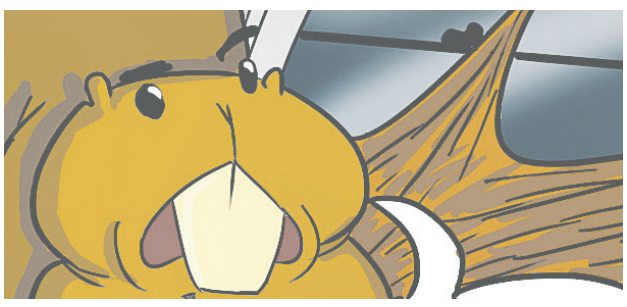

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Food bank to open larger location

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The largest hunger relief organization in Central Texas is opening a new facility more than twice as large as its current one to help feed more Austin families.

The Capital Area Food Bank of Texas will open its new 135,000 square foot headquarters on Metropolis Drive in southeast Austin this summer. The facility will help the nonprofit add to the millions of families it serves each year, providing food and social services.

Paul Gaither, director of marketing and communications at the Food Bank, said the move to a new facility was necessary because of an increasing demand for its services.

"The building we're in now is 20 years old," Gaither said. "Right now we serve an area that's about twice as large as the state of Massachusetts. The increase in space at our new headquarters will help us keep up with the growth of the community."

The increased facility space will help the food bank provide healthier meals to families, Gaither said.

"We're starting to need more space for refrigerators and freezers for storing food," Gaither said. "That's important because it means we can provide more fruits, vegetables, [and] produce — healthier food — in people's meals, but to do that we need room for that equipment."

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Kickit app facilitates unplanned hangouts

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Some students may find it difficult to make friends at a university of more than 50,000 people, but two UT students have launched an app to connect people with similar interests and make campus feel smaller.

Kickit, an app created by Ashar Malik, electrical and computer engineering junior, and physics junior Eric Ngo, currently has about 320 users and allows UT students to log in through Facebook, connect with other users and make spontaneous plans based on common activities, instead of planning events in advance.

Ngo said he was inspired by his own experiences of meeting people as a second-year transfer student.

"I transferred from UTSA, and it was hard to find an organization or community where I really fit in," Ngo said. "I put myself out there and explored all these organizations, but it can be really hard to get in touch with people and do things on the spot."

Malik said he hopes the app will help students make friends more organically by connecting them to others who enjoy the same activities.

"I like playing volleyball, and sometimes I'd play and there would be people there, other times there wouldn't be," Malik said. "In my case, it's a way to always have people to play volleyball with without having to always text

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UNIVERSITY

UT expects largest freshman class

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When classes start next fall, UT is expected to welcome more than 8,500 incoming freshmen to UT, according to the provost's office.

"This is the largest incoming freshmen class in the history of UT," said Joey Williams, interim communications director for the provost's office. "We're working really hard to deliver the highest quality education to the largest number of students ever."

David Laude, senior vice provost for enrollment and curriculum, said UT is able to enroll more students this year in part because increased four-year graduation rates have eliminated the "backlog" of students currently enrolled at UT, opening more spots for incoming freshmen. Also, more freshmen automatically qualified for automatic admission this year than in previous years, he said.

"There are more people who understand how they are supposed to use their four years on campus," Laude said. "That's much more solidified and cemented in the place that it's supposed to be. Students are much more focused on a specific major that they have chosen as they arrive."

Some freshmen do not declare majors, instead going into undergraduate studies until they pick a major. Brent Iverson, chemistry professor and dean of undergraduate studies, said they plan to increase the number of common freshman courses, such as UGS courses and FIG courses, so undergraduates can meet their requirements.

"I think the challenge we face is finding a budget model that responds to challenges like this while maintaining

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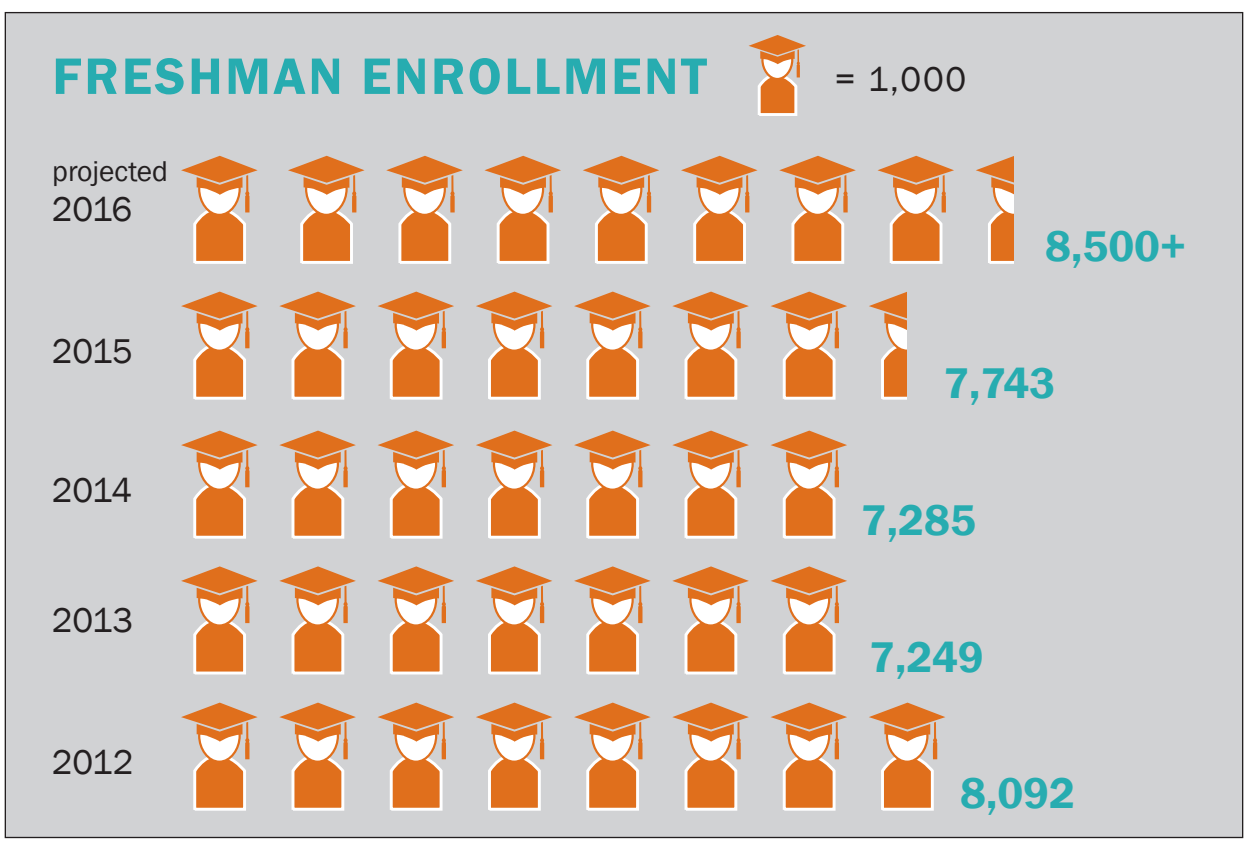

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Panelists discuss rise of anti-Muslim sentiments

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With increased public attention concerning Muslim terrorists, Islamophobia in Texas is on the rise, a panel of speakers said in an on campus forum.

