012, we

decided we really wanted the space to continue and stay," Bowman said. "So we secured the lease. The community gave us a lot of support."

Farewell Books hosts book readings and signings, as well as poetry readings, 16 millimeter and travel film screenings and music performances. The store also serves as a space to showcase local, regional and even national artists. Right now, Farewell Books is showcasing the work of visual artist and UT

alumnus Erik Swanson.

"[It is] because we're not just a bookshop. We're a gallery," Bowman said. "I would say the gallery is just as important as the bookshop aspect of the business. Showcasing visual art, in any form, is important to us."

Farewell Books currently operates with four other businesses within the same space — Las Cruces, a record and clothing boutique, Dress Smart Tailoring, Flat Track Coffee and Shhmaltz,

a vegan Jewish deli trailer out back.

"I think definitely what has stayed the same and what's a holdover from Domy is that we wanted it to be a platform for artists to meet, as well as a community space," Bowman said. "We felt that was probably the most important aspect of keeping this space here because we felt there was nothing else like Domy in Austin."

The store specializes in harder to find works, selling various out-of-print and

obscure books and comics among their more well-known catalog.

"What is different about Farewell is that our selection of books is smaller," Bowman said. "We curate very carefully, and we've also integrated more used books as well as fiction and non-fiction — metaphysicals, spiritual books and things like that."

Farewell Books is planning to branch out into the publish-

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## EDITOR’S NOTE

Coming off a bye week, the Longhorns are looking to snap a two game losing skid as they head to Lawrence to take on Kansas this weekend. Sophomore quarterback Tyrone Swoopes is slowly growing more comfortable behind center for Texas and his inexperienced offensive line is gaining confidence by the minute. Can the Longhorns cruise to an easy victory over the Jayhawks or will Charlie Weis and Co. pull off a much needed upset? We’ll find out Saturday.

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# BY THE NUMBERS

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## 81-37-3

Texas' record in its fourth game of the season, a win percentage of 67 percent.

## 38-15

The average score, in the Longhorns' favor, of Texas' series against Kansas. The average score of Texas' five wins in Lawrence is 34-16.

## 1938

The last time Kansas defeated Texas. The Jayhawks won the first two meetings between the schools but have dropped the past 11 games by an average of 29 points. Texas is 8-2 all time in its fourth game after starting the season 1-2.

## 1997

The only other time the Jayhawks faced Texas while sporting a better record than the Longhorns. Texas won that game 45-31. The Jayhawks are currently 2-1 while the Longhorns sit at 1-2.

## 2007

The last time the Longhorns dropped their conference opener, falling to Kansas State 41-21. Since the formation of the Big 12, Texas is 15-3 in conference openers.

## 1-2

This is the third time in school history Texas has started 1-2 in consecutive years. Last season, after starting off the season 1-2, the Longhorns defeated Kansas State 31-21 in their first of six straight wins.

## 4

Texas senior running back Malcolm Brown scored a career-high four touchdowns against the Jayhawks in last year's 35-13 victory in Austin.

## 20.7

The Longhorns enter their conference opener averaging 20.7 points per game, tied for eighth in the league. The Jayhawks, however, are the only team that scores less per game than the Longhorns, averaging only 20.3 points per contest.

## 15.7

The Longhorns have averaged only 15.7 first downs per game thus far, worst in the Big 12. Kansas' 17.3 is the next lowest.

## 7

The number of tackles for loss recorded by junior defensive tackle Malcom Brown, tied for sixth nationally. In non-conference play, the Jayhawks allowed 5.33 tackles for loss per game, so expect to see more of the same from Brown in this one.

## 3

Texas senior receiver John Harris has caught a touchdown in each of Texas' first three games this season. He is only the third Longhorn ever to do so.

## 12.33

Texas senior line-backer Jordan Hicks is averaging 12.33 tackles per game, tied for seventh most in the country.

## 31

The Longhorns have gained 10+ yards from scrimmage only 31 times so far this season, tied with Iowa State for the lowest by a Power Five conference school. The Longhorns are one of only 18 FBS teams to have not recorded a play of 50+ yards from scrimmage thus far.



**Malcolm Brown**

Running back



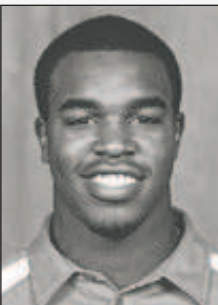
# STOCK UP, STOCK DOWN

By Evan Berkowitz

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## Stock Up: QB Tyone Swoopes

It feels like Swoopes, a sophomore, is on this list for a different reason every week. The coaches have been quick to praise him after both starts while others have been quick to criticize him. Despite the hype that surrounded his strong arm and mobility during all of spring and preseason, those aspects of his game have yet to be seen. However, he was very effective, throwing for 196 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions, against a good UCLA defense and appears to be headed in the right direction. Head coach Charlie Strong keeps saying Swoopes is getting better and better, and, for now, he is right.



## Stock Down: DE Cedric Reed

Another game without a sack for Reed, who was supposed to take his game to the next level this season after being selected as a pre-season All-American. Much was expected out of the six-foot-five-inch senior after his 10 sacks last year, but he hasn't produced so far this year, notching just 0.5 sacks. Head coach Charlie Strong claims he's not getting caught up in the numbers, but there is still cause for concern. Besides his low sack number, he has just one quarterback pressure and one tackle for a loss.



## Stock Up: WR John Harris

This guy's stock just keeps going up and up. In his first three seasons, the redshirt senior recorded nine receptions, 190 yards and three touchdowns. He has already matched or eclipsed each of those numbers in just three games this year. Swoopes likes to look his way, connecting with him on 12 passes and even going to Harris on a fourth-and-eight. And with a touchdown catch in every game this season, Harris is bound to keep getting looks from Swoopes.



