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## UNIVERSITY

# Court considers race admissions

## Ruling on affirmative action could alter university landscape

By Andrew Messamore  
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Back home in Lubbock, Dane Stull said he is usually surrounded by people who look like him, who are white. But when he stepped foot in Austin for freshman orientation, one of the first things he noticed was the racial diversity of his future classmates.

"Just coming to Austin, you see a wide variety of cultures and people coming together for the better of everyone," Stull, a mechanical engineering freshman, said.

The U.S. Supreme Court will play a key role in the future of UT's student makeup by ruling on the landmark affirmative action case, Fisher v. University of Texas, this month. A

decision could come as early as Monday or as late as June 24. The plaintiff in the case, rejected UT applicant Abigail Fisher, claims UT did not admit her because she is white and not from an underrepresented group.

The court will decide whether UT's use of race as a factor for admission is constitutional or a violation of a student's right to equal protection.

University officials said UT's use of race does not disproportionately affect any racial group and that a ruling against UT's policy would make it harder to bring students of color to campus. However, data of recently admitted students shows most students admitted under UT's race-inclusive

admissions process are white or come from high-income backgrounds. Faculty and staff on campus are also worried a ruling against UT could affect their classes and academic programs.

UT has two ways of admitting students. Seventy-five percent are admitted under the state's Top 10 Percent Rule, while the other 25 percent of students are admitted under UT's race-inclusive admissions process, which considers race among other factors such as student achievements, academics and extracurricular activities.

According to documents filed by UT in the case last year, removing race as an admissions factor from 1996 to 2003 caused UT to be perceived as an unwelcoming environment by students of color.

Black and Hispanic

enrollment also dropped after race was excluded from admissions. UT began using race in admissions again in 2004.

"The negative press certainly impacts application behavior," said Choquette Hamilton, associate director for development of African and African diaspora studies. "The reason is perception of access. If students feel their admissions prospects are low, they are going to say 'Why should I waste my time and money to apply?'"

In 2011, 48 percent of the incoming class was white, 21 percent was Hispanic, 18 percent was Asian and 6 percent was black.

UT has admitted lower percentages of black and Hispanic students through race-inclusive admissions every year since 2007.

Additionally, 61 percent of students in 2011

“I personally don't think race should be a factor. It's just not fair.

—Brian Lee, freshman from Pflugerville

admitted under race-inclusive admissions came from households with family incomes of \$100,000 or more.

Jill Marshall, co-director of UTeach, a program which trains student teachers who often work in underrepresented communities, said a ruling against UT could hurt the program.

"Often teachers want to return to the community where they were raised," Marshall said. "A ruling against UT would limit our ability to bring in candidates for a supply of teachers to all communities in Texas."

Shannon Ratliff, a trustee emeritus of the UT Law School of Foundation, said some organizations may choose to increase financial support to students of color if the court rules against UT to maintain student diversity.

Brian Lee of Pflugerville, who attended freshman orientation Wednesday, said he thinks the practice of including race as a factor in admissions is racist itself.

"I personally don't think race should be a factor," Lee, who is Asian, said. "It's just not fair."

For more coverage on Fisher v. University of Texas, visit [dailytexanonline.com](http://dailytexanonline.com) or follow us at @thedailytexan

## TIMELINE Fisher v. University of Texas

**March 25, 2008**

Abigail Fisher is denied admission to UT, but admitted under the CAP program. She refuses and later decides to attend Louisiana State University.

**May 29, 2008**

The temporary injunction is denied. Arguments are later heard by the District Court. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbot's office represents UT.

**January 18, 2011**

After hearing arguments, the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rules UT's policy to be constitutional.

**Feb. 21, 2012**

Supreme Court agrees to hear Fisher v. Texas. The University hires the law firm Latham & Watkins to represent UT.

**April 7, 2008**

Fisher files a complaint to the Western District of Texas claiming her Equal Protection rights were violated when UT considered race in her admission. Another plaintiff, Rachel Michalewicz, joins the case. Fisher and Michalewicz seek a temporary injunction for UT to re-evaluate their application.

**August 17, 2009**

The District Court rules UT's admissions policy to be constitutional. Fisher and Michalewicz later appeal the decision to the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

**September 15, 2011**

Fisher requests the case be reviewed by the Supreme Court. Michalewicz withdraws from the suit.

**Oct 10, 2012**

The Supreme Court hears oral arguments on the case.