In the forum, six speakers discussed the political and social climate of xenophobia, or the fear of people from other countries, anti-Muslim discrimination in Texas, the origins of Islamophobia and what needs to be done to make the phobia possibly disappear.

The department of religious studies and the Institute for Diversity and Civic Life held the event, titled "Islamophobia in the Texas Public Sphere," in the Liberal Arts building Thursday.

Tiffany Puett, president of the Institute, said the presence of Islamophobia in Texas is important to discuss because of the state's diverse population.

"It's a top immigrant destination, a top refugee resettlement location...and additionally, Texas is home to the largest Muslim population of any state in this country ... yet many Muslims in Texas, as well as those perceived to be Muslims, face a social and political climate of bias and discrimination that situates them as marginal or other," Puett said. "Texas has seen a significant uptick in hate crimes against Muslims and apparent Muslims in the past year, which fits in a larger pattern across the country."

Muna Hussaini, senior manager of diversity and

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Author backs bipartisan work on climate

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The wide divide between U.S. political parties reached a tipping point for environmentalists in 2010, when then-Majority Leader Harry Reid announced the Senate would not take up a Cap and Trade bill — which would have regulated carbon emissions — despite sweeping Democratic majorities in Congress, an author and environmentalist said Thursday.

Frederic Rich, who spoke at the School of Architecture, said Reid chose not to bring the progressive piece of legislation to a vote because the majority leader knew there weren't enough votes to form a solid majority. This led some environmentalists to begin coming up with ways to reform their movement in a politically divided era.

"The stars had finally aligned, everything had come together, everyone expected we would finally take action on climate," Rich said. "If we can't address climate change under these circumstances, what makes us think we will ever be able to act?"

Rich cited the events that unfolded in 2010 as an example of how far both parties have come since the late 20th century, when the parties had less of an ideological divide between them and the two could pass historic bills targeting carbon emissions, such as the Clean Air Act of 1990.

"It's been 25 years ... since Congress has managed to pass a single major piece of environmental legislation," Rich said. "What happened? Well, we know that the answer is politics."

Discussing his book "Getting to Green," Rich said the path to reforming the environmental movement includes bringing some conservative Republicans back into the fold

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Frederic Rich, author of "Getting to Green," signs a book for electrical engineering sophomore Julia Conger at Goldsmith Hall on Thursday.

Mike McGraw
Daily Texan Staff

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I'm gonna have to decline your invitation... cuz campus carry

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José Vanegas fixes an air conditioning unit on a rooftop at Canopy, a creative community in a redeveloped east Austin warehouse.

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appropriate support for all students and all classes," Iverson said. "We refuse to sacrifice education quality in the name of efficiency."

David Vandenbout, associate dean for undergraduate education in the College of Natural Sciences, said the college plans to offer more sections of calculus, biology and chemistry and increase the number of small learning communities because it had "ample" time to prepare for the increase in freshmen students.

"Because more students are graduating within four years now, both the college and the university will see a shift to larger freshmen classes," Vandenbout said in a statement. "We and the other colleges, in close collaboration with the provost's office, determine how many additional courses to offer and in what areas, based on what classes freshmen historically take."

Students can receive tutoring for many freshman-level classes through the Sanger Learning Center. Michelle Jewell, director of the center, said it will have to serve an increased number of students with limited funds.

"The system is really going to get really packed in the fall with the huge incoming class," Jewell said. "I'm worried that we won't be able to fulfill every request for workshops and outreach events. The nights that homework are due, we tend to get really packed and might reach fire-code capacity."

David Spight, assistant director of advising in undergraduate studies in the Vick Center, said they expect to see more students seeking academic and career counseling.

"We're going to see more non-UGS students coming and seeking help because they realize that maybe the major they got admitted to or the major they picked isn't what they thought it was," Spight said. "That's where we're going to see a real pinch."

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friends and put effort into making plans."

Ngo said Kickit allows students to create groups within the app and select certain people to notify about their activities.

"Think about it like sending a Snapchat," Ngo said. "You can either post it to your story or send it to the select group of friends. Same thing for Kickit, but instead you can create lists or communities of those people."

Malik said the app also allows people to communicate through specific group chats.

"The biggest difference is that other social media apps fight for your attention," Malik said. "Facebook and Instagram want you to spend a lot of time on your phone, which takes away from what really matters. Kickit wants to do the opposite and help you connect with the people in your life in person."

Briana Vargas | Daily Texan Staff

Physics junior Kevin Ngo and electrical and computer engineering junior Ashar Malik have launched the Kickit app.

Electrical engineering freshman Malachi Nichols said the app helps him with interactions such as study groups and lunch meetups without having to plan.

"The problem with other apps or systems that try to [connect users] is that they look too far in advance," Nichols said. "Do I know what I'm doing a month from now at 5 p.m.? Of course not, but I definitely know what I'm doing within the next 24 hours. Kickit events expire within 24 hours to create more relevant participation instead of a 'might be going.'"

Ngo said the team hopes to increase the number of users in the fall, especially among incoming students.

"We want to make this a really great product for people to use," Ngo said. "Once we have that, we'll look to expanding to other colleges."

The app is available for download on iPhone and Android.

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by reminding them of their conservationist roots.

Rich said the more extreme liberal voices in the Democratic Party are equally to blame for their reactions to issues like fracking, where some advocate for banning the controversial energy extraction process entirely, instead of focusing on incremental regulations.

These incremental regulations could help bring more moderate Republicans and conservatives into the environmentalist movement, especially if they are packaged as morally necessary, Rich said.

"Part of our responsibility as humans is to make sure that what we make is not going to destroy the planet," mechanical engineering freshman Mohammad Siddiqui said.

On Nov. 8, voters will head to their nearest polling sites to choose the next president and representatives in state legislatures, as well as both houses of Congress.While the 2016 election results will have some impact on environmental legislation in the short term, voters themselves across all demographics must make sustainability and environmental causes top concerns if they wish for long-term changes, Rich said.

