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CITY

City Council plans to clean land code

By Jackie Wang
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The Austin City Council heard Thursday from consultants and the public about CodeNEXT, a plan to revitalize the current city land development code.

In June 2012, the Council adopted a 30-year comprehensive plan for the city known as Imagine Austin, which calls for a new land development code. The city has been working in

tandem with Daniel Parolek, owner of Opticos Design, Inc. Parolek presented three approaches to cleaning up current city code, informally named “The Brisk Sweep,” “The Deep Clean” and “The Complete Makeover.”

The City Council staff and Parolek both recommended option two, “The Deep Clean,” as the most reasonable approach to revise city code. The only difference between approach two and approach three, “The Complete

Makeover,” is the timeline.

“What we’re thinking is that approach two timeline would be extended,” Parolek said. “Because we focused all our attention on approach two, we’re not sure how long it would extend. Approach three would probably extend the timeline of approach two due to the steady dismantling and rebuilding of code that would be much broader and more extensive.”

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Austin City Council member Chris Riley listens to plans for CodeNEXT at a City Council meeting Thursday afternoon.

POLICE

UT wants contractors to monitor sites against theft

By Natalie Sullivan
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A UT student reportedly stole items from a construction site last week near the Cockrell School of Engineering. According to UTPD’s Campus Watch report, construction workers said the student ran through the site Friday and UTPD officers found a construction truck that had been disturbed. UTPD discovered the student blocks away with items believed to be from the truck.

The UT System Office of Facilities Planning and Construction oversees construction sites on campus, according to Facilities Services spokeswoman Laurie Lentz.

OFPD director Bob Rawski said most major construction projects are contracted by outside companies, which are responsible for enforcing safety and security requirements at their construction sites.

“Our construction contractors by contract have care, custody and control of their construction sites,” Rawski said. “They are required to erect a fence around the entire perimeter of the site with locking gates and to monitor access into and out of the site.”

Despite incidents like the one at the site, Rawski said thefts are not common at construction sites on campus.

“Our contractors have experienced some occasional thefts from their construction sites, but this has not been a pervasive problem,” Rawski said.

According to Rawski,

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CAMPUS

Integrity Week gives honor code attention

By Aimée Santillán
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The Senate of College Councils is holding its annual Integrity UT Week, which runs through Friday, to promote academic integrity inside the classroom and raise awareness of the University’s honor code.

According to Robert Guajardo, biology senior and the Senate’s Academic Integrity Committee co-chair, the main goal of Integrity Week is to make it easier for students to know the honor code and the consequences that come when they break it. He said the week consists of four days of tabling, in which students get the opportunity to receive prizes by reciting the honor code and take a picture with the integrity board, which will later be posted on Facebook.

“This is an eye-opening week



Cristina Fernandez | Daily Texan Staff

Biology pre-med senior Hamidat Momoh writes honesty and discipline as her definition for integrity during the annual Integrity UT Week on Thursday. Integrity Week is held by the Senate of College Councils to raise awareness of the honor code and emphasize integrity.

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RESEARCH

Study: Mental reflection can improve recollection

By Nidia Cavazos
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A study conducted by two UT psychology researchers concluded that mental rest and reflection on past learning activities can help boost upcoming learning activities.

According to the findings published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences on Monday, the processing of prior memories is associated with subsequent learning. Pri-

or knowledge can facilitate new learning as opposed to interfering with it, which was commonly believed by scientists.

Psychology graduate student Margaret Schlichting co-authored the study.

“It has been known for years that processes at play in the brain during periods of mental rest are critically important for memory,” Schlichting said. “But, until our study, it was

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Alison Preston, associate professor of psychology, and psychology graduate student Margaret Schlichting found that subjects who learned with mental rest performed better than those with no rest.

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Professor lectures about forged letters

By Matthew Adams
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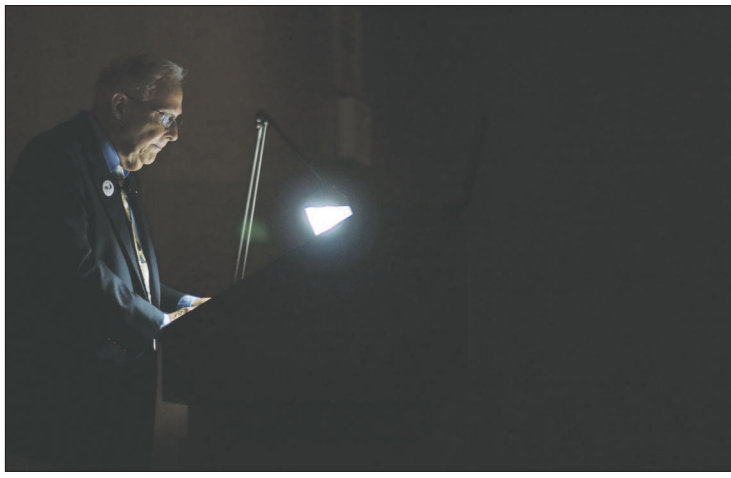
During a lecture at Rainey Hall on Thursday, information professor emeritus David Gracy talked about the long history of document forgery.

Gracy has spent much of his life working with historical Texas documents, as he has served on the Texas State Historical Association and other history groups. As part of his talk, which the UT chapter of the Society of American Archivists hosted, Gracy talked about the Davy Crockett and José Enrique de la Peña letters.

Historians have debated whether Davy Crockett died in battle or was instead executed by Mexican General Santa Anna after surrendering, as de la Peña claimed in his letters.

“Having looked at all of the characteristics of that letter, we could not claim that it was forged,” Gracy said. “There was nothing obscure about the letter.”

According to Gracy, the



Information professor emeritus David Gracy presents examples of documentary forgery and the stories of the people behind them at Rainey Hall on Thursday evening.

Graeme Hamilton
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Crockett letter itself was a different story. What some believed to be the last letter Crockett wrote was sold to the Texas State Historical Association before a state official realized this letter was a fake because of the embossing in the left-hand corner.

“History means many things to people,” Gracy said. “As we deal with history, we are always dealing with the questions of how do we know what we base history on is real and how do we [know] whether any physical document is not forgery.”

Gracy said forgeries date back to the fifth century B.C. during the Olympic games, and they have been a large part of history from then on.

Gracy reviewed the forgeries of William Henry Ireland and Vrain-Denis Lucas from the 18th and 19th centuries. Ireland was a British forger of Shakespeare’s plays and other works, and he also attempted to replicate Shakespeare’s signature based on a few remaining letters. Gracy said he believes Lucas is the most

prolific forger of all time. Lucas was a French forger in the 19th century who forged more than 27,000 copies of letters. Of these copies, he tried to replicate the letters of Alexander the Great, Mary Magdalene and Galileo Galilei.

Well into the 20th century, the world would see many more forgers. Gracy offered several notable examples, such as Clifford Irving, who attempted to forge a Howard Hughes autobiography

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Andrea Weissenbuehler passes between a telescope projection and a wall in RLM on Thursday.

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there are currently seven OFPC-managed major capital construction projects under construction at the University. Most of these projects are contracted by companies such as Hensel Phelps, which has worked on the San Jacinto Residence Hall, the Frank Erwin Center, and is currently involved in building the Dell Medical School. Hensel Phelps is also in charge of the construction site on the Engineering Edu-

cation and Research Center, where the theft took place.

Rawski said whether a project is contracted by an outside company depends on the project's size and the construction techniques needed.

"Major capital construction projects managed by OFPC are contracted through outside construction companies," Rawski said. "Minor projects managed by campus groups, such as Project Management and Construction Services, may be done by outside contractors or by internal construction groups,

depending on the size and nature of the work."

UTPD spokeswoman Rhonda Weldon said UTPD regularly patrols campus construction sites to try and prevent thefts.

"In general, the construction sites are University property and are part of UTPD's regularly scheduled patrols," Weldon said. "If criminal activity is witnessed or reported, UTPD responds and investigates as appropriate."

The incident last Friday is still under investigation.

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because I can see how much change Integrity Week could cause," Guajardo said. "There is a tremendous amount of change in how many students know the honor code."

Since the University changed its honor code two years ago, Guajardo said Integrity Week also helps upperclassmen be aware of the new honor code. According to Guajardo, the honor code was changed to be more concise and easier for students to recognize.

"Now that the honor code has been changed, we want students to know it better than they would before," Guajardo said.

Guajardo said the week also consists of different luncheons in which faculty guest

speakers talk about what integrity means to them. According to Guajardo, it also involves an event at the Perry-Castañeda Library, "Integrity: Pass It On," in which the Senate members pass on blue books that have the honor code on the back. He said they also project the honor code on the exterior of the PCL.

"All of these activities are meant for students to either memorize or learn the honor code," said Elizabeth Roach, history freshman and Senate at-large member. "We also encourage students to wear our T-shirts on test days, which becomes a subtle reminder of integrity."

At Thursday's luncheon, President William Powers Jr. talked about the importance of the honor code to the University.

"This is a great university

and there's a lot of things to be proud of," Powers said. "We play fair, and we know that rules are for people with integrity, which is something that's promoted with the honor code."

According to Guajardo, the Senate gives away 1,000 shirts each year to students who are interested in learning the honor code.

"Integrity Week brings awareness to the honor code," said Ryan Shu, business sophomore and Senate of College Councils at-large member. "I have seen that it does make a difference."

Guajardo also said students get the opportunity to express what integrity means to them.

"To me, integrity means not being afraid to do the right thing," neuroscience freshman Toyana Niraula said.

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unknown whether or not these same brain processes during mental rest might actually boost people's ability to learn in later situations."

During their research, Schlichting and co-author Alison Preston, associate professor of psychology and neuroscience, asked participants to memorize different series of photo pairs. In between the assigned activities, the participants rested and were free to think about anything they wanted. Brain scans of the participants afterward showed that those who used the time to reflect on the learning done did better on upcoming tests.

When information from two tasks overlapped, the researchers found that the reflection helped participants retain the material and allowed them to make connections that helped them absorb upcoming information.

Preston said the results of the study can be applied to a wide audience.

"The findings are a general application for all people because we didn't look at a specific age or group of people," Preston said. "These mechanisms are what

occurs in the human brain. A lot happens in your brain when you're resting. Your brain is replaying recent experiences — the goal being to make memories lasting."

Schlichting said the results from the research are important because they can be implemented in real-world learning processes, such as learning in a classroom environment.

"Work from our research group and others has shown that having strong prior knowledge about a topic may benefit you when you try to learn new, related information," Schlichting said. "For a student, this might mean that regularly studying course materials continually strengthens your knowledge base, making it easier for you to learn new facts later in the semester."

Physics freshman Javier Leija said the information is helpful, especially for a college student going through a week of exams.

"Cramming before a test is not the most efficient way to prepare for it," Leija said. "After all, if you give your brain enough time, you will end up being more prepared than what you could accomplish by binge reading."

