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CITY

Dell Medical Center plans new mental health unit

By Sarah Bloodworth @bloodworthy22

Seton's Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas and UT are trying to make mental health care more accessible to children.

One in five children, aged 13 to 18, live with mental illness according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Seton's Dell Children's Medical has announced construction of the Grace Grego Maxwell Mental Health Unit,

which will include a 24-bed inpatient unit, a Texas Child Study Center and an outpatient program.

Sonia Krishna, child and adolescent psychiatrist at Seton's Dell Children's Medical and assistant psychiatry professor at Dell Medical School, said current access to mental healthcare is limited but is better in Austin because it is a more developed area. Krishna said that one of the goals of the new unit is to condense mental health care into

one building.

"Right now (patients) go to the emergency room but they often get sent to different hospitals in the community afterwards. Now they'll be able to stay in one hospital and get care all in one place," Krishna said.

Nyle Maxwell, a philanthropist in the automobile industry, donated \$3 million to fund this new mental health unit. Maxwell said he hopes that his donation will create more inclusive access to mental health care.

"It breaks my heart, but right now children in Central Texas don't have a dedicated, pediatric-focused inpatient facility where they can immediately go if they suffer a mental health crisis or, better yet, before a crisis," Maxwell said in a press release.

The outpatient clinic will care for children who do not require hospitalization and include services such as routine checkups. Stephen Strakowski, chair of UT's

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As it evolves, the program can set a standard for care of youth in the community. It also brings mental health into the community view to hopefully foster future investments and philanthropy in this critical area of healthcare.

—Stephen Strakowski, UT's Department of Psychiatry Chair

STATE

Paxton faces double security fraud trials

By Lisa Dreher @lisa_dreher97

State Attorney General Ken Paxton will be tried twice over charges of securities fraud and violation of federal securities regulations on Thursday, according to special prosecutors.

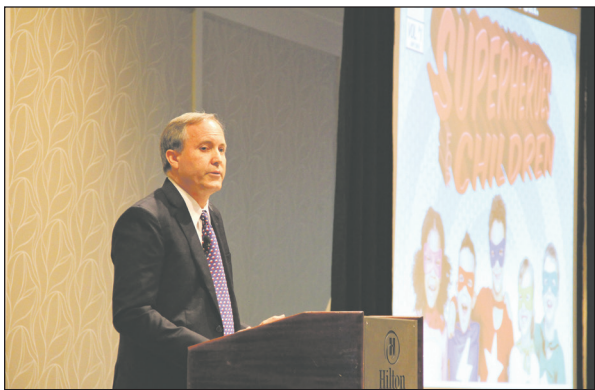
"There's nothing in common except the defendant," special prosecutor Kent Schaffer said. "So, for people who are sitting on a jury, it's a much more confusing situation."

Special prosecutors made the announcement during Paxton's pre-trial. Paxton's

attorneys were expecting only one trial set for May 1 combining the allegations, but the special prosecutors said the third-degree felony of failing to register with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission demands a separate trial as it is more complex than the two first-degree securities fraud charges.

"That either doubles or triples the expense to Collin County," Dan Cogdill, one of Paxton's attorneys, said to WFAA. "I think from a judicial resources standpoint, given the fee structure that's

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Courtesy of Ken Paxton

State Attorney General Ken Paxton will be tried twice over charges of securities fraud and violation of federal securities regulations.

ALUMNI

McCombs alumnus flips mattress market

By Eric Goodman @_egood_

Philip Krim is reinventing an industry.

A 2006 graduate of the McCombs School of Business, Krim is the co-founder and CEO of Casper, an e-commerce company that takes a Silicon Valley approach to a relatively low-tech product: mattresses.

Casper has disrupted the monotonous mattress buying and selling game in two significant ways. There is only a single style of Casper mattress, and

it can be shipped to your doorstep in a box the size of a golf bag.

"We think of this as an industry that has had too much choice for too long. There's no reason you need 70 different mattresses at a store," Krim told CNN in 2016. "You really can design one mattress for everyone's comfort."

Krim began his entrepreneurial career in the e-commerce industry as a marketing sophomore at UT, when he founded his first company, The

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Candidates discuss campaigns

By Kayla Meyertons @kemeyertons

The Student Government executive alliances were officially announced on Tuesday night, and each ticket is gearing up for the election season with a unique campaign platform. Elections will take place March 1 and 2.

Blake Burley and Robert Guerra

Blake Burley, philosophy and government junior, said he was inspired to run for student body president with finance junior Robert Guerra after working on current SG President Kevin Helgren's campaign last spring.

With the slogan, "For the Forty," the Burley-Guerra platform will focus on student issues, and includes decreasing transcript fees, getting more students to athletic games and increasing accessibility to SG representatives.

"Let's give ourselves a break for a little bit from trying to change the world right now," Burley said. "If that is detracting from our ability to be Longhorns together... then let's not deal with those politics. Let's focus on issues that are genuinely affecting all students right now and be 'For the Forty.'"

Burley said he and Guerra are open to suggestions for their campaign platform.

Isaiah Carter and Sydney O'Connell

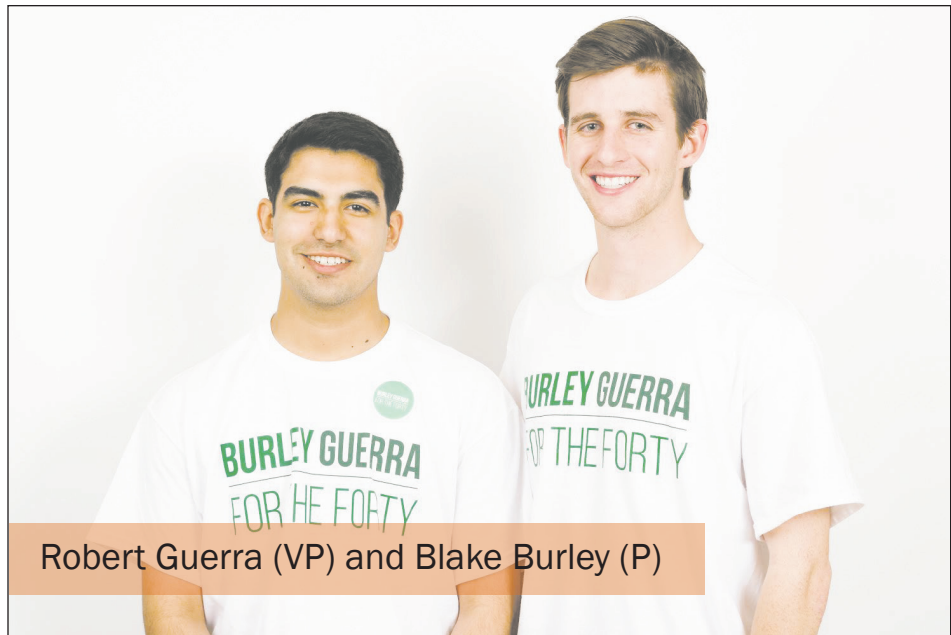
Government junior Isaiah Carter and corporate communications junior Sydney O'Connell said they are running on a platform of safety, inclusion and acceptance.

"I care a lot about campus safety, campus diversity and giving voice to marginalized communities," Carter, SG chief of staff, said. "These are things that I want to (address) as student body president."

Through the campaign theme "Come As You Are," Carter and O'Connell hope to encourage students to be unafraid of who they are.

"Come As You Are" basically means to be unapologetic

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Robert Guerra (VP) and Blake Burley (P)



Sydney O'Connell (VP) and Isaiah Carter (P)



Micky Wolf (VP) and Alejandrina Guzman (P)

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Nathan Nordstrom pops open a can of spray paint to add the desired effect to his mural in southeast Austin on Saturday afternoon. **Katie Bauer | Daily Texan Staff**

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Department of Psychiatry said most mental illnesses can be treated in outpatient programs in conjunction with family education.

