

Registration is open now for the Waco Color Me Rad 5K race in May.



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## Food court fallout

Students gather around a collapsed portion of the ceiling Sunday in the Penland Dining Hall. The roof leaked briefly before blowing out under the weight of rain and sleet.

## Slick streets

### Police caution students in icy conditions

By REBECCA FIEDLER  
STAFF WRITER

Baylor and Waco police agree — if there's ice on the road, it's best just not to drive at all. After attending to 75 ice-related wrecks in the Waco area from Sunday evening into Monday morning, police urged residents to stay off the roads whenever the temperature is below freezing.

None of the 75 wrecks were reported on campus, though some were near the new stadium construction. There was ice on the top floors of all the parking garages on campus, and Baylor police blocked these levels off.

"Central Texans are not used to driving in those kinds of conditions," said Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton, Waco police public information officer.

The high for today in Waco, according to the National Weather Service, will be 47 degrees Fahrenheit with a 20 percent chance of rain, and the high for Wednesday is 61 degrees Fahrenheit with a 10 percent chance of rain.

Swanton said he appreciates schools and businesses opening late on days where roads are icy.

"There were several businesses and schools that issued late starts Monday morning," he said. "That really helped us as a department. Our city people were able to get out and start surveying the roads and got some of those bridges sanded before traffic got heavy. That really played a part in us not having a whole bunch of crashes Monday morning."

Swanton said although avoiding icy roads is preferable, drivers should take extra caution if it's crucial that they get on the road.

"You're not going to have control of a vehicle if you start sliding on ice," he said. "There's not much you can do to recover from that other than to be going slow enough to begin with that hopefully the car will correct itself before you hit anything."

Chief Jim Doak, Baylor Police, said

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## Professor finds center on ice rink

By RAE JEFFERSON  
STAFF WRITER

Although the 2014 Winter Olympics have come to a close, the fascination with sports that have found a home in frigid temperatures has not.

Baylor's own Courtney Lyons, the assistant director of student success and a lecturer of religion, spends her days in the academic world Monday through Friday, but when Saturday rolls around, she takes her place on a pair of blades fit for the Sochi games.

On July 4, 1992, Lyons set foot on the ice as a little girl who had witnessed Kristi Yamaguchi win an Olympic gold medal in figure skating at the 1992 Albertville, France, Winter Olympics.

Lyons said she grew up in the Dallas area and learned to skate at an ice rink in Fort Worth. Beginning with "learn to skate" classes, she learned the basics of skating and then participated in a beginners' competition.

"I enjoyed it, and I did well, so I've been doing it ever since," she said.

As Lyons grew older, her passion for skating increased. At the age of 12, she met her current coaches, husband and wife Peter and Darlene Cain. Peter competed as a pair skater in the 1980 Olympics, and he and his wife have trained nationally-competing athletes as well.

"Between them, they have a lot of expertise," she said. "Peter is very good at teaching us not only how to

be good at what we do, but he also trains us to become coaches."

Lyons said she went to a high school that was conducive to her participation in the sport. Because classes were only held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, she was free to practice all day Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, as well as any other afternoon when she had time.

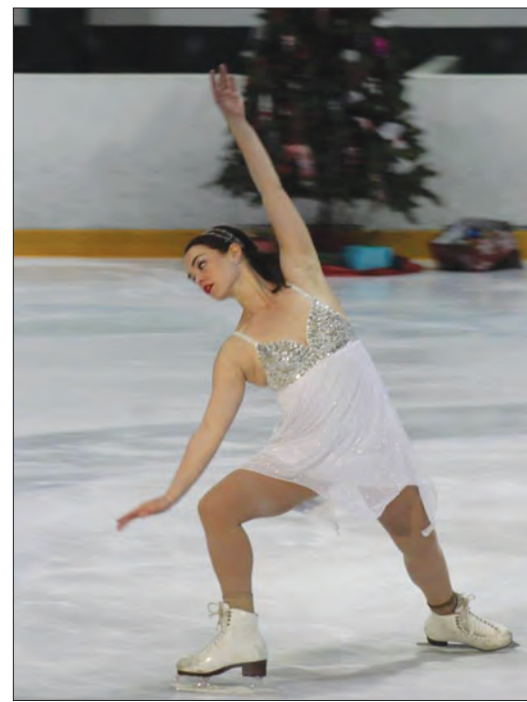
"I competed until I graduated from high school," Lyons said. "Between on-ice training, yoga, dance classes and conditioning, I was probably training 30 to 40 hours a week."

Preparation for a single routine, or program, could take several months, Lyons said. An average program could take about five lessons to plan with a coach and choreographer, and successive lessons would be used to run through it, tweaking things that may need to be changed or refined.

"Now I skate in shows, and I can put together a program in about a month for a show, but if I were competing I would want much more time to prepare," Lyons said.