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in 1971, and Konrad Kujau, who forged and then claimed to have discovered the "Hitler Diaries" in 1983.

Information graduate student Lilly Carrell said she was excited to listen to Gracy's lecture.

"It is exciting to hear Dr. Gracy because he is an

engaging and interesting speaker," Carrell said. "As part of the archives department, Gracy is a legend."

Katherine Isham, information studies graduate student, said the long history of forgery surprised her.

"Hearing Dr. Gracy, I am amazed with the effort that people will put in to faking such documents," Isham said.

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COLUMN

Student uses wheelchair for week to test accessibility on campus

By **Andrew Ridout**
Guest Columnist

My hands were blistered, and my arms felt like they were about to fall off. I began to wonder what I'd gotten myself into. It was only the first day of my week in a wheelchair. I was trying to experience what a disabled student might endure when trying to navigate the UT campus. I felt like giving up a hundred times, but I knew I had to hang in there, so I pushed on through the pain. You might wonder why I would subject myself to this. My intentions were twofold: to understand better what my handicapped classmates were dealing with on a day-to-day basis, and to see where the University might be able to improve on its accommodations for them.

I was nervous, to say the least, when I sat down in my rented wheelchair for the first time. Within a few minutes, I headed past Robert Lee Moore Hall on Dean Keeton to the intersection of 24th Street and Speedway. Sliding through the crosswalk, hoping the cars could see me, my hands started to throb and my back tightened as my mind-set began to change very quickly. I stopped wondering about what would be the fastest way to get to my next class and started strategizing about the only way to get there. Which path had the fewest stairs, the easiest access to an elevator, even the smoothest sidewalk? Every obstacle seemed to be amplified, even the tiniest pothole on the pavement.

Other students rushed past me, oblivious to my hardship. I felt invisible and yet also awkwardly conspicuous. No one offered to help that first day. They all had their own struggles. Just grab the wheels and push, my mind seemed to say, and eventually I got to my biology lab, only 15 minutes late. I hurt from head to toe, and it was the first time I actually remember feeling relieved about getting to class.

Over the next few days, I spoke to several students here on campus about their own experiences.

"When I used the community bathrooms for the first time at my new dorm, Kinsolving, they didn't have grab rails to hold onto," said Shalom Hernandez, a business freshman who uses a wheelchair to get to most of her classes. "The bathrooms didn't have anything to hold on to. There was a stool to sit on in the shower, but it was broken. So the first few days of being here were difficult,

to say the least. I went directly to the [Services for Students with Disabilities] office, and they immediately moved me to a newer, more accommodating dormitory."

Next, I spoke to a University alum, Max Ritzer. He broke both of his feet and a leg in a car accident. I asked Ritzer how he found his experience on campus after his injuries.

"I only needed to use the wheelchair for a couple of months," Ritzer said. "I thought that I could have just powered through it and that there would be some kinds of services to help me get to class. It was hard, to nearly impossible. Stressful to the point where it would have adversely affected my academic performance and my mood, even taking a minimal load of classes."

Ritzer also cited dorm issues.

"I wanted to live in Carothers [dorm]; however, it was not wheelchair accessible after hours," Ritzer said. "Each evening, someone would have had to have come down and let me in from the front desk. I tried to talk to some of the staff there, but they did not seem like they had encountered this type of situation before."

Ritzer spoke to the Services for Students with Disabilities office on campus about getting some help. His impression of the SSD was surprising. "They seemed geared more towards the learning disability side of things and not so much mobility issues."

After speaking with students like Ritzer and Hernandez, I ventured out to do some investigating myself. On a visit to Carothers, the employees at the front desk informed me that the building was still inaccessible after hours. They divulged another interesting bit of information: The Blanton dorm is completely inaccessible by wheelchair. Every way, in or out, is dominated by stairs. After learning about this, my next stop was the people responsible for making accommodations for students with a variety of disabilities, including mobility problems here at UT.

"Older buildings are allowed to be grandfathered in if it is not cost effective to make major changes to them," said Emily Shryock, associate director of the SSD. "If a student with a physical handicap is assigned to a classroom that is not accessible to them, the entire class is actually moved to a different room rather than telling the student they can't take the class." Shryock is a graduate student herself and also uses a wheelchair, so improving disability access here is a personal as well as professional



Graeme Hamilton | Daily Texan Staff

Guest columnist Andrew Ridout sits in his rented wheelchair outside Jester Center. Ridout spent a week navigating campus with the wheelchair, seeing how accommodating the University is for disabled students.

passion for her. "Because it is an older campus, renovating buildings is a work in progress for the University, but we are working on it," she related.

In my searching, I did find some things that, in my opinion, could be improved upon. The bulk of my time was spent in the University's chemistry building, Welch Hall. I discovered that very few of the doors there were equipped with handicapped buttons. Not being able to fit through the door of the main auditorium in Welch or trying to use the bathroom in a stall that was too small to even close the door — those were a few of the more disturbing experiences I encountered. Most buildings, however, were outfitted with at least one ramp, self-opening exterior doors and elevators. There was only one building on campus that I found completely inaccessible to wheelchairs: Blanton.

One thing I learned from many of the students whom I interviewed, though, is that they are just students like everyone else. Their mobility issues are another challenge to overcome but, more importantly, they also hold jobs, make good grades, go out on dates and have just as much fun as any other student.

"We're normal people," said Mark Zupan, a wheelchair rugby player and captain of the United States wheelchair rugby team that

competed in the Paralympic Games in 2004. "Don't be scared because we are in a chair. People don't understand that. They think, 'Oh, a wheelchair, something's wrong with their heads, something's just not right.' Well, yeah, we may be a little twisted, but no more than anyone else."

As I became more comfortable with my new mode of transportation over the week, I found that many people did reach out to help me, often holding doors open or showing me the nearest wheelchair ramp. I discovered unique paths to my classes and even saw parts of the campus that were totally new to me. I did find, though, that more times than not, there was only one way in or out of a building. Luckily, I could usually negotiate it.

Just as my mind and body were finally getting used to a new life, my week in a wheelchair was over, but many of the lessons that I learned will be with me forever. Not only had my sore hands gotten tough and calloused, but my mind had toughened a bit as well. What started as a discussion with a friend about handicapped mobility on campus ended up being an experience that broadened my horizons and gave me a whole new respect for my classmates with disabilities.

Ridout is a French senior from Garland.

FIRING LINE

Despite social media concerns, platforms can still enrich lives

In the recently published column "Look outside social media for life's most valuable moments," author Kirby McDaniel suggests that social media is a poor substitute for real interactions, emotions and experiences in life. My response is not to refute McDaniel's claims. In fact, some scholars, including MIT sociologist Sherry Turkle, agree with some aspects of the "social media is isolating" argument. Instead, I'd like to suggest that we approach the subject of media in daily life with more nuance.

First, it's important to note that every new form of media has been heralded by some as isolating and potentially dangerous. As early as around 370 BCE, Plato argued in *Phaedrus* that the popularization of writing would lower public discourse and could not do justice to clear arguments. More recently, we have seen (and continue to see) similar panics regarding film and television as isolating, maybe morally questionable. Today, commentary on social media is just the most recent in a long history of skepticism toward communicative technology.

This skepticism is not necessarily bad, but it shouldn't be assumed outright.

With that in mind, I suggest we shouldn't be so quick to pass judgment on these technologies as good or bad. Technology historian Melvin Kranzberg famously argued, "Technology is neither good nor bad; nor is it neutral." Media changes how we live in the world, but we shouldn't necessarily assume that it cuts us out of that world either. Writer Nathan Jurgenson argues in his essay "The IRL Fetish" that emphasizing "real life" as separate from "offline" fails to acknowledge that "what we do while connected is inseparable from what we do when disconnected." Instead of looking outside of social media for valuable moments, my response is that we should instead embrace those moments throughout our lives — both offline and online.

— Kyle Wrather, a media studies PhD candidate from Columbus, Mississippi, in response to Kirby McDaniel's Tuesday column.

COLUMN

Students should expect more from new apartment complexes



By **Jan Ross Piedad**
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When I moved into The G apartments I was honestly just happy to have a place to call home. While other nearby complexes postponed opening for months, we were pushed back for only two weeks and were able to settle in before September. The Pointe on Rio, two streets away, started housing-displaced students at the Dobie Center and still won't be ready until the new year because of delayed construction and city inspections.

For the cell-block gray building on the corner of 18th and Guadalupe Street, obtaining the necessary permits through the City of Austin was a real setback. For the first week of the fall semester, residents were lodged in rooms at nearby hotels on the owner's dime. Fees were prorated and a month's worth of rent waived. All is well, right? Here are a few isolated incidents one wouldn't expect: power tools whirring on the floor above at 7 a.m., units blacking out intermittently over the course of an evening and a garage gate that seems to have broken two weeks into use.

There are other situations that can test a tenant's patience, such as complications about locked garbage chutes. The "valet trash service" alternative tries to be systematic, but with tem-

perate, poorly ventilated halls, leaving trash in the hallway is not the best option. Weeks' worth of mail sat on hold at the post office, since a newly-implemented USPS policy held mail addressed to new student housing complexes. Now, instead of having personal bills and letters delivered directly to a designated lockbox, management must sort through envelopes and packages delivered from the post office, which students pick up during office hours.

Daily operations run out of a four-bedroom apartment within the building, as the leasing office at street level remains to be finished. Admittedly, management tries its best at professionalism and good service for over 200 residents in 79 units, but Fairway Properties' presence at The G is clearly short-staffed.

The ability to pay rent online is delayed until November; which is, at the very least, a small inconvenience. However, I recently received a notice of delinquent rent with additional late fees, even though I paid in person well before the October deadline. It turns out that the funds were applied to another tenant's account, not my own. Human error, I was told; and the mistake was corrected.

To be clear, I can't fault the hardworking men and women behind all the physical and logistical labor on site. It seems the real issues lie with decisions made by the owner, who is clearly out of touch with the student population. (The owner's other commission in the area, Longhorn Lux, was also delayed.)

Housing close to campus costs a pretty penny, and it's no wonder investors are jumping to build and lease apartments as quickly as possible. To developers, I say this: It's about people's livelihoods, not just the payout. Students come to UT for variety of reasons, often with limited resources and options. If a property is marketed as the best value or opportunity, then it better deliver. Some situations can't be helped, but for the price tenants are paying, upwards of at least \$750 a month, and on the promise of "luxury," we can expect more.

Piedad is a journalism senior from San Antonio.

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CAMPUS



Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley takes a selfie with the University Democrats in front of the Littlefield Fountain on Thursday afternoon. O'Malley was in Austin to support State Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth for Texas governor.

Maryland governor campaigns for Davis

By Sebastian Vega
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Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley spoke to University Democrats on Thursday afternoon in front of Littlefield Fountain before the group block walked through West Campus in support of State Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth.