"This is a movement that has very broad support, but it's shallow, people don't care enough," Rich said. "Until people care and prioritize these issues, we won't see any political action."

Electrical engineering sophomore Julia Conger said although presidential elections do have an impact on the direction of legislation, midterm elections are arguably more important to environmental causes.

"Congress makes a lot of this legislation, so if people don't vote then on it, it's such a problem," Conger said.

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inclusion at PayPal and a member of the Austin/Travis County Hate Crimes Taskforce, said she doesn't see a big change coming in terms of discrimination against Muslims.

"I keep seeing this uptick and it's not in national news, it's not getting tracked anywhere other than maybe in our conscience," Hussaini said. "Wearing a scarf, I do feel like I'm walking around with a target on my back so I'm constantly vigilant. It feels like the response now is a little bit different than what I've seen in previous years, where [now] I would say that normal people, like regular good people, are speaking out more."

Hussaini said recent events like the arrest of a Dallas Muslim student who brought a homemade clock to school but was suspected of having a bomb are indicative of bias and racial profiling.

Theater and dance junior Jasmine Kurys said the forum helped her connect with minority groups that are often discriminated against.

"[In my experience,] just watching people get discriminated against because they weren't white, or Christian or conservative Republican males, was really tough, so it created a lot of passion in my heart for certain groups, including Muslims," Kurys said.

Stephanie Martinez-Arndt | Daily Texan Staff

Habiba Noor and Jennifer Graber speak to community members about Islamophobia in Texas.

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Hank Perrett, CEO of the Capital Area Food Bank, said the new facility will significantly expand the food bank's reach.

"Last year we distributed 26 million meals and fell short of meeting the need by 30 percent," Perrett said at the new facility's groundbreaking event last year. "This new facility will allow us to reach another 150,000 people that we're not reaching today. This doesn't happen by itself, this is a community coming together."

Ally Karpel, a speech language pathology junior, said hunger and food insecurity is a very relevant issue to college students.

"A survey showed that 20 percent of UT students have had trouble affording food and skipped meals to save money," Karpel said. "Food insecurity is more prevalent than we realize, both in Austin in general and in our own community at UT."

Karpel volunteers with Challah for Hunger, a student organization that donates funds to the Capital Area Food Bank. Food banks are an effective way to fight hunger, Karpel said.

"People are having to choose between food and housing or medicine," Karpel said. "That shouldn't be something people have to worry about.

The new facility is expected to open by July, Gaither said.

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ALUMNI

UT alumnus chronicles comedy, hip-hop scene

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When UT alumnus Sama'an Ashrawi hears hip-hop, he thinks back to the first Dr. Dre CD his cousin played him, hunched over the stereo in his room. He thinks about the samples involved, like the James Brown albums he listened to with his parents, while painting his living room. Today, he thinks of his interviews with Drake, A$AP Rocky and Flying Lotus.

As a music journalist and filmmaker, Ashrawi interviews artists and produces film projects and documentaries. One of his most recent projects, an Ode to Hannibal Buress, was released in February to promote Buress' new stand-up special. The film features Buress' friends — Chris Rock, Waka Flaka and Eric André — inserting themselves into his stand-up routine.

"When you're put behind a project like any of those I've done, it means people trust you in some degree," Ashrawi said. "People can definitely tell if you know what you're talking about or not. I think that's what's always carried me."

Ashrawi began his career before he got to UT, integrating himself into the music scene of his hometown, Houston. In 2010, Ashrawi met local rapper Bun B at an album release party and joined the Trill Gladiators, Bun B's collective. Later, Ashrawi produced an "All-Star Tribute to UGK" documentary, detailing the rap group's history and influence, featuring interviews with Mac Miller, Macklemore and Kendrick Lamar.

Bun B said he was impressed by Ashrawi's music knowledge and persistence, and that he wanted to encourage his work from the beginning. Ashrawi's surprised Bun B with the UGK documentary, showing him a comprehensive artifact of his career.

"I'm sure that Trill Gladiator jacket may get him in a door or two, but it's his personality and his intelligence that keep him in the room," Bun B said. "It was heartwarming to see a young man dedicate so much of his life to what I've done."

During Ashrawi's time at UT, he joined TSTV and started Longhorn Hip Hop, a segment of TSTV that profiles rappers every other week.

"It was very scrappy, but the kids that were working on it were all really passionate [and] we had fun," Ashrawi said. "To me, that's what really mattered. We weren't getting paid for it — we had nothing to lose."

During his last semester, Ashrawi participated in the UTLA program and worked at Diddy's network, Revolt TV. After a year there, Ashrawi said he wanted to work independently, and followed rapper Ana Tijoux on her tour in Chile.

"[Belle and Sebastian] have this song, 'Get Me Away From Here I Am Dying,'" Ashrawi said. "That's how I felt. I took the risk and left my job. It paid off."

Matt Sonzala, who has 25 years experience in the business, said Ashrawi's work keeps the hip-hop scene alive. As someone who brought artists like Eminem and 50 Cent to South By Southwest, Sonzala said Ashrawi's work is particularly important in places like Houston, where artists may not get the recognition they deserve.

"He's a guy that really cares about the music and the culture," Sonzala said. "He wants to make sure it's not forgotten."

Ashrawi said he particularly resonates with the messages associated with rap and hip-hop. Ashrawi said the resistance movements depicted in rap lyrics reflect movements within his Palestinian heritage, a culture often faced with a similar oppression.

Ashrawi's current project is a detailing the history of blues and rock and roll. His last visit to Austin was spent interviewing Herbie Hancock and Bill Withers.

"I'm definitely not making as much money as I would be if I'd stayed at Revolt," Ashrawi said. "But I'm young and I'm getting to do what I wand to do, which is always better."

Mike McGraw | Daily Texan Staff

UT alumnus Sama'an Ashrawi is a music journalist and filmaker. He recently worked with comedian Hannibal Burress to promote his latest stand-up special and also worked at rapper Diddy's network, Revolt TV.

ALBUM REVIEW | 'CITY VIEW'

Those Poor Serfs finds space in crowded Austin Americana scene

By Chris Duncan
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With its roots based in country and blues, Austin provides the perfect environment for Americana music to thrive. However, the genre has saturated the Austin market in recent years, making it difficult or acts to stand out on merit alone. With their debut EP *City View*, Those Poor Serfs try to break through into the Austin scene with pop sensibilities incorporated into a refreshingly classic sound.

Those Poor Serfs made their debut in 2014 with Live From Austin, Texas, and although *City View* might be their first studio project, each of the four tracks that make up its 16 minute run time were featured on their live debut as well. In comparison to their live counterparts, the tracks of this EP sound like carbon copies of their live counterparts. Americana doesn't always translate from the stage to the studio, but Those Poor Serfs make it work.