The Texas Child Study Center within the center will be a continuation of the Dell Children's Medical's outpatient clinic in partnership with UT. The center provides treatment for children with emotional, behavioral and developmental disabilities. It also offers training and research programs for medical students.

The inpatient clinic deals with emergency care such as surgery and lab tests. The new unit will contain both inpatient and outpatient clinics in one area which eases patient care.

“(The new center) will provide an opportunity to not only potentially provide more inpatient beds



Nyle Maxwell (in middle) just donated \$3 million to help create a children's mental health unit at Seton's Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas. Sonia Krishna (right) will work with the center. **Courtesy of Seton**

and an expanded outpatient program, but to also provide a better continuum and quality of care,” Strakowski said.

The Dell Children's Medical mainly deals with children who suffer from ailments like suicidal thoughts, depression and anxiety, according to Krishna. Child Trends reported that the most common disorders that affect adolescents are those

associated with anxiety, closely followed by depression and ADHD.

“I think the increase in child mental illness says a lot about environmental factors that affect children nowadays,” Krishna said. “We need this coordinated system to treat them.”

Construction on the new unit will begin within the next six to nine months and is estimated to cost \$7 million. The new unit is

not only expected to improve care, but set an example as a new model of coordinated care, according to Strakowski.

“As it evolves, the program can set a standard for care of youth in the community,” Strakowski said. “It also brings mental health into the community view to hopefully foster future investments and philanthropy in this critical area of healthcare.”

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in place in this case, that's absurd. We are not opposed and indeed we request that they be tried together.”

Paxton was indicted on two criminal charges on the state level, one for allegedly persuading investors to invest in Servery, Inc., which he allegedly received shares from as compensation. The other charge was for not registering as an investment adviser with the state.

On the federal level, the same allegations were levied against him as civil charges. The SEC said registering as an investment adviser discloses any conflict of interest between an investment adviser and the company they represent to those they are advising.

Paxton has pleaded not guilty on all accounts.

“I don't think anybody's above the law,” Paxton said on Wednesday. “But everybody deserves the protection of the law, and that's all I would ever ask.”

In October 2016, a federal judge threw out Paxton's federal civil charges, saying the SEC did not provide enough evidence that he violated its regulations by encouraging investors to invest in Servery, Inc. The SEC later re-filed its complaints, thus reviving the federal case.

James Spindler, UT law and business professor, specializes in legalities surrounding securities fraud.

“If (Paxton is) not an investment adviser, he would not have any obligation to disclose his compensation to these investors,” Spindler said. “If he is an investment adviser, then things are different.”

Spindler said people often violate state regulations because they can give advice but are not official investment advisers. Spindler said Paxton facing criminal charges and potential jail time, each criminal charge carrying 99 years, is unusual.

“People fall afoul of the investment adviser registration provisions all the time, and it's fairly common to see civil lawsuits filed about that,” Spindler said. “It's pretty uncommon to see a criminal lawsuit occur unless someone's been engaging in a pattern of bad behavior over a period of time.”


In general, Spindler said people do not have to disclose anything if they are not official investment advisers, which Spindler said Paxton may argue.

“We have some sort of basic claim of fairness that it's not fair to throw somebody in jail if they didn't even suspect he was doing something wrong,” Spindler said. “He could also say that he wasn't actually offering investment advice in return for compensation.”

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Merrick Group. Among the several different products he sold were mattresses.

“While I don't recommend this, I was able to skip a lot of classes and still graduate — giving me not only real-world experience, but also a degree,” Krim said in an email about his experience running a business as a full-time student.

While Krim said McCombs provided him with the tools to succeed as a business executive, he attributes much of Casper's creative brand identity to his time living in the city of Austin.

“Austin is one of the most unique cities in the United States,” Krim said. “While at UT, I learned that a unique charm and identity are one of the most important things a city, or a business, and can have to truly resonate.”

Casper is based in New York City, where Krim has lived since before the company was founded in 2013. There, he was introduced to fellow McCombs alumnus Charles Tate, chairman and founder of the private equity firm Capital Royalty L.P.

Tate, who was inducted into the McCombs Hall of Fame in 2003, has been a mentor to Krim throughout Casper's rise from ambitious start-up to serious player in the bedding industry.

“Philip has a level of



Courtesy of Philip Krim

UT alumnus Philip Krim used his schooling at McCombs, where he graduated from in 2006, to become the co-founder and CEO of Casper, a mattress company.

maturity far beyond his chronological age,” Tate said. “I feel I learn as much from him as he may feel he learns from me.”

Nathaniel Lurie recently completed his master's in economics at UT and has owned two Casper mattresses.

“I definitely came at it from an ‘I like what they're doing’ perspective,” Lurie said. “It was a consumer product that was one-size-fits-all and had really good internet marketing, so I thought it

was cool for that reason.”

After just two years, Casper's sales hit \$100 million. With growth like that, one can imagine Philip Krim sleeps well at night.

“My biggest piece of advice is to take the leap,” Krim said. “No matter what kind of success you see, you will learn more along the way than you ever thought possible. The resources and network that UT provides is the reason why I am here today — never forget to take advantage of that.”

THEATER & DANCE

South Asian students stand with refugees

By **Jahnavi Muppaneni**
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South Asian student groups shed light on a serious subject by putting on a comedy show on Saturday to raise money for refugees in Austin.

OneWay SAIV, an Interservice Christian Fellowship of South Asian students, and Ismaili Muslim Student Association created a platform to unite the campus through the Stand Up For Refugees show, held at the SAC Auditorium. Saaya, a South Asian fusion dance team, and South Asian fraternity Delta Epsilon Psi provided the entertainment for the night, along with other South Asian students. The donations raised by all participating groups and performers went to the Refugee Services of Texas.

The acts included a wide range of jokes from President Donald Trump's executive ban to being single on Valentine's Day.

Bilal Qazi, Delta Epsilon Psi President, said the nature

and timeliness of the show is what made it important.

"In times like these where some quite divisive decisions are being made, I think this show is a great way to bring light on a serious subject in a way that will bring people together, not divide them," Qazi said.

The piece performed by Saaya was based on the story of a woman who saved hundreds of lives by sacrificing her own. The team's goal was to teach the audience about something that helps put the rest into perspective.

Shweta Julka, international relations and global studies sophomore, said she danced to raise awareness for volunteer-based programs where students can have more of a direct impact.

"Many people who fear getting involved politically believe that what they do won't necessarily make a difference," Julka said. "However, if a light-hearted approach to a topic like this is effective in sparking interest among



In the front and center stage, Akhil Chamrathy performs a fusion of Bhangra and Bollywood dance. UT Saaya graced the stage near the end of the program, after four comedians gave routines to be voted on by the audience.

Ann Morris
Daily Texan Staff

people who wouldn't normally make it a point to associate themselves with anything this controversial, then I'm all for it."

The Refugee Service of Texas welcomes and supports

refugees, immigrants and other displaced people with integrating and thriving in new communities. IMSA president Nausheen Lalani said living by action has the greatest impact on change.

"I think donation and funding are very vital to keep these groups fighting for their cause, especially in this crucial time," Lalani said.

OneWay SAIV president Nancy Varughese said she

hopes events such as this won't be the last.

"It is necessary for us to speak up for those without a voice like refugees and be a trail blazer for the other Texas universities," Varughese said.

CAMPUS

'The Project' returns to Rundberg neighborhood

By **Rajya Atluri**
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The Project, UT's largest annual day of service, has committed to the Rundberg neighborhood for a total of four years — a change meant to strengthen existing community relationships.

Amory Baril, director for student engagement programs in the Longhorn Center for Community Engagement, said The Project normally partners with underserved neighborhoods for two years.

"The Project partners with one neighborhood in order to make sure that our relationships are maintained and that we're not just coming into a neighborhood ... and leaving without knowing whether or not it actually made an impact or was positive for the community," Baril said.

