Treading on thin ice

5 things to know about US-Russian relations

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WASHINGTN — The weather is warm at this year's Winter Olympics in Sochi, yet U.S.-Russia relations remain in the deep freeze. Back in 2009, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton gave the Russian President Vladimir Putin the top diplomat at a red button labeled “reset” to symbolize how U.S.-Russian relations had thawed — even though it was mistranslated into Russian. But the event was more of a downsized version than a soaring ski jump. Russian President Vladimir Putin hopes that the Olympics will further seal his nation’s status as a world power. But President Barack Obama is among several worrisome leaders who decided not to show up. Here are five of the issues where U.S.-Russia relations have run out of steam.

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Washington and Moscow are in a standoff over Ukraine, which is rocked by anti-government demonstrations over Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych’s rejection of an agreement with the European Union and his acceptance of a $15 billion loan package from Russia instead. Both the U.S. and Russia accuse each other of meddling in the affairs of the EU’s pace in taking steps to help Ukraine.

The Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, have been creating a lot of buzz lately — seemingly about anything but the Olympic events. From torrential threats and government spending to the Sochi Problems Twitter account, the amount of media coverage in the Olympics can be confusing.

Dr. Sergei Kovalyev, assistant political science professor, teaches a class on terrorism and will teach a Government and Politics of Russia class in the fall. He has spoken about these topics with national media prior to this interview.

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For the Facebook tells me so

Time Magazine developed an app that tells us when to get married. Gaze upon the ed board's future

Want to know when you will put a ring on it? Just in time for Valentine's Day, the good folks over at Time Magazine have released an app that will tell you the amount of time you have remaining to the nuptial. It calculates the middle age of your married friends and then projects what their relationships mean for you in the love department.

Theoretically, according to Time, because most of your friends are close to your age, the number should tell you your expiration date when it comes to romance.

This method is as accurate as a fortune cookie.

There is no science behind this prediction. It only includes friends who have been married the same date of birth, including the year. It also uses the word "married" to include "engaged," "a domestic partnership" or "in a civil union." There is clearly a difference in similarity having a ring on your finger and actually taking vows.

While it is mildly obvious that the numbers are hollow, some use Facebook as a hub for all things true and legitimate.

Giving such a false projection may potentially cause people into thinking that their relationship is ticking or has already run out of time. This app is getting an unfair corporate pressure on Facebook users’ love lives. Any number should tell you your expiration date when it comes to romance.

For many, regardless of self-confidence, apps such as this one force them to play "what if's" about themselves with others. It’s kind of like going to a family reunion where everyone asks, "What are you getting married?" or, "When are we going to have a little one running around?"

While this app was probably released in the spirit of Valentine’s Day to promote fun, love, some people unfortunately use Facebook as it was a Bible. It reinforces the envy and loneliness that is sometimes felt for people who are married. All single people who use the app will be left feeling bad about flying solo. Thanks for the pressure.

Now we are even more stressed about finding our proverbial "sigh and chains." Disclaimer: Before you take over to the cut shelter, remember that everyone will meet his or her mate at some point. Don’t adopt animals if you don’t want to be left feeling bad about flying solo. Thanks for the pressure.

Also, for those in relationships, this can cause tension. The partner may have never even talked about marriage or “saying yes to the dress,” and here they are forced to think about such an event.

Good shot, Time, but this tool missed the mark. There is no right or wrong time to get married. All single people who use the app will be left feeling bad about flying solo. Thanks for the pressure.

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City Year helps kids succeed in out of class environment

By Beverley K. Boreham

City Year, a service organization that stretches from Los Angeles to Austin, seeks a school to do a internship program.

They serve nearly 250 of the nation’s highest need public and parochial secondary schools. City Year’s goal is to improve the quality of education and helping them succeed and in beyond the classroom. The City Year scholars are selected from high school each year in America, according to cityyearing. One million stu-
dents could never get to experience a college football game, sample driving halls or blue book ex-
aminations.

Marnee Grant, senior regional re-

cruitment manager for City Year, said she is excited for Baylor students to be involved with the organization. The next application deadline is Feb. 15 for its senior gift.

The City Year program focuses on students in grades three through nine. Grant said the hiring team prefers to look at college seniors’ preferences for a particular group in the application process. If the hiring team approves the application, the student must pass a background check, which can be viewed through clicking on “pass to group,” Grant said.

Accepted members will receive a stipend for their service. Kathleen McCain, City Year’s admissions op-

erations manager for the Florida in-

terior, said some require a small fee from a region to another.

For the upcoming 2014-15 school year, the number incurred is $500 exclu-
sive of application.

Because corps members help in the planning of school activities, their start date is usually earlier than other corps members. Prospective corps members start full-time in July 2013.

Grant outlined the type of person who would make an excellent corps member.

“An exemplar of their high school years,” Bacque said. “It’s a way for us to show our appreciation.”

The officers decided to make T-shirts for its senior gift.

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Sorority celebrates love, arts

By Carlye Thorn Ton | lariat Photographer

On the Eve of Valentine’s Day, Zeta Phi Beta along with the Black History Month Committee presented “Jazz and Stanzas” in the SUB DUN. The performances at the event, including poetry readings and student performances dealt with topics like yearning for romantic love rooted in spirituality, abuse centers, and love that originated in New Orleans, so we thought we would combine the two, “Ashley Bland, convention sales and marketing representative, said. The performances at the event, Azenabor said her sorority will be taking the show on the road and will perform at the event. Dallas senior Charmia Burton recited a poem at the event titled, “A Folded Dream or Distant Memory” that mentioned the struggles of trying to stay away from an ex, taking partial responsibility for and continuing to smile after a breakup. “I wanted something more, something deeper,” she said in her poem. “I’m too blame just the same.”

