Students senator under scrutiny

By Jessica Starrett

Senior Business Administration

San Antonio sophomore Chase Hardy, a student senator, will still run in the Student Body President election after facing a possible impeachment this past week.

Hardy said an impeachment could have affected student elections this spring.

“Is it also unfortunate that if the impeachment went through, the Student Body President election would have been won by default,” Hardy said. Arлин gorge junior Dominic Edwards said the executive council brought up the impeachment due to discrepancies in his lack of attendance and involvement.

According to the constitution of the Baylor Student Body, a lack of attendance from the senators present must vote to approve the impeachment, which did not happen when the vote took place.

Before the meeting, the senate executive council ordered Hardy’s resignation.

“When he declined, he went before the executive council and presented a case, which led the council to believe that the senator’s resign would not happen Thursday when the vote took place,” Edwards said.

Hardy said he felt the charges against him were trivial. Hardy said the absence in question looked down to a lack of recorded senate service hours.

“Essentially if a student senator, with Arline George, is going to fill the duties of a senator, he needs to show up for the meetings,” Hardy said. Edwards said he did not feel that the senate executive council’s decision to bring up the issue was true because it happened the day before the hearing, at 11 a.m.

At the end of the meeting Student Body President Rodney Hodges made a closing statement.

“Vale integrity and try to understand your neighbors,” Hodges said.

Pres. Starr talks birth control in Capitol City before court hearing

By Joshua Corbino

Senior Writer

Hobby Lobby Stores Inc. challenged the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services mandate that all employers provide employees contraceptives in accordance with the Affordable Care Act at the U.S. Supreme Court Tuesday.

The case is cause for much controversy and debate and Baylor President and Chancellor Ken Starr sat down with Harvard Law Professor Alan Dershowitz and Chancellor Ken Starr at Monday morning, the day before the hearing, at the Capitol.

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The justices weighed the questions in a 90-minute argument.

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“Religious freedom is guaranteed by the First Amendment and our community recognizes that,” he said.

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Workers rights necessary for World Cup host

Starr: Greens’ religious objection to HHS mandate valid

During the ﬁrst year of its two-term presidency, Bill Clinton signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The act gained widespread consensus, as most Americans, of all relevant faiths, supported the law. It was not a sweeping piece of legislation, but it was a signiﬁcant step forward in protecting the religious freedom of those who engaged in activities prohibited by the newly enacted Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), which was intended to provide a more robust test of government actions that burdened religious practice.

In plain English, in Hobby Lobby, the federal government now has to run the RFRA gauntlet. The Hobby Lobby case is obviously about the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) and the religious freedom of the Greens. However, it is also about the speciﬁc burden on the Greens by the Affordable Care Act. For the Greens, the RFRA is a substantial, but reasonable, test.

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noted experience through Common Grounds Friday night concert.

The venue and Downtown Marketing mar-

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Grounds for this Friday’s concert featuring

(Waco junior Trannie Stevens is the

four award-winning guest partici-

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Contemporary poets celebrate works at Beall Festival

The Baylor Lariat

Project helps promote music artists, events

By Anja Rosales

“Four people in the class con-

ronsanise works from the world, “King said.

Duncan, professor in the English depart-

King said the most interesting part of the festival was

“Every single person in the class contrib-

By DeWayne Holloman

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No. 12 Lady Bears fall 4-3, but finish 12-0 in double-header against Sam Houston

By Melissa Arzayus

Senior pitcher Ryan Smith and junior catcher Jane Scruggs both hit leadoff home runs during the Lady Bears’ conference opener against Sam Houston on Tuesday. The Lady Bears’ first meeting with SHSU was a complete game shutout, 2-0.

As in their game on Monday afternoon, the Lady Bears flowed fluidly through five innings, tallying eight hits and 10 runs against 18 batters before he was taken out of the game. His replacement, senior Sara Quinn, was brought on for defense control, and ended up causing as much damage as Smith. With one hit and 10 batters in one inning, Quinn gave up four hits and four runs. Quinn was taken out immediately after pitcher Ryan Smith’s replacement, junior pitcher Darcie Ashby, took the reins from Scruggs. Tworypton got on the mound, the game slowed down for both batters. UT-Arlington led 8-1 at that point, and reserve players were on the field for the Mavericks. Ashby pitched two innings, only giving up one hit and zero runs. After Ashby had her turn, freshman pitcher Nick Lewis stepped up to close out the game quietly and without much resistance. His expectations were promptly thrown out the window as the Mavericks scored four runs off of Lewis.}

“Obviously, we would have liked to sweep the two games, but middle of the week games are designed to prepare you for the weekend schedule,” head coach Glenn Moore said. “I was pleased with the way the catcher responded at the plate in the second game.”

By Jeffrey Swindoll

In their first midweek game away from Baylor Ballpark, the No. 29 Baylor Bears could not overcome UT-Arlington’s hitting advantage in a 13-6 decisão Tuesday night. The Arlington Mavericks defeated Baylor’s pitching staff and broke the Bears’ five game win streak against UT-Arlington.

For the first time in eight innings, the Bears did not score a run in the first inning. Hits and runs have been hard to come by recently, but the lack of offense has been made up for with shut-down pitchers by the Bears’ staff. Against Texas Tech, the Bears scored only six runs in 3 games and six runs in the series. This time, Baylor’s pitching broke down and imploded.

Tuesday was the Bears’ second meeting with the Mavericks. Freshman pitcher Liz Spicer pitched 5.2 at Baylor Ballpark. In that game, the Mavericks’ hitting numbers rose to the total reached on Monday, and the pitching gave the Bears 8 hits and plenty of walks in that first inning. It was a complete different story as time went on. ETSU batted the Bears early with runs in the first inning. The Bears scored four more runs in that inning. ETSU scored two more runs in the top of the first inning to give Baylor the 2-0 advantage.

Baylor reached out to load the bases, but a wild pitch from pitcher Julie Wood allowed Texas Southern to score two runs. The Mavericks retorted with two runs and a 4-2 lead in the third inning. In the fourth, the Bears managed to load the bases once again. With the bases loaded, pitcher Whitney Canion was called on to get out of the inning.

In the top of the fourth, the Bears finally got on the scoreboard with a single to load the bases with any runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. The Mavericks retaliated with two runs of their own to send the Bears’ season early.

With the bases loaded once again, Smith hit a single up the middle to drive in two more runs. After Young loaded the bases with another single, Holl blasted a two-run home run in the fifth inning to give BU a 14-0 lead, which withstood the rest of the game.

The Bears travel to Charleston, W. Va. to face the West Virginia Mountaineers’ first Big 12 series. It will be the 12 weekend series. It will be the Bears’ first conference series away from Baylor Ballpark.

The Bears played solid con-ference baseball the past two weekends and have won this weekend against West Vir-ginia will test the Bears’ ability to bounce back after getting crushed Tuesday.