Speaking to the group, O'Malley talked about the importance of student participation in the election and why Davis is his favored pick in the Texas gubernatorial race.

O'Malley, who has previously served as Baltimore

mayor and is considering running for president in 2016, said he appreciated the group's efforts to bring students together through the block walk, where club members walked through the neighborhood to talk with residents about voting.

"In my first race, I ran for state senate at the age of 27," O'Malley said. "I lost by 22 votes. As you're knocking on doors and flushing people to do early vote, know that sometimes these things are as close at 22 votes. Every person makes a difference."

According to O'Malley,

students should favor Davis because of her views on college tuition and future economic development.

"In this choice for governor, you have a woman who believes that making college more affordable for the greatest number of people is good for our economy, and then you have the other fellow that wants to treat it like a toll road," O'Malley said. "I think that one issue demonstrates a difference in philosophy. Wendy believes we're in this all together, [and that] we need each other, and that the better educated our people, the more successful

our economy."

Katie Adams, University Democrats communication director and mechanical engineering senior, said online polls don't reflect the election's outcome.

"I really do think that on Election Day, Texans are going to turn out to the polls in numbers that we haven't seen before, and when a Democrat does get elected governor in the state, it's going to be because of non-likely voters [and] voters who didn't vote in 2010," Adams said. "Polls don't necessarily reflect what we've been seeing on the ground."

Max Patterson, University Democrats president and history senior, said early voting — which continues through Oct. 31 — is the most convenient way to vote.

"Early voting is one of the easiest things you can do," Patterson said. "There's no lines and you can go in the [Flawn Academic Center]. Voting is the easiest way in participating in our democracy — it's raising your hand and saying that you have a voice, and that's because your vote is your voice, and if you silence yourself then no one should care to listen to you. It's all about getting out to vote."

NEWS BRIEFLY

Latest poll shows
Republicans with lead

Republican candidates hold substantial leads in the major Texas races, according to a statewide poll conducted from Oct. 10 through Sunday.

The Texas Tribune and the Texas Politics Project at the University of Texas are conducting a series of online polls, and the latest showed that Attorney General Greg Abbott has a 16-point lead over State Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth.

In June, a previous Texas Tribune poll showed Abbott with a 12-point lead over Davis.

The latest Texas Tribune poll surveyed 1,200 registered Texas voters. For the lieutenant governor race, State Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, trails State Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston by 17 points. In the attorney general race, the U.S. Senate race and land commissioner race, all leads were held by the Republican candidates.

"The substantial leads held by Republicans from the top to the bottom of the ballot suggest that the much-discussed demographic changes in the state are unlikely to translate into an immediate reversal of fortune for the Democratic Party in this election," said James Henson, director of the Texas Politics Project and a co-director of the poll.

Daron Shaw, government professor and poll co-director, said in a statement that the results of these statewide race polls had more to do with political affiliations than race.

"Very few race-specific dynamics exist in these down-ballot statewide races," Shaw said. "They are really just expressions of the underlying partisanship of the Texas electorate, and that's not good for Democrats these days."

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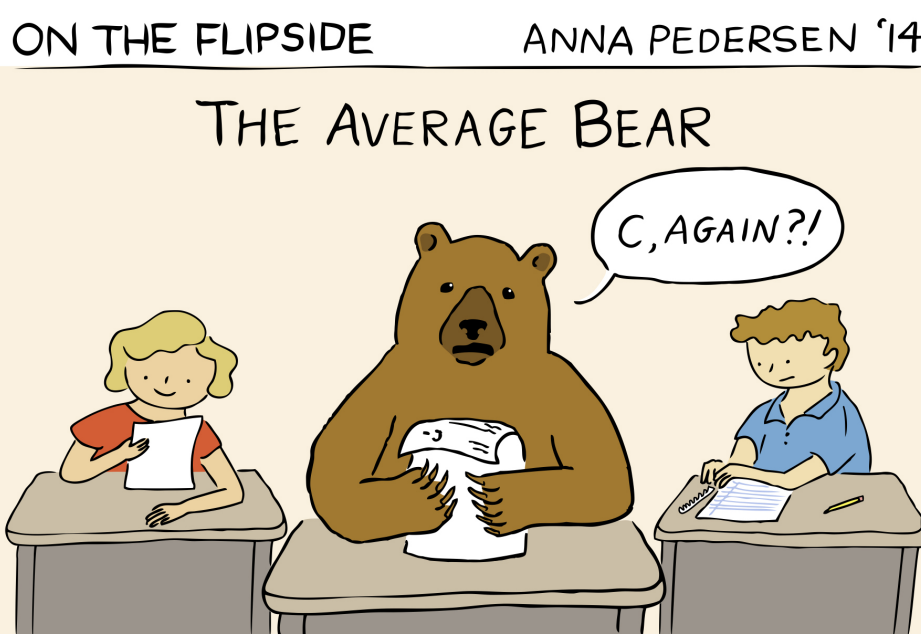
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14 Shore dinner

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41 Chef de cuisine's shout

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FOOTBALL

Wildcats' quarterback could be a handful for Texas

By Stefan Scrafield
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Last week, against a struggling Iowa State team, the Longhorn defense turned in its worst performance of the season.

Save for a few well-timed turnovers, the Texas defense had a miserable time slowing down quarterback Sam Richardson and the Cyclones' option attack. This week, they'll face a similar scheme, run by a much better team with a much better quarterback.

Kansas State's senior quarterback, Jake Waters, has had incredible success running the option for the Wildcats this season, as he leads the team in passing and rushing.

"He reminds me of Russell Wilson," Texas defensive coordinator Vance Bedford said, comparing him to the Super Bowl winning quarterback of the Seattle Seahawks. "[The] guy is a winner, competitor. You have to be very disciplined on defense because of what he does."

Under Waters' leadership, No. 11 Kansas State has risen to the top of the Big 12 standings as the only team that remains unbeaten in conference play.

In Waters' second year running the Wildcat offense, the junior-college transfer has completed 65 percent of his passes for 1,431 yards and nine touchdowns while rushing for another 371 yards and seven scores.

Waters and Kansas State's running backs are at the center of head coach Bill Snyder's high-powered option offense, but the Wildcats' capacity in the passing game are what force defenses to respect Waters' arm. Senior receivers Tyler Lockett and Curry Sexton have combined to form one of the more potent wide out combinations in the Big 12 so far this season.

"[Waters] has two tremendous weapons out there with Lockett and Sexton and those guys, they go out and compete each and every game," senior defensive back Quandre Diggs said. "Just the opportunity to go out and compete against one of the best in the country [is special]."

Kansas State's option provides opposing defenses with a unique challenge, as it slows things down at the line of scrimmage. As Waters decides whether to hand the



Chelsea Purgahn | Daily Texan file photo

Last year against Texas, Kansas State quarterback Jake Waters ran for just 26 yards on 18 attempts. This year, he already has seven rushing touchdowns through six games.

ball off, keep it or utilize the play-action pass, he is often able to freeze the defense, opening things up downfield.

Case in point in last week's game against Oklahoma, when Waters faked the quarterback draw and lobbed a pop-pass to fullback Glenn Gronkowski for a 62-yard score. Texas will have to be conscious of that possibility again this weekend in order to limit big plays.

"It comes back with discipline, knowing your assignment, what your responsibilities are, situations, and when it pops, it can't go for 70 yards," Bedford said.

In particular, the Longhorn defensive backs will have to practice better eye discipline against the Wildcats. Against Iowa State, the Texas secondary often got caught with its eyes in the

backfield, leaving receivers open for big gains.

Kansas State's offense is designed to just do that, so it will take a concerted effort to lock down the Wildcats' talented receiving corps.

"The quarterback is sitting back there dancing," junior cornerback Duke Thomas said. "If you've got a man, you've really got to pay attention to what's going on."

VOLLEYBALL



Daulton Venglar | Daily Texan Staff

Junior middle blocker Molly McCage, who leads the Longhorns in blocks with 1.31 per set, is ready for Oklahoma.

Texas ready to take on Oklahoma on Saturday

By Nick Castillo
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The Red River Showdown will make its way to the volleyball court Saturday, as No. 2 Texas (15-0, 7-0 Big 12) takes on archrival Oklahoma (14-6, 5-2 Big 12).

While it may not get the same attention as the football side of the rivalry, junior middle blocker Molly McCage expects the game to be just as intense.

"I actually know some of the [Oklahoma] girls, so it's more fun," McCage said. "[There's] smack-talk back and forth; it's not anything super meaningful. But I love the rivalry between us still. I love that the fans are super supportive behind us and everything. It's a more emotional and entertaining game."

The fans will play an important role, as the Longhorns will play in front of a sold-out home crowd for the first time this season. Head coach Jerritt Elliott expects the crowd to be a major advantage.

"[A sellout] brings so much energy to [the team]," Elliott said. "It gets their adrenaline flowing. It makes [Gregory Gym] significantly louder. It creates energy flow. The fans want to be more involved in [the game] because there are more people. ... When you have that, it's nice."

While Texas is looking forward to its upcoming rivalry game, it has some tuneups to make before Saturday. Although the Longhorns made history Wednesday night, winning their 34th straight home

game and improving to 15-0, Elliott was disappointed with the team's play.

"I thought [Wednesday] we got pretty comfortable with just who we were," Elliott said. "We felt like we were going to win the game, and that's the challenge now: for me to get back to them and see if we can improve on that."

Despite Elliott's disappointment, McCage says the team recognizes what it struggled with against TCU.

"I understand [Elliott's] disappointment," McCage said. "There were some things we practiced all this week that we didn't execute during the game. That's a minor setback, but I think our team did well regardless of the minor mistakes that we made. We still did well and finished the match."

Texas will look to McCage when it takes on Oklahoma, as she leads the Longhorns in blocks with 1.31 per set, good for second in the Big 12 and 37th in the NCAA. McCage also leads team which ranks seventh in the Big 12 with a .340 hitting percentage this season.

McCage and Texas take on the Sooners at 5 p.m. Saturday in Gregory Gym, with the game being broadcast on the Longhorn Network.

"I'm super excited about this game," McCage said. "I know that it's at home and our gym is going to be super packed. I'm expecting a lot of huge plays coming from my team. But I think OU is going to show us whatever they got."

FOOTBALL

OSU sues Texas offensive coordinator

By Jori Epstein
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Joe Wickline, Texas' offensive coordinator and offensive line coach, thought he was done dealing with Oklahoma State administrators in January when he left Stillwater, Oklahoma, to work for Texas.

But throughout the last eight months, Oklahoma State athletic director Mike Holder has reminded Wickline that the Cowboys aren't as far away as he thought.

On Oct. 17, the Oklahoma State System sued Wickline, claiming that he does not actually hold the play-calling responsibilities he claims he does. The suit reiterates complaints dating back to March 24, when Holder wrote Wickline a letter saying Wickline violated his previous Oklahoma State contract.