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VIEWPOINT

## Texas needs tuition revenue bonds

The fate of funding for more than 60 campus construction projects across the state, totaling more than \$2.5 billion, rests in the hands of Gov. Rick Perry, who can choose to either add the issue of tuition revenue bonds, the main funding mechanism for campus construction projects at universities across the state, to his call for the special session or letting them languish in the Legislature until the 84th session begins in 2015.

On the line is funding for projects ranging from an effort to replace water systems at Texas State Technical College (for which the Senate issued a mere \$4 million in TRBs) to the construction of the new Engineering Education and Research Center on the UT-Austin campus, for which the Senate granted TRBs totaling \$95 million (which still account for less than a third of the building's total projected cost). Although universities pay back the state for TRBs with tuition dollars or student fees, the state reimburses universities with general revenue. Although for nearly a decade between 1997 and 2006, the Legislature granted TRBs

every other session, an extremely limited number of TRBs have been funded since that time.

Given the 7-year-long TRB drought in the past three legislative sessions, it seems like legislators would be able to agree to at least partially fund TRBs. But the students of Texas have no such luck. In the words of state Sen. Judith Zaffirini, a Democrat from Laredo and the former chair of the Higher Education Committee, legislators "simply ran out of time."

But from the sidelines, the Legislature's handling of TRBs seemed to run up against more than a time limit. The effort played out like a tennis match in which one player decides to drop the racket and hold the ball hostage. The Senate served up the original bill, filed by Zaffirini, and asked for \$2.4 billion in TRB authorizations

with a unanimous vote. The House countered with an amended bill which brought the amount of TRBs authorized up to \$2.7 billion. Then, for all intents and purposes, the lower chamber dropped the racket and stood still on the court, refusing to appoint any representatives to reconcile the two versions of the bill, a move that is customary but not required. Now, Gov. Perry will have to explicitly add the issue of TRBs to the special session agenda for the chambers to reconsider them, placing up to \$2.7 billion in higher education funding in the hands of a man whose unknowable political plans make him nothing so much as a wild card.

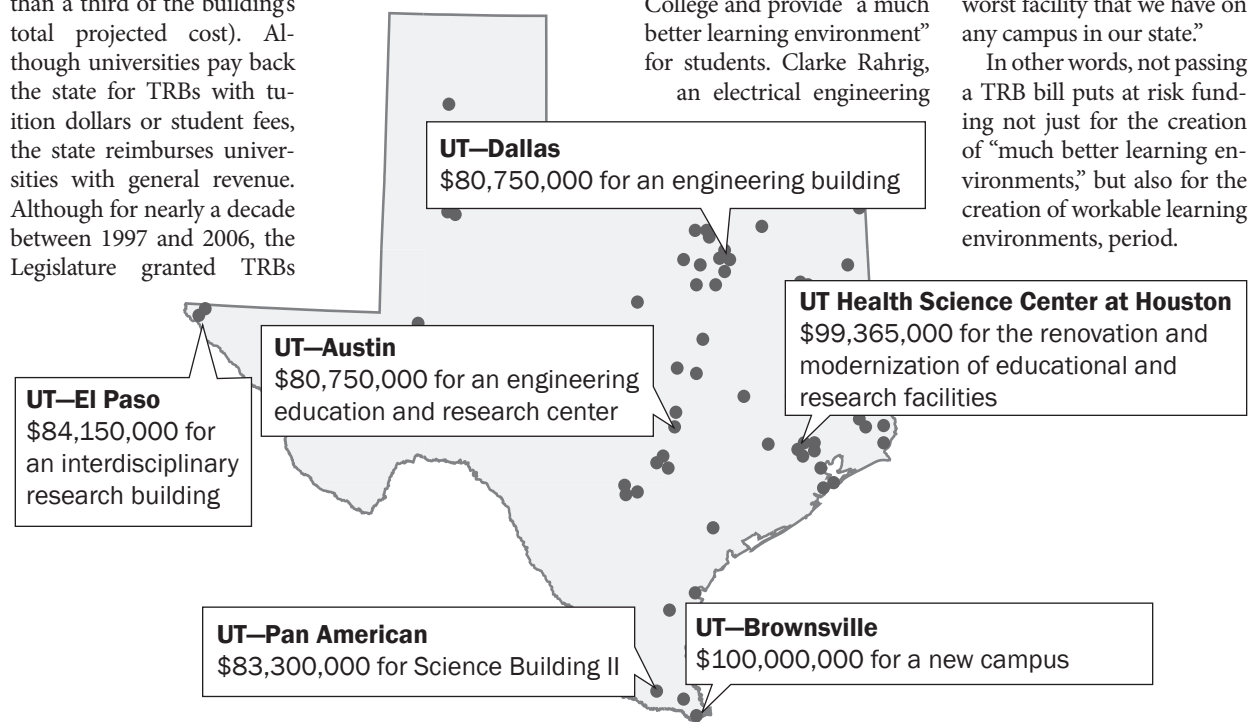
According to Gregory Fenves, the current dean of the engineering school, the new engineering building would "create a culture of innovation" in the Engineering College and provide "a much better learning environment" for students. Clarke Rahrig, an electrical engineering