This similarity in sound is likely because of the group's simple and well-balanced lineup, consisting of the standard singer, two guitars, bassist, drummer and mandolin, practically a necessary instrument in modern Americana.

Nothing out of the norm happens between the four tracks, but the most shocking component of the group, if there is one, is lead singer Derek Kinsaul's voice. When the first track "All Night," begins, it's a big of a shock to hear Kinsaul's tenor vocals, which sound like they could go falsetto at any moment. By the end of one listen, Kinsaul's tone is more soothing than shocking, helping ease the listener into an intriguing story of heartbreak.

City View follows the arc of a complex relationship, beginning with the initial buildup of the pre-relationship hype on "All Night," where Kinsaul sings about trying to see the signs of mutual attraction in a woman. The story quickly fast-forwards into turmoil, with the romance falling apart in "Steel Bell" and trying to change the mind of the same crush during "Wakes Up". The story ends with Kinsaul longing for lost love on "In The Winter," ending the EP on a somber note.

However, without paying attention to the lyrics, *City View* sounds more revitalizing and joyful than disheartening. BJ Lazarus' mandolin always plays a crucial role in keeping each song entertaining, and although it may be mixed a little too far back in the recording, it's easy to pick out at all times. The guitar riffs and short solos from Coby Michalek also play an important role as the star of the EP, drawing the attention of the listener into the instrumentation of each song during otherwise standard interludes.

The juxtaposition of a warm sound and emotional themes makes *City View* an easy listen and welcoming to almost anyone who will give it a chance. Although it might not reinvent Americana music as we know it, the EP is a solid first effort for a band trying to find their way in a city full of competition.

MOVIE REVIEW | 'DARK HORSE'

"Dark Horse" documents underdog tale

By Cameron Osmond
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Digging into the Earth with its hind legs, the horse springs forward over the steeplechase fence. The jump looks efficient and clean. That is, until the horse lands back on the ground, nearly collapsing on impact.

Scenes like this create feelings of anxiety and restlessness, emotions that persist throughout "Dark Horse," a documentary about an improbable race horse named Dream Alliance. Infusing suspense with character development, director Louise Osmond brings out the best in the subjects of the story, from the horse-breeding "syndicate" of 30 middle-class Welsh villagers to Dream Alliance himself.

At the heart of the film is a David and Goliath tale, centering on the common, everyday Welsh community as they breed a champion horse. It's inspiring to see each syndicate member, some hardly able to put food on their table, chip in on the expenses of training the horse, especially when training costs are usually footed by millionaires and billionaires.

Osmond tells the story through the syndicate members' dialogue. From the beginning, the audience meets Jan Vokes, a former barmaid and supermarket cleaner who thought up the idea of raising a horse of her own. After dropping out of school when she was 16, Vokes felt like she was missing out on living her life, so she persuaded her husband Brian to buy a young, bruised and battered stallion from a local vendor. Characters such as Jan and Brian Vokes, as well as their colleague Howard Davies, breathe life into the film. Each member has their own unique story and recollection of events. With such entertaining characters, it wouldn't be surprising to see high-profile actors hopping in on a dramatized version of the events.

Nonetheless, some of the dialogue is distorted, with a few subjects passing up an explanation or description and settling instead for a hearty chuckle or silent reflection. The audience can only infer what is going on inside their heads.

But what makes up for some of the slacking commentary is the terrific job done by editor Joby Gee, who splices together home-video footage with dramatized recreations of the events. The effect is rewarding, allowing the audience to watch the ups and downs of the races as they occurred, adding to the suspense. There's a sense of great magnitude when Dream Alliance wins his first highly contested race — the group's horse isn't supposed to be a contender.

Courtesy of Sundance Film Festival

Although the story is captivating, Osmond fails to spin it in an original way, falling into similar territory as prior horse-racing films such as 2003's "Seabiscuit." It's too easy to spot the twists. When things turn sour, musical cues ensure the audience knows it's a heavy moment. It's both effective and painstakingly obvious. There's a moment when Welsh singer Tom Jones' emotional number, "The Green, Green Grass of Home," plays over a serene vista shot after a traumatic moment. The transition doesn't feel organic in the slightest.

Regardless of a few missteps, "Dark Horse" is carried by the human element ingrained in the film. The familial bond the syndicate members share with each other and the horse is compelling. When the horse loses an important race, the audience witnesses the tears flood from the eyes of the people who supported him over the years. The emotional resonance is reminiscent of any feel-good sports drama.

"Dark Horse" is certainly pleasing to watch — the audience can't help but root for Dream Alliance and the informal family that raised him. When the film draws to a close, the audience will be cheering for this fish-out-of-water tale.

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Texas Revue stages dances and personal growth

By Khadija Saifullah
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The Texas Revue is the largest event hosted by the University Unions annually, showcasing a variety of acts to over 1,000 attendees. Although each of the performances at the Texas Revue is given the stage for only five minutes, each represents an individual who has undergone hours of practice, personal development and sacrifice.

This year's Revue had a diverse array of acts in the lineup, including cultural and hip-hop dance, singing, beatboxing and rapping. From freshmen to seniors, the Revue gave the competitors an avenue for self-improvement and development in ways that they couldn't have imagined.

For finance senior Shamis Khan, being in the audience at the Revue his freshman year was the moment he decided to join the Punjabbawockeez. PJW is the first all-male South Asian fusion dance team at UT that combines traditional Bhangra with modern hip-hop. After seeing the team own the stage and win "Crowd Favorite," he decided to give it a try.

"Growing up a relatively shy, reserved kid, I had never danced before, not even in front of family, so how in the world would I ever be able to join the ranks of those guys?" Khan said. "But I had to try, right?"

Similarly, neuroscience freshman Taimur Siddiqui joined the Nach Baliye dance team early on. He believes that participating in the Revue and being part of a dance team made him realize his true potential. After hours of practice with his team during his first year at the University, Nach Baliye was awarded with the "Best Overall" award.

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> — Taimur Siddiqui, Nach Baliye dance team member

"Learning to actually commit to moves outside of my body's 'normal range' paralleled my learning to get out of my comfort zone emotionally and mentally," Siddiqui said. "[Nach Baliye] saw a greater potential in me than I perhaps did, and that made me an even better dancer because I felt a growing motivation to push myself. I became reacquainted with my culture through NB, and I've gained insight into how unique Bollywood-Fusion dance can be."

Becoming involved in the arts and entertainment as an upperclassmen has helped him transition into college. Being part of a dance team is a huge time commitment, but it enforces time management and encourages self-motivation.

"I got to showcase how much I've grown and what we've worked on for countless hours to my school, my friends and my family," Siddiqui said. "We were so grateful for the opportunity to perform for our school and to represent UT on a national and local scale."