Each Saturday, Lyons heads down to Dallas for a weekly time of skating and instructing. This summer will mark Lyons' second year as a coach who mostly works with young children. Waco does not offer services for people interested in ice skating, and the closest rinks are

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COURTESY OF COURTNEY LYONS

Baylor professor Courtney Lyons has been skating since she was young and continues on the weekends as a break from academia.

## Students shirt up to give back

By MADI ALLEN  
REPORTER



COURTESY PHOTO

Baylor students Conner Hatfield, left, and Andy Chon show off their logo shirts from their business, The Clothes Bros, which gives a T-shirt per purchase to a homeless person.

Misprinted T-shirts are tacked to the walls, along with Baylor paraphernalia and a cardboard cutout of Batman.

Oversized couches with large tears line the walls. Perhaps the kind found on front lawns with "for free" signs taped to them.

You step into the kitchen and find a large screen printing press sitting on a small, ink-stained coffee table in the center of the room. You can barely open the fridge because of the press' size.

This is the apartment of Fullerton, Calif., sophomore Andy Chon, Frisco sophomore Conner Hatfield, Denton sophomore Mitchell Heffington and Flower Mound sophomore

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## Global stocks slide while tensions build in Ukraine

By STEVE ROTHWELL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Russia's military advance into Ukraine rattled global markets Monday.

U.S. stocks fell the most in a month and the price of crude oil rose sharply as traders feared Russian exports could be affected by sanctions. Gold and bond prices rose as investors sought safety.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index had its biggest drop since Feb. 3, following markets in Europe and Asia lower, as Russia's military tightened its grip on the Crimea region of Ukraine.

It was the second time this year the U.S. stock market has been roiled by de-

velopments in emerging markets. Stocks slipped in January as investors worried about slowing growth in China and other emerging economies.

Now a showdown in Ukraine has grabbed investors' attention and stoked fears of a tit-for-tat campaign of economic sanctions between Russia and Western powers.

"Financial markets are doing exactly what you would expect them to," said Phil Orlando, chief equity market strategist at Federated Investors. "You have no idea what is going to happen and how this is going to play out."

The S&P 500 index fell 13.72 points,

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Check online for a complete slideshow of the Lady Bears' loss against West Virginia Sunday.



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MCC students raised funds for a spring break mission trip with original music and lyrics.



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# University Scholars needs tweak

## Editorial

The University Scholars major is one of the most prestigious majors at Baylor. Students are excused from virtually all university-wide requirements and are given the opportunity to “create their own major” while working with University Scholars advisers. According to the University Scholars website, the idea is students “develop one or more intellectual foci, while also taking a variety of courses to round out their liberal education.”

Unfortunately, the idea behind this major sometimes falls short. Some students end up treating the major as a pumped up general studies degree and use the lenient requirements of the degree to avoid taking difficult classes.

Students should enter the program with a better idea of what they want to do and study. Currently, incoming freshmen are allowed to apply to the program, but some students change their majors several times when entering college. According to research done by the Division of Undergraduate Studies at Penn State, 75 percent of students change their major at least once. Students rarely have a clear idea of what they want to study.

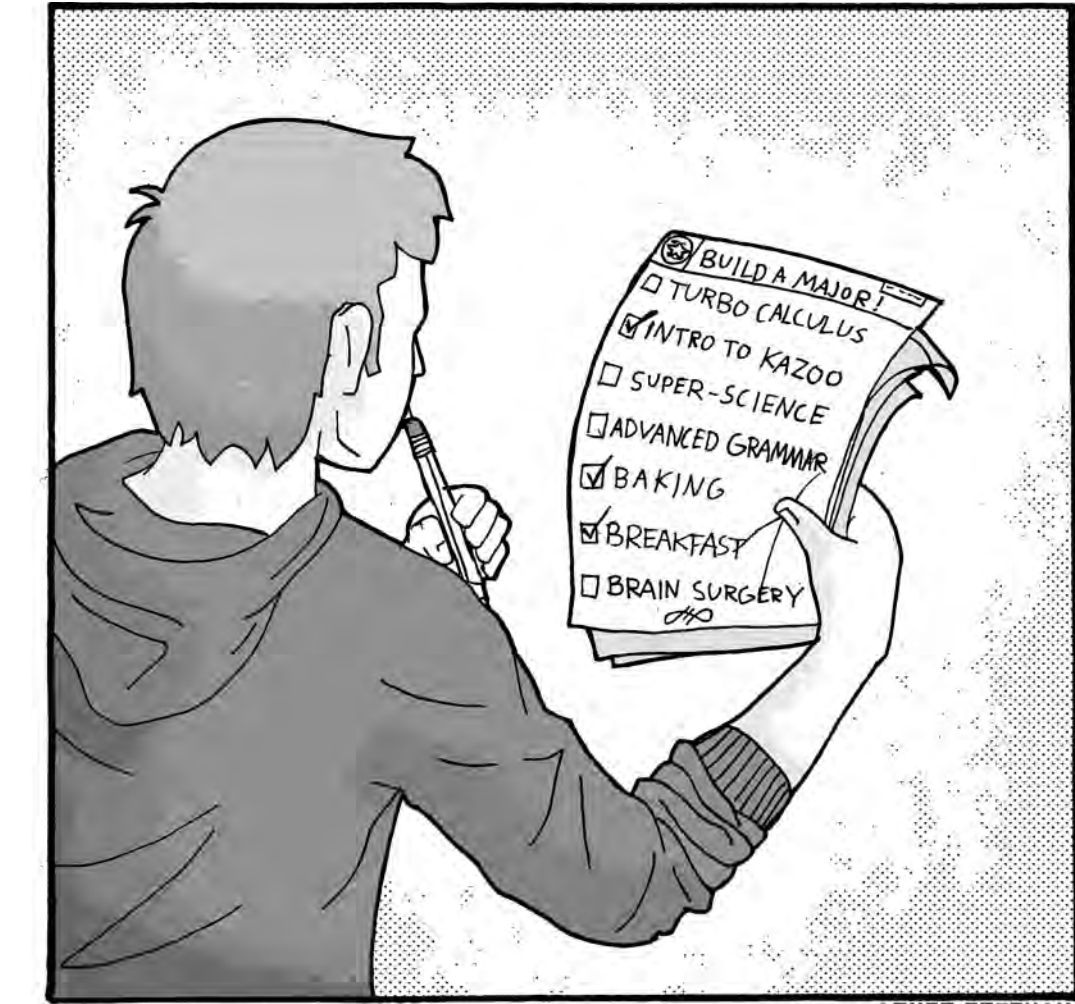
One solution to this is restricting admission into the program to second-year students and ensuring that students have very specific and set goals about what they want to study in the program.