senior and president of the Student Engineering Council, called the current engineering building "severely outdated in terms of technology and facilities." But even those with the biggest stake in the project recognize the importance of TRBs not just to the engineering college at UT-Austin, but to the state as a whole.

"I hope Gov. Perry does add it to the call," Fenves said when asked what would happen should the governor choose not to address TRBs during the special session. "And not just for this project, but for the 60 projects at universities across the state."

Among the projects the TRB bill would have helped fund was a renovation of a building on the Texas A&M-Galveston campus which state Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, called "a tin warehouse" and "the worst facility that we have on any campus in our state."

In other words, not passing a TRB bill puts at risk funding not just for the creation of "much better learning environments," but also for the creation of workable learning environments, period.



COLUMN

## Research helps rectify human rights abuses

By Travis Knoll  
Daily Texan Columnist

Last spring, I interned at the Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, an interdisciplinary center housed at the University of Texas School of Law. Their 2013 annual conference, which I attended, focused on "Impunity, Justice and the Human Rights Agenda" and included a speech by Fredy Peccerelli, a Guatemalan anthropologist who exhumes the bones of victims of the Guatemalan Civil War. These bones, however, are more than artifacts. They have been used as evidence in the recent genocide trial of Efraín Ríos Montt, the Guatemalan head of state who presided over the deaths of an estimated 60,000 Guatemalans, mostly Mayans, from 1982 to 1983.

The ongoing legal saga of Ríos Montt may seem far removed from the UT campus. However, as I move toward earning my master's in Latin American studies at the University, I realize that academic research can promote understanding, bring our international neighbors closer and helping the University to play the role of an advocate for the marginalized.

When I visited Guatemala recently, I encountered the land of polarized opinions talked about in UT lecture halls, a polarization exemplified by an argument between my taxi driver, who supported Ríos Montt, and our indigenous guide, who was glad that Ríos Montt "was

finally going to pay." The UT-run Digital Archive of the Guatemalan National Police Historical Archive, a collaborative effort of the Rapoport Center, the Benson Latin American Collection and the Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies, helps us explain the complicated country of Guatemala. Part of an agreement formalized in January 2011 between UT-Austin and the Guatemalan Police Archives, it contains records that span from U.S.-backed syphilis experiments in the 1940s to the Guatemalan Civil War that ran from 1960 to 1996. This archive allows us to document the crimes of others, but also to come to terms with our own role in those crimes.

As we travel, we notice that this University is not just known for burnt orange-clad football fans or Bevo's iconic horns. Those are necessary parts of UT's identity, but UT at its best is both an advocate for the oppressed and a repository of knowledge. While sectors of our University promote power, both political and economic, parts also champion those who suffer the consequences of power's dark side. This institution should strive to help students understand their lives and neighbors better and help them expose uncomfortable truths about U.S. policy, both foreign and domestic.

*Knoll is a first-year masters student in Latin American Studies from Dallas.*



## NATIONAL

# Student loan interest could double

By Colton Pence  
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UT students could see the interest rates on their federally subsidized loans double next month if the federal government doesn't come to an agreement on how to contain rising student debt.

Interest rates on federally subsidized Stafford Loans are set to increase from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent July 1, which UT officials say will increase the average student's debt by almost \$2,600. The possibility has sparked a national debate and caused worry among higher education stakeholders around Texas who believe this burden will discourage students from pursuing college degrees. In the meantime, UT and state officials are urging students to graduate in four years to reduce debt.

According to state data, 85 percent of student aid in Texas comes from federal loans, which is 9 percent above the national average. The state currently ranks second in the number of students who take out federally subsidized loans. More than 460,000 Texas students owe the federal government a total of \$1.69 billion.

The average undergraduate student in the U.S. had about \$26,000 in debt after graduation in 2011.