Carlos Garcia | Daily Texan Staff

Nritya Sangam performs "Yatra" on Saturday at Texas Revue, one of the largest talent shows on campus. Nritya Sangam won the "Technical Excellence" award for their performance.

After three years of being on the team, Khan's time in PJW came to an end. He attributes much his first Revue experience in 2012 as the beginning inspiration behind one of the most influential decisions and experiences in my life.

"This past weekend, everything came full-circle," Khan said. "My final performance with the team was at the very event and venue where I saw them perform for the first time, and it was something I'll never forget. To perform alongside such an unbelievably diverse group of other talented acts was such an honor in itself."

The University places a great deal of importance on academics, and the Revue complements this purpose by encouraging students to come out of their comfort zone and showcase the many various talents that students across the 40 Acres possess. What starts here at the University may change the world, but what starts at the Revue creates ardent, well-rounded individuals who are encouraged to change the world with the arts.

Saifullah is a neuroscience sophomore from Richardson.

COLUMN

Sharing faces on bills invalidates attempted progress

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Last Wednesday when U.S. Treasury Secretary Jack Lew announced that Harriet Tubman will replace Andrew Jackson on the twenty dollar bill, most rejoiced at the idea. Hillary Clinton tweeted, "I can't think of a better choice for the $20 bill," while Oprah said, "I love it...That is the choice for America."

However, while Tubman will be replacing Jackson on the front of the bill, he will remain on the back, which is perversely ironic. A former slave owner, known for his cruelty against Native Americans, will be sharing the bill with former slave Harriet Tubman. Ultimately, Andrew Jackson doesn't deserve to share the bill with Harriet Tubman because his infamous actions contradict Tubman's accomplishments.

Andrew Jackson has been a polarizing figure for most people. Some see him as charismatic, fearless and bold, while others see him as stubborn, strict and quick-tempered. History professor Christopher Ernst argues that the public has divided opinions of Jackson because he only provided for poor white males.

"He is really a polarizing figure because people respect him for what he did for advancing and caring for the farmers on the frontier, while simultaneously doing nothing for the African Americans, [and] little if anything for women," Ernst said.

Ernst also mentions that people like Jackson's fierce personality, despite his deeply controversial past.

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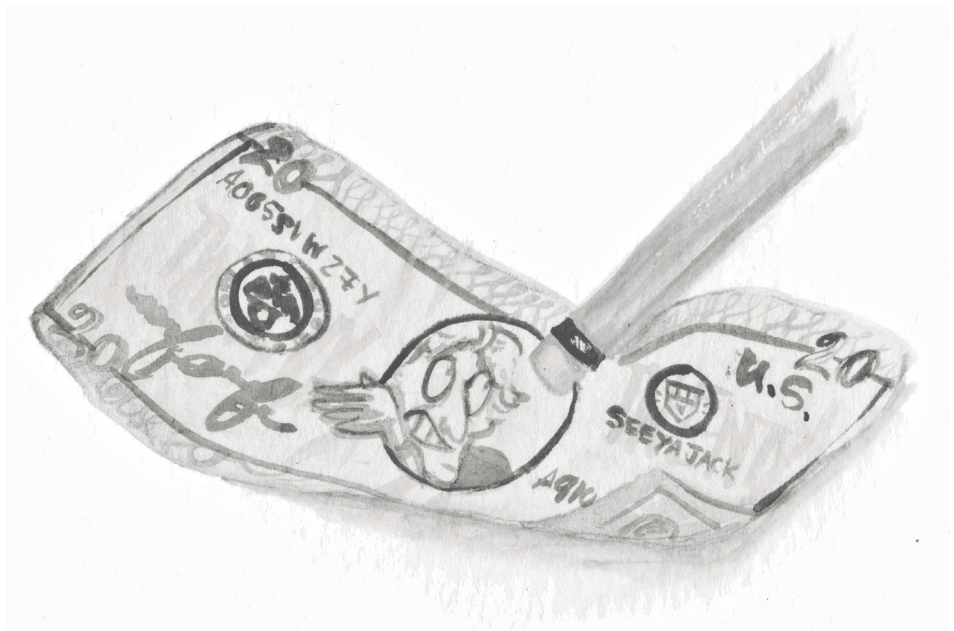
"He is also an uncompromising figure and I think Americans really like that," Ernst said. "We don't want Jeb Bush, we want Donald Trump. We don't want Hillary Clinton, we want Bernie Sanders. They are popular because their messages are uncompromising."

However, it's these traits that led him to forcibly expel the Choctaws and Creeks from their ancestral home in order to claim lands for the poor white male pioneers. He ignored laws designed to negotiate with the Native Americans in a fair and peaceful manner, leading to the deaths of thousands of Native Americans in the Trail of Tears. Jackson simply didn't care about advancing rights for Native Americans, African-Americans or women.

In contrast, Tubman risked her own life to lead hundreds of slaves to freedom through the underground railroad, which highlights her passion in fighting for the rights of enslaved people and women.



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Interestingly, some such as Tennessee Senator Lamar Alexander, see Tubman's appearance on the bill as an attack on the historical contributions of Jackson, a home-state hero. But wasn't having Andrew Jackson on the twenty dollar bill for the past 88 years enough recognition and praise for the former president?

History professor Robert Olwell said currency should change with the times to reflect modern ideals.

"Putting someone on money: That's a contemporary choice," Olwell said. "It's not a historic artifact. We get to decide whose face is going to be on the money...so it's a statement about us."

Although the new twenty dollar bill won't be in circulation until after 2020, we need to be wary of the results. Harriet Tubman fought for equality in times of inequality. She deserves the praise and recognition without Andrew Jackson to contradict her accomplishments.

Kim is a journalism freshman from Austin.

COLUMN

Colonias can no longer be forgotten outskirts on our border

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In the self-proclaimed greatest state in the Union, there is an implicit expectation that Texans have access to running water and sewage systems. However, these basic utilities do not exist for close to half a million Texans who live in colonias across the state. Texas lawmakers have the responsibility of ensuring that residents in these settlements have access to these basic human rights.

While multiple official definitions exist, colonias are generally defined by their close location to the border, poor housing and lack of infrastructure. These settlements sprung from the lack of regulations in Texas that allowed developers to sell land to low-income immigrants without also supplying basic utilities during the migrant-labor boom of the 1950s. Despite promises to provide such basic infrastructure, the unincorporated subdivisions lacked potable water, sewage systems and basic housing.

To this day, poor oversight of the institutions tasked with providing infrastructure and diminishing funds have restricted close to 90,000 people along the border from access to clean running water. Coupled with nonexistent sewage systems, no trash collection and general lack of medical services, colonias have higher rates of disease than the rest of Texas — hepatitis A, tuberculosis and other diseases occur twice as frequently there.