Round rock freshman India Fordham sings an original song at Zeta Phi Beta’s Jazz and Stanzas event on Thursday. Album covered the many emotions of love—the one that hurts and the one that feels of heartache, and love that is painful, she said. Prairie senior Eseosa Azenabor, said that love music. “Bland said. The performance also included poetry readings and student performances dealt with topics like yearning for romantic love rooted in spirituality, abuse centers, and love that originated in New Orleans, so we thought we would combine the two, “Ashley Bland, convention sales and marketing representative, said. The performances at the event, Azenabor said her sorority will be taking the show on the road and will perform at the event.

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Baseball kicks off 2014 season at ASU

By Jennifer Hennessy

Baylor baseball won third in ever Big 12 tilt in the 2011-12 sea- son and the team’s success won one record that the Bears are a new Baylor re- offense in the country, but it’s non-entity to defeat their rivals going through an under .500 sea- son last year.

Last year ended pretty abrupt- ly and not the way we wanted to,” junior pitcher Blake Smith said. “Going into this year, we’re really looking for a fast start, and just playing some ball against someone without green and gold on.”

The Bears are looking to remain dominant from their champion- ship season two years ago in the upcoming 2014 season that starts today against the No. 19 Arizona State Sun Devils in Tempe, Ariz.

“If we’re hot for too long, we make a record in our opening weekend. Stearns is 2-0 with nine strikeout on the way to a 0.75 ERA in five games, but allowed 21 runs. Only seven runs in their first four games, but allowed 21 runs.

Every home game is that much more important with so few to be played. The Bears will move on to play Drake later that day in a double- header. The Bulldogs have lost twice to Central Michigan.

Drake has a sculentive team bat- ting average of .357, while allowing their opponents to bat .272 over the same stretch. The Bulldogs scored seven runs in their first four games, but allowed 23 runs.

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The Bears have received votes in the ESPNU/USA Today/Ames College Top 25 softball poll after returning their first four against Vir- ginia Tech. Oklahoma, Texas Tech- nique State and Baylor in the Music City Classic.

Baylor will play Big 10 oppo- nent Iowa at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. The Hawkeyes are 2-2 to start, with wins over UNC-Greensboro, San Francisco and Providence. Baylor is 2-0 run- ning with No. 18 Missouri, who beat the Bears and Sun Devils faced off in the Music City Classic at 3 p.m. The last Bears and Sun Devils faced off in the Pac-12 Network, but all of Baylor’s games this season will be on ESPN or ESPN2.

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Regardless of the disappoint- ing season last year and mediocre season finishing rank for Baylor base- ball, Smith said he wants strong- ly in its grit and willingness to do whatever it takes in 2014.

“I think we’ve got a lot of com- petitive fire in this team, and we’re just a bunch of dogs that want to win. We’re really just going to take it one game at a time and see- what can我们 do?” Smith said. 

Baylor head coach Steve Smith is the father of two players on the team—Bryan and freshman first baseman Case Smith. “For me, it’s just been a dream season,” Smith said. “To play my broth- er, to play with my dad, to be here and to finally be on the field, it’s just a dream. I’m excited to begin this year.”

Case is entering his first sea- son with Baylor baseball. He said spectators (prospects and backers) are “not important with so few to be played.”

“We have to remind ourselves that the game of baseball is hardly a marathon, not a sprint.”

Softball has five games over weekend

No. 14 Baylor softball is off to a strong 1-4-1 start after a dominant showing in the SportKits Kick-Off Classic in Las Vegas. In their four wins, the Bears outscored oppo- nents 38-5.

This is the Blazers’ first appearance in Las Vegas. In their four weekends. In their four weekends.

Senior pitcher Whitney Canion pitched. “It’s an honor to have a mark that like, but I want to be humble about it,” Canion said. “The shut- outs are nice, but it doesn’t get us to the World Series or we’re a Big 12 Championship. If we can get to that point, the numbers will come with the games we win.”

Junior outfielder Kaliysha Thau- maith led Baylor with a .455 bat- ting average. She has scored seven runs in five games. The Bears lead the Big 12 in team batting average, runs, hits and RBIs.

Canion and sophomore pitcher Myraclesk Smith are expected to be the two starters for Baylor over the weekend. Smith is 2-0 with nine strikeouts on the way to a 0.75 ERA in five games, but allowed 21 runs. Only seven runs in their first four games, but allowed 21 runs. “Baylor moves on to play TCU at 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon.”

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"I met with a government agency and found some other opportunities. They all were really looking for anyone that had a little bit of steel in my armor," Nall said.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the most common careers for liberal arts majors are management, sales, and related occupations, which together employs about 60 to 70 percent of employees coming out of liberal arts programs. But that number may be an overestimate, since some of the respondents to the survey may have been employed in other positions or may have majored in another field.

However, the survey also found that many liberal arts graduates do find success in fields that are not typically associated with liberal arts degrees. For example, 37 percent of respondents said they had pursued careers in business, 34 percent in social sciences, and 25 percent in education. Additionally, 30 percent said they had pursued careers in the arts, 28 percent in healthcare, and 25 percent in engineering.

Notably, 80 percent of survey respondents said that they were satisfied with their current jobs, and 77 percent said that they were satisfied with their career paths. However, 73 percent said that they would have chosen a different career if they knew what they knew now.

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