Thomas Melecki, UT's Office of Student Financial Services director, said the potential increase threatens UT affordability for many students. Melecki said doubling the interest rates would increase the total amount borrowed by UT students to more than \$36.5 million.

Melecki said the best way to borrow less money is to graduate in four years. UT currently has a four-year graduation

rate of 52 percent, the highest among Texas public universities, but hopes to increase it to 70 percent by 2016.

Student borrowers who graduate in four years average 29 percent less debt than those who graduate in five years and 67 percent less debt than those who graduate in six years, Melecki said.

Surrounded by a crowd of students, President Barack Obama urged Congress this month to come to an agreement on a new student loan bill to avoid the automatic doubling. Obama criticized a bill the U.S. House of Representatives passed in May that would link student loan rates to how the economy is doing, meaning they could rise or fall every year. Obama has threatened to veto the bill because it does not lock-in rates, claiming it eliminates safeguards for low-income families.

## SUBSIDIZED STAFFORD LOANS

**2013-2014 Total subsidized Stafford Loan amount:**  
\$1,687,827,256

**Borrower count:** 464,119

**Average borrowed:** \$3,637

Source: White House Press Release

"It could actually cost a freshman starting school this fall more over the next four years than if we did nothing at all," Obama said. "The House bill isn't smart, and it's not fair."

Dominic Chavez, senior director of External Relations for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, said the board is concerned about the potential interest rate increase, as it would be another hurdle for financially needy students. However, Chavez said declaring a major early, planning coursework carefully and ending the practice of course-shopping

may blunt the impact caused by the potential increase.

Chavez said the average Texas college student who graduates with a bachelor's degree does so with 142 credit hours — 22 more than what is required for the average degree.

If action is not taken in Washington, Chavez said raised interest rates may ultimately discourage Texas students from pursuing college degrees.

"Increasing the borrowing costs for students who want to attend college can, over the long-term, send a message that a college degree is too expensive," Chavez said.

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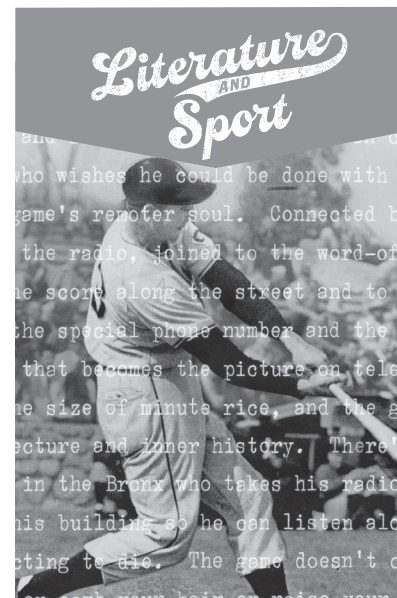
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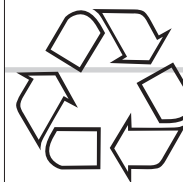
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# Fresh Faces

## New students attend first orientation session

By Jody Serrano \ @jodyherrano



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**“**You can go out to eat with your family and friends at any time. This is dedicated to your preparation for college.**”**

—Cristi Biggs, the assistant dean who oversees orientation



*Editor's Note: Serrano worked for the Office of New Student Services from 2011-2012.*

The Daily Texan spent 12 hours with the students during their stay on campus and selected the most exciting hours over the first three-day session for this story.

### 8 a.m., June 5

Students arrive at Jester for orientation. Carrying suitcases, blankets and pillows, about 1,110 new students took their first steps on campus at the Jester Residence Hall.

Orientation officials said students and their families began showing up at 6:30 a.m. for the 7:30 a.m. check-in. During orientation, students meet their academic advisors, learn more about their colleges and register for classes.

Cristi Biggs, the assistant dean of students who oversees orientation, said the best thing students can do is take advantage of the opportunities available at orientation, such as going to optional programs on improving their first-year experience.

“You can go out to eat with your family and friends at any time,” Biggs said. “This is dedicated to your preparation for college.”

### 12 p.m., June 5

UT encourages four-year graduation planning

UT graduation rate champion David Laude encouraged new students from the Class of 2017 to see UT as a partner in helping them graduate in four years.

“Most of you think, ‘I’m going to graduate in four, maybe even three years,’” Laude said. “The thing is, that doesn’t just happen. You don’t just roll the ball out and there it is. It actually takes a lot of planning.”

Laude spoke at the mandatory orientation program Wednesday. At the session, officials gave students specific steps they could take to graduate in four years.