On Feb. 27, hundreds of volunteers will spend nine hours serving the Rundberg community's needs, whether that's painting houses or building benches. The Project is organized by an executive team of student

volunteers who then mobilize the student body over the course of a year. Outreach chair Joanna Chyu, Plan II and biochemistry sophomore, said a lot of work goes into identifying these needs.

"Our catchphrase is like 'We go to an underserved community in Austin,' but what does that really mean?" Chyu said. "We're behind the scenes of figuring out, 'So this community is underserved, but why? Is it because of social or economic factors or is it because it's a bad location in Austin, and what are these disadvantages that these people who live there have that are out of their control?'"

This year, The Project has 18 different sites, which is more than previous years, said volunteer management chair and psychology junior Noora Bayrami said.

"Basically, the goal every year is just for us to go out to our sites and do the best we can," Bayrami said. "We're just trying to have a greater impact on the entire community of Rundberg."

Baril said The Project is special because it mobilizes



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Volunteers plant garden beds at Dobie Middle School as part of The Project during the spring of 2016. The Project is a day where thousands of UT students, faculty and staff come together to connect with Austin neighborhoods through volunteering.

a large amount of people all at once, creating a big impact for the past 17 years.

"The Project and events

like it really are amazing because it's a really great visual of what a lot of people can do in nine hours," Baril said.

"You can see all over the city now, houses that have been painted by The Project volunteers and trees that have

been planted and landscaping that still exists — it really does last beyond the time that we're there."

CAMPUS

UT supports low-income students

By **Rachel Cooper**
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Raising UT's four-year graduation rate has been a main goal of the University in recent years, and UT is working to improve this especially among low-income students, according to a recent report.

American Talent Initiative, a national group that works to expand opportunity for lower-income students, released a report on Feb. 15 recognizing UT for its increased four-year graduation rate and support programs for lower-income students.

"For every incoming student at UT, we use a predictive model to try to identify students that might be less likely to graduate in four

years," said Harrison Keller, deputy to the president for strategy and policy. "That predictive model influences decisions about student success programs and financial aid so that we can intervene and increase the likelihood that students will be able to complete in a timely fashion."

The University is pursuing multiple strategies to help lower-income students, including a focus on student program choices, better career placement programs, student support programs and helping students understand university expectations earlier on.

"There are things we're doing now in partnership with school districts and high schools so students much

earlier in the pipeline will understand what the expectations are for UT Austin," Keller said. "Unfortunately, many students find out when they step on campus that their high school program wasn't aligned with the expectations of UT Austin."

Government sophomore Kyla Sampang said she didn't think her high school prepared her well for UT. However, it would be hard for UT to tell students their expectations while they're still in high school, Sampang said.

"I just don't think that UT going into high schools would do anything just because the public school system is what makes decisions on those things," Sampang said. "It's just difficult to overhaul an entire system."

The report highlights the University Leadership Network, an incentive-based scholarship and leadership program, as another successful strategy. ULN member Mafer Flores, pre-social work sophomore, said the financial support and internship opportunities she receives help her stay on track to graduate on time.

"(What I like best about ULN is) the fact that we have access to internships our second year of college and ... financial support and mentorship," Flores said.

UT's four-year graduation rate has risen from 50 percent in 2010 to 60.9 percent in 2016, although it is still short of its goal to reach 70 percent by this year, according to the report.

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of what makes you unique," Carter said. "You watch the news these days, and you find every reason to find differences in yourself... This (platform) is basically a response to all rhetoric that seeks to divide us."

Carter and O'Connell's platform includes initiatives for expanding SURE Walk, implementing a fall break and

creating a multi-faith center on campus.

Alejandrina Guzman and Micky Wolf

Alejandrina Guzman, government and Mexican-American studies senior, and Micky Wolf, Plan II and business honors junior, are running on a platform with six points: the literal diversity and inclusion, accessibility, service, affordability, addressing sexual assault and spirits and tradition.

"Our vision is to have a more empowered student body so they can overcome personal challenges, take initiatives in their hands and make a positive impact in UT and around the world," Guzman said.

The Guzman-Wolf campaign slogan "RALLY" represents both the literal definition of the word and the acronym, "Reaching All Longhorns Like You," Guzman said.

Guzman has served as SG university-wide representative, her running mate Micky Wolf's current position, and she is now the director of the disabilities and inclusion agency within SG.

"Personally, being Latina, being a woman and being differently abled, that weighs in a lot of different fears of community," Guzman said. "I've seen how important it is to be represented in student government."



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COLUMN

Texas abdicates duty to protect LGBT people

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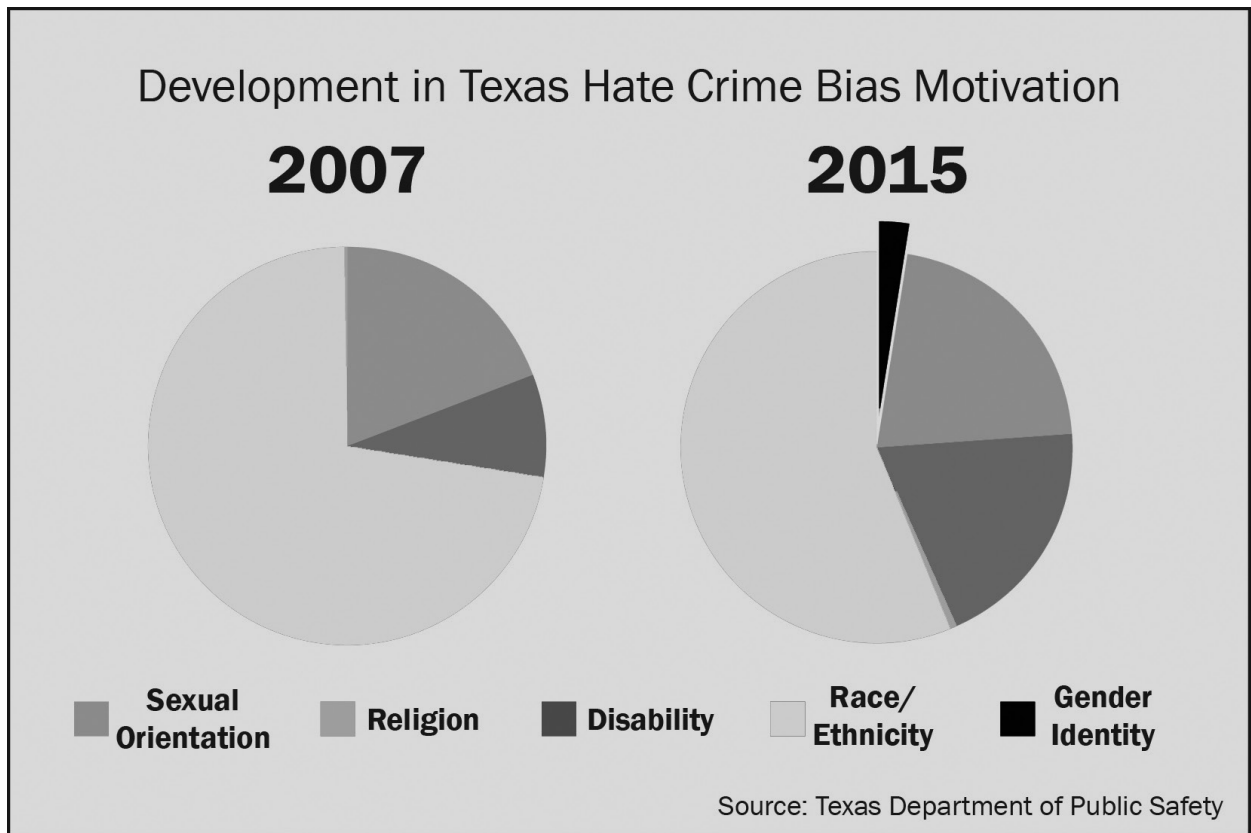
The Texas Legislature recently introduced several bills that allow for blatant discrimination against LGBT people under the guise of religious freedom. But representatives such as Matt Krause, R-Fort Worth, author of the state's "First Amendment Defense Act", would be better off protecting the constitution by fulfilling their duties under the First and 14th Amendments.