Texas lawmakers have been aware of this problem for years, but there has been insufficient progress. Although a considerable amount of money has been poured into finally providing basic infrastructure for some of these residents, there are still many more in need. Additionally, bureaucratic red tape and overlapping agency turf battles guarantee slow advancement.

Moreover, real-estate lobbies resistant to turning over private property rights have fought regulation, allowing new colonias to be built across the state. Although they now have basic water and sewage, impoverished residents still live without paved roads.

The poverty and public health risks of colonias further highlight the need for a more comprehensive state-regulated method of improving conditions. More than 40 percent of people who live in colonias along the border live below the poverty line; 19 percent more struggle just above it. In an interview with the Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Federal Reserve Bank development analyst Emily Ryder Perlmeter discussed the additional effort the state must provide.

"For a time, people weren't even aware of this," Perlmeter said. "Now a lot of funding has gone into these communities, but it will take a lot more money and a lot more time and effort to get all the government agencies on board to fix these issues."

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While these projects require substantial investment from the state, current inefficient initiatives have condemned thousands of Texans to live without basic necessities. The Texas legislature has an obligation to this significant segment of its population to provide them with basic infrastructure.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

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Senior Breaunna Addison gets ready to hit the ball in Texas' 7-0 win over Incarnate Word on Feb. 3.

Addison, Texas open Big 12 championships

By Aspen Detrick
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The Longhorns were drawn as the sixth seed for the Big 12 Championships this weekend in Stillwater, after finishing the season in a five-way tie for second place.

Earning a first-round bye, the team will face third-seeded Texas Tech Friday afternoon in the quarterfinals. Texas previously defeated the Lady Raiders earlier this month in Lubbock in a close 4-3 match. Texas also jumped from No. 35 to No. 25 in the ITA rankings after taking the Red Raiders and TCU down.

Regardless of their recent loss to Baylor, the Longhorns are still ranked No. 24 as of last week after sweeping wins from Iowa State and West Virginia two weeks ago.

Texas senior Breaunna Addison is at No. 10 and is now joined in the rankings by teammate Neda Koprcina at No. 121. The doubles duo of Addison and Danielle Wagland is now No. 14 in ITA rankings.

The two seniors create a daunting team at first and second singles. Both Addison and Koprcina handed all their conference opponents a loss to become the first two Texas players to go undefeated in league play since Elizabeth Begley and Lina Padegimaite in 2012.

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> —Howard Joffe, Head coach

"Naturally we are excited and hope to go as far as possible while using the tournament to prepare for the NCAA Championships," head coach Howard Joffe said.

The Longhorns have won nine Big 12 Championships and reached the Big 12 finals 16 times, the most of any team in the league. Two of the nine championships have been during the last four years.

Last year at the Big 12 Championships, Texas also earned a first-round bye, but was taken out of play by TCU in the quarterfinals.

Joffe and his team are prepared for the challenging road ahead, expecting nothing but tough competition.

Texas will begin tournament play at 3 p.m. Friday at Greenwood Tennis Center in Stillwater.

ROWING

Longhorns set for No. 4 Virginia

By Noah Brooks
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Zoe Fu | Daily Texan file photo

The rowing team compete in the Longhorn Invitational on March 25. No. 8 Texas competes against No. 4 Virginia at Walter E. Long Lake on Saturday.

No. 8 Texas will face No. 4 Virginia this Saturday in a series of head-to-head races at Walter E. Long Lake.

The day will consist of four races, with the Second Varsity 4 race kicking off the event at 8:20 a.m. The First Varsity 4 and the Second Varsity 8 races will follow before the Varsity 8 race concludes the regatta at 9:20 a.m.

The races are a rematch between the two schools, as the Longhorns and the Cavaliers previously faced off in the Clemson Invitational on April 16. Virginia topped Texas in five of the races in the invitational.

The two schools have a further history of tight competition — last year in the NCAA Championship, Texas raced against Virginia directly in two races and narrowly fell to Cavaliers by five points.

The Longhorns hope to continue the momentum that they gained last weekend. They finished the Clemson Invitational by sweeping all five races on the second day, and the Varsity 8 boat was rewarded for their performance by being named Big 12 Boat of the Week last week.

While Texas has had a successful season, they have struggled against the top ranked teams like Virginia, No. 3 Ohio State and No. 1 California.

The matchup is the final race of the regular season before Texas heads to the Big 12 Championship.

MEN'S GOLF

Big 12 title defense begins for No. 1 Texas

By Trenton Daeschner
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The No. 1 Texas men's golf team begins its quest for a fourth-straight Big 12 championship this weekend in Trinity, Texas, at the Whispering Pines Golf Club.

Texas won the title last year at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Oklahoma, by 24 shots over Texas Tech.

Then-freshman Scottie Scheffler took home the individual crown last year, finishing at even par for the tournament and besting teammate Gavin Hall by two shots.

The Longhorns have won six Big 12 championships to date and will host the tournament, which begins Friday with 36 holes. 18 holes will be played on both Saturday and Sunday.

Texas, who has won five times this season and has yet to finish outside the top-10 in a single tournament, has seen a dramatic turnaround this spring after a slow start in the fall. The Longhorns failed to notch a single victory in the fall.

But this spring, it's been a different story. Texas won the Arizona Intercollegiate in January, the John A. Burns Intercollegiate in February, both the Lamkin San Diego Classic and the Valspar Collegiate in March and the Maxwell Intercollegiate just two weeks ago.

Junior Beau Hossler, who has fallen from No. 1 in the country to No. 2, has been the focal point in the Texas lineup throughout the year. Four of his five wins have come in the spring. Hossler has only finished outside the top-10 once all season.

Fellow junior Gavin Hall has also surged this spring. Hall's lowest finish in the fall was a tie for 19th. This spring, he's grabbed two wins and has five top-10 finishes. Sophomore Doug Ghim has quietly and steadily plugged along with seven top-15 finishes this season.

Scottie Scheffler
Sophomore

The Texas starting lineup is Hossler, Ghim, Hall, Scheffler and redshirt sophomore Taylor Funk.

The Longhorns tee off Friday at 8 a.m. in the first group with No. 7 Oklahoma State.