EMILY NG \ Daily Texan Staff

### 4 p.m., June 6 Game of dodgeball

The courtyard in front of the Jester Residence Hall resembled a battleground Thursday. Students yelled, strategized and faced off against their friends in a game of dodgeball.

UT orientation advisers said about 100 students showed up for the dodgeball games held Wednesday and Thursday.

Mario Duran, an orientation adviser supervising the game, said events such as these are important for creating a balance between work and fun during orientation.

"A lot of time when students play sports they get more comfortable with each other," Duran said. "It builds friendships that could possibly be renewed when they come back to the University."

### 3 p.m., June 6 Breaking Greek stereotypes

Representatives from UT's Greek community had one message for new students attending orientation: Sorority and fraternity life is not all about partying.

About 30 UT students attended the Thursday information session about getting involved in Greek life. Jazmin Hernandez, a representative of UT's Multicultural Greek Council, said Greek life focuses on leadership, networking and community service.

Greek organizations completed more than 80,000 community service hours on campus, according to UT. There are more than 5,000 members involved in Greek life at UT.

"I just hope that [new students] at least scratched the surface of Greek life," Hernandez said. "See where they would fit."

### 1 p.m., June 7 First-time registration

As the clock counted down to registration, chemistry freshman Taylor Castillo could her feel her heart racing. Finally, it was time.

"You could hear all the crowd saying, 'I got in, I got in,'" Castillo said, referring to students who were able to register for certain classes.

New UT students registered for classes Friday. Students who were not able to get into the classes they wanted will have another chance to add and drop courses in August.

Castillo said she is excited to come back to UT in the fall.

"This is my home," Castillo said. "I want to come here."

# University encourages #UT17 to graduate in four years

By **Christine Ayala**  
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UT is taking measures to ensure the Class of 2017 is already thinking about graduating in four years.

Higher education officials say graduating in four years ensures students graduate with the classmates they came in with, saves money and gets students into the workforce sooner. UT has crafted a massive advertising and social media campaign to fuel its four-year graduation message, placing Class of 2017 logos all over campus and encouraging students to use the #UT17 hashtag on Twitter.

Officials at UT's new student orientation also encouraged students to use online degree-planning tools to help them find the right major.

The University is currently trying to increase its four-year graduation rate from 52 percent to 70 percent by 2016. In the past few years, UT has revamped orientation to focus more on academics and offered scholarships to students who are on track to graduate in four years.

David Laude, senior vice provost for enrollment and graduation management, said there are still other factors that affect graduation rates, such as academic preparation and

finding a sense of community on campus. UT officials said students who do not graduate in four years can incur up to \$60,000 in additional debt, including additional tuition, student loans and lost earnings.

"You have to convince students that it's a good idea to graduate in four years, and make the argument for why it is," Laude said.

Laude said administrators want students to feel connected to their graduating year. The 17 can be seen on stickers, posters, T-shirts and a variety of videos and presentations during orientation.

Class branding like this began last summer with the Class of 2016. Students from that class had a 98.5 percent retention rate their first year on campus. Only 4.8 percent of freshmen failed a class.

UT administrators are also working to help students establish their majors early to increase graduation rates. Last year, the University implemented Wayfinder, an online program to help prospective students learn about areas of study and potential majors that match their interests.

"If you start off in the right major on your first day of class you're much more likely to graduate on time," Laude said.

Mariela Davila, an electrical engineering freshman from El Paso, attended the first orientation session and said she definitely



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David Laude, senior vice provost for enrollment and graduation, spoke to the Class of 2017 in Hogg Auditorium on Wednesday about how to graduate in four years.

noticed UT's push for four-year graduation.

Davila said. "Motivating you."

Davila said she felt graduating in four years was a good idea because she would be able to graduate with the students she came in with.

Laude said the University is already working on plans for the Class of 2018.

News editor Jody Serrano contributed to this story.



## SOFTBALL

# Texas falls in WCWS semifinals

By Jori Epstein  
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Texas fell to Tennessee 2-1 in the Women's College World Series semifinal game June 2 to end its season 51-10. No. 7 seed Tennessee propelled a first inning home run and a bases-loaded walk into a victory over Texas' sole home run.

No. 4 seed Texas began with a 6-3 defeat of Arizona State before facing Oklahoma in the winners bracket. Texas took an early lead against the Sooners as Brejae Washington

singled to drive in a run, before Kim Bruins walked with the bases loaded. Oklahoma responded with six runs in the bottom of the third as part of a 10-run streak to end the game in the fifth.