"Regrettably, it has come to our attention that neither of those statements [about your responsibilities] is apparently accurate," Holder's letter said. "In reality, it appears you unilaterally and voluntarily terminated the contract to make a lateral move."

According to Oklahoma State's lawsuit this month, Wickline "recognized that the loss of his services to

OSU ... would cause an inherent loss to OSU incapable of estimation with certainty, fairness or adequate compensation through monetary damages."

In their 2009 contract, Oklahoma State agreed to relieve Wickline of the obligation to pay liquidated damages — in this case, \$593,478 — only if he works as an NFL assistant coach or a Division I offensive coordinator, with play-calling duties. In the lawsuit filed last week, Oklahoma State claimed Wickline violated the terms that he must "accept employment as a Head Football Coach or as an Offensive Coordinator with play calling duties."

The latter clause, "with play calling duties," is the source of disagreement between Oklahoma State and Wickline. Although head coach Charlie Strong said Wickline would call plays at the time of his hire in January, many speculate that Shawn Watson, assistant head coach for offense and quarterbacks coach, instead fulfills these responsibilities.

Speculations have stirred ever since Strong's comments in March, noting that, according to ESPN, "the one final voice will be Shawn." Interviews with Strong, Watson and players suggest that Watson calls at least the ma-



Joe Wickline
Offensive coordinator

jority of plays while Wickline supervises the run game. This week specifically, Watson discussed scripting plays for the team.

"I'll only go anywhere from 15 to 25 [plays]," Watson said Tuesday. "Basically, for me, it's a hot list. This past week, I only used the first 21, and we were on task with what we were doing."

Watson did not mention Wickline's role in developing the plays.

Wickline is set to face Oklahoma State in court in Stillwater on Nov. 15, at which time the court will need to determine whether Wickline calls enough plays for his position to qualify as more than just a lateral move. According to the Austin American-Statesman, UT law graduate David Beck, who donates to the University, will represent Wickline.

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Soccer faces road tests at Baylor, OU

Texas has another tough pair of conference games this weekend. The Longhorns will take on Oklahoma (8-5-3, 2-2-1 Big 12) in Norman, Oklahoma, on Friday at 7 p.m., and then turn around and head to Waco for a 6 p.m. Sunday tilt against a physical Baylor squad (8-5-2, 2-2-1 Big 12). Oklahoma was ranked as high as 15th in early September, but the Sooners have dropped off since then and are winless in their last three contests.

This season, Baylor's offense has excelled where the Longhorns have struggled. The Bears have made the most of their opportunities, seeing just over half of their shots this season come on goal, while Texas has hit just 41.9 percent of its shots on target.

Junior goalkeeper Abby Smith will have her hands full against the pair of Big 12 offenses, but she should be fresh since head coach Angela Kelly gave her the night off against Arkansas-Little Rock.

Oklahoma and Baylor are hardly the elite of the Big 12, but the Longhorns have not made much of an impact since knocking off then No. 6 Texas Tech in September. A 2-3-0 conference record ties Texas with TCU for the last spot in the Big 12 tournament, but wins this weekend could bring some much needed insurance in the closing weeks of the season.

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OFFBEAT

Students advocate cricket diet

By Hunter Jekot
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As radio-television-film senior Ross Bullington packs away his homework after a study session at local grocery store in.gredients, he reaches for his post-study snack of choice, the Hopper Bar. What looks like an ordinary protein bar is actually part of a conscious decision by Bullington to include insects in his diet.

“Insects are just much more efficient in terms of converting feed into calories for people to eat,” Bullington said. “You can feed them food scraps that would otherwise be thrown away, and you can [raise them in] these vertical bug farms so that you’re using less land — instead of a whole pasture for a cow.”

In a class lecture on sustainability, Bullington learned about entomophagy, an environmentally friendly alternative to other meat-based diets. Shortly after, he decided to assist his friend and now UT alumnus, Renzo Tomlinson, in raising edible mealworms in his closet.

The two got the chance to play around with making homemade meals using the worms, and Bullington decided to take further steps to connect to the entomophagy community through local nonprofits such as Little Herds, which focuses on the advocacy of bug eating.

When Bullington received a film assignment in one of his radio-television-film classes, he used the opportunity to create “Bug



Radio-television-film senior Ross Bullington enjoys his Hopper Bar at in.gredients. Ross is an entomophagy advocate, and he believes insects are more efficient for converting feed into calories for people to eat.

Xintong Guo
Daily Texan Staff

Brothers,” a short documentary that explores the edible insect resources available in Austin. He was surprised to find the Austin entomophagy community is one of the largest in the nation. In June, Austin’s seventh annual bug-eating festival celebrated its return to Zilker Park in order to accommodate all the patrons.

Students can expect to have an increased amount of access to edible bug products, with companies such as World Entomophagy and

Hopper Foods working to make insect products available to the public. One such product comes in the form of Cricker Crackers, a cricket flour-based paleo cracker developed by UT alumna Megan McDonald and Southwestern University alumna Leah Jones. The two will begin selling the crackers at the Republic Square farmers’ market every Saturday starting Nov. 8.

“There’s four times as much calcium [in a cup of ground crickets] as in a cup

of milk. [There are] 70 grams of protein in one cup of crickets, tons of B vitamins, magnesium, fiber [and] iron,” Jones said.

McDonald and Jones hope that their grassroots approach will gain a strong local following for the cause and their product. They plan to limit Cricker Cracker sales to local markets for the time being and consider expansion to commercial retailers more of a long-term goal.

Jack Ceadel, founder and CEO of Hopper Foods,

originally turned to crickets as a food source in an effort to conserve water. Ceadel was inspired by his work with nonprofits such as the Global Water Foundation.

“They have very low water requirements in comparison with traditional livestock,” Ceadel said. “If you’re wanting to produce one pound of beef compared to one pound of crickets, it takes 1,000 times more water.”

The Hopper Bar, which proudly names cricket powder as one of its main

ingredients, will begin to establish more of a presence around Austin as it starts shipping to more retailers in early 2015. Hopper Foods also plans on directly including students in its business, as it looks for interns and campus representatives.

Ceadel said students will play an integral role in the growth and development of the bug-eating movement.

“Students really are leaders of our generation,” Jones said. “If students can set the example, that’s huge.”

CAMPUS



Ellyn Snider | Daily Texan Staff

University of Houston alumna Priscilla Salisbury performs as Zerbinetta at rehearsal for “The Prologue From Ariadne auf Naxos” on Wednesday night.

Music school kicks off opera series

By Alejandra Martinez
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Although she attends different classes each day, Ellie Jarrett ends her days the same way — rehearsing for her upcoming opera performance. For Jarrett, a first-year doctoral student and mezzo soprano who will be in two selections performed by the Butler Opera Center on Friday, rehearsals have been a balancing act this semester.

“It’s been a challenge to stay at rehearsal every night, and then come home and try to do reading[s] and try to do journals and try to study,” Jarrett said.

Jarrett’s work will move to the stage Friday night when the two operas are performed at the McCullough Theatre. Despite the struggle to balance school and performing, Jarrett believes the preparation for Friday’s event has paid off.

“It’s the style and the range that has been most challenging for me,” Jarrett said. “I feel like I can do almost anything now, vocally, because of how much of a struggle it was for me at the beginning.”

event, the Prologue from Richard Strauss’ “Ariadne auf Naxos,” revolves around two groups of performers with radically different styles who have to perform as one cohesive group on the night they meet. The second, Gustav Mahler’s “Das Lied von der Erde,” is based on various Chinese poems translated into German that explore more abstract concepts.

The process of bringing the pieces to life began last spring. Robert DeSimone, music professor and director of the Butler Opera Center, has been following the process from the very beginning.

“There’s a fairly rigid process of how these things are put together,” DeSimone said. “And this process is done very much in the same way that you might find in a professional opera company anywhere in the world. It’s just that our singers are students.”

While the Mahler piece was rich with emotional musical material, staging it gave the group the creative freedom to interpret the piece beyond the music. According to Kathleen Kelly, principal vocal coach and lecturer

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at the Butler Opera Center, there was ample room for interpretation.

“There’s a lot of emotional content in the orchestra,” Kelly said. “But in terms of how to physicalize it on stage, we’re just making all of that up. So the amount of creativity involved is huge. It’s a place for our directors’ imaginations to run wild.”

DeSimone expects a diverse audience made up of people familiar with the work and those who are new to the music and their composers.

“Anyone who is attracted to classical music will tend to know the name of both composers,” DeSimone said. “That in itself becomes an attraction, maybe even if they don’t know the work.”

CAMPUS

HackTX challenges students to bring ideas to life in 24 hours

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A computer science student’s dream becomes reality for two days at HackTX when the SAC fills with hundreds of students working diligently on their laptops, playing video games and talking with tech representatives.

At the event, which was held last weekend, students put themselves into small teams and invented anything from an app to computer hardware. Taylor Barnett, computer science senior and lead organizer of HackTX, said hackathons like this bring students from around the country together.

“Everybody runs and finds a space,” Barnett said. “Then you start working.”

Some participants come to hackathons with ideas and teams already in place, but all participants are prohibited from using any sort of prior work to help them create their product.

“[Hackathons] show you what someone can do in 24 hours,” Barnett said. “It’s really incredible.”

Barnett said productivity increases at hackathons in part because of the focused energy but also because various companies send

representatives to provide insight and resources to help students with their projects.

“The companies understand they’re there as mentors, not to be a part of a team,” said Barnett. “They’re a resource — not a crutch.”

Major League Hacking is one such company. Mike Swift, co-founder and commissioner of Major League Hacking, said, since its founding in fall 2013, the company has made high-quality hackathons more accessible.

“You can think of us as the NCAA for hackathons,” Swift said.

Another purpose of Major League Hacking is to provide continuity amongst the hackathon community. Before Major League Hacking, people would typically just go to their school’s hackathon or possibly one in the area. Now, it’s normal to go to multiple hackathons a year, even if it means flying across the country.

Although Swift said he doesn’t believe the company is the sole reason hackathons have become more legitimized, he said it has done its part.

“Hackathons have been growing organically for the last couple of years,” Swift said. “But what they were waiting for was something

to connect them.”

Swift said Major League Hacking also provides things to entertain hackers in their downtime, such as photo booths and unreleased gaming consoles to use.

“What we really want is for people to walk away and say, ‘That was the best experience of my life,’” Swift said.

Barnett said HackTX is unique because it reaches out to groups that feel they should have more of a hackathon presence. Barnett focused specifically on women. “Women are typically underrepresented in hackathons,” Barnett said. “Even more so than in their respective majors.”

Barnett said 20 percent of this year’s participants were women and 60 percent of the participants had never attended a hackathon before.

Southern Methodist University freshman Eric Straw was part of that 60 percent. He said he was more focused on getting the hang of things than being competitive.

“A lot is happening in one room,” Straw said.