University Scholars are vetted by the university. There are only about 160 University Scholars at Baylor, which comprises a little more than 1 percent of total Baylor enrollment. One-third of University Scholars are National Merit Finalists. They have to submit essays, teacher recommendations and possess high class ranks and GPAs. These are the best and brightest of Baylor's incoming class.

University Scholars are required to maintain a 3.5 grade point average to remain in the program. Additionally, they are required to take Chapel, Christian Scriptures, Christian Heritage, Great Texts and develop an independent reading list which they are tested on during the second semester of their junior year. They are also required to complete a senior thesis. Additionally, students are required to complete 90 hours as a University Scholar.

Within those 90 hours, though, students are given virtually free reign as to what courses they take. Again, the concept behind being a University Scholar is great. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to take classes from many different fields and it is developed for students who want to build for themselves a more well-rounded and holistic education.

However, using this game plan, students can choose concentrations in certain areas such as biology or



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classics or psychology. The difference is students can choose these concentrations and opt to avoid the really hard classes students in those majors would have to take. This is ideal for students applying to graduate and professional schools – something a majority of University Scholars choose to pursue.

However, it's also a cop-out for students who don't want to take those challenging courses out of fear of ruining a perfect or near perfect GPA. Students could earn a University Scholars degree and never take that dreaded course. Students in the program should strive to be academic leaders on campus – taking those hard classes and excelling in them, challenging themselves not padding their GPA.

Additionally, the title of a University Scholar is given to incoming freshmen, and smart or not, the student doesn't always have an idea about what they want to study. This is in conflict with the idea that a student in the program identifies certain areas of focus or certain themes that he or she wants to focus on as a University Scholar.

For an incoming freshman who is new to the world of college, the extra step of trying to really focus their University Scholar experience may be skipped. He or she might just think, “This subject seems like fun, let's take a couple classes in this.”

Students are welcome to trial and error, but as a University Scholar, they should have a more mature view of their education. They should have a better, more precise view of what they want their undergraduate experience to look like.

That's a very exclusive group, but with a program with this much freedom, a lot should be expected of students. It should not be viewed as a cop out of taking difficult classes, of ensuring a solid GPA before applying into a professional or graduate school.

It should be viewed as something meaningful and prestigious, not a fancified general studies degree for students who want to take whatever classes they want. This needs to be an effort of the students and of the program to really set it apart, because otherwise, it means less than it should.



SOURCE: CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

GRAPHIC BY TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

# Alcoholism can hit close to home

College alcoholism is anchored in the powerful illusion of the attractive drunk — the young college student with a bit of money in his pocket, little responsibility and a selfish recklessness that appears as a zest for life.

His cavalier attitude and wild abandon make him charming, reminiscent of alcoholic heroes such as James Bond or Doc Holliday.

College alcoholics can play the game as well and with as much charm as any binge drinker, but the binge drinker can walk away from it with their life while the alcoholic is left in an uncontrollable spiral toward a grim fate. The frightening thing is about the attractive drunk, he isn't trying to deceive anyone. He, just like my friends and I once did, has bought the illusion himself, hook, line and sinker.

The illusion that everything is fine is strengthened by the fact that the college years are often a time of denial, a time in which it is uncommon and frightening to admit the reality of one's problems whether they be small or grave. College can become a kind of young-adult Neverland in which one can choose never to truly face their problems, until it is too late to prevent those problems from damaging one's life.