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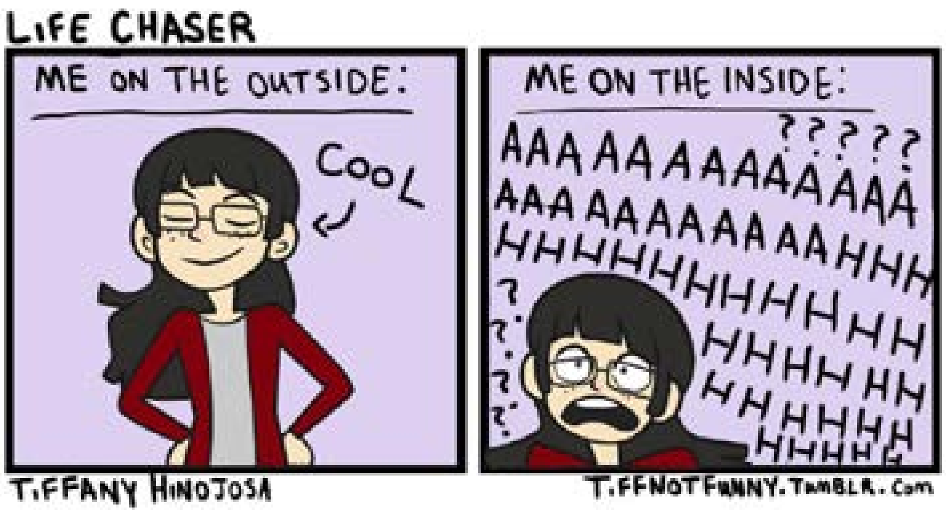

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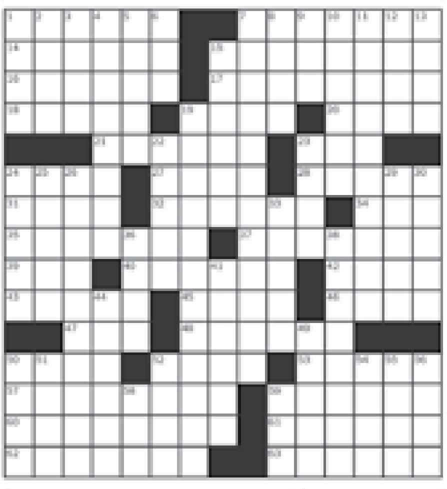

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BASEBALL

Texas ready to host Oklahoma State

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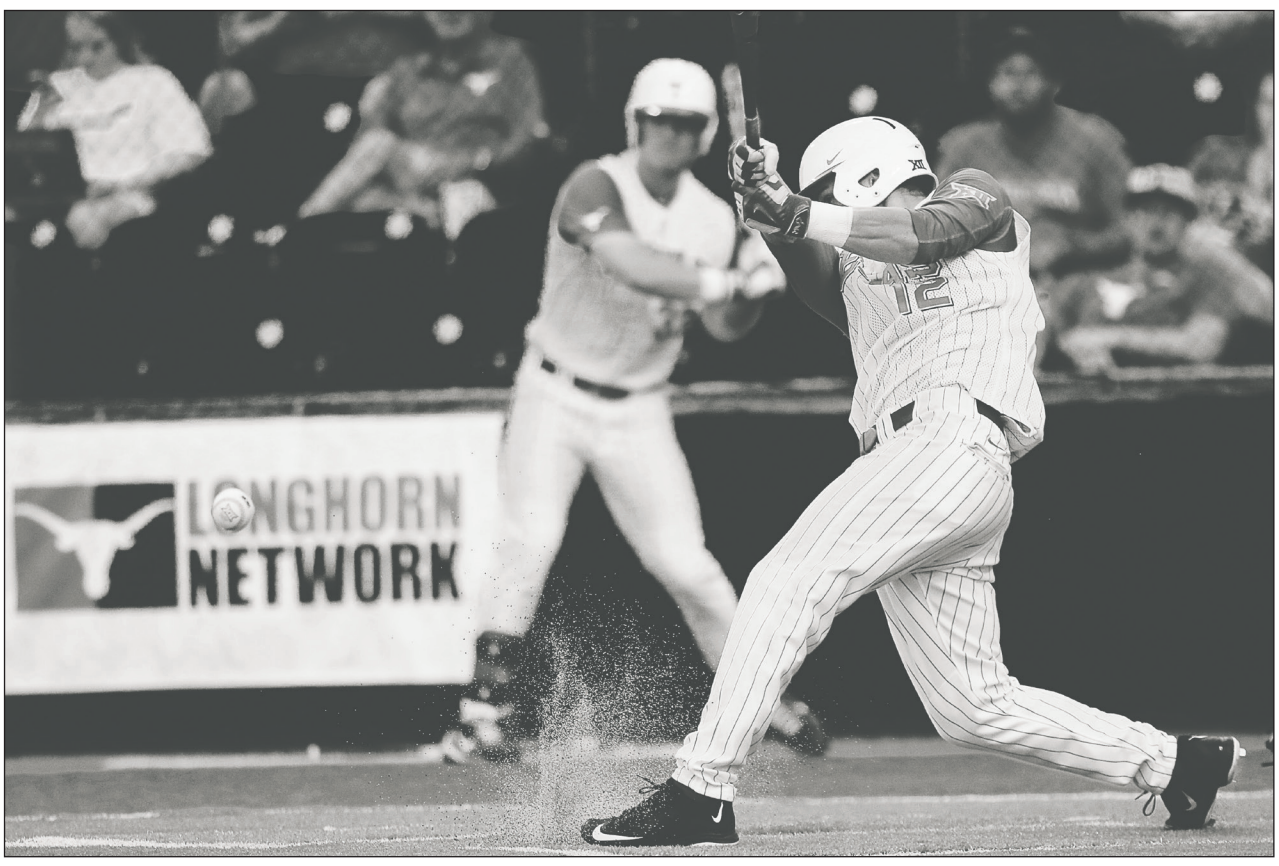

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Sophomore shortstop Joe Baker takes a swing in Texas' 6-2 win against Texas State on Wednesday. The Longhorns have won three straight games and host Oklahoma State at home this weekend.

April 12 is history to the Longhorns.

Texas walked off the diamond at Constellation Field in Sugar Land that evening with its fourth loss in just over a week, plating only two runs in two consecutive contests.

The Longhorns sat at 14–19 and looked listless in their third consecutive Tuesday night loss. But since then, things have rapidly turned around for Texas, who have won six of its last seven.

"[The players] now have a lot more confidence in being themselves," head coach Augie Garrido said. "These wins confirm that we are in fact a good team."

After opening conference play near the cellar of the Big 12, the Longhorns presently sit in third place. With a record of 20–21, 9–6 Big 12, Texas is tied with Oklahoma State and trails Texas Tech by three games.

"We've learned a lot about our team as the season has gone on," Garrido said. "The 11 remaining games on our schedule give us a great opportunity to make up for lost time."

Texas' battle for the Big 12 title will continue this weekend at home against Oklahoma State. With eleven games left in the regular season, the Longhorns still have significant ground to make up after a sluggish start.