## Stock Down: CB Duke Thomas

Thomas, a junior, got burned for the game-winning touchdown against UCLA. But, that's not the only reason he is on this list. So far this season, he has no pass deflections or pass breakups, which is especially bad because he's played nearly every down. He isn't close to being benched anytime soon, but he doesn't provide much confidence in man coverage. And with senior cornerback Quandre Diggs covering the other side of the field, opposing teams will look to pick on him more and more, just as UCLA did at the end of the game.



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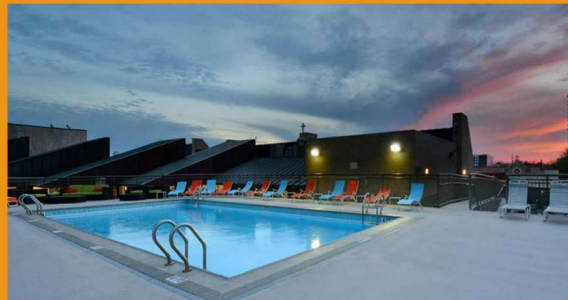
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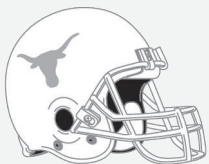
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## QB

### Advantage: Texas

Sophomore Tyrone Swoopes has done nothing to justify last season's murmurs of a potential "Vince Young 2.0," but he has avoided the head-scratching mistakes and arm strength questions that plagued Case McCoy last season.

Sophomore Montell Cozart has struggled mightily. Against Central Michigan last week, he completed more than half of his passes for just the first time in six career starts.



## RB

### Advantage: Kansas

The Kansas backs have been underwhelming of late, but freshman Corey Avery and junior DeAndre Mann are averaging 4.6 and 6.1 yards per carry, respectively.

Texas needed junior Johnathan Gray and senior Malcolm Brown to carry them to victory against UCLA; they did not. Neither back has eclipsed 100 rushing yards in a game this season.



## WR

### Advantage: Texas

This was supposed to be Texas' worst offensive unit, but senior John Harris looks like a legitimate No. 1, and junior speedster Marcus Johnson is slowly working his way back into the offense.

Only two Kansas receivers have compiled at least 100 total yards through three games, but head coach Charlie Weis has pointed to his quarterback as the source of some of the poor numbers.



## OL

### Advantage: Texas

Texas' offensive line received yet another blow this week when tackle Kenney Estelle's suspension turned into a dismissal. The offensive line has struggled to surge ahead of its running backs recently, but pass protection has held up well.

Kansas beat Central Michigan last week without redshirt junior tackle Damon Martin and senior guard Mike Smithburg. In their absence, the Jayhawks ran for 138 yards, but more than half of that total came on one carry.

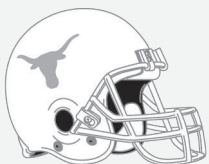


## DL

### Advantage: Texas

The one strength of the Texas run defense was its ability to stop runs between the tackles, but the loss of senior defensive tackle Desmond Jackson allowed UCLA to run up the middle with ease.

The Kansas defensive line allowed 297, 180 and 178 rushing yards in its first three games, respectively, and redshirt junior Ben Goodman is the only Jayhawk defensive lineman to have recorded a sack through three games.

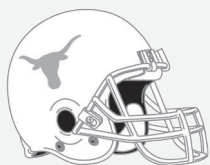


## LB

### Advantage: Texas

The Texas linebackers looked much better against UCLA. This unit can finally pin its ears back and rush the passer now that they're done with dual threat quarterbacks — BYU's Taysom Hill and UCLA's Brett Hundley.

Senior Ben Heeney is the rock in the middle of the Kansas defense. Heeney has recorded over 100 tackles in each of the last two seasons. In last week's contest against Central Michigan, he made seven solo tackles, including two for a loss, and forced a fumble.



## DB

### Advantage: Kansas

Kansas' pass defense, led by senior cornerback JaCorey Shepherd, has twice held its opponents to less than 200 passing yards. The Longhorns' short passing offense could play perfectly into the Jayhawks' hands.

The defensive backs have done a decent job preventing big plays, but junior cornerback Duke Thomas got torched for the long, deciding touchdown against the Bruins, and the unit failed to record an interception for the first time this season.



## ST

### Advantage: Kansas

The Jayhawks are a mere 4-8 on field goal attempts, but Shepherd is a dangerous kick returner. Junior Isaiah Johnson and senior Nick Harwell combine to average a very solid 17.33 yards per punt return.

Junior placekicker Nick Rose has been shaky on field goals, the return game has yielded nothing, a long punt return led to UCLA's game-winning touchdown and the Longhorns even managed to botch a coin toss that may have cost them the game against the Bruins.







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Sophomore quarterback Tyrone Swoopes is one of many Longhorn underclassmen that has been called upon to fill the void left by injuries and suspensions to several Texas veterans.



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# Underclassmen must fill void left by injuries, suspensions

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Over the past three weeks, Texas has found itself without several key veterans.

Either through injury or dismissal from the team, the Longhorns have lost four upperclassmen since beating North Texas in the season opener. The losses have deprived the team of veteran leadership, something the Longhorns really need as they begin to develop under head coach Charlie Strong's new leadership style.

However, most of those veterans are out for the foreseeable future and with conference play starting, Texas' younger players need to rise in their absence to give the Longhorns a chance at a Big 12 title.

On offense, Texas is without former starting quarterback David Ash, who retired from football last week after struggling with concussion symptoms throughout his career. It is also missing redshirt senior center Dominic Espinosa, who is out with a broken ankle, and junior offensive tackle Kennedy Estelle, who was dismissed from the team Tuesday.