For many students, college is a time to grow out of that mindset of denial and become responsible individuals, but for the addict, the mindset of denial is a prison from which escape requires an earth-shattering degree of honesty and



Josh Gill | Reporter

courage.

Despite warnings, the alcoholic can remain blind to his or her condition because addiction does not operate on principles of rationality. I am sure some of us would say that college life in general does not operate on principles of rationality, and if my own experience is any indication, I'd say that's a pretty true statement. That is one more reason why identifying a problem like alcoholism in one's self or one's friends during college can be hard and that is why we must be honest.

I am not advocating or demonizing the use of alcohol, but I am acknowledging that it happens among Baylor students, as does alcoholism. What I am attacking is the dishonest approach we take toward drinking in this community.

We cannot afford to continue in the delusion that Baylor is a place of almost monastic purity simply because it promotes Christian standards. We cannot persist in thinking the alcohol abuse that does occur among Baylor students is just a normal phase for every one of the participants and alcoholism is not a serious possibility for college students.

That approach almost killed my friends and me, and it kills nearly 2,000 college students each year.

Many people, myself included, did not recognize the signs of alcoholism because they were masked by an environment in which binge drinking is commonplace, and not just among us. When everyone is drinking to excess every weekend, how can we tell who is actually hooked on the substance and who is just practicing youthful recklessness?

How do we, as a community, help solve the problem of alcoholism among our peers and ourselves? In short, through honesty, awareness and grace. If you drink, be honest with yourself about your motivations and your habits. You are the only one who can make the choice to admit to having a problem and get help for it if you do have one. Do not destroy your life to preserve your pride.

Keep a caring eye out for each other as well. Hearing that you might have a problem is easier if the observation comes from a trusted friend.

Grace is needed as well. Those who are suffering with addiction need to know that they will be met with wel-

come and help rather than judgment and misunderstanding. Alcoholism is not a problem of willpower or self-control. It is a disease and it is a death sentence if nothing is done to treat it.

For the Baylor community, specifically, we need to be honest about what role alcohol is playing in our social lives. We need to acknowledge that youth is no guard against addiction, nor is a dry policy.

My friends who dealt with addiction were not stereotypical low-life alcoholics. They are normal college students and because of their youth and charm, their drunkenness was attractive.

Addiction is no respecter of age, gender, social status or institutional policy. It strikes indiscriminately. That is why we must all do what we can to help solve this issue.

If we could make this community a place where people felt safe being honest about their issues and where that honesty was met with love, grace and help, we would go a long way toward preventing the damage that alcoholism and other forms of addiction bring to people's lives.

As for my friends who suffered from addiction, they are in sobriety programs now of their own accord and they are moving on toward brighter futures. Personally, I believe the humility and courage they have demonstrated in their paths to recovery is something toward which we should all aspire.

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TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Participants celebrate as they pass the finish line at the annual Color Me Rad color run at the BSR Cable Park in Waco on Oct. 26, 2013.

## Registration begins for Color Me Rad 5K

By SHANNON FINDLEY  
REPORTER

Music, contests, dancing, and prize handouts are a few of the many activities that will be happening at 9 a.m. on May 10 at Waco's BSR Cable Park.

Runners of all ages will gather, decked out in all white, for the crazy and colorful Color Me Rad 5K run.

The Color Me Rad 5K, which has been held in Waco for two years running, gets its name from special color "bombs" thrown at racers throughout the course.

"By the end of the run they'll look like a kindergarten art project gone oh-so-right," said Gretchen Willard, Color Me Rad 5K director of public relations.

The Color Me Rad 5K run is held in most states and is more about runners enjoying themselves and having a good time than it is about winning.

"The main purpose of Color Me Rad is to have fun while you're

getting fit," Willard said. "It's an excuse to let loose."

Any person of any age can run in the Color Me Rad 5K, and registration is online at [colormerad.com](http://colormerad.com). Running in teams is encouraged, and kids younger than 7 years old run free. The run on May 10 has three different time slots at 9 a.m., 9:10 a.m., and 9:20 a.m. The three different time slots have been implemented to accommodate the large number of participants at the race, but the course of the run remains the same for each starting time. Spots are filling up quickly, with the 9 a.m. time slot already sold out, so anyone interested in participating is encouraged to register as soon as possible.

Color Me Rad is a for-profit event that donates part of the proceeds of each run to a local charity in the city where the run takes place. In Waco, Color Me Rad's charity partner is Baylor Buddies, a Baylor-based organization that focuses on mentoring kids from the Waco ISD school system.

"Everyone is required to mentor their child for at least one hour a week," said Baylor student Morgan Hall, Baylor Buddies coordinating director.

Baylor Buddies is a locally recognized mentorship program that is partnered with Communities and Schools, a government organization in Waco. The children that are mentored through Baylor Buddies range in age from early elementary school through middle school. Baylor Buddies allows Baylor students to act as positive role models, develop relationships with children in the community and mature as leaders.