The Establishment clause of the First Amendment provides for separation of church and state, and the Equal Protection clause of the 14th Amendment prohibits discrimination based on membership in a certain group. Texas currently fails to meet both these standards for our LGBT population.

Denying a person access to a business that serves the general public based on a personal belief or lifestyle is discrimination. Religious liberty does not extend to the right to discriminate because it crosses the line between making a choice for oneself and forcing a choice on someone else.

Most arguments for opt-out legislation center on the First Amendment's protection to freely practice religion. However, precedent seems to be against the idea that free exercise allows for discrimination. Justice Antonin Scalia wrote in the majority opinion in *Employment Division v. Smith* that religious beliefs do not excuse one from compliance with the law. On the contrary, because gay marriage has been found to be a constitutional right, religious exemptions must not be allowed to hinder it.

Texas has no protections against discrimination for either sexual orientation or gender identity in the public accommodation, employment, credit or housing realms. Apart from violating the 14th Amendment's call to provide equal protection under the law, this



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discrimination is potentially bad for business. As a pro-business state, we shouldn't be implementing policy that will curtail growth, preventing business owners from operating here.

By failing this community in the legal sphere, we put LGBT people in real danger in the physical sphere. Although Texas passed an anti-hate crime law in 2001, it does not include protection for crimes motivated by gender identity.

In Texas, hate crimes based on sexual orientation and gender identity have increased since 2007. The Texas Department of Public Safety did not record hate crimes based

on gender identity in 2007, but in 2015 they were listed as motivation for 2.6 percent of hate crimes. In 2015, hate crimes based on gender identity and sexual orientation made up almost a quarter of hate crimes statewide, which is higher than the national average.

Because of this visceral threat, equal protection for the LGBT community under the law has become equivalent to necessary safety regulation. Child protection or seat belt laws can legally be enforced even if they violate one's personal beliefs, because they are reasonable and rationally expected to protect the population. The same is true for anti-discrimination

laws and policies.

Although there are limits to the immediate effect of anti-discrimination laws, they are still vital to enact. How can we expect to protect those who live in our state, economically and physically, when we do not have laws in place to allow the courts to enforce protection?

We are currently accessories to the trampling of a minority group under the foot of a religious majority—which is exactly what the First and 14th Amendments were designed to protect against.

MacLean is an advertising sophomore from Austin.

COLUMN

Houston DA election shows power of local races

By Noah M. Horwitz

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On Thursday, Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg usurped Austin in making Houston the most pot-friendly city in Texas. Perhaps Willie Nelson will move.

Under the policy introduced by Ogg in conjunction with Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo, individuals apprehended with four ounces of marijuana or less will not be arrested, or even given a citation directing them to appear in court.

Instead, in lieu of a Class B or Class A misdemeanor, these individuals will be able to take a short educational course on drugs and avoid any criminal prosecution. (Repeat offenders of small amounts of pot will be able to take the class and avoid prosecution over and over again.)

Ogg had campaigned on reform of marijuana laws. However, the condemnation from some Republicans, namely Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, was swift. Still, the Texas Legislature gives prosecutors wide authority and discretion on what cases they choose to bring. Ogg is certainly within her rights.

This reform has exposed two realities. The first is that Austin and other entities, including

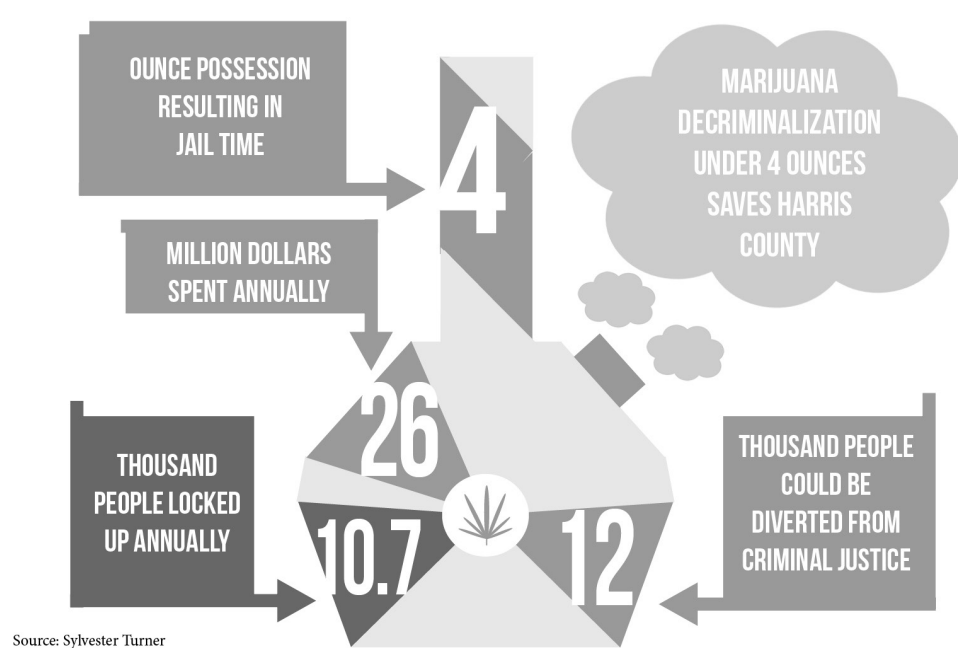
the State of Texas overall, desperately need to play catch-up by ending similarly asinine and outdated rules and laws. The second is that grassroots political organizing at the local level sometimes has — and often does have — profoundly successful impacts.

Last year at the State Democratic Convention in San Antonio, parts of the day were dedicated to breakout sessions in which Democrats attended caucus meetings most affiliated with their identities. There was a LGBT caucus, a Muslim caucus, a Latino caucus and, of course, a cannabis caucus. The latter had perhaps the best attendance. And when Ogg announced her plan to the group, she was given a lengthy standing ovation.

Those who believed that marijuana laws in Houston needed reform put down the blunts and Funyuns. They organized, they voted and they won. The same now must be done for all those who believe in decriminalization or legalization, at both a local and a statewide level.

Ostensibly intelligent alumni of this university have assured me time and time again that they vote in the "important" elections like presidential ones, but not the "unimportant" local contests. The reality could not be further from the truth.

Turner was elected in a nail-biter of an election with a 21 percent turnout. Ogg was nominated in a Democratic primary that boasted 11 percent turnout. And Gonzalez defeated his



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opponent in a Democratic primary runoff that garnered 1.43 percent turnout. Yet it was only through all three of these victories, together, that Houston's policy could come into place.

Voters should keep this in mind as primaries for the state Legislature occur next year.

In 2015, a bipartisan bill to legalize marijuana made it out of a House Committee. For it to go any further, proponents of reform must show up and vote in unflashy elections.

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COLUMN

University must address hate speech at source

By Leah Kashar

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The days that one could avoid blatant anti-Semitism by staying off of online forums are long gone. Since 2008, there has been a marked increase in the number of anti-Semitic comments made on sites such as Yahoo! and Google. But since the most recent presidential election, the increase in anti-Semitic actions beyond the scope of the internet has skyrocketed. From Nov. 8 to Nov. 13, the five days since President Donald Trump was elected, the Southern Poverty Law Center reported over 200 instances of hate crimes. As our university begins to grapple with these issues, they need to ensure that their response to these instances not only placates people but invites response and change.

Just last week, flyers were distributed all over our campus promoting a racist and xenophobic agenda that made many students feel uncomfortable and unsafe. The University released a statement through a Tumblr page

which clarified that, "We are a campus which welcomes and celebrates all dimensions of diversity ... While we welcome the discussion of all ideas, they must be shared freely and fairly so that they can be properly debated as a campus community. The anonymous posters were inconsistent with our campus values and counterproductive to true campus dialogue."