Sophomore quarterback Tyrone Swoopes is the most

obvious underclassman who needs to provide leadership for Texas, but the Longhorns' biggest leadership void is along the offensive line, which has just 15 combined starts heading into this weekend's game in Lawrence, Kansas.

Redshirt freshman Jake Raulerson, who was thrown into the fire unexpectedly when Espinosa went down against North Texas, has already drastically improved.

But, for the big guys up front, the biggest challenge is to find a way to create continuity and develop chemistry between each other to provide a solid line of protection.

"I've got to trust those five guys that walk out there first," said Shawn Watson, quarterbacks coach and play caller. "We're getting some of the younger kids up, and we're working with them now to be there in case, if nothing else, for our future."

On the defensive side of the ball, sophomore defensive tackle Hassan Ridgeway is expected to take over for the injured senior Desmond "Tank" Jackson, who is out for the season after undergoing foot surgery this week.

For Texas to recover from its 1-2 start, team leaders need to take over the locker room and lead by example on

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I've got to trust those five guys that walk out there first. We're getting some of the younger kids up and we're working with them now to be there in case, if nothing else, for our future.

—Shawn Watson,  
 Quarterbacks coach

the field. Although seniors are expected to provide that guidance, Texas' underclassmen will have the opportunity to step into the spotlight as the season progresses. If they don't, the losses will continue to pile up.

"You just kind of stay on [the underclassmen], and, hopefully, those guys get the picture that you are going to have ups and downs," senior cornerback Quan-dre Diggs said. "I've been through that as a young guy my freshman year. I know I had a lot of ups and downs. You just continue to talk to those guys, get them in the film room, and they will continue to build confidence up throughout practice and things like that."



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# SCENARIOS

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Sophomore quarterback Tyrone Swoopes showed improvement in his second start against UCLA. He'll have to be even better against Kansas.

Lauren Ussery  
Daily Texan Staff

## Texas wins...

If the offensive line provides solid run blocking and adequate time for sophomore quarterback Tyrone Swoopes to throw the ball. Swoopes has exceeded expectations during his first two starts, despite an inexperienced offensive line. The biggest problem with Texas' youthful line is that it has struggled to open up holes in the running game. For the Longhorns to win, the line will need to create lanes for the running backs and give Swoopes an opportunity to stretch the field with the deep ball.

If its defense is able to keep the Jayhawks off the field. Kansas' offense hasn't looked good this season, and if the Longhorns are going to win, they'll need to force the Jayhawks to continue that trend. If Texas allows Kansas to gain momentum, it might struggle, but, if it is able to shut down the Jayhawk offense before it has a chance to get going, it should win easily.

If the special teams unit is able to get the job done. This means no missed field goals from junior kicker Nick Rose, no bad punts from redshirt senior punter Will Russ, good kickoff and punt coverage and an improved return game. If the Longhorns can just avoid mistakes on special teams, they'll be in prime position to win the game.

## Texas loses...

If it overlooks Kansas. Last time the Longhorns traveled to Lawrence, it was a mess. Former starting quarterback David Ash threw two interceptions before Case McCoy entered the game and saved Texas from a humiliating defeat. Although the Longhorns are coming off a bye week, they may be looking toward the two games following their matchup with Kansas — against Baylor and Oklahoma. If Texas doesn't take the Jayhawks seriously, the Longhorns may find themselves on the losing end of a major upset.

If the offense fails to generate points. Swoopes led the offense against both BYU and UCLA, and although the outcomes were the same in both games, the offenses varied significantly. Against BYU, the Longhorns only put up seven points. But, the following week, Texas only scored 17 points against UCLA. If Texas doesn't continue to grow offensively and doesn't find the endzone on several occasions, it may be in trouble.

If the defense allows big plays. After Texas forced a late game fumble against UCLA, the Longhorns failed to convert a first down and took very little time off the clock. Texas then allowed a huge punt return and followed that up by being fooled on a double move, which led to the game-winning touchdown. If the Longhorns allow Kansas to convert big plays and gain momentum, they may add a third game to their current losing streak.

# WHO NEEDS TO STEP UP

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## Seniors

There are 28 seniors on Texas' roster — 12 are starters. Head coach Charlie Strong called out those veterans at his weekly press conference Monday.

"I told the seniors it's all about their leadership," Strong said. "Their senior year, you like to see them go play their best football, and some of our seniors aren't playing their best football. It's not going to change until we start developing pride, and we have pride within ourselves and pride within the team."

While the Longhorn seniors have managed to pull out the occasional big win over the course of their careers, they have, for the most part, struggled in big games. Although the matchup with Kansas won't be considered a big game, Texas needs its seniors to lead by example if it wants to contend for a Big 12 championship.

## DT Hassan Ridgeway

Texas lost senior defensive tackle Desmond "Tank" Jackson during its game against UCLA when he broke his ankle. Since then Jackson has undergone surgery that will likely sideline him for the rest of the season. Sophomore defensive tackle Hassan Ridgeway is expected to fill Jackson's void.

Ridgeway will have to step up as he has "Tank" sized shoes to fill. Jackson was an important piece in stopping the run, and his absence was noticeable against the Bruins, as they were able to run the ball with ease after he was carted off.

It may be difficult to replace Jackson, but the coaching staff expects Ridgeway to come in and have success.

"The thing about Ridgeway is he is so strong and so powerful," Strong said. "And he's big and strong where he can get off blocks and make plays. You just see him engulf people and just throw them back and then reach over and get sacks."