"We gave them a lot of extra opportunities by issuing free passes and a couple of very uncharacteristic errors," head coach Connie Clark said.

Texas then shut out No. 2 seed Florida 3-0 to eliminate the Gators the following day.

Luna struck out 14 batters and allowed just one hit. She had 10 consecutive

strikeouts against Florida to break her single-season record of 404 and became the third Big 12 pitcher to pass 400 in more than one season.

"I was really proud of how I did and just bouncing back," Luna said. "That's what [this is] about. I did a lot better job of mixing and it worked."

Complementing Luna's performance was a three RBI-homer from Bruins in the third. The homer was Bruins' second in the series.

"I'm seeing the ball very

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Senior Kim Bruins heads to the dugout during the Longhorns' game against Oklahoma at the WCWS last week. Texas fell 2-1 to Tennessee in the semifinal round.

NATE BILLINGS  
Associated Press

## Horns have best season

By Christian Corona  
Daily Texan Columnist

Like the last couple of squads before them, Texas was expected to go to the Women's College World Series. Unlike those previous teams, they did.

Once the Longhorns arrived in Oklahoma City, the expectations were not as well-defined. Two-and-out wouldn't do. But surely no one predicted, much less expected, Texas to win it all. Not with Oklahoma, one of the best teams to suit up in recent memory, on the same side of the bracket.

So Texas did something in between. The Longhorns advanced to the WCWS semis, where they fell to Tennessee 2-1 on June 2. They began the WCWS the same way they started it in 2006, by beating Arizona State.

Then — after a brief

tornado scare postponed it — came the loss to Oklahoma, as expected, before the Longhorns' last day of the season, when they proved that they were the best team in the history of the program.

It started with a 3-0 win over Florida, marking the first time the Gators were blanked all year. Blaire Luna was brilliant in what would be Texas' 51st and final win of the year, striking out 14 and allowing only one hit.

She was then asked to do something she hadn't done all year — pitch two complete games in one day. Luna surrendered just two runs on three hits while striking out 12, but issued a season-high eight walks as the Longhorns' season ended in a one-run loss to the Lady Vols.

It marked the third time Texas advanced to the semis

in Oklahoma City, the other two times with Cat Osterman in the circle. While Osterman will go down as the best player in school history, none of her teams can match what the Longhorns did this season.

Each of the top three hitters in Texas' lineup — Taylor Hoagland, Brejae Washington and Taylor Thom — struggled in the WCWS but hold multiple school records and spearheaded an offense that was much more productive than any of Osterman's teams.

Luna's performance on the final day of the season rivaled that of anything Osterman did. The numbers — 288 pitches, 26 strikeouts, four hits allowed over 14 innings — barely scratch the surface of what she accomplished two Sundays ago. She did it all with a tight

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## BASEBALL



Junior right fielder Mark Payton hits against UT-Pan American this April. The Longhorns finished a disappointing season with a record of 27-24 and missed the post season for the second year in a row.

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## Frustrating season ends

By Sara Beth Purdy  
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After a season full of disappointments, at least the Longhorns concluded their 2013 season on a positive note. The struggling Texas squad shut out Big 12 newcomer TCU 3-0 in Fort Worth in the Longhorns' regular season finale. Despite picking up the win, the Longhorns (27-24, 7-16) dropped the series 2-1.

For the second year in a row, the Longhorns missed the postseason. The last time

the Longhorns failed to reach the postseason for two straight seasons was in 1997 and 1998. After that, the Longhorns enjoyed 13 straight years of trips to the NCAA tournament, which included two national titles. The Longhorns were also the only team not to qualify to compete in the Big 12 tournament.

The Longhorns finished dead last in the Big 12 regular season without having won a single conference series. The last time the Longhorns failed to win a conference series was in 1956.

Junior Mark Payton ended the season with a .393 batting average, finishing as Texas' leading hitter, ahead of C.J. Hinojosa who finished the season hitting .309 and junior Erich Weiss at .299. Payton also led with 11 doubles and eight triples and tied with Hinojosa for 29 RBIs.

On the mound, Dillon Peters led the Longhorns with six wins and a 1.97 ERA, the lowest among the starting rotation. Junior Nathan Thornhill led with 60 strikeouts and junior Corey Knebel finished with nine saves.

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well and trying to be more selective with the pitches," Bruins said.

Luna's 38 career WCWS strikeouts rank second in program history.