The bulk of the 10 percent of proceeds that Baylor Buddies receives from the Color Me Rad 5K will be used to help pay for Baylor Buddies events such as Baylor basketball games as well as trips to Cameron Park Zoo and Waco's Skate Country roller skating rink. Additional funds will go to mentor appreciation gifts, and resources and supplies for mentors.

In the past, the Color Me Rad 5K has had between 3,000 and 10,000 participants. With registration beginning at \$35, Baylor Buddies can expect anywhere between \$10,500 and \$35,000 of funding from the run for the 2014-2015 school year, Hall said.

Hall has been involved in the program for the past three years. Hall is passionate about the impact Baylor Buddies has had on so many kids' lives in the Waco area thanks, in big part, to charitable donations from organizations such as Color Me Rad.

"I've had the same buddy for three years and it's just been really cool to see her grow as a person," Hall said.

The Color Me Rad 5K brings excitement to the sport of running through color, loud music and a total disregard for speed.

"Everyone is a winner at Color Me Rad," Willard said. "And every person wins a great time."

## Physics Society hosts competition testing knowledge

By KATDIE NORTON  
REPORTER

If you've ever wondered if you might be smarter than someone like Sheldon Cooper, you have the chance to find out during a game show-style competition against a team of physics majors.

The Society of Physics Students will host the competition at 6 p.m. Thursday in E125 Baylor Sciences Building, but there's a catch — the topics aren't physics related.

"It's called 'Are You Smarter Than a Physics Major,' but that's more of a promotional name," said Caddo Mills sophomore Christlynn Henderson, president of the Society of Physics Students. "Our questions aren't aimed at anything we think the physics majors would have come into contact with more than anyone else."

The game is in Jeopardy format with 11 categories that the event's Facebook page has listed as Baylor traditions, modern and classical music, history, geography, science, art and literature, TV and movies, logos, social media and slang and a miscellaneous category.

"There are 11 categories, but only five will be played at a time," Henderson said. "So, every team might have a completely new set of questions."

Teams will consist of three to five people. Participants can either pre-form a team, or come by alone and be placed on a team.

"Depending on how many teams come, there will either be two or three teams playing at a time," Henderson said. "One person at a time will go and they will have to stay until they get their question right."

Also similar to Jeopardy, points will be deducted for incorrect answers.

Registration is at the door and costs \$3 a person, which will benefit the society. People can register as a team or individually. Henderson encourages those who plan on coming to join the event's Facebook page called "Are You Smarter than a Physics Major?"

"We really want people to confirm on the Facebook page," she said. "That's kind of like their sign-up, that way we know how many people are coming."

Each member on the winning team will receive a green T-shirt with "Smarter Than a Physics Major" printed in white.

The physics majors already have their "dream team" assembled and looking forward to the event.

"I may be decent at physics, but I am terrible at trivia, so I am a little worried about dropping the ball on Thursday," said Pflugerville senior Geoffrey Morizot, physics and mathematics major. "But overall I think the event will be fun for everyone who attends and I hope we get a good turnout."

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# Baylor improves recycling effort, leads the Big 12 in competition

By MEGAN GRINDSTAFF  
REPORTER

RecycleMania, which allows schools from the United States and Canada compete in various recycling challenges, finished up its third week of competition.

As of last week, Baylor is posting better numbers than last year for the three main categories of competition, Per Capita Classic, Gorilla and Waste Minimization.

Out of the 441 participating schools from the United States and Canada, Baylor is ranked in the top 75 in all three components of competition. Baylor also leads the Big XII in Per Capita Classic and Waste Minimization.

"The number we really look at is the Per Capita," said Smith Getterman, assistant director of sustainability and special projects. "Because that is the most fair way of keeping track—keeping it even between us and all the other universities in the Big 12."

The Stephen K Gaski Per Capita Classic is a traditional RecycleMania competition. In this category, schools compete for the most

pounds of recycled paper, cardboard and bottles per person. The weight of collected recyclables is divided by the campus population, and the campus with the highest number per person wins. Through the third week of the competition in 2013, Baylor had collected 2.98 pounds/person, as opposed to a whopping 5.99 pounds/person this year.

The Gorilla Prize goes to the school with the highest gross tonnage of recycling over the course of the competition. Large universities with strong recycling programs typically dominate the Gorilla category. In 2013, Baylor had collected 52,480 pounds of recyclables, but this year the campus has doubled gross tonnage, collecting 105,360 pounds.

Waste Minimization measures the amount of recyclables and trash collected by the university and divides it by campus population to determine the average amount of waste produced by each person. At this point in 2013, each Baylor student had produced 14.77 pounds of waste, but this year the number is only 11.14 pounds.

As part of the waste minimization aspect of the competition, Baylor pledged to reduce waste through the use of environmentally conscious printer settings and paper reducing software, the availability of reusable plates, cups and utensils in the dining halls and creating educational programming to inform faculty, staff and students about waste minimization practices.