## Linebackers

The key to a good defense is a formidable linebacking corps. Texas has solid linebackers in seniors Jordan Hicks and Steve Edmond. The Longhorns also rotate a handful of other guys into the second tier of their defense. But, at times, the veterans have faltered.

During the UCLA game, Hicks whiffed on a tackle that led to a big run by the Bruins. At other times, Edmond failed to fill his gaps. Some of the rotational guys have also been caught out of position.

For Texas to be successful against Kansas, and the rest of the Big 12 for that matter, it needs its linebackers to step up.



With Desmond "Tank" Jackson out for the season, Hassan Ridgeway (98) has been called upon to fill a huge void in the Longhorn defense.

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# Ridgeway tasked with replacing Tank

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Before the season, those who had been around Hassan Ridgeway knew that the redshirt sophomore defensive tackle had the talent to be a special player. His teammates often spoke about the flashes of brilliance they had seen in practice, but, to some, it appeared that a poor work ethic prevented him from reaching his full potential.

Nicknamed the “Green Mile” by his teammates, Ridgeway’s challenge for 2014 was to “bring it” on every single play. As the season grew near, junior defensive tackle Malcom Brown saw Ridgeway putting in the extra effort.

“He’s grown up a lot,” Brown said. “Sometimes Hassan just goes. And when he really goes, you’re like, ‘Man, just do that every play.’ But he’s grown up a lot, I feel like his mind has gotten better, and he’s going to be a great player for us.”

In Texas’ season opener against North Texas, Ridgeway immediately demonstrated that potential, accumulating two sacks, the first two of his collegiate career.

“I hadn’t gotten a sack since high school, so that was a big moment for me,” Ridgeway said. “That was my first college sack, I was pretty emotional for that one.”

In Texas’ two game since, Ridgeway has continued to make an impact in the defensive line rotation.

In the second half of Texas’ loss to UCLA, senior defensive tackle Desmond “Tank” Jackson suffered a



season-ending foot injury. Ridgeway played well in relief of Jackson but will now be tasked with the added pressure of replacing him as a starter.

Texas defensive coordinator Vance Bedford expects Ridgeway to be able to handle the added playing time but knows it will be tough to replace Jackson’s leadership presence.

“Hassan Ridgeway was backing up Malcom [Brown]. Now he has to go to nose [tackle],” Bedford says. “As far as a physical presence, I think we will be good there. But, as far as the excitement, the enthusiasm [and] the emotional leader, you can’t replace that.”

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Top: Sophomore defensive tackle Hassan Ridgeway (98) tracks down a UCLA player in Texas’ 21-17 loss to the Bruins at AT&T Stadium on Sept. 13. Bottom: Ridgeway gets set in his stance against UCLA. The sophomore will start at defensive tackle for the Longhorns the rest of the season with Desmond Jackson out for the year.

# After rocky career, Ash steps away

By **Stefan Scrafield**  
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When David Ash committed to play at Texas in February 2010, he wasn’t expected to leave much of a legacy as a Longhorn.

Garrett Gilbert, former Gatorade Player of the Year, had just held his own after being forced into duty against Alabama in the BCS National Championship Game and was supposed to be the quarterback of the future at Texas.

Ash didn’t even crack the ESPN150 coming out of high school, and many figured he might not play at all, even before Mack Brown found another top quarterback to step in after Gilbert.

Unfortunately for Longhorn fans, that couldn’t have been further from the truth.

By the time Ash arrived on campus, Gilbert’s Longhorn career was in shambles and the Texas football program was coming off its worst season since 1997. Ash wound up playing in all 13 games as a true freshman, and, by week seven, he was the starter.

Fast forward a few seasons, and Ash has started 22 games, attempted over 600 passes and thrown for 4728 yards and 31 touchdowns. Unfortunately, he’s also had more head injuries — three — than he’s played in bowl games — two.

Three was apparently one too many for Ash, as concussion symptoms forced the Belton native to end his football career last week.

Ash met with the media for the first time since retiring this week, and the always-stoic leader showed an emotional side some had never seen before.

“The last couple weeks have been hard,” Ash said. “I’ve met my quota for crying for like the next ten years probably.”

In spite of the inevitable disappointment that comes with having a career cut short, Ash appears to be handling the challenging situation with grace. As always, he has been thankful for God’s presence in his life, but he has also been very appreciative of all the support he has received from people in his life.

“Throughout this whole process, there’s been so many people reach out to me and encourage me,” Ash said. “I want those people to know that that really does matter, and it really did affect me in a tremendous way.”

Some will remember Ash as the quarterback who couldn’t lead Texas beyond mediocrity while others might think of him as the guy who made the most of a tough situation. Either way, it’s tough to question his perseverance.

He took over as the face of the Longhorn football

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Jonathan Garza | Daily Texan Staff

After struggling with concussion symptoms over the past two seasons, Texas quarterback David Ash announced his retirement from football this week. The redshirt junior threw for 4,728 yards and 31 touchdowns over the course of his four year Longhorn career.



# KEYS TO THE GAME

By Daniel Clay  
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## CREATE TURNOVERS

The Longhorn defense needs to start creating more turnovers if this squad wants to make any noise in conference play.

The new West Coast offense has not shown a consistent ability to sustain drives or make big plays, and, unless the offense improves, the defense has to start helping out.

The Longhorn defense did a decent job of containing the UCLA scoring attack, even when starting quarterback Brett Hundley was at the helm, but it forced only one turnover.

Fortunately for the Longhorns, Kansas' offense will not put up Baylor-sized point totals, but neither will Texas'. The best way to ensure the Longhorns score enough to beat a 2-2 Kansas team is if the defense can force Jayhawk sophomore quarterback Montell Cozart into making mistakes, giving sophomore quarterback Tyrone Swoopes and the Texas offense a short field.