Straw said he appreciated working in an environment that allowed him to be productive and relaxed.

“I don’t know how I’ll feel at 4 a.m.,” Straw said. “But now it seems fun.”



Michael Barnes, Chris Hogue, Jewel Langevine and Xuming Zeng keep focus during HackTX. In its third year, HackTX invites groups of students to code and invent anything from an application to computer hardware in 24 hours.

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EDITOR’S NOTE

Iowa State nearly shocked Texas at home last weekend, but the Longhorns came away with a much needed victory. Charlie Strong’s bunch will need at least three more wins this season to gain bowl eligibility and, with three of their final five games coming against ranked opponents, that will mean pulling off an upset or two. This weekend’s visit to No. 11 Kansas State will be their first opportunity to do just that.

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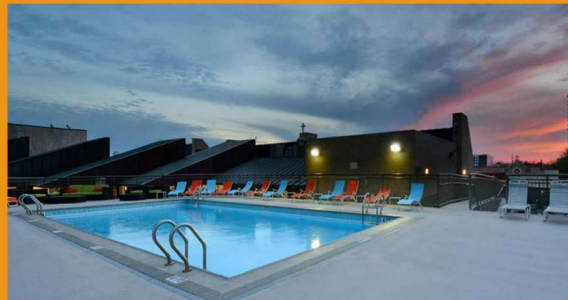
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BY THE NUMBERS

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Texas' all-time record in its eighth game of the season, winning 73.7 percent of those contests.

6-2

Texas' record when entering a game at 3-4, a win percentage of 75 percent.

8-6

The series record between Texas and Kansas State, in the Wildcats' favor. Kansas State leads the series 7-3 since the formation of the Big 12. The Longhorns are 1-5 against the Wildcats on the road.

26-24

The average score of games in the series, in Texas' favor. But, the average score is 34-18 in Kansas State's favor when the Longhorns are on the road and 32-21, in favor of the Wildcats, in Big 12 conference contests between the two schools.

24

The Longhorns have sacked opposing quarterbacks 24 times this season, tied for the conference lead and ranked seventh nationally. Kansas State, on the other hand, has recorded only seven sacks, fewest in the Big 12 and tied for 117th in the nation.

100.8

Rushing yards per game allowed by Kansas State so far this season, the fewest in the conference and ninth-best nationally. The Longhorns are only averaging 144.43 yards on the ground per game, ninth in the conference, but are coming off a season-best 191 yard performance against Iowa State.

11

The number of passes the Longhorns have intercepted in their first seven games of 2014, one more than their 2013 interception total. The defense has 10 picks in the three victories, while only one has come in the four losses.

800

Sophomore quarterback Tyrone Swoopes has accounted for a total of 800 yards of offense over Texas' past two games. Only former quarterbacks Colt McCoy and Vince Young have accounted for higher totals in back-to-back games in school history.

5

In the win over Iowa State, Swoopes became the fifth quarterback in program history to throw for 300 or more yards in back-to-back games. Of the five to do so, only James Brown and Colt McCoy accomplished the feat at least twice in their careers.

77.8%

The conversion percentage of Kansas State's opponents in the red zone, the lowest percentage in the Big 12. The Longhorns are allowing opponents to score in 80 percent of their trips to the red zone, which is tied for second lowest in the conference.

371

The number of rushing yards on the season by Kansas State's senior quarterback Jake Waters, the most in the conference by a non-running back. Waters enters this weekend only 25 rushing yards behind Texas' leading rusher, senior running back Malcolm Brown, despite playing one less game.

6-2

The record of Shawn Watson, Texas' quarterbacks coach and play caller, when calling plays against Bill Snyder, Kansas State's head coach. Watson's record against Snyder was 4-2 when he called plays for Colorado from 2000-05, and his 2009 and 2010 Nebraska teams went 2-0.

Tyrone Swoopes
QB



MATCHUPS

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QB

Advantage: Kansas State

Wildcat signal-caller Jake Waters is the engine behind one of the most balanced option attacks in the country. The senior leads the team in rushing and has notched two 100-yard rushing performances on the season to complement his 8.6 yards per pass attempt.

Tyrone Swoopes' performance against Iowa State perfectly summed up the sophomore quarterback. Swoopes flashed his great athleticism by scampering for 95 yards and lobbing two perfect deep balls on Texas' final drive, but he showed his inconsistency with a horrendous interception in the end zone and dangerous misfires on earlier long passes.



RB

Advantage: Kansas State

Sophomore Charles Jones and senior DeMarcus Robinson give Kansas State the two-pronged attack that Jonathan Gray and Malcolm Brown were supposed to bring to the Longhorns. Jones and Robinson are averaging 4.9 and 4.6 yards per carry, respectively, and the two have an almost equal share of the touches out of the backfield.

Junior Johnathan Gray and senior Malcolm Brown have been serviceable running the ball all season, but the tandem was supposed to make up one of the best backfields in college football. The running backs have not yet proven that they can carry this team to victory this season.



WR

Advantage: Kansas State

At the receiver position, the Wildcats have a frightening duo that will expose any weaknesses in Texas' man-to-man coverage ability. Senior Tyler Lockett is one of the best receivers in the country, but senior Curry Sexton has thrived in his shadow, hauling in 412 yards and two touchdowns.

Junior Marcus Johnson has used the last couple of games to work his way back into the mix and give the Texas offense a much-needed vertical threat. Senior John Harris continues to be Swoopes' go-to receiver and is coming off of a nine-reception, 147-yard game.



OL

Advantage: Kansas State

The Wildcat offensive line has been a stout run-blocking unit all season. The three veteran starters on the left side — including B.J. Finney, a Remington Trophy candidate — have combined for 88 career starts and helped the Wildcats average 4.6 yards per carry this season.

Offensive line coach Joe Wickline has been rotating personnel all season in search of the perfect combination of linemen. Junior left guard Sedrick Flowers is the only lineman who has started every game for Texas, but the group has made steady improvements each week.



◀ 45

50

45 ▶

DL

Advantage: Kansas State

All-American defensive end Ryan Mueller had 11.5 sacks in 2013, but the senior has only 1.5 so far in 2014. The Wildcat defensive line has done a great job against the run, however, holding its opponents to a mere 3.2 yards per carry.

The Texas defensive line has played much better against the run in recent weeks, but it needs to start getting pressure on the quarterbacks. Opposing passers have had plenty of time to pick apart the secondary when the Longhorns don't come with a blitz.



LB

Advantage: Texas

Texas needs a great game from its linebackers in order to knock off Kansas State. The Wildcats' balanced attack thrives on linebackers overcommitting to the pass or the run, meaning senior Jordan Hicks and company will have to play with great discipline to stop both the short-pass and ground attacks.

Senior linebacker Jonathan Truman anchors the Kansas State linebacking corps and leads the Wildcats with a team-high 60 tackles. Fellow senior Dakorey Johnson has spent a lot of time in opposing backfields this season, generating a team-high 5.5 tackles for loss.

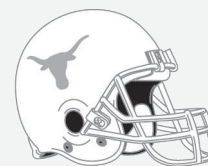


DB

Advantage: Texas

Senior Quandre Diggs is one of the best cover corners in the nation, but the rest of the secondary has struggled to support him at times. Senior safety Mykelle Thompson struggles to tackle consistently and junior cornerback Duke Thomas is not as good as his three interceptions might suggest.

The Wildcats do not really have a weakness on defense, but the secondary has not been quite as dominant as the front seven. Still, the Wildcats have held opponents to a solid 251.2 passing yards per game, and junior cornerback Morgan Burns has recorded three interceptions in his last two games.



ST

Advantage: K-State

The Wildcats have the explosiveness to exploit the Longhorns' frail special teams. Tyler Lockett's 26.8 yards per return average is the highest in the country, and the senior has four kickoff return touchdowns in his career. Redshirt freshman kicker Matthew McCrane has converted all 21 of his kicks this season.

Texas finally played a full sixty minutes without a horrendous special teams gaffe and, not coincidentally, managed to pull off its first close win of the 2014 season in the process. This unit has proven that it can at least be mediocre, but the return game needs to improve if special teams are to become a strength for the Longhorns.



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KEYS TO THE GAME

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Better Backs

Junior Johnathan Gray and senior Malcolm Brown have been reliable but unremarkable in the season's early weeks. Back then, it was assumed that defenses were throwing all of their resources into stopping the run with the hopes of forcing a young and unproven Tyrone Swoopes into making more throws than he was comfortable with.

The sophomore quarterback has looked as good as advertised the last two weeks, but the running backs still have not lived up to expectations. Brown did score two touchdowns against Iowa State, but his 3.8 yards per carry were a better indicator of his overall performance. The Longhorn staff says Gray is fully recovered from last season's ruptured Achilles, but the junior does not look as ex-



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Texas running back Johnathan Gray leaps over an Iowa State defender. Gray and fellow back Malcolm Brown are still looking for a breakout performance from the run game this season.

plosive as he did in 2013.

Swoopes is improving, but Kansas State is a top-15 team that held the mighty Auburn

offense to just 20 points. It would not be unreasonable to assume that Swoopes regresses against the Wildcats,

and if he does, the backs will have to pick up the slack and put their recent struggles behind them.



Improved Linebacker Play

The Texas three-man linebacking corps will have to play disciplined football and win its one-on-one matchups in order to contain Kansas State's diverse collection of offensive threats and stop an attack that is eerily similar to the one that helped BYU romp to a 41-7 victory over the Longhorns back in September.

The linebackers have to make an effort to neutralize senior quarterback Jake Waters' run threat and still find a way to

pressure the strong passer into making bad decisions. That being said, Waters will let his running backs — sophomore Charles Jones and senior DeMarcus Robinson — take over the game if the front seven is too focused on the quarterback.

Wildcat sophomore fullback Glenn Gronkowski will spend most of his afternoon lead blocking in the run game but, as Oklahoma quickly learned, he can tear up a defense if the linebackers do not account for him on short passes and play action.



Cover the Stars

Defensive coordinator Vance Bedford loves to trot out five guys to bolster his secondary, but some of his defensive backs are so weak in man coverage that it may not be worth the change in personnel.

Texas' nickel package means that Kansas State's senior receivers — Tyler Lockett and Curry Sexton — will get the chance to line up opposite either sophomore Dylan Haines or senior Mykkel Thompson when one of the two slides from safety to cornerback in the nickel package. Opposing quarter-

backs love to pick on Haines and Thompson in man coverage, and neither has given them a reason not to.

Senior defensive back Quandre Diggs could help neutralize one of the best receivers in the country in Lockett, but Bedford prefers to line Diggs up at nickelback to help stop the run. Haines and Thompson will have to put the Iowa State game behind them and play lockdown defense if Texas is to avoid another secondary meltdown against one of the best receiving corps in the country.