The improvement on last year's marks comes from heightened awareness and interest in sustainability throughout the student body, said Fort Worth senior Claire Allen. As a member of the Sustainability Student Advisory board, Allen plays an active role in getting her peers involved in going green on campus.

"In general, we've really wanted to focus on social media outreach" Allen said.

Getterman said getting back to the basics by focusing on recycling is crucial to continuing to become more sustainable as a university. "We'll never be finished with recycling until we are a zero-waste campus," Getterman said.



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION  
Baylor staff members Smith Getterman, Susan Bratton and Burt Burleson seek to incorporate a positive environmental outlook with Christianity.

# Going green for God

## Baylor staff say respecting environment coincides with appreciating creation

By MEGAN GRINDSTAFF  
REPORTER

Environmentalism is oftentimes thought of as a social or political issue, but environmentalism reveals itself as an issue of faith when Christians analyze biblical text and apply the idea of stewardship to the earth.

Baylor staff members Smith Getterman, Susan Bratton and Burt Burleson hope to help students make the connection between their faith and their green responsibilities.

"This is an issue of how we are living our lives, how people see us as Christians living our lives, appreciating and worshipping God and the creation that he gave us," said Getterman, assistant director of sustainability and special projects.

At a Faith Forum in January, Dr. Susan Bratton, professor of environmental science, showed students how Biblical texts indicate the Christian responsibility to preserve the environment. In Genesis, God creates man from the earth and commands Adam and Eve to be caretakers of the Garden of Eden. In the New Testament, Jesus does his preaching outside, in nature in Matthew 5-7, The Sermon on the Mount. Examples of stewardship and reverence for the earth permeate the Bible. In modern ministry, water is a renewing symbol during baptism, Bratton said.

Current Baylor students have

grown up in an age of environmental awareness. According to EnvironmentalHistory.org, the '90s featured huge strides toward environmental consciousness. In 1990, 76 percent of Americans identified themselves as "environmentalists" in a Gallup poll. During President Bill Clinton's time in office, he protected 58 million acres of national forest, earning him a conservation record second only Theodore Roosevelt. Students have been exposed to basic green ideas, like recycling and water conservation, their entire lives, so as millennials, it is easy to take the green movement for granted.

"With regard to environmentalism, what happened was, for the most part, the church reflected the values of the culture, which is not at all unusual," said university chaplain Burt Burleson. "The church is sitting in the culture all the time and can be coopted by it."

Amid contemporary political and social movements for a more sustainable society, Christians can use their faith to shape their relationship with the earth.

"When we think of things like water or paper or technology, we often write our Christianity off," Bratton said in her lecture. "We don't think it can really inform us on something we think is a technical issue."

Churches can start by taking small environmentally conscious

steps, like recycling bulletins and making modest decisions regarding lighting and air conditioning. Organizations like the Evangelical Environmental Network are actively working to tie together Christian ministry and sustainable practices. Churches can take even more initiative by incorporating environmentalism into the message on Sunday morning, Getterman said.

"To not do a sermon at least once every few years on God in the environment is really missing a big piece of the pie here," Getterman said.

Individuals can make a big difference through small changes, like the length of a shower or the temperature at which you set the air conditioning. Getterman sees environmental efforts, like recycling a can or taking a shorter shower, as little acts of worship. Acting in a way that respects the environment shows appreciation for God's creation, Getterman said.

To turn these efforts into daily habits will take effort, but the dividends to be reaped are well worth it, Burleson said. Baylor students who live off campus have to work particularly hard to be green, because they do not always have access to recycling.

"There is no such thing as real love that does not involve sacrifice," Burleson said. "In my mind, that is the message of the cross."



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## Carnival in Spain

Revellers known as 'Los Indianos,' throw talcum powder over each other during carnival on Monday in Santa Cruz de la Palma in the Canary islands, Spain. 'Los 'Indianos' represent the emigrants from the Americas, who returned to the island wealthier.



### Religious freedom in China

ChinaAid founder and president Pastor Bob Xiqu Fu will discuss "Freedom of Religious Expression in China," and talk about his experience with persecution in China for religious beliefs from 6 to 7 p.m. on March 4 in the Cashion Banquet Room. The lecture is a part of the Leadership Lecture Series sponsored by The Academy for Leader Development.

### Battle of the bands

The Baylor Union Board will host Battle of the Bands at 6 p.m. on March 26 in between the Bill Daniel Student Center and the Carroll Science Building. Students interested in signing up can contact student\_union@baylor.edu.

### Diversity award

Nominations are being accepted by the Diversity Committee for the Annual BU Diversity Award. The award is given to organizations, programs, and faculty and staff within the university that promote diversity through its leaderships and practices. Nominations for the award must be received by April 1.

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## MCC student sells music for mission trip

By Ashley Altus  
Reporter

Instead of the routine approach of writing letters to family and friends asking for financial support for missions, a soon-to-be Baylor student decided to raise the money by releasing an original song.