## SHUT DOWN KANSAS' BACKS

Kansas' quarterback play has been terrible this season. Cozart has completed only 54.8% of his passes and has only five touchdowns to go with three interceptions.

The only way the Jayhawks can realistically upset Texas is if its stable of running backs can carry the Kansas offense.

Kansas' running backs — freshman Corey Avery and junior De'Andre Mann — each average around seventy yards per game, although their numbers are on the decline.

An overemphasis on stopping running backs has led to big games by athletic quarterbacks in the past, but, even though Kansas technically runs a spread option, Cozart and his 0.8 yards per carry pose no real threat in the run game.

The loss of immovable senior defensive tackle Desmond Jackson is a huge blow to the Longhorn run defense, but the linebackers no longer have a running quarterback to worry about and should be able to focus more on the running backs.

## GET IN THE ENDZONE

Two touchdowns might be enough to knock off a weak Kansas team, but the Texas offense has shown nothing to indicate that it can reliably put that many points on the board.

UCLA may have been a national title contender at the beginning of the year, but its defense ranks 60th overall in points allowed per game, and it has not even played a ranked opponent yet. The 17 points that Swoopes and company put up are not all that impressive.

The running game showed few signs of improvement against UCLA and play caller Shawn Watson has been hesitant to introduce packages that make use of Swoopes' running ability.

Texas' 107th ranked scoring offense needs to show it can at least put up enough points to put Kansas away early.

# PLAYERS TO WATCH

By Peter Sblendorio  
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## Sophomore QB Montell Cozart

Three games into his first season as the starter, Cozart is still trying to establish some consistency. He looked solid in two wins this season, passing for 422 yards and five touchdowns against one interception. But he struggled badly in his one loss, managing just 89 passing yards while throwing two interceptions against Duke. Cozart is an interesting matchup for Texas, as he possesses the ability to burn opposing defenses with his legs. He rushed for 214 yards and a touchdown on 66 carries last year. This season, however, he's only gained 21 rushing yards on 25 carries. It's no secret Texas has had trouble with running quarterbacks the last two seasons, making Cozart a candidate to break out of his rushing slump this week.

## Freshman RB Corey Avery

The true freshman has impressed so far in 2014, leading the Jayhawks ground game with 213 rushing yards and a touchdown on 46 carries. He's proven himself useful in the passing game, too, hauling in five passes for 44 yards and a score. Avery has been consistent from game-to-game, racking up at least 69 yards of total offense in each of his first three contests. Avery, a Dallas native, will look to have a big game against a Texas team that recruited him as a senior at David W. Carter High School last year.

## Junior RB De'Andre Mann

Mann transferred to Kansas after a prolific sophomore season at Hartnell College in Salinas, California. The running back rushed for 1,706 yards and 27 touchdowns for the Panthers last season, leading the team to a 9-2 record and a Coast Conference title. He's off to a nice start with Kansas, too, rushing for 212 yards on 35 carries in his first three games. Like Avery, he's also shown an ability to make plays in the passing game, catching four passes for 54 yards in 2014.

## Senior CB Dexter McDonald

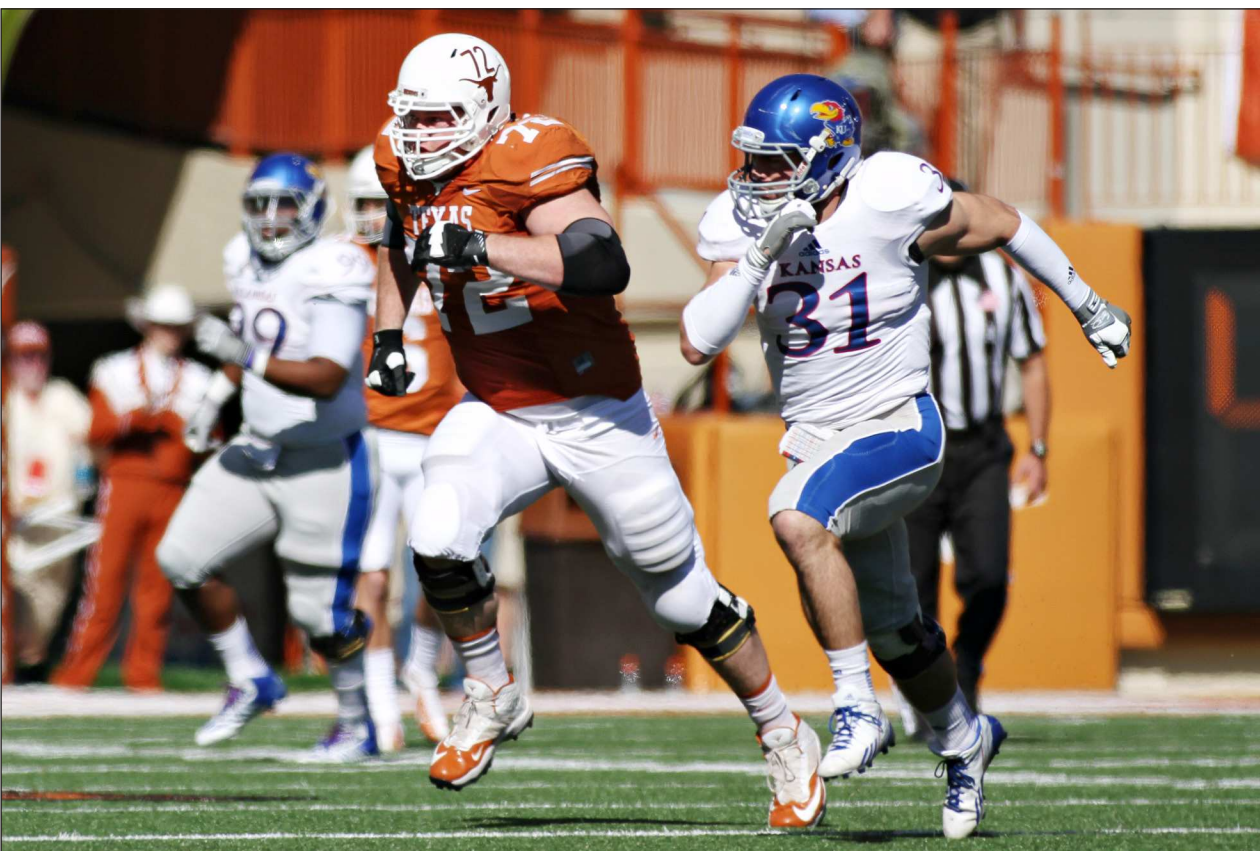
The 6-foot-1-inch, 205 pound McDonald possesses above average size for a cornerback, which helps him shadow bigger receivers. He's put this size to good use in 2014, as he's already recorded two interceptions and broken up three passes in just three games. McDonald only registered seven tackles in those three games, but if he continues to make plays on balls thrown his direction, he could prove to be the Jayhawks' most valuable defensive player.