Well, duh. The University gave members of the UT community the option to report hate speech or crimes, or even a biased incident, to the Campus Climate Response Team and provided links to various support centers on campus. While all of that is great and noble, it does not exactly aid in making the campus a more inclusive environment because the reports themselves do not eliminate the cause of the hate. This is an extremely complicated problem, nonetheless, but not an entirely unsolvable one.

While "safe spaces" can be problematic and controversial, hate speech does not, should not and will never have a place on campus, and hopefully social media. Our campus is home to many diverse viewpoints and people, but

if those viewpoints are harmful to any group, race, ethnicity, gender or religion, they do not belong here. No one should ever feel like an unwelcome guest in their own home.

With these flyers, UT was stuck between a rock and a hard place. It is very easy to offer a simplistic cure-all, but if the issue was that simple, it would have already been fixed. However, it is unclear how the CCRT deals with any reports, and furthermore, if they have the power to do anything besides take down the flyers. Taking them down gets rid of the blatant message and shows a lack of support, but the hate is still lying beneath the surface. The University should take actions to meet with a diverse group of students and discuss the hate they feel on campus and take steps in order to reduce not only the anxiety surrounding this hate, but the hate itself.

In the future, the solution should be less "press release" and have an actual impact. Our campus should be more vocal on a specific level — student leaders, administrators and professors must be willing and able to combat

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this issue if necessary. Training people in positions of power on our campus should be required and offered to others who would like to attend. A campaign based on celebrating our differences, more inclusion programs and a required program for freshman (similar to the alcohol and consent training) on hate speech and inclusion could be possible solutions.

It can be hard to teach a new viewpoint, but if the standard on campus is inclusion, it's harder to be an outlier.

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SOFTBALL

Longhorns shine in five-game weekend

By Leah Vann
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The Longhorns played five games in a three-day stretch for the second consecutive week as they hosted Indiana, South Carolina and Louisiana Tech in the Texas Invitational.

All five of Texas' pitchers made appearances as head coach Connie Clark's team finished the tournament with an impressive 4-1 record. Even more striking were the 32 runs the Longhorns lured in to push their overall record on the season to 7-3.

Senior Mickenzi Krpec led the Longhorns with a .455 batting average, recording five hits — including three doubles. Senior shortstop Devon Tunning had the highest slugging percentage at .769 with five hits, including two doubles and a homerun.

“Sticking with our game-plan with (hitting) coach Mackay, he's got us all working on certain things and trusting the process is the biggest thing,” Krpec said. “I think it was a confidence booster. It was like a whole new team out there today.”

After a defensive 2-1 victory over Indiana Thursday night, Texas split games on Friday against Louisiana Tech and South Carolina. Texas used all five pitchers on Friday, with two appearances from redshirt sophomore Erica Wright.

“You've just got to keep competing,” head coach Connie Clark said. “If you have a good hitting ballclub and there's a tighter zone you've got to spin the ball at the plate and play some defense.”



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Senior Mickenzi Krpec rounds the bases for the Longhorns in their five-game weekend against Indiana, South Carolina and Louisiana Tech.

Saturday's game against Indiana was headed in the same direction. Junior pitcher Paige von Sprecken struggled at the circle, giving up five hits and three walks in two innings to put her team in a 6-0 hole.

Sophomore Brooke Bolinger took over in the third inning. She sought redemption, closing the game with three hits, three strikeouts, and zero runs in four innings.

“The young ones like that need a little result to start feeling confident,” Clark said. “I pulled her and Taylor aside and I said, ‘listen, you guys have been on campus for four weeks, please don't beat yourself up. You've got to keep learning and you're going to get results.’”

On offense, Texas

capitalized on walks and fielding errors for their first run to bring the score to 6-1. In the third inning, a key single by Krpec and a groundout to second sent runners home to bring the score to 7-5. In the fourth inning, sophomore Reagan Hathaway put herself for scoring position with an opening triple, which was brought home by a sacrifice fly. By the fifth inning, the early 6-0 deficit vanished and the Longhorns took the lead, 8-7.

The Longhorns put up five runs in the sixth inning to rally the final score to 13-7.

The Longhorns concluded the Texas Invitational pounding the dirt with runs to defeat Louisiana Tech 9-2.

Senior Kelli Hanzel sent a bomber just inside the infield line and over the fence for her

first homerun of the season. Freshmen Taylor Ellsworth and Tuesday DerMargosian racked up their stats with run-scoring base hits, while freshman Jade Gortarez boasted a total of five RBIs off two singles and a double. Krpec continued her time on base, walking twice and grounding a single.

Erica Wright took over for Tiarra Davis as pitcher, closing the game with five strikeouts, four hits and one earned run.

“I think one thing I really like over the last couple of days is this group will realize that they've got to come to work every day,” Clark said. “They're really going to have to work on Tuesday and continue to work and put in the time, but I think they get that, they understand that.”

MEN'S TENNIS

Texas falls short of ITA Indoor semifinals

By Justin Martinez
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The Longhorns could barely watch on Saturday as sophomore Rodrigo Banzer battled Wake Forest's Alan Gadjiev in Charlottesville, Virginia in a nail-biting final set.

The winner would send his team to the semifinals of the ITA Indoor Championship. For Banzer, the situation was all too familiar, but the outcome wasn't what anyone had hoped.

Banzer entered the match against No. 2 Wake Forest as the hero. The Bolivian secured the final point on Friday for No. 10 Texas in its 4-2 upset of No. 7 Florida in the opening round.

Sophomore Harrison Scott and freshman Yuya Ito secured the doubles point, defeating Florida's Maxx Lipman and Josh Wardell, 6-2.

The Longhorns stayed hot in singles play as Scott blew out Elliott Orkin 6-2, 6-1 for the second point. Sophomore Leonardo Telles dominated McClain Kessler, giving Texas a 3-0 lead with a 6-3, 6-3 victory.

But Florida wasn't ready to go home. The Gators won two straight matches to make it a 3-2 score. Banzer stopped the bleeding for the Longhorns, besting Jordan Belga 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 for the final point despite trailing 2-5 in the third set.

“Florida wouldn't go away,” head coach Michael Center said. “They had us against the wall, but I was really impressed by Banzer's mental toughness and the way he came back.”

The Longhorns came out cold against Wake Forest. The Demon Deacons edged out Texas in doubles play, taking an early 1-0 lead.

Senior George Goldhoff struggled against Skander

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—Michael Center, Head coach

Mansouri, falling 2-6, 2-6. Wake Forest's Petros Chrysoschos extended the lead to 3-0 by trouncing freshman Christian Sigsgaard 3-6, 6-4, 6-0.

With the team on the brink of defeat, Texas responded. Ito put the Longhorns on the board with a 7-6, 7-6 win over Christian Seraphim. Scott gave Texas its second point after defeating Borna Gojo 3-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Telles tied it up at three with a 6-2, 2-6, 6-3 victory over Wake Forest's Dennis Uspensky. It all came down to Banzer once again.

“We played an incredible match,” Center said. “It came down to the last set, and it was a great team effort by the guys. The bounce of the ball just didn't go our way.”

Texas rebounded with a 4-2 win over No. 11 Oklahoma State Sunday in a consolation match. After losing the doubles point, the Longhorns won four of the first five singles matches.

Goldhoff sealed the win over the Cowboys with a 2-6, 7-5, 6-3 takedown of Oklahoma State's Lukas Finzelberg.

“This was a great win and a good tournament overall,” Center said. “We're disappointed we didn't get to play in the semifinals, but we have a lot of tennis in front of us.”