Jon Burr, Fort Worth sophomore at McLennan Community College, will be joining the Baylor class of 2016 this fall. He plans to travel to Edinburgh, Texas on a mission trip during spring break with the Antioch Community Church College Ministry.

Burr decided to raise the money by releasing an original song that can be purchased on his Bandcamp page, [jonburr.bandcamp.com](http://jonburr.bandcamp.com). In his song "Meet Me Here," Burr plays acoustic guitar and sings. All the purchases of the song will go toward funding the trip.

As of Sunday, Burr has raised more than \$323. The song can be purchased for \$1.99, but there is

also a name-your-own price option where people can choose to donate more.

"The song I wrote kind of talks about being in this dry place of not finding God, or feeling like he's not there for me," Burr said. "I think for me it's just trying to find God in a more real and tangible way."

Burr has been promoting his song through Facebook and word-of-mouth. He said the idea of fundraising by recording a song came about because he didn't just want to ask for money and not give anything back in return to his supporters.

"I had a song that I had been working on and I also knew that I needed to raise money, and I had the idea of instead of handing out letters and asking people for money, I can give them something in return," Burr said.

Ninety-two students, faculty and staff will be going on mission trips through Baylor Missions during spring break.



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McLennan Community College sophomore Jon Burr wrote and produced an original song to raise funds for a spring break mission trip to Edinburgh, Texas. As of Sunday, Burr has raised more than \$323.

Holly Widick, assistant director for missions at Baylor, said most student raise money through letter writing.

Students write out a letter they can mass produce to send to family, friends and people in their extended network they think might

want to help support them financially. The letters explain what type of trip the students are going on, why they need the financial support and how much money they are trying to raise.

"Letter writing is probably the first line of defense that students

use, and after that they go to team fundraising activities," Widick said.

Midland senior Emily Sue Hood has participated in the Ghana community development trip for the past three years at Baylor. She will be going back for a fourth year this summer. Her primary method of raising money for the trip has been through letter writing.

"I usually send about 50 to 60 letters to family and friends and somehow get all the support from that," Hood said.

The deadline to raise money for the trip is Wednesday. If Burr doesn't raise the money in time on his own he said he will still be going on the trip and the money will come from his parents or tax refund.

Baylor has an endowment fund to help students who are struggling raising money for their mission trip, but Widick said that money is only for Baylor mission trips.

"We would like to help students in the future with figuring out if you wanted to go on a mission trip with your church or you wanted to do a full summer of service, ways that Baylor can support you, but right now we don't have the funds to do that," Widick said.

Along with his solo work, Burr plays lead guitar and sings lead vocals in the band Something Poetic. Burr and the band performed last year at the Student Union Board's Battle of the Bands.

The song also features vocals from McLennan Community College audio-engineer student Jericha Price. Price is not going on the mission trip and only contributed backup vocals.

"We went into the studio that morning and I asked her if she would do some harmonies on the song, and it sounds great," said Burr. "She was nice enough to comply."

Burr plans to study sociology at Baylor next fall.

## Africa celebrates Oscar win for Kenyan actress

By Jason Straziuso  
Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — "You are the pride of Africa," Kenya's president exclaimed on Twitter as he celebrated Kenya's first major Oscar win by actress Lupita Nyong'o.

Nyong'o was the topic of the day on Kenya's radio and TV stations Monday, the day after her Oscar win for Best Supporting Actress in the movie "12 Years A Slave."

At a conference at the United Nations headquarters in Nairobi, more than 300 people broke out into applause after Wangari Maathai — the daughter of the late Kenyan Nobel Prize winner Wangari Maathai — mentioned her mother and Nyong'o in the same sentence.

"We all had hoped of course that she would win. Everybody feels a sudden attachment to her, she's a Kenyan woman," Maathai said in an interview later. "A lot of her work, a lot of her experience in film started in Kenya."

Nyong'o, 31, was born in Mexico to Kenyan parents but was mostly raised in Kenya. A graduate of the Yale School of Drama, Nyong'o had starred in several productions in Kenya before

landing her breakout role alongside Brad Pitt.

Nyong'o had been considered a front-runner in a category that included Jennifer Lawrence and Julia Roberts. When her name was called Sunday, she bent over in her seat as the audience erupted. Just before her win, Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta issued a statement saying Nyong'o's accomplishments testify to her talent and the determination to go the extra mile that success demands.

At the end of her Oscar speech, Nyong'o asked that her win remind "every little child that no matter where you're from your dreams are valid."

Maathai spoke Monday, which is Wangari Maathai Day in Africa, to honor the Nobel prize winner's dedication to the environment. She said that like her mother, Nyong'o is another Kenyan who has reached great heights.

"She (Nyong'o) attributes to her success to a lot of other black actresses who made her believe she could be something and that she could make it in film," Maathai said. "And I think it's so important to have role models, so important to have people who you can say, 'Ah, if she made it, maybe I can too.'"



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### Who's going to Pigskin Revue?