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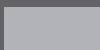
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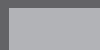
... If the defense can rebound from its rough outing against Iowa State. The Longhorns gave up 524 total yards against the Cyclones. If Texas is going to upset No. 11 Kansas State, the defense needs to play like it did against Baylor and Oklahoma, and head coach Charlie Strong knows that. At his weekly press conference, Strong said the mistakes made against Iowa State are fixable.

"It's all about fundamentals and technique," Strong said. "It's about alignment. It's all about gap integrity. [Iowa State] making the throws that should have never been made. Guys weren't [in pass coverage] dropping in the right spots. That's what upsets you cause it's things we have done and played so well."

If the defense plays up to its potential, Texas could pull out a win Saturday.



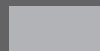
... If sophomore quarterback Tyrone Swoopes can continue to improve. Against Oklahoma and Iowa State, Swoopes threw for a combined 655 passing yards and three touchdowns. Additionally, Swoopes ran for 145 yards and two touchdowns. If Swoopes can perform up to the standard he set over the past two games, the Longhorns will be in prime position to beat the Wildcats.



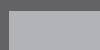
... If the running game continues to get better. With Swoopes' improvement, the Longhorns' running game has played a bigger role in the offense. Swoopes, senior running back Malcolm Brown and junior running back Johnathan Gray rushed for five touchdowns against Iowa State. If Texas can get a similar production from the running game, the Longhorns can take down Kansas State.

Texas Loses

... If it can't contain senior wide receiver Tyler Lockett. Lockett is a huge threat in the Kansas State offense. This season, Lockett has amassed 485 receiving yards and four touchdowns. If the Longhorns can't contain Lockett, it could be a long afternoon in Manhattan.



... If it can't stop Kansas State's rushing attack. The Wildcats have recorded a total of 1,105 rushing yards and 19 rushing touchdowns this season. Kansas State also averages 184.2 rushing yards per game. Texas will need to stop the Wildcat running game, or it will struggle Saturday.



... If it struggles against senior quarterback Jake Waters. Waters is the team's leading rusher with 371 yards this season and has rushed for seven touchdowns. Waters has also thrown for 1,431 yards and nine touchdowns. If Waters plays well against the Longhorns, they don't stand a chance.



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Texas quarterback Tyrone Swoopes is playing some of the best football we've ever seen from a Longhorn quarterback. He'll need to continue his hot play to upset Kansas State.

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WHO NEEDS TO STEP UP

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Texas linebacker Dalton Santos was forced into action in place of the injured Steve Edmond last week. With Edmond still recovering, Santos will likely get plenty of reps again Saturday.

Safeties

Safety Jason Hall may only be a freshman, but his presence was sorely missed against Iowa State. The patchwork rotation of sophomore Adrian Colbert and senior Josh Turner struggled against the Cyclones.

Hall is listed as day-to-day, so even if he does play against Kansas State, it's unlikely that he'll be at 100 percent. The Longhorns will need better production from Colbert and Turner if Hall is out or not at full strength. On the opposite side, senior safety Mykkele Thompson had issues against Iowa State, too.

The Longhorns will have a challenge in defending Tyler Lockett, Kansas State's deep threat, so they can't afford to have troubling safety play plague an otherwise solid secondary. Colbert, Hall, Thompson and Turner must step up in order for Texas to upset the Wildcats.

Linebacker Dalton Santos

Junior linebacker Dalton Santos started at middle linebacker in place of senior Edmond against Iowa State. Dalton appeared a step slower than the Cyclones, and Edmond was forced into action as a result.

If Edmond isn't 100 percent Saturday, Santos will need to be ready to go against the Wildcats. He'll need to step up and perform better than he did against the Cyclones if he is forced into the middle linebacker role against Kansas State.

Defensive end Cedric Reed

Senior defensive end Cedric Reed hasn't had the season he was expected to have. While Reed's presence on the field is noticeable, his season statistics show that his productivity hasn't been great. This season, Reed only has 1.5 sacks and four tackles for loss. The Longhorns need more from Reed as they look to knock off the Wildcats on Saturday.

Running Backs

While the offensive line has hampered the Longhorn running game this season, senior running back Malcolm Brown, junior running back Johnathan Gray and sophomore quarterback Tyrone Swoopes have finally started to see success running the ball.

Swoopes ran for 95 yards and a touchdown against Iowa State. Brown and Gray added an additional 86 yards and three scores on the ground against the Cyclones.

Now that Swoopes is having success running the ball, defenses are more likely to respect him in the run game, which will open things up for the backs. If the Wildcats contain Swoopes, the running backs will need to step up in his place.



Longhorn defensive end Cedric Reed has struggled to live up to expectations this season. He'll have to be better in order for Texas to knock off the Wildcats on the road this weekend.

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▲ Stock Up: Tyrone Swoopes

Swoopes is a regular on this list now as almost all the attention has been on him recently. For the second consecutive week, Swoopes lived up to the high standards that were set for him, throwing for 321 yards. The coaching staff finally looks comfortable letting him air it out, and it is paying off. But most importantly, Swoopes is finally running and showing off the legs. He is by no means “Vince Young Jr.,” but he is effective. His 14 rushes for 95 yards and a touchdown really opened up the offense against Iowa State. The young quarterback is improving at a rapid pace, and everyone can tell.

▼ Stock Down: Johnathan Gray

The Longhorns carried the ball 39 times against Iowa State, but only six of those went to Gray, who managed to punch one into the endzone. The former five-star recruit’s workload has decreased each game, as senior running back Malcolm Brown has earned the bulk of the carries. Gray got over 50 percent of the running back touches in week one and exactly half the carries the following week, as he and Brown were sharing the workload. But, his impact has declined ever since. Despite Gray’s higher yards per carry average, Brown is getting the majority of the touches now. Over the past three weeks, Gray has had just 34 percent of the running back touches, and that number is trending downwards.



▲ Stock Up: Dylan Haines

The 74-yard interception return for a touchdown stands out — as it should. But, the former walk-on did more than that against the Cyclones. He led the team in solo tackles with nine and helped limit the deep throws for Iowa State. He is also involved with the special teams on punts and kickoffs. The sophomore safety is quickly becoming one of head coach Charlie Strong’s favorites. “That’s the kind of guy that you like to see go play because he plays hard, and he gives you everything he’s got,” Strong said.

▼ Stock Down: Adrian Colbert

The Longhorns have two stars at corner: senior Quan-dre Diggs, who has made his presence felt for a while, and junior Duke Thomas, who is emerging as a shutdown guy on the other side after a few slow games to start the year. But aside from that, Texas’ secondary has some major holes. Colbert, who got the majority of the reps with freshman Jason Hall out, was sloppy all around. He didn’t help stop the rush or do much to slow down the passing game. He ended up with just five tackles on the evening, a rather unimpressive number against a team that completed 36 passes and ran the ball 38 times. If it wasn’t for Haines’ pick-six and Thomas’ late-game interception, the secondary’s performance would have looked awful. Giving up 345 passing yards to Iowa State is nothing to brag about.



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Swoopes' rapid growth has many thinking he might just be the quarterback the Longhorn football program has been desperate for ever since Colt McCoy left in 2010.

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ALL IN ONE FELL SWOOPES

From zero to hero, Texas' quarterback is being compared to the Longhorn greats

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There is perhaps no college quarterback more honest than sophomore Tyrone Swoopes. After a rough outing against Baylor, he admitted to being nervous in the game's early stages. He looked a little sluggish in the open field against Oklahoma and was quick to acknowledge that he's not exactly the fastest guy out there. And this week, Swoopes conceded that he didn't believe his offense was capable of scoring the 48 points that it needed to squeak past Iowa State.

Heck, Swoopes even confessed that he didn't know if he'd ever get to call the Texas offense "his." With David Ash gaining an extra year of eligibility and top recruit Jerrod Heard arriving on the 40 Acres this off-season, the Whitewright, Texas, native didn't think he'd ever be the starter in Austin. "I honestly did not," Swoopes said. "I know a lot of other people didn't think I would be either." Even his coach, Charlie Strong, wasn't sure if Swoopes could handle the responsibility. After his struggles back in April, Strong joked that he considered taking advantage of his quarterback's size somewhere else on the field.

"I go back to spring practice, and the spring game was like, wow, can he play quarterback?" Strong said. "I was going to tell him to move to another position." For what it's worth, Swoopes never considered changing positions. "No, I honestly didn't," Swoopes said. "I knew there was going to be growing pains. ... So, I knew it was just going to be difficult at first." Difficult indeed, but through it all, Swoopes maintained a level head and continued to put in the hours, knowing he

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Many Longhorns capitalize on fresh start

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At the conclusion of spring camp, Texas seemed pretty set at wide receiver. Senior Jaxon Shipley and junior Marcus Johnson looked poised to be the team's primary pass catchers. Six months later, and more than halfway through the season, neither Shipley nor Johnson are the team's top receiver. That distinction belongs to senior wide receiver John Harris, who has quickly become quarterback Tyrone Swoopes' favorite target. After four largely unremarkable seasons with the program, Harris has surprisingly emerged as the most reliable weapon on a team he nearly quit. "I remember — he was considering not com-

ing back because he was disappointed in some of the things that happened in his career before we got here," said Shawn Watson, quarterbacks coach and play caller. "He was really down and had gotten heavy." Swoopes and the Longhorn offense are thankful he reconsidered. Currently, Harris leads the team in receiving yards and has caught two-thirds of its touchdown passes. In seven games this season, he has already tripled his career touchdown reception total, more than quadrupled his career receiving yardage and snagged 40 passes after only recording nine catches in his first four years on campus. "He's become the poster child for what we want in our program, I think, offensively and defensively, every coach would tell you," Watson said.

"Because he's invested himself in our program, and he's invested himself in what he expected to get out of it." Another player who has experienced a meteoric rise to relevance is sophomore safety Dylan Haines. Haines joined the program in 2012 as a walk-on but didn't see the field in his first two seasons. Under the old regime, he may never have even seen the field. But with a new coaching staff in town and a couple key personnel changes, Haines took advantage of an opportunity to seize the vacant safety spot. "He was getting picks," Harris said of Haines' performance in the spring. "So he

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Sophomore safety Dylan Haines is one of many key Longhorns who never saw the field under the old regime. New head coach Charlie Strong and his staff gave everyone a chance when they first arrived in Austin and several Longhorns who struggled under Mack Brown have taken advantage of the opportunity.



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Kansas State quarterback Jake Waters has gone from being an unheralded junior college pivot in Iowa to one of the top players in the Big 12. The senior enters Saturday's contest with the Longhorns as the team leader in passing and rushing.

Waters leading Big 12's top team

By Jori Epstein

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It seems that everyone — opponents, teammates, coaches and scouts — sees Jake Waters, Kansas State's senior quarterback, a little differently.

Some say he's tough, others say he's persistent; some note his running game; some highlight what he's already accomplished, others tout his potential.

But head coach Bill Snyder sees it all.