BASEBALL

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to the right field bullpen during Friday night's home opener. His brother, Kacy, matched this with a bomb over the left field fence during Saturday night's 6-1

win. The senior first baseman showcased a perfect 3-for-3 hit night with a pair of RBIs for the burnt orange.

“We actually talked about that,” Kacy Clemens said. “After I hit that one, (Kody) goes, ‘You've always got to come catch up with me,

huh?’ I said, ‘Yeah, I'm not going to let you get out there too far.’”

The Longhorns hope to rely on the offensive production that comes with the Clemens brothers' friendly sibling rivalry moving forward.

“We're going to build off this weekend,” Kacy Clemens said. “I think there were definitely some bright spots that are promising and I think that's what we're going to focus on moving forward. We've just got to swing the bats better.”



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | NO. 8 TEXAS 73-74 NO. 19 OKLAHOMA

Longhorns suffer first conference loss

By Dalton Phillips
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Rarely does a team's best shooter find herself open on a game-winning possession.

No. 19 Oklahoma defied those odds Saturday when red-shirt senior Peyton Little stood alone in the corner with three seconds to shoot.

Swish. Game over. A defensive lapse offered an opening, and Little buried a corner dagger on a long inbounds pass to snap No. 8 Texas' 19-game winning streak and hand the Longhorns their first conference loss of the season, 74-73.

Junior guard Brooke McCarty poured in 16 points and senior Kelsey Lang added 13, but the Longhorns failed to execute down the stretch. While the winning streak ended, another streak continued — Texas hasn't won in Norman since 2010.

Home court advantage continues to be the difference maker between these Big 12 rivals, with the road squad coming up short in the last nine meetings.

"We definitely wouldn't have wanted Peyton Little to get an open three," said head coach Karen Aston. "That's happened to us two years in a row here at Oklahoma and I have no idea why we would think that wouldn't be an option in the corner. But again, that's just one play. There were a whole lot more."



Junior guard Brooke McCarty leads the Longhorns in scoring this season. She recorded 16 points in Saturday's 74-73 loss to Oklahoma.

Rachel Zein
Daily Texan Staff

Oklahoma center Vionise Pierre-Louis had her way with the Longhorn frontcourt, finishing with a game-high 21 points on 8-12 shooting in just 23 minutes of play. The junior fouled out with 8:33 left in regulation, but Texas was unable to capitalize on the 6-point lead at the time.

Drawing on a roaring crowd, the Sooners connected on a triple and then a quick layup to grind the Longhorns' momentum to a halt, making it a one-point Texas lead with under seven minutes to play. The two teams exchanged buckets,

neither able to gain an edge until an Oklahoma layup tied the score at 70 with 50 seconds left in the ball game. From there, Little did what she does best — bury clutch triples.

The window of opportunity hadn't closed yet and Texas had an opportunity to force overtime for a second-straight game. Down 73-70 with two seconds to get off a shot, a turnover on the inbounds resulted in a quick foul from Joyner Holmes. A free throw by Oklahoma iced the game with a four-point lead.

"Again, you have a chance to

win and just made some mistakes down the stretch. Didn't execute things. Didn't stay on a string together very well today," Aston said. "We'll look back at it and there will be some possessions that we definitely would like to have back."

Oklahoma earned its fifth win in a row to move to 21-6 on the season, third in the Big 12.

The Longhorns face a quick turnaround for what is shaping up to be the most important matchup of the season for them and No. 4 Baylor. The Lady Bears head to Austin Monday for the battle of Big

12 supremacy.

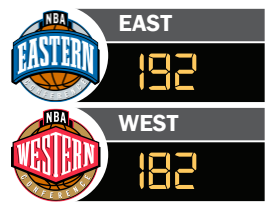
Texas won the first matchup on Feb. 6 in Waco, ending the Lady Bears' 21-game winning streak and handing them their sole conference defeat. Both teams sit atop the conference standings at 14-1.

In spite of the rapid turnaround, Aston is confident her team will come out prepared to defend home court.

"Quick reset," Aston said. "We've had three of these in a row now, and we know how to do it. And we just have to go home now and get ourselves ready for Baylor."

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BASEBALL



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Senior first baseman Kacy Clemens hit a homerun for the Longhorns in their season-opening series against Rice.

Texas splits opening weekend with Rice

By Vanessa Le
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Flashes of burnt orange and white circled the bases at UFCU Disch-Falk Field Sunday afternoon.

But the runners tagging the plates were merely Longhorn fans participating in a "kids run the bases" activity after the game had already ended in a 7-1 loss to Rice. Redshirt junior second baseman Bret Boswell launched a solo home run in the fifth inning, but he was the only Longhorn to round the bases during the match. Sunday's loss evened the weekend series at 2-2.

"We're very disappointed," head coach David Pierce said. "We didn't do things well today in one inning that costed us the game."

Rice posted five runs in the sixth inning that required four Longhorn pitchers to find a way to stop the bleeding. Senior first baseman Kacy Clemens, who was the only Longhorn to record multiple hits in the game, was not satisfied with a series tie against the Owls.

"We don't take 2 out of 4," Kacy Clemens said. "(Do) you come in here to win half the games or do you come in here to win all the games? I'm pretty sure anybody who plays this game wants to win every single game they play. If they don't, then they shouldn't be playing the game."

Junior pitcher Connor Mayes brought the heat with six strikes in a seven-pitch affair during the first inning. The right-handed launcher shared control of the game with Rice's sophomore pitcher Zach Esquivel until sophomore catcher Dominic DiCaprio struck in the fourth inning with a RBI double to get the Owls on the board first.

"I thought Esquivel — he's not a big velocity guy, but he really threw the ball in and out and changed speeds as well as he could do and really locate it," Pierce said. "When you do that, you usually win."

Mayes hoped to find his rhythm during the sixth inning, but the Owls had other plans. Rice batters stung the Longhorns with a pair of RBI doubles and two rounds of loaded bases until junior pitcher Tyler Schimpf found the final out of the inning.

Texas hoped to bounce back from the damage but couldn't find the ball enough to mitigate early mistakes.

"I thought the back side of the bullpen was not good at all," Pierce said "If we don't improve that, we're not going to do well in the latter part of the innings."

Bats were swinging earlier in the weekend for the Longhorns. Sophomore designated hitter Kody Clemens kicked off a new season of scoring for the Longhorns with a homer

MEN'S BASKETBALL | TEXAS 61-64 KANSAS STATE

Late-game woes continue for Longhorns against Wildcats

By Trenton Daeschner
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Senior transfer Mareik Isom has largely been an afterthought during a forgettable season for the Longhorns.

Isom missed the first 16 games of the season due to an ankle injury and has sparsely seen the floor in games he's played since.

But on Saturday afternoon at the Frank Erwin Center, Isom played the most minutes he has all season — 16 — and wreaked havoc. He dove for loose balls, grabbed rebounds, blocked a couple shots and knocked down a pair of three pointers in an 8-point effort.

In the end, though, Isom's spirited outing wasn't quite enough as Texas fell to Kansas State, 64-61.

"I thought (Isom) was by far the hardest-playing guy on the floor," head coach Shaka Smart said. "I thought it really, really helped us (and) gave us energy."

Isom, an Austin Bowie High School product who transferred to Texas in the off-season from Arkansas-Little Rock, decided to come back home to finish out his college career. Isom never envisioned this season turning out like this,

but he has embraced it every step of the way.

"I've been through a lot this year, but I didn't want to let it get me down," Isom said. "It's been tough at times, especially with the foot and the losses. But other than that, it's been everything I could dream of."

The Longhorns (10-17, 4-10 Big 12) left the court with heartbreak yet again.

"It's really hard, especially for the seniors," senior guard Kendal Yancy said. "We just got to be able to respond after losses. There's still hope."

The Longhorns looked lifeless and the home crowd appeared to be in an afternoon siesta during the opening seven minutes of the second half.