"We're gonna try and keep it simple and stay calm like we did against Texas Tech in the last couple of games," sophomore shortstop Joe Baker said. "The situation is a little different, but if we want to keep our season continuing into the postseason, we need to play our best baseball."

Oklahoma State is riding a hot streak of its own. Despite a 6-7 loss to Arkansas on Tuesday night, the Cowboys have won six of their last eight, including two of three against Big 12 powerhouse TCU.

Texas' pitching staff will have its hands full over the weekend, specifically against the middle of the Oklahoma State's attack. The Cowboys boast two bashers in their lineup, first baseman Dustin Williams and third baseman Garrett Benge. Williams is currently tied for first in the Big 12 in home runs with nine, while Benge leads his team in RBIs and ranks third in average, hitting .310.

The Cowboys attack provides a difficult challenge to the surging Longhorns. But with just eleven games left in the season, Garrido isn't focusing on his opponents. Rather, he's focusing on the trajectory of his own ball club.

"We're just talking about the eleven games we have in front of us," Garrido said. "It doesn't matter who the opponent is. We've had an awful lot to do with our winning, and we've surely had a lot to do with our losing."

SOFTBALL

Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff
Freshman outfielder, Reagan Hathaway, swings at the ball in Texas' 5-3 win over Oklahoma State on April 23.

Longhorns, Jayhawks ready for Big 12 battle

By Steve Helwick
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The Longhorns will return to Big 12 action this weekend, after wiping out Texas Southern in a 6-0 shutout Wednesday night.

The Longhorns will test their four-game winning streak against Big 12 rival Kansas in a three-game series that begins at McCombs Field on Saturday. The Kansas Jayhawks sit one place below Texas in the conference standings, sporting a 4-5 conference and a 27-16 overall record.

"It will be a great matchup," said head coach Connie Clark, following her 800th career victory on Wednesday night. "They compete hard. One thing I love is that our conference is at a competitive standpoint. It doesn't matter if you're at home or on the road."

However, Texas' home record of 21-4 is marginally superior to Kansas' road record of 4-9. The Jayhawks most recently competed on April 24, dropping the third-consecutive game of a series at Baylor.

During their 2015 home series against Texas, the Jayhawks lost all three games, conceding an average of eight runs per game. Texas has been scoring well recently, posting at least five runs on the scoreboard in their last three matchups.

"Kansas, they're fighters," senior second baseman Stephanie Ceo said. "From inning one to inning seven, they're going to try to take any momentum that they can. Our job is to keep making the great plays we've been making on defense and to keep swinging it like we have been in the box."

Before the series commences, Texas has eight regular season games remaining before the NCAA Regionals begin in late May. The 2015 Longhorns were 37-15 entering the postseason last year. Currently 31-13, Texas' next seven games are against programs with lower winning percentages, a key element that could provide Texas with momentum entering the postseason.

"We want to come out and win all three of the games," freshman outfielder Reagan Hathaway said. "[We want to] keep playing like we have been because that's going to take us into postseason, and we want to be hot going into that."

To gain admission into the field of 64 at NCAA Regionals, college softball teams must win their conference or receive a bid based on high RPI, a statistic that ranks teams based on their record and strength of schedule.

Texas is currently No. 32 in the nation in RPI, while Kansas slightly trails behind at No. 42. As May draws near, teams advance their competitiveness to elevate this number, which represents the most pivotal statistic in softball.

"Everybody's fighting for RPIs right now," Clark said. "And Kansas is no different."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Aston introduces Jamie Carie as assistant coach

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> —Karen Aston, Head coach

Texas introduced a new member to its coaching staff Thursday afternoon. Jamie Carey, a former Longhorn player from 2002 to 2005, replaces former Texas assistant head coach Travis Mays.

Mays was named the women's head basketball coach at SMU earlier this month. He is the second Texas assistant coach to accept an NCAA head coaching position in as many years, a sign that Texas is cultivating not only players, but coaches, too.

"It is a huge compliment to our basketball program, and in particular to The University of Texas and what it obviously means to the national scene for two coaches in two years to be able to take head jobs," head coach Karen Aston said.

Carey was a member of the 2003 Texas team that made it to the Final Four. The Longhorns competed in the Elite Eight last month and are searching to get back to the Final Four for the first time since Carey's trip there.

"No question I see the pieces," Carey said of the current team's setup toward reaching the Final Four. "It's a huge draw, and it's one of the reasons I'm here — to try to help get our program get back there."

Carey played four seasons in the WBNA, joining current Texas assistant coach Tina Thompson as Longhorn coaches with professional playing experience.

Carey comes to Austin after two years as an assistant coach for the University of Colorado. Before coaching, Carey was the assistant women's national team director at USA Basketball.

"It is a good place where you can have [coaches] that have been there and done that," Aston said of Carey and Thompson. "They've walked it, they've talked it – they've done it all."

Carey's experience with high-level basketball programs is vital to a Texas team that is just scratching the surface of being an annual championship contender under Aston.

The transition from player to coach is one that Carey can certainly handle. In her eyes, it's not one she made before coaching in Boulder — it's one that she made some time ago.

"I've considered myself one the whole time," Carey said. "I've taken on that role as a player since the time I was little. I've always been a student of the game my whole life."

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Head women's basketball coach Karen Aston introduced Jamie Carey as a new assistant coach on Thursday. Carey played at Texas from 2002 to 2005.

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Longhorns set for Big 12 tournament

The Longhorns will face No. 3 seeded Oklahoma in the first round of the Big 12 tournament at 9 a.m. with a spot in the semifinal on the line.

Texas moved up one position to the No. 18 spot in the latest ITA rankings and is the sixth seed in the single-elimination conference tournament. Texas originally tied for fifth place in league play but dropped to the No. 6 seed given its loss to Baylor.

"This should be an exciting tournament this week," head coach Michael Center said. "Whoever gets hot in this last week will win it. We're trying to peak and play our best tennis leading into the NCAA Championships."

The Longhorns fell 5-2 at No. 9 Texas Tech last Friday in their last regular season match. Texas ended its season 17-10 for the season and 1-4 in Big 12 conference play.

Texas is looking for its first Big 12 men's postseason title since 2010. The Longhorns have reached the finals in nine of the previous 19 Big 12 Championships contested.

"Honestly, this has been one of the most rewarding and satisfying seasons I've ever been a part of anywhere," Center said. "We've played so many younger guys, and everyone has given everything they've had, in terms of their commitment to the program and each other. Their attitudes have been fantastic, and it has been a lot of fun to coach this team."

If the Longhorns complete the upset, they'll continue to the semifinals and take on TCU on Saturday.

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