"It's just about fighting and staying the course," Luna said. "I'm really proud of our team and the way that we fought this year."

Joining Luna and Bruins as the winningest class in school history, seniors Torie Schmidt and Taylor

Hoagland finished their careers strong. Schmidt connected on a team-high four hits during the Series and Hoagland graduates with a host of records. Among them, she holds school marks with 221 career runs, 58 home runs and 178 walks.

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forearm and a blood blister on her throwing hand. Still, she said she could have lasted at least a couple more innings.

"It is upsetting that we

came up short," Luna said. "I've grown so much as a person this year, and I've accomplished a lot. I just really couldn't be any more proud of my team and of myself."

The 2003 squad had a better winning percentage, the

2005 group went just as far in the WCWS and the 2006 team won more games. All three had the best player to ever put on a Texas uniform.

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## ART

## Maker's mark

By Sarah Grace Sweeney  
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Adam Young, 38, is a “maker,” or that’s what he calls himself.

He is an artist, a wood and metal worker, a skateboarder, a father, a husband and a man of the past. He mentions a “buddy” or friend in every other sentence, and it is clear he surrounds himself with family everywhere he goes. But his work begs a certain autonomy.

He clearly appreciates working independently from a boss, a specific location or rules of execution. His handiwork, however, is behind some of the coolest spots in Austin — such as Yellow Jacket Social Club, Javelina and Farewell Books.

Young first came to Austin in 1994 to pursue skateboarding and be a part of the punk music scene. He moved back for a second time in 2004 for a landscaping job. He hasn’t left since then, and is now one of a handful of craftsmen keeping Austin beautiful with the work of his own two hands.

Young has worked with his hands since he was a kid. One of the first things he ever built was a tree house on a hill with his brothers at one of their Louisiana homes. But he never made a conscious decision to pursue woodworking as a career.

“It was something I just kind of stumbled upon, I suppose,” Young said. “Even now, I think that it’s pretty amazing that I’m able to have a family and make a living doing something that I

really love and am passionate about.”

Old Crow is the name Young gave to his self-owned and operated business, which he’s had since early 2010. He’ll build anything from tables for friends to backyard decks for contract clients. Two of his most notable projects, however, are popular Austin joints: Yellow Jacket Social Club, a bar on East Fifth Street, and Javelina. Both have a well-worn and welcoming atmosphere, in large part due to the warmth of every surface, stool and bench. This feeling comes from using salvaged materials. Young traveled with the co-owner of Javelina, Craig Primozich, to Hillsboro, Ore., to see the old red barn wood that would become the base of the bar.

“I hadn’t even hired him yet and we went and picked out wood together and spent the day together,” Primozich said. “Once I saw him digging through all the stuff and talking about ideas and what he could do with things, I was pretty sold. He just knew what he was doing.”

Using salvaged materials, while not essential for Young, better suits his personal taste. He said either the material will dictate the design and what can be done with a piece of wood or metal, or a very specific design will require finding very specific materials.

“I don’t like to say that I have one thing, but for me personally I really love the look and the feel of salvaged materials and even

repurposing materials or objects,” Young said. “The wood itself will tell me if it makes the cut to be used or not. Sometimes I’m not quite sure what it’s going to yield and then you peel the first few layers back and it blows you away how beautiful the grains and the colors and the things that pop out [are]. I think that’s one of the things about working with old material, some of the surprises that you can discover.”

Musicians like Levon Helm, John Prine and Kris Kristofferson inspire a lot of the wording and sometimes the imagery of Young’s work.

“I’ll just be listening to a song at one point and one of their lyrics just jabs me a certain way,” Young said of his creative process. “Right now Kris Kristofferson, I’ll just listen and listen and listen to Kris Kristofferson music over and over again for days and days and weeks and then ... just kind of, something else will happen. It just shifts over to being inspired.”

Young is not a rock star and doesn’t have an ego, but he’s got a fan club. There are those who look to him as an artist, those who look to him as a creator of beautiful structures and there’s a little girl who looks to him as a father. As much as Young values his independence, it is clear that quite a few people would be lost without him. And while he would never admit it, he’s a lot like the salvaged wood he loves to work with so much. If you sand it down and peel back the layers, what you find will surprise you and strike you as remarkably beautiful.



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Adam Young of Old Crow Custom Works designs construction projects that utilize new and salvaged materials in his self-built studio.