But then Kansas State senior forward Austin Budke gave Texas and the fans a reason to wake up. As Texas trailed 48-39, Budke delivered a hard foul to Allen in the lane. Allen fell awkwardly to the floor and both teams engaged in a brief scuffle.

Budke was assessed a flagrant-two and ejected from the game, while Texas junior transfer Dylan Osetkowski and junior transfer Isaiah Hobbs were also tossed for coming off the bench.

"It kind of fired us up a little bit," Yancy said. "We thought that was kind of a harsh foul. We took that as a little bit of motivation."

Allen proceeded to hit 1-of-2 free throws. An ensuing three-pointer from Isom followed by his huge block on the other end gave way to an eruption from the crowd, cutting Kansas State's lead to 48-43. Moments later, Texas had cut the deficit to 48-46.

Down the stretch, freshman guard Andrew Jones tied the game twice — once at 57 after a fadeaway three and then again at 59 with 1:34 to play after a monster transition dunk.

Freshman forward Jarrett Allen's layup, with 19 seconds left, tied the game again, 61-61.

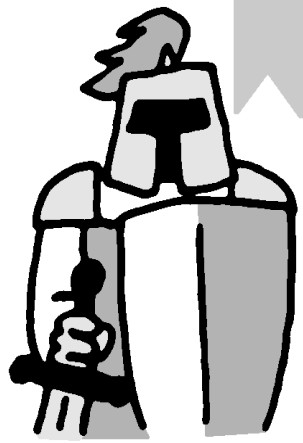
On the ensuing possession for Kansas State, senior forward D.J. Johnson had a put-back tip-in and was fouled with 1.6 seconds left. Johnson hit the and-one free throw, and sophomore guard Kerwin Roach Jr.'s full-court heave at the buzzer fell short.

Up next for Texas is a difficult road matchup with No. 9 West Virginia Monday at 8 p.m. The Longhorns lost a tough contest with the Mountaineers earlier this season in Austin, 74-72.



Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff

Senior transfer Mareik Isom dribbles the ball in Saturday's 64-61 loss to Kansas State at the Frank Erwin Center. Isom put up an impressive stat line against the Wildcats.



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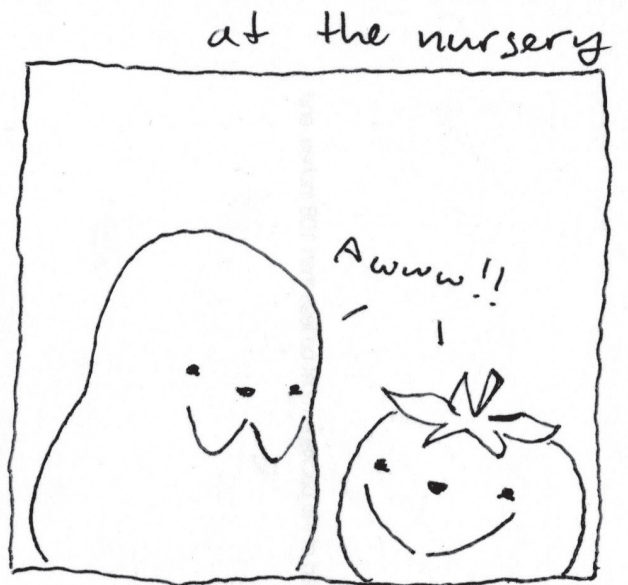
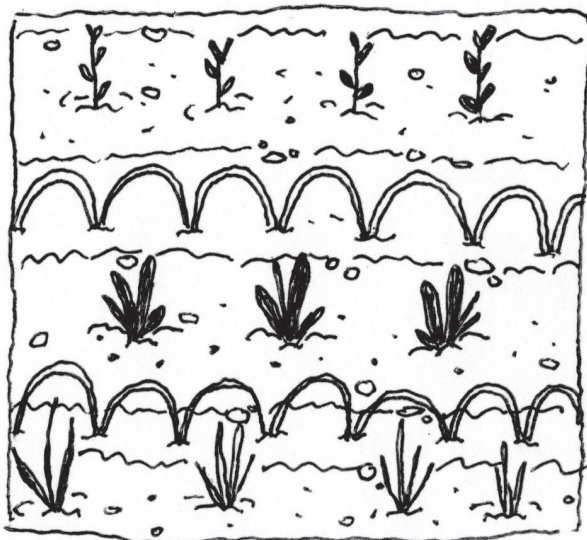
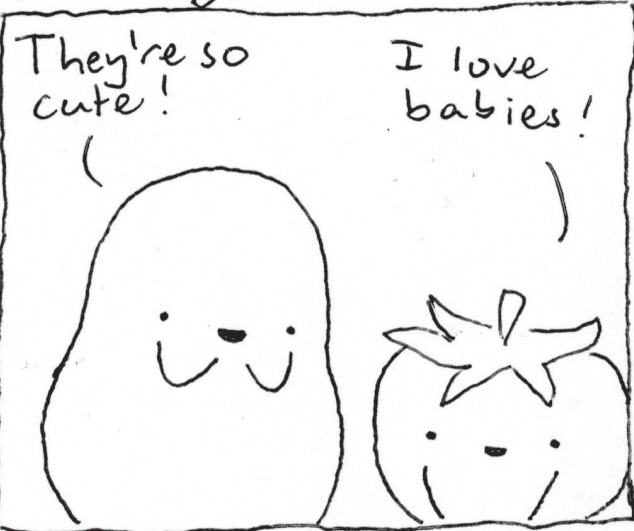


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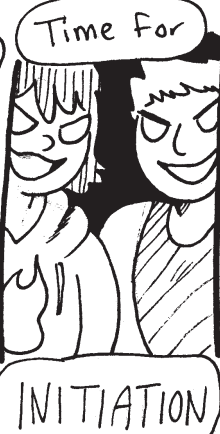
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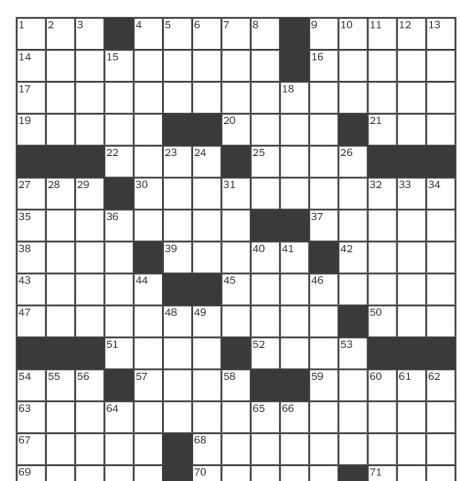
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Martin Middle School is located in East Austin, with a majority of low-income students. It is directly affected by the consequences of gentrification.

Middle school becomes gentrification battlefield

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In the heart of the ongoing fight for public schools, and against gentrification, in East Austin is an inconspicuous, small brown brick middle school.

Located in a historically rich and culturally vibrant neighborhood, Sam L. Martin Middle School is emblematic of community resistance and future progress. With a 21 percent special needs population and majority low-income student body, the school has been especially vulnerable to the effects of gentrification. Martin faces low enrollment rates, decreased funding and the possibility of permanent closure.

"Either people really know and have a strong, positive opinion and feeling towards Martin, or they've never heard of it at all," said Jamie Haynes, current Martin tutor, UT alumnus and former teacher and department head. "Martin has been a stabilizing force in the community just because it hasn't changed; in the last 50 years it's been here."

Vincent Tovar, an East Austin community activist, said he feels part of the problem can be attributed to the lack of aligned planning between the city and Austin Independent School District to promote public schools.

"The city of Austin isn't

really helping out, recognizing the history of our community, trying to preserve not only the community's history, and the school's histories," Tovar said. "We see that families that have lived in this community for decades, for generations, can no longer afford for a school that has already been labeled as low-performing year after year, and even when it does perform well, it has to fight that reputation."

In addition to pressure from the city and state, the school also struggles to provide a wide range of services to its large special needs student body.