Sophomore quarterback Montell Cozart has struggled so far this season but has demonstrated an ability to scramble in the past, something the Longhorns must be wary of Saturday.

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Kansas linebacker Ben Heeney tracks down the ball carrier in last season's matchup with the Longhorns in Austin. Heeney, one of the best linebackers in the Big 12, is in his second season as a captain of the Jayhawks defense.

# Heeney relishes Kansas spotlight

**By Jori Epstein**

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Kansas' Ben Heeney knows he can't hide — not on the field, not in the locker room and not on campus. Wherever he goes, someone is always watching.

But, the senior linebacker doesn't mind. He knows it comes with the territory of being a team captain, the position his teammates have elected him for the last two seasons.

"Guys are always looking to you during the game to see how I'm composed — if we're losing or if we're winning," Heeney said. "There are always teammates looking at me, and I always have to keep a level head on my shoulders."

Heeney holds onto more

than just a level head — he also holds national accolades, numerous team records and a role model status among his teammates.

"We have a lot of young guys this year and lots of seniors, so they'll have to pick up the pieces after this year," Heeney said. "I think they're responding to our leadership, though."

Heeney's leadership is most evident in his performance on the field. The Hutchinson, Kansas product dominated in 2013, finishing the season on the All-Big 12 second team. He ranked fourth in the Big 12 with an average of 8.7 tackles per game and fifth in tackles for loss per game with 1.15. Starting all 10 of the games for which he was healthy, Heeney worked tirelessly

both before and after suffering an injury. In fact, his first game back last season was in Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium. Unfazed by having missed the previous two contests against Baylor and Oklahoma, Heeney slid effortlessly into the Jayhawk defensive line. Again, he collected a team-high nine tackles.

After finishing last season with a team-best 88 total stops, 11.5 tackles for loss and three interceptions, Heeney had high expectations for himself heading into 2014.

Only a few games into the season, the 6-foot, 230-pound linebacker is already exceeding them. He leads his team with 33 tackles and ranks second in tackles for loss with three for a total of four yards. And he doesn't

just pad his stats against the easy nonconference opponents; Heeney was at his best in Kansas's 41-3 loss against Duke, in which he recorded 15 tackles.

The Jayhawks rely on Heeney. He describes his leadership as partially vocal but mostly by example and through hard work. Heeney doesn't complain much, but the team's production certainly isn't at Heeney's hoped-for level. Even after the Jayhawks bounced back from the Duke loss to beat Central Michigan 24-10 last week, Heeney says his team wasn't satisfied. They're looking for more wins in conference play and maybe even a shot at the postseason.

"I want my team to make

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# HEISMAN WATCH

By Sebastian Herrera  
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## 1. Oregon QB Marcus Mariota ↔

Last week (W, 38-31, vs. Washington State): 21-for-25, 329 passing yards, 5 passing TDs, 58 rushing yards  
2014: 1,135 passing yards, 13 passing TDs, 3 rushing TDs

Before the season began, Mariota was the quarterback most favored to have a breakout season. He's lived up to that billing and more. The redshirt junior only missed on four of his throws last week, and, despite only having 25 attempts, he blazed Washington State for five touchdowns. But, the one stat that still rises above the rest is the zero that remains in his interception column. Mariota is flawless there so far, and every time he's stepped onto the field this season, he's looked pretty close to perfect.

## 2. Alabama WR Amari Cooper ↑

Last week (W, 42-21, vs. Florida): 10 receptions, 201 yards, 3 TDs  
2014: 43 receptions, 655 yards, 5 TDs

Simply put, Cooper, a junior, is by far the best wide receiver in the nation right now. His 43 receptions and 655 yards both rank first in the country, and his impressive outing last week against Florida proved how special he can be. Cooper's total yards against Florida were third most in Alabama's history. If he keeps up this pace, he'll easily shatter almost every Crimson Tide receiving record.

## 3. Georgia RB Todd Gurley ↓

Last week (W, 66-0, vs. Troy): 6 attempts, 73 yards  
2014: 402 yards, 4 TDs

Georgia embarrassed Troy so badly last week that Gurley barely even played. Regardless, he still racked up 73 yards. Given the junior doesn't even rank in the top 100 for attempts this season, it says a lot that he's still in the top 10 for rushing yards per game and average yards per rush. Those numbers are a result of Gurley's ability to make the most of his carries. His numbers should be big against Tennessee's struggling defense Saturday.