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—Adam Young





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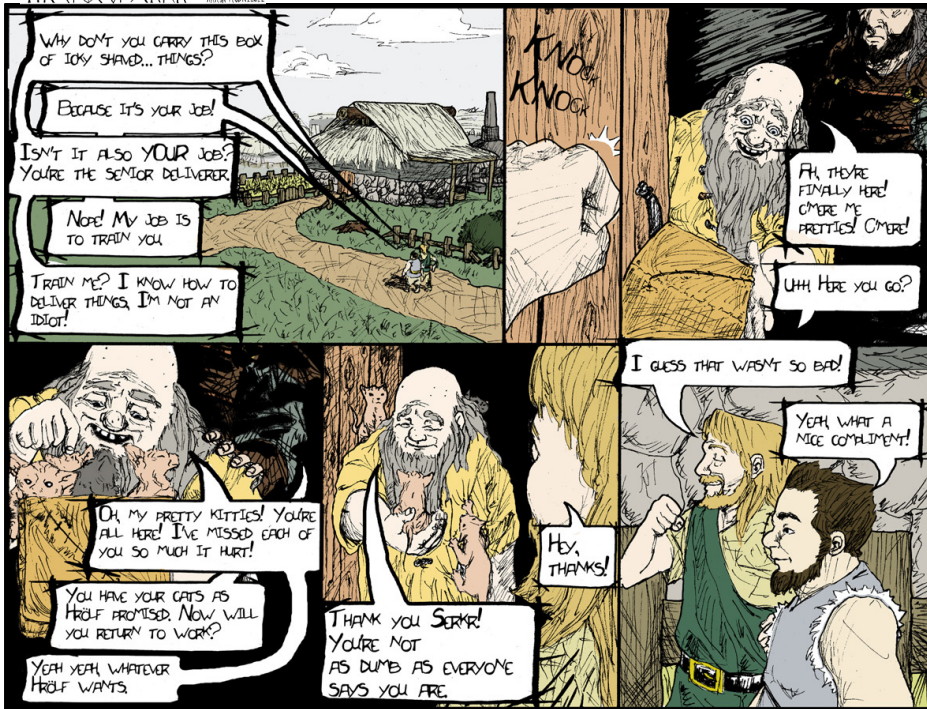
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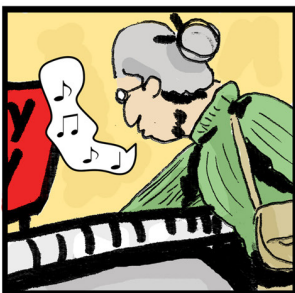
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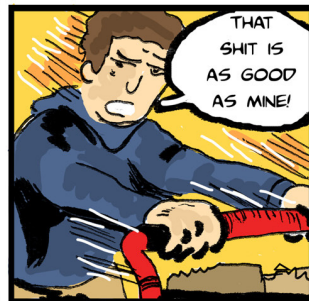
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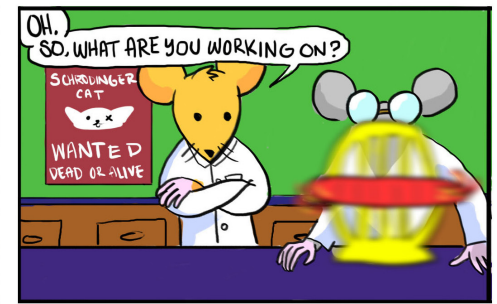
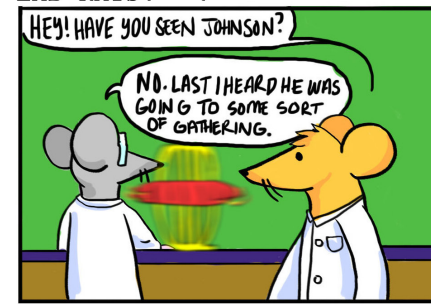
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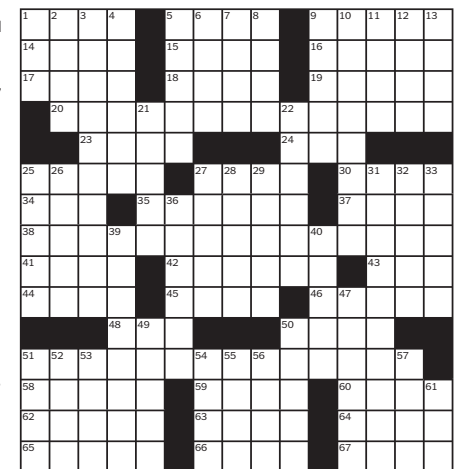
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