"Historically, our population of students in special ed is between 20 and 25 percent, when the district average is around 12 percent," Haynes said. "Each one of those students has to have an individualized education plan. In order for it to really be individualized, you need to offer a full spectrum of services, and that's very difficult to do when you have a limited budget, few teaching positions."

Despite the challenges facing Martin, there's still hope for the future. Haynes said he sees Martin as possibly being the epicenter for an Austin Chicano renaissance.

"(It's) basically a cultural treasure," Haynes said. "(Considering) its proximity to the Mexican-American Cultural Center, the Tejano

Walking Trail, the history of the neighborhood, the challenges that are going on and this kind of activist culture, students can decide for themselves how to read the world, and what to do about that."

As UT alumni themselves, Tovar and Haynes said UT students should join in on the fight for Martin though programs like PALS peer mentoring and community activism.

"I feel like UT has a responsibility to reach out to Austin residents, especially East Austin residents," Tovar said. "James Baldwin puts it that we have a responsibility to educate once we're educated. But so often we just take that education for ourselves, and we organize those who are already easy to organize, as opposed to informing and supporting those who need it most."

Despite being the target of privatization and gentrification efforts, the community of Martin remains proud of its diverse student body.

"One of the things I'm most proud of Martin (for) is that we take every student, every family just how they are, and we embrace that difference," Haynes said. "We don't try to change or to have a deficit mindset. You're here, you're an Eagle, and we're going to work with you and your family."

ALBUM REVIEW | 'PRISONER'

Heartland rock finds home on Ryan Adams' new album

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Ryan Adams is one of the few musicians left that seems to shrug off trends, allowing him to stand firmly as a staple of modern rock by making the music he wants whenever he wants to. On his latest record, *Prisoner*, he continues to blaze his own path, bring back country rock with moderate success.

For a man that "started (a) damn country band, 'cause punk rock is too hard to sing," Adams has more than found his groove with country rock. Since his 2000 debut *Heartbreaker*, Adams has found success in alternative genres, especially in veins of deviants of rock, country and folk music. Although he may not hit his mark every time, Adams' lyrics tend to mold to whatever he's playing, helping craft each song into its own short story. However, in the past five years Adams' talent has stalled. He's released three listenable, but forgettable projects, including *1989*, a collection of Taylor Swift covers. Now, with the release of *Prisoner*, Adams is attempting to redeem himself, taking the past few years as motivation and

releasing what could be a very polarizing effort.

Prisoner is built on a heartland rock core, following in the footsteps of Bruce Springsteen, Tom Petty and Neil Young to tell personal stories and tales. "Haunted House" and "Do You Still Love Me?" carry these traits to their core, telling tales of loneliness, home and heartbreak to build small vignettes of his life into each track.

To get an additional layer of appeal, Adams builds in pop rock into this record, especially in songs such as "Shiver and Shake" which use echoed vocals and melodically strummed guitar chords to build a melancholic mood.

However, beyond that initial surface intrigue, there isn't much else to be had. The formula Adams has built over so many years of releasing albums comes into play in nearly every song on this LP, making it and extremely consistent. But that gives Adams' newest LP no highlights whatsoever because of its monotonous sound, leaving the listener with almost no surprises to keep them engaged and excited for the next track.

After one listen, most will likely find a song or two that

wet their whistle or tickle their fancy. But with a second listen, these tracks only blur into *Prisoner's* makeup and quickly fade away.

Maybe Adams was aiming for something bigger than just a collection of songs, but it's difficult to even tell what the big picture might be. Even if he wanted fans to focus on the entire forest and not just one tree, *Prisoner* never makes any attempts to drive listeners toward a larger cause. After 16 albums, Adams is simply struggling to say something within heartland rock, and without a huge sound like that of Springsteen or an unfathomable diversity like that of Young.

Fans might already know what to expect out of this album, but for those who may be new to Adams' sound this album might hold a few shocks. Yet, for how surprising this record can be, *Prisoner* lacks the oomph to make it an impactful addition to Adams' discography and to 2017 as a whole. It's an album for the moment, one to experience, enjoy and then eventually forget.

'PRISONER'

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FOOD

Austin Oyster Festival celebrates Texas seafood

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Boats and trucks full of oysters are taking a trip to Austin this week for a massive celebration of seafood at the Austin Oyster Festival.

The festival, which is produced by 787 Productions in conjunction with the HOPE Farmers Market, is a celebration of the oyster and similar seafoods that will benefit the capitol-area food bank. The five year celebration of the festival will take place on Feb. 25 and feature a wide range of seafood, music, drinks, raffles and goods.

"We treat it like a big, old 2,000 person wedding," said Chris Bauer, executive chef and co-organizer. "We are going to wine them and dine them, everything is going to be fresh and it is going to be a special day to remember."

The festival aims to celebrate the glory of the oyster in all of its forms— from raw on the half shell to oysters rockefeller.

"It really is about the oyster," said Emily Horvath of 787 productions and co-organizer of the festival. "So, if someone is not an oyster fan or doesn't know if they are an oyster fan, it may not be the time for them to determine that because there is not a lot of food that doesn't have oyster or shellfish in some way in it."

Though raw oysters are the stars of the show, they're not the only seafood that guests can look forward to. He said things like Deep Eddy's orange marinated grilled and chilled shrimp, and grilled items like smoked bacon oysters, rockefeller and garlic,

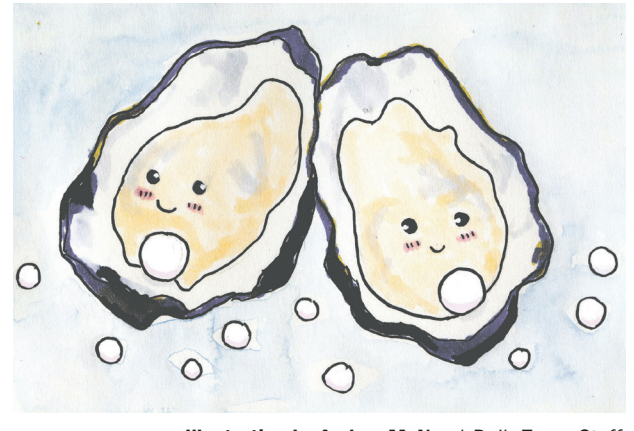


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anchovies butter grilled oyster will also be offered.

"We kind of graduated into a multifaceted food festival," Bauer said. "We continually try to add a piece here and there."

Bauer said, after an ice storm in 2015 left icicles hanging from the tents, festival goers were inspired by the cold snap to continue expanding the reach and scope of the festival.

"That was kind of when we thought it was something special— when even through this ice storm, with all the highways shut down, everyone (still) showed up," Bauer said. "The oysters were ice cold and perfect. It was so cold outside that everything was perfectly chilled."

Preparations for the festival will begin this Thursday. There will be 48 hours of intense work as seafood is brought in from the coast and fresh marinades are made.

"We are going to send our boats to harvest the oysters out of Galveston Bay," said Mark Lewis of Jeri's Seafood, the main oyster sponsor for the festival. "We will then

grade the oysters, clean the oysters, bag the oysters in 100 count sacks. We will have a half dozen of our crew that works at the oyster plant on staff at the festival to help open the oysters."

Bauer said making an event like Austin Oyster Festival happen is a fulfilling challenge from beginning to end.

"There is a reason why they sell corndogs and funnel cakes at festivals— because it is easy," Bauer said. "So to be able to take an incredibly perishable product like shrimp and oysters and take it out to a festival and manage it and serve it where it tastes incredibly good and fresh and away from its natural habitat is hard. We take a lot of pride in that we are pulling it off and doing it at a very high level."

Horvath said that she especially enjoys the uniqueness of the Austin Oyster Festival.

"To me, Austin is a town that really thrives on the unique experience," Horvath said. "There is so many neat things to do here that you don't necessarily find in other cities and I think this is just another example of that."

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