"I see a young guy that is committed to becoming a better player and works diligently at it," Snyder said at a Tuesday press conference. "He studies the game, has made that improvement [and] has gained more confidence about his

abilities in all the facets of the game."

Waters' confidence wasn't an immediate development. Like many Wildcats, the senior signal caller's collegiate career didn't start in Manhattan, Kansas, but rather in Council Bluffs, Iowa, at Iowa Western Community College. Waters earned the 2012 NJCAA Offensive Player of the Year honor after leading the Reivers to a 12-0 record and a national championship. His junior college performance earned him a spot on the Wildcats' team, where he started every game in his rookie season at the FBS level last season. Snyder says Waters' experiences show he's "committed to continued improvement." He reiterated Waters' ver-

satility after Kansas State beat Oklahoma 31-30 last Saturday.

"When I asked Jake, 'Can you do this,' he said, 'I can do it coach,'" Snyder said. "I asked if there was anything we need to be restrictive of and he said, 'I can do it all. If you want me to run it, tell me. If you want me to throw it, I'll throw it.'"

Waters was effective through the air and on the ground against Oklahoma, using his arm and legs to register each of the Wildcats' three touchdowns. With 225 passing yards and another 51 yards rushing, Waters moved his way up the Kansas State record books. He now sits 10th all time in total yards — 4,583 — and completions — 267 — despite this being only his second season with the program.

After the Oklahoma game, multiple Sooners commented on the powerhouse that Waters has become. Redshirt sophomore quarterback Trevor Knight said Waters makes a victory over Kansas State "extremely challenging" as he "conducts the offense very well." Oklahoma sophomore cornerback Zack Sanchez echoed those sentiments.

"[Facing Waters is] extremely tough — especially the way they use him," Sanchez said. "There's just so many things he can do, from the run to throwing the ball while he's on the run. He's just a really tough quarterback to scheme against."

As the Longhorns get ready to travel north, they, too, anticipate

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PLAYERS TO WATCH

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Quarterback Jake Waters

Waters is enjoying a breakout campaign in his second year as the starter, passing for 1,431 yards and nine touchdowns and just three interceptions through six games. He currently sports a career-high 65.1 completion percentage, and he's topped 200 passing yards in every game in 2014. The biggest difference for Waters this year, however, has been his ability to run the ball. The senior leads the Wildcats with 371 rushing yards, already more than he had all of last year, and he's scored seven times on the ground. He's rushed for at least one touchdown in five of his six games this season, and he has four games with at least 50 rushing yards. The Texas defense had trouble slowing down Sam Richardson, Iowa State's dual-threat quarterback, last week, and Waters figures to be an even tougher matchup.

Wide receiver Tyler Lockett

At 5-feet-11 inches and 175 pounds, Lockett doesn't fit the size of a prototypical number one receiver, but that's exactly what he's proven to be for the Wildcats. After catching 81 passes for 1,262 yards and 11 touchdowns last year, Lockett has seen a bit of a dip in his numbers this season. Nonetheless, he's still been highly productive, hauling in 35 passes through six games while leading the Wildcats with 485 receiving yards and four touchdown grabs. Lockett dominated the Longhorns last year, recording a career-high 13 catches for 237 yards, and he could be in line for another big day against a struggling Texas secondary.

Wide receiver Curry Sexton

Through six games, Sexton has been one of the biggest surprises in the Big 12. After a promising junior season in 2013, the senior has exploded this season for 412 yards and two receiving touchdowns while leading the Wildcats with 36 receptions. He's had three games with at least eight catches already, and he has two games this season with at least 120 receiving yards. He's been particularly impressive in his last two outings, hauling in 17 receptions for 205 yards and two scores over that stretch. He and Lockett combine to form one of the best wide receiver duos in the conference.

Sophomore running back Charles Jones

Despite having zero carries under his belt entering the season, Jones has established himself as one of the Wildcats' most explosive playmakers. The sophomore leads Kansas State with eight touchdowns this season, and his 336 rushing yards are second on the team behind Waters. He rushed for at least one touchdown in each of his first four games this season, and he has three games with at least two scores so far in 2014. He's still looking for the first 100-yard performance of his career, but he's been steadily averaging 4.9 yards per carry so far this year.

BIG 12 NOTEBOOK

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Officials clear up controversial video review

To say the officials were a bit flag-happy in Morgantown, West Virginia, on Saturday would be an understatement. In West Virginia's 41-27 win over Baylor, the officials penalized both teams a total of 32 times — a Big 12 record — but it was a review at the end of the first half that caught a lot of ire from fans watching the game. With the ball at the West Virginia 39-yard line, Mountaineer senior quarterback Clint Trickett completed a pass into Baylor territory, but it was called back for ineligible man downfield. But, despite a supposed inability to review that variety of penalty, the replay official called for one and ended up reversing the call, putting West Virginia in position to

hit a field goal before half.

Monday, Walt Anderson, director of officials for the Big 12, said the replay official was, in fact, "correct" in calling for the review, ESPN's Jake Trotter said. Anderson said the referees can review when the error is "egregious." The Big 12 has had multiple officiating issues this year, so it'll be worth watching to see what kind of can of worms this may open.

Pair of Oklahoma State players arrested

Oklahoma State might be without one of its receivers and a backup cornerback when it takes the field Saturday against West Virginia. Sophomore receiver Jhajuan Seales and freshman receiver Juwan Offray were arrested Sunday on complaints of public intoxication. The two

were allegedly found asleep in a car in the drive-through lane of a Whataburger, according to a police report attained by the Tulsa World. Offray was also cited for hampering an officer when he reportedly gave the officer a fake name before admitting his actual name. Seales has caught 13 passes for 236 yards and three touchdowns for the Cowboys this season, and Offray has recorded three tackles.

Tech facing numerous injuries ahead of TCU showdown

The injury list for the Red Raiders is a lot longer than they hoped it would have been going into a big game against TCU on Saturday. According to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, Texas Tech has about a dozen players on the injury list, including eight men on a



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Big 12 officials have come under plenty of scrutiny in 2014. The latest issue stems from a controversial decision to review a call in last week's game between Baylor and West Virginia.

defense that has struggled even when healthy this season. The biggest injuries are to sophomore safety Keenon Ward, who suffered a concussion in

the win against Kansas, and senior linebacker Sam Eguavoen, who left the game with a lower left leg injury. Ward has 46 total tackles and a forced fumble this

season, and Eguavoen has 49 tackles, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery this year.

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HEISMAN WATCH

By Sebastian Herrera
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1. Mississippi State QB Dak Prescott ↔

Last week: BYE

2014: 1,478 passing yards, 14 passing TDs, 4 INTs, 576 rushing yards, 8 rushing TDs

Even without playing, Prescott remained a topic of discussion among college football's talking heads last week, and for good reason. Based on what the Heisman front-runner has already accomplished this fall, it's difficult for most to contain the anticipation of what Prescott will do for his team in the coming weeks. As the leader of the nation's top program, Prescott has the opportunity to prove that he can handle every test thrown his way.



Dak Prescott
Quarterback

2. Oregon QB Marcus Mariota ↔

Last week (W, 45-20, vs. Washington): 24-for-33, 336 passing yards, 2 TDs

2014: 1,957 passing yards, 19 passing TDs, 0 INTs, 289 rushing yards, 5 rushing TDs

The Ducks have silenced critics over the past two weeks after their loss to Arizona, and, through it all, Mariota has kept the same poise he is known for. It seems impossible to startle the junior in any situation. Against Washington, his numbers weren't prolific, but it's the intangibles that showed up once again on each drive, which led Oregon to an easy 25-point win. Field generals don't come better made than Mariota, and although Oregon still has tough opponents ahead, it's difficult to bet against the leader of this Ducks team.

3. Wisconsin RB Melvin Gordon ↑

Last week: BYE

2014: 132 attempts, 1,046 rushing yards, 13 TDs, 1 receiving TD

With Todd Gurley's status still unknown, Gordon stands alone as the best running back in college football. The title is well deserved, as the 6-foot-1-inch, 207-pound junior has been on another level this season. Gordon has scored multiple touchdowns almost every Saturday this fall, and, with a nation-best 174 yards per game average, Gordon has heavily impacted every matchup.



Melvin Gordon
Running back



Charlie Pearce | Daily Texan file photo

Oregon's Marcus Mariota continues to find his name at the forefront of the Heisman conversation, despite the Ducks loss to Arizona. The junior has been the most consistent pivot in the country this season and has yet to throw an interception.

4. Alabama WR Amari Cooper ↑

Last week (W, 59-0, vs. Texas A&M): 8 receptions, 140 yards, 2 TDs

2014: 62 receptions, 908 yards, 7 TDs

There were plenty of opportunities to shine in Alabama's blowout over Texas A&M last week, and Cooper took full advantage. He looked untouchable against the Aggie defense, as he has many times this fall. But, the greatest part about Cooper's stat line against the Aggies is the realization that those kinds of numbers have been the norm for the Tide receiver. The way Cooper has been playing, he looks like he's the only Crimson Tide target on the field at times. He's been that good.



Amari Cooper
Wide receiver

5. Florida State QB Jameis Winston ↑

Last week (W, 31-27, vs. Notre Dame): 23-for-31, 273 passing yards, 2 TDs, 1 INT

2014: 1,878 passing yards, 13 passing TDs, 6 INTs, 2 rushing TDs

Somehow, Winston's slew of off-the-field issues haven't affected his on-field performance at all, as he's roared back into the Heisman conversation. Of course, getting back into this race is easier when you do what Winston has done all season long — win. After a year and a half, Winston is still undefeated as a starter at Florida State. Against Notre Dame, he completed 15 of his 16 passes in the second half and led the Seminoles to three critical touchdowns to defeat then-No. 5 Fighting Irish.



Jameis Winston
Quarterback



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might still get his shot.

"I knew I needed to stay ready," Swoopes said. "[I] just went out and practiced every day, worked hard and just kind of came into what I am now."

What he is now is a dual-threat gunslinger with a propensity to fill up the stat sheet.

The sophomore threw and ran for a total of 800 yards against Oklahoma and Iowa State, a two-game stretch that has only been matched by two others in program history: Vince Young and Colt McCoy. Not bad company for a guy who has only started six games.

Just a couple weeks ago, fans and media alike were clamoring for Heard to replace Swoopes. That narrative has quickly changed.

Swoopes' recent success has many of those same people wondering if he is the dominant signal caller the Longhorns have been



Swoopes has been honest about his struggles at times in 2014, but now that he's playing so well, he has nothing to dwell on.

Ethan Oblak
Daily Texan Staff

desperate for ever since McCoy left Austin in 2010.

His teammates aren't looking so far ahead, but they, too, have noticed his exponential growth, and their expectations have risen accordingly.

"Every week that he plays better, our expectations get higher," said senior receiver John Harris, who has been Swoopes' favorite target this season. "He can be that guy here. I don't understand why people doubt him."