Charlie Pearce | Daily Texan file photo

Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota is running away from his Heisman competition this season. The junior has already amassed 1,135 passing yards, while throwing for 13 touchdowns and running for three more, all without throwing a pick.

## 4. Nebraska RB Ameer Abdullah ↑

Last week (W, 41-31, vs. Miami): 35 attempts, 229 yards, 3 total TDs  
2014: 625 yards, 7 total TDs

The game against Miami marked the second time this season that Abdullah, a senior, has rushed for more than 220 yards. His 625 total yards are second only to Pittsburgh's James Conner, but his greatest trait is his ability to make big plays at crucial times. In Nebraska's victory over the Hurricanes, Abdullah's fourth-quarter touchdown sealed the win. Abdullah is the kind of running back that gets better as the pressure mounts – a characteristic that helps in the Heisman race.

## 5. Texas A&M QB Kenny Hill ↓

Last week (W, 58-6, vs. SMU): 16-for-22, 265 passing yards, 2 passing TDs, 57 rushing yards  
2014: 1,359 passing yards, 13 passing TDs, 1 INT

The only reason Hill slid back in the Heisman poll is because the sophomore has barely needed to play since week one. Texas A&M hasn't faced any stern competition since then, leaving Hill out of the conversation a little bit. But even with the lack of playing time, Hill has still thrown for more yards than Mariota and has as many touchdowns. Beginning with Arkansas on Saturday, A&M is arriving at its toughest stretch of the season. Now is Hill's chance to prove himself.





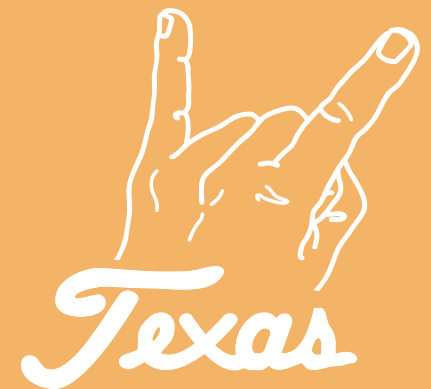
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Sophomore defensive tackle Hassan Ridgeway has been forced into a starting role as senior Desmond Jackson is scheduled to miss the rest of the season after undergoing foot surgery.

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Head coach Charlie Strong really likes what he's been seeing from Ridgeway, who now will need to continue to play at a very high level to make up for the loss of Jackson.

"Without a doubt, [he's been] playing very well," Strong said. "Now, he gets an opportunity to go start. He's so strong, so powerful and he can get off blocks and make plays. And you just see him go at people and just throwing back and just reach over to get sacks. He's playing very well — just love his whole attitude."

After Jackson left the game in the third quarter, the Longhorns struggled to consistently stop the UCLA offense and running game. Given the success the Bruins

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—Charlie Strong,  
Head coach

had, it's safe to assume that Big 12 opponents are going to try to take advantage of Ridgeway's lack of experience in the middle.

"I would run at Hassan Ridgeway," Bedford said. "One of these days, Hassan is going to actually get mad. He is one of the nicest young people I've ever been around. If he ever gets mad I'm going to be the first one

to leave the room because he will hurt somebody. My man could be a beast. I think he has ability to be a special talent."

Ridgeway's coaches and teammates clearly believe he will develop into a great player. Now, it's up to him to prove them right and make an impact as the Longhorns try to turn their season around.

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program when it was at rock bottom, and through all the ups and downs, Ash has always kept a level head.

Sure, he may have never beaten Oklahoma and no, he didn't lead Texas to one of the BCS games that Longhorn Nation had become so accustomed to in the 2000s. But, given all the

injuries he suffered and the turmoil that existed within the program throughout his career, Ash's time in burnt orange could perhaps best be defined by one word: persistence.

"I want [people] to remember the good plays and not the bad ones," Ash said. "But I want what I stand for to stick out more than my abilities. I would like people to remember

me for what's on the inside — for my character, for my faith."

An unfortunate series of events led to the start of David Ash's career, and an equally unfortunate series of events led to its end. But, what happened in between was anything but unfortunate. Ash led with class and character as a quarterback at Texas, and that will be his legacy.

## KANSAS

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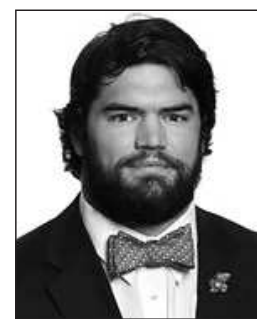
it to a bowl game," Heeney said. "We haven't done that in a long time. That's pretty much my only goal right now — to have our seniors experience a bowl game."

Opening Big 12 play against Texas this week, Heeney and his teammates know a few conference upsets will be necessary in order to make a bowl game. Heeney and some of his veteran teammates recall the 2012 game

against the Longhorns in Lawrence, Kansas, when the Jayhawks were on the brink of a huge victory before Case McCoy lead a game-winning touchdown drive with 12 seconds remaining.

"We're looking at Texas like we look at every other opponent," Heeney said. "We have to compare well, and if we do everything, we can capitalize and win."

Kansas will need a team effort to pull off a shocker this weekend. But with all eyes on him, Heeney will be



**Ben Heeney**  
Linebacker

under added pressure to perform against Texas. But that is just how he likes it.



# BIG 12 POWER RANKINGS

By Evan Berkowitz  
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## 1 Oklahoma

The Sooners looked vulnerable at times against West Virginia, but when the going got tough, they stepped up, and that's a good sign for OU. Once again, redshirt sophomore quarterback Trevor Knight was nothing special, but they are still finding ways to win. The defense stepped up in the second half to correct its issues, but the most encouraging part of the last few weeks has been freshman running back Samaje Perine, who rushed for 242 yards and four touchdowns against West Virginia.



## 2 Baylor

Redshirt senior quarterback Bryce Petty looks better and better every week. In his last start, he threw for 416 yards and four touchdowns with no picks. He has a lot of offensive weapons at his disposal, helping him lead the nation's highest scoring offense. But the defense is most important for the Bears. Will it be good enough? So far, yes. They have allowed just nine points per game — second in the nation. But keep in mind, that's against SMU, Northwestern State and Buffalo.



## 3 Kansas State

The Wildcats were a good field goal kicker away from pulling off the upset against No. 5 Auburn. With that performance, they solidified their position as the conference's third-best team. They are a ways behind Oklahoma and Baylor, but they shouldn't be taken lightly. Head coach Bill Snyder gets the best of his team each season, and this season is no exception.



## 4 Oklahoma State

Behind a balanced attack, the Cowboys crushed a surprisingly good UTSA team in their last game. Senior running back Desmond Roland is making a case for the Big 12's best rusher, while junior Daxx Garman has taken a stronghold on the quarterback position. Their only loss so far is a six point defeat at the hands of No. 1 Florida State — nothing to frown about.



## 5 West Virginia

The Mountaineers are the biggest surprise of the Big 12 so far. West Virginia played a close game against both No. 2 Alabama and No. 4 Oklahoma. But they also let Maryland hang around, so they may play down to their competition. Their offense is legit, putting up at least 33 points against all opponents except Alabama. Redshirt senior quarterback Clint Trickett is putting the team on his back, throwing for at least 348 yards in every game.



## 6 Texas

Sophomore quarterback Tyrone Swoopes is getting his footing under him, but the Longhorn defense is struggling to stop the run. Right now, the Longhorns are inexperienced, especially on the offensive line, but as Swoopes becomes more and more comfortable, the Longhorns could shoot up the rankings and battle for a top-four spot.



## 7 TCU

The Horned Frogs are still undefeated and play SMU next. That's a good start, but they lack the talent at important positions to fight for a top spot in the Big 12. They aren't ready yet, and it will be apparent when Oklahoma and Baylor get to beat up on them in October.



## 8 Iowa State

The Cyclones missed a huge upset opportunity against Kansas State, but they proved they can compete with one of the top teams in the conference. They simply lack the talent to do so consistently.



## 9 Texas Tech

The Red Raider defense is atrocious, with or without its coordinator. Sophomore quarterback Davis Webb and the explosive Tech offense won't be able to make up for that against stout Big 12 competition.



## 10 Kansas

The Jayhawks are 2-1 so far, and if they win just one more game this season, it should be considered a success. It's all Big 12 opponents from here on out, and that doesn't bode well for Charlie Weis and Co.







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## GAMES TO WATCH

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### No. 16 Stanford at Washington

Husky Stadium  
Saturday, 3:15 PM  
FOX

One of the least talked about rivalries in college football, the Cardinal and Huskies face off with Pac-12 championship and College Football Playoff implications at stake. Stanford bounced back two weeks ago with a 35-0 win over Army after falling to USC at home the week prior. Meanwhile, Washington is 4-0 including a big 44-19 win over Illinois two weeks ago. The biggest battle will be between the Husky offense and the Cardinal defense, which has given up only 4.3 points per game this season. Last year, this matchup came down to the wire, with Stanford winning 31-28. There's no reason the same outcome will not happen again this year.



### Arkansas vs. No. 6 Texas A&M

AT&T Stadium  
Saturday, 2:30 PM  
CBS

Last year, this wasn't much of a matchup with the Aggies still riding Johnny Manziel and the Razorbacks struggling to keep up in the SEC West. This year, although Texas A&M has proven so far that it wasn't all Manziel, Arkansas has been one of the surprise teams in the conference. The Razorbacks finished the 2013 season with a dismal 3-9 record — including a nine-game losing streak — but they've started this season with a 3-1 record, including a win at Texas Tech where they ran for 438 yards. The Aggies might be one of the top teams in the SEC this season, but expect them to get a big test from the Razorbacks this Saturday.



### Missouri at No. 13 South Carolina

Williams-Brice Stadium  
Saturday, 6 PM  
ESPN

Last year's matchup was decided by a missed field goal in overtime, and there's nothing to suggest it won't be that close again this year. Both the Tigers and Gamecocks head into the game with 3-1 records and disappointing home losses — South Carolina was crushed by Texas A&M in the opener, and Missouri lost to Indiana last week. South Carolina has the most to lose in this matchup as a loss would drop the Gamecocks to 2-2 in conference play, two games behind Missouri, who would be 1-0 in the SEC with a win and in great position to win the SEC East. With redshirt sophomore quarterback Maty Mauk leading Missouri again and head coach Steve Spurrier seeming to have South Carolina back on the right path, this should be the best game of the weekend.






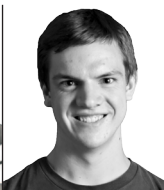






### Oregon State at No. 18 USC

Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum  
Saturday, 9:30 PM  
ESPN

Although this matchup may not look like much on paper, the history between these two programs says otherwise. Oregon State hasn't been much of a power in college football, but it pulled off upsets of USC in each of their past three meetings in Corvallis, Oregon — including an upset against the then-No. 1 Trojans in 2008. But, USC looks like a much different team than the ones under former head coach Lane Kiffin, and current head coach Steve Sarkisian will have his team ready coming off a bye week. The saving grace for the Trojans is that this game is at The Coliseum in Los Angeles. Still, don't count the Beavers out.



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