There aren't many

doubters left, but if those who remain do have one thing to hang their hat on, it would be Swoopes' inability to win the big game thus far.

As the leader of the offense, Swoopes has come close against the likes of UCLA, Baylor and Oklahoma, but he hasn't been able to come up with a victory. He'll get another chance this week against No. 11 Kansas State on the road.

"I think every quarterback has got to go out and get the big win because those big

wins are what begin to define your career," said Shawn Watson, quarterbacks coach and play caller. "I think that's big for [Swoopes], and that's his next step."

As long as he continues to play the way he is now, Swoopes will eventually get the big wins.

Many of his teammates claim they've seen the potential in him for some time now, but there's no way too many people thought he could be this good.

I, honestly, did not.

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earned the right, so there was nothing in my mind that didn't think anything of it. He was making plays all spring, so he deserved it."

Before the season opener against North Texas, Haines was rewarded with a scholarship. In that 38-7 victory, he recorded the first interception of his career — a sign of what was to come in 2014.

"The kid's a football player; it's that simple," defensive coordinator Vance Bedford said. "He understands the game. He understands his strengths, and he understands his weaknesses."

One of his strengths appears to be a penchant for the football. In last

week's 48-45 victory over Iowa State, Haines picked off his second pass of the season and proceeded to return it 74 yards for a touchdown.

Harris' and Haines' impact have certainly been a surprise but not quite as shocking as the Hughes brothers' contributions.

In last weekend's victory over the Cyclones, sophomore offensive tackle Camrhon Hughes earned the first start of his collegiate career, debuting at right tackle. The move was a surprise because he didn't even step on the field in his first two-and-a-half seasons on campus, but the older Hughes played well enough to be considered for a starting spot again this weekend.

Younger brother



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Senior John Harris has been Tyrone Swoopes' favorite target this season, but the fifth-year receiver nearly quit playing after riding the bench for four years under Mack Brown.

Naashon Hughes, a red-shirt freshman defensive end, has played in all seven games for Texas this season. In its two most recent contests, however, he has earned the starting nod over junior Shiro

Davis and sophomore Caleb Bluiett.

That's not bad for a kid who was initially only offered a grayshirt when it appeared the Longhorns would only sign one linebacker in his class.

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Waters' dual-threat abilities. Senior tight end Geoff Swaim dubbed Waters as "a hell of a quarterback" and a model of the discipline for which this Wildcat group has become known. Texas head coach Charlie Strong said the Longhorns' defensive struggles against Iowa State serve as a great reminder of the challenges that lie ahead. "It's good that that happened because now we have to slow down Waters," Strong said. "For our defense, sometimes you need to be brought down to earth. Now they have a chance that they've really got a challenge in front of them, and they have to step up."

Longhorn defenders know they'll need to be better this weekend. Allowing 45 points and 524 yards of total offense to an Iowa State team that has yet to win a Big 12 game was a major step back after holding Baylor and Oklahoma to just 28 points on 389 yards and 31 points on 232

It's good that that happened because now we have to slow down Waters. For our defense, sometimes you need to be brought down to earth.

—Charlie Strong,
Head coach

yards, respectively.

Senior cornerback Quandre Diggs is looking forward to leaving Austin for the Land of Oz this weekend. His defense will look to improve across the board, but stopping Waters remains the focal point.

"Right now, he's playing like he's one of the best quarterbacks in the Big 12," Diggs said. "We have a number of great quarterbacks in this conference, and he's doing great things."

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TCU receiver snags Big 12 honors

TCU junior receiver Josh Doctson nearly beat Oklahoma State all by himself. In the span of three offensive plays, Doctson caught touchdown passes of 77 and 84 yards to put the Horned Frogs up 21-3 in the first quarter, en route to a 42-9 win. For his effort, he was named Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week. Doctson finished the day with seven catches for 225 yards and those two touchdowns.

West Virginia came up with one of the biggest up-

sets in the conference this season when it held the Bears to only 27 points, their lowest point total this season, and a big reason was senior defensive lineman Shaquille Riddick, who was named Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week. Riddick totaled four solo tackles and three sacks in the win.

Texas junior kicker Nick Rose rounded out the awards, earning the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week award after kicking a 21-yard field goal to lift the Longhorns over Iowa State. It was Texas' first game-winning field goal since Justin Tucker's kick to beat Texas A&M in 2011.

BIG 12 POWER RANKINGS

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1 No. 10 TCU

The Horned Frogs are rising quickly. They started off this season near the bottom of most Big 12 standing projections, but, aside from a complete fourth quarter meltdown against Baylor, they have been the most dominant team. They beat Oklahoma, they should have beaten Baylor and they crushed Oklahoma State. They are scoring at a ridiculous pace — 45.2 points per game — behind the arm of junior receiver-turned-quarterback Trevone Boykin. He's thrown 14 touchdowns against just three picks, while adding over 57 yards per game on the ground.



2 No. 11 Kansas State

The Wildcats currently sit atop the Big 12 standings with a 3-0 conference record. Head coach Bill Snyder is making a case to be coach of the year, as he has his team outplaying more talented teams yet again. They were lucky to escape Oklahoma with a win Saturday, but with senior quarterback Jake Waters' rapid improvement and a solid defense, Kansas State will be able to compete with anyone. When will we stop underrating Kansas State?



3 No. 17 Oklahoma

The Sooners should have beaten Kansas State at home Saturday. Michael Hunnicutt, their typically outstanding kicker, missed two "easy" field goals and had an extra point blocked, as they went on to lose by one. The real worry isn't Hunnicutt, however — it's redshirt sophomore quarterback Trevor Knight. He's completing just 59 percent of his passes while throwing six picks. He had his best game of the season against the Wildcats, but can he keep it up?



4 No. 12 Baylor

For the third straight week, the Bears looked less than stellar. They are still the highest scoring team in the country, but their defense is a major liability. After allowing less than 13 points per game in the first five contests, many thought this defense had figured things out. But then TCU put up 58 points, and West Virginia tallied 41 in the upset. Their remaining schedule isn't easy, either, as they still face Kansas State and Oklahoma.



5 No. 22 West Virginia

The Mountaineers proved they should be taken seriously, as they are now in the top 25. They are 6-1 on the season and have a great offense. Redshirt senior quarterback Clint Trickett is a serious candidate for the Big 12 Player of the Year award, averaging over 360 yards per game to complement his 15 touchdowns. Oh, and he is completing nearly 70 percent of his passes.



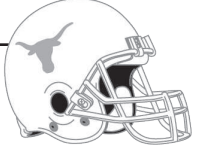
6 Oklahoma State

TCU put the Cowboys in their place in a blowout win last weekend. The Cowboys have the toughest remaining schedule in the Big 12, as they will face No. 22 West Virginia, No. 12 Baylor and No. 17 Oklahoma on the road in their final four games. It may be a rough end to the season for head coach Mike Gundy and his Pokes.



7 Texas

For the second week in a row, the Longhorn offense, led by the emergence of sophomore quarterback Tyrone Swoopes, has looked like the real deal. Texas outplayed Oklahoma and hung on to beat Iowa State. Texas isn't going to scare anyone, but they aren't road kill either. But, sitting at just 3-4, they will need to win three of their final five contests to be bowl eligible. With TCU and Kansas State still on the schedule, that won't be an easy task.



8 Iowa State

Once again, the Cyclones hung around with a better team, but once again, they lost. Redshirt junior quarterback Sam Richardson is playing well at quarterback, but their defense isn't good enough to compete in a Big 12 loaded with offensive juggernauts.



9 Texas Tech

The Red Raider defense gets worse and worse each week. They allowed 21 points and 363 yards to Kansas, which might have been their worst performance of the year. After a hot start, their offense has begun to falter, and David Webb's stock continues to plummet.



10 Kansas

The Jayhawks aren't going to get a Big 12 win this year. At this point, all they can do is count down the days until basketball season.





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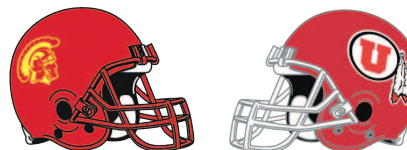
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No. 3 Ole Miss at No. 24 LSU

Ole Miss has been one of the surprise teams in the SEC West, upsetting Alabama three weeks ago. Now, the Rebels will get another challenge as they go into Death Valley at night to face a Tiger team trying to hang on in the SEC West race. Ole Miss has benefitted from a much improved Bo Wallace. The senior quarterback has thrown for 1,899 yards and 17 touchdowns so far this season, averaging 9.1 yards per attempt, the highest of his career. On the other side, freshman running back Leonard Fournette is leading the Tigers with 544 rushing yards and seven touchdowns. But, he did not score in either of the two LSU losses this season. Although the Tigers are having a down year, this is by no means an easy game for the Rebels, especially in Baton Rouge with major playoff implications at stake.

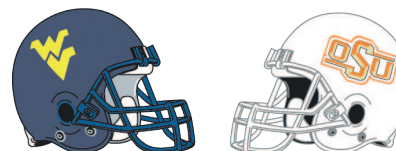
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Saturday, 6:15 p.m.
ESPN



No. 20 USC at No. 19 Utah

The only other matchup between ranked teams comes way off the beaten path. While they both come in ranked in the Top 20, neither USC nor Utah are in any serious contention for the playoffs. But, that doesn't mean this game won't be intriguing. The Trojans are on their way back to some relevancy after a horrendous couple of years under former head coach Lane Kiffin. Redshirt junior quarterback Cody Kessler has been fairly impressive this season, throwing for 1,884 yards, 18 touchdowns and only one interception so far. But the Trojan defense is only 47th in the country, surrendering 23.1 points per game. The Utes, on the other hand, have seemingly come out of nowhere to earn their ranking. After two years of being an afterthought in the Pac-12, Utah pulled off an upset over then-No. 8 UCLA two weeks ago and beat Oregon State in double overtime last week. Yes, this is a late kickoff, but it ought to be well worth the wait to see these Pac-12 teams go at it.

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No. 22 West Virginia at Oklahoma State

The most intriguing game in the Big 12 this week comes between two teams that have had their share of ups and downs this season. West Virginia has been a bit of Jekyll and Hyde, almost pulling off an upset over Alabama and beating Baylor last week but losing to Oklahoma and needing a last-second field goal to beat Texas Tech. Senior quarterback Clint Trickett has been masterful for the Mountaineers, passing for 2,525 yards, 15 touchdowns and five interceptions. On the other side, Oklahoma State has struggled since junior quarterback J.W. Walsh went down in week two with an injury. Fellow junior quarterback Daxx Garman has played decently in his place, but the Cowboys look like a far cry from the team that almost beat Florida State to start the season, having just edged out Kansas by seven points and losing 42-9 to TCU last week. If both teams show up this week as Dr. Jekyll, we could be in for a heck of a game.

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