Kappa Omega Tau ended the 2014 All-University Sing season with the first place act. They were followed by Delta Delta Delta in second place and Alpha Tau Omega in third place. The other five acts returning to the Waco Hall stage for Pigskin Revue in the fall are Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Chi/Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Chi Omega and Kappa Alpha Theta.

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## Bears take down Texas Tech, host Iowa State in home finale

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH  
SPORTS WRITER

For the last 8:05 of the Texas Tech game, Baylor basketball did not make a single field goal. The Bears missed five straight jumpers, all three-pointers, but somehow managed to hang on with a victory on Saturday at the Ferrell Center.

"If we went into the game and said we are going to shoot 30 percent and Isaiah, Cory, Kenny and Gary are going to be 2-for-[24], most people would have said we were going to be in trouble," head coach Scott Drew said.

But a 40-24 Baylor rebounding advantage turned out to be the difference in the game as Baylor (19-10, 7-9) hung on to a 59-49 win over Texas Tech (13-16, 5-11) on Saturday afternoon in Waco.

Baylor struggled to shoot right out of the gates, but Texas Tech could not find a way to take advantage. The Bears shot only 34.5 percent in the first half and committed seven turnovers. They found themselves able to stay in the game thanks to their rebounding.

Texas Tech shot a respectable 42.9 percent from the field in the first half, but Baylor out-rebounded the Red Raiders 24-11 in the first half. Senior power forward Cory Jefferson, sophomore forward Rico Gathers and junior forward Royce O'Neale each grabbed five boards in the first half.

Texas Tech exploded offensively in the second half, while Baylor's offense turned nonexistent. After

trailing by as much as 16 in the second half, Tech went on an 18-5 to trim Baylor's lead down to five points with only 2:21 remaining.

Over the final stretch, Baylor hit seven of eight free throws, while Tech missed four free throws and four of its five field goal attempts over the remainder of the game to propel Baylor to a 59-49 victory.

O'Neale led the Bears in scoring for the second time in three games, finishing with 16 points on 7-for-12 shooting and no turnovers. He also notched his first double-double of the season with 12 rebounds. Over the last six games, he is averaging 11.8 points, 7.7 rebounds and 2.8 assists on 67.5 percent from the field and 53.3 from three, five of which have been Baylor wins.

"Royce is very talented," Texas Tech head coach Tubby Smith said. "I like his game. He is a good, solid player and doing such a good job. He is the one that made a difference."

Senior guard Brady Heslip added 14 points on 4-for-11 shooting from three. Jefferson, sophomore center Isaiah Austin, junior point guard Kenny Chery and senior guard Gary Franklin combined to shoot 8.3 percent from the field. Austin finished with zero points.

Junior guard Robert Turner led the Red Raiders in scoring with 12 points on 6-for-8 shooting.

Freshman forward Aaron Ross and sophomore guard Todrick Gotcher each added 10 points and three assists.

Texas Tech shot 47.6 percent

from the field in the loss, but only 18.2 percent from three and 7-for-17 from the free-throw line.

On the night, Baylor out-rebounded the Red Raiders 40-24 behind O'Neale's 12 rebounds. Only one Texas Tech player finished with more than four rebounds on the night.

"You have to compliment Baylor. They dominated the boards," Smith said. "Even though they were struggling shooting the ball I think we did an adequate job out there defensively. We just could not limit them to one shot. That was pretty much the ball game."

Baylor shot 30.3 percent on the night, but they grabbed 21 offensive rebounds, compared to 15 defensive rebounds for the Red Raiders.

What that means is that if Baylor missed a field goal, the Bears were 16 percent more likely to get the rebound than Texas Tech.

To put that into perspective, if Texas Tech missed a shot, Baylor was 36 percent more likely to get the defensive rebound.

"In practice, we had an emphasis on the board because last time we played them, they out-rebounded us by a lot," O'Neale said. "We put an emphasis on rebounding offensive and defensively, and that was one of our main keys."

After the win, Baylor sits as a bubble team on the edge of the NCAA Tournament.

The Bears will look to punch their ticket to the NCAA Tournament on Senior Night against No.

16 Iowa State in Waco.

Iowa State is heavily dependent on scoring from senior forward Melvin Ejim, senior guard DeAndre Kane and sophomore forward Georges Niang.

The trio combines to average 52.0 points, 19.7 rebounds and 11.4 assists. They have accounted for 60.8 percent of Iowa State's scoring this season. All three players average more points than anyone on Baylor's roster.

In the last match up of these two teams, then No. 9 Iowa State pulled away late in an 87-72 win over No. 7 Baylor in Ames. Kane played the biggest game of his Cyclone career, finishing with 30 points, eight rebounds, nine assists and five steals. Franklin added 15 points and four assists in the loss.

The Cyclones lost 80-73 at the hands of Kansas State in Manhattan, Kans. Ejim finished with 30 points and 16 rebounds in the loss. The Wildcats' bench outscored the Cyclones 38-2 in the win.

"I want to get this win to punch our ticket," Franklin said. "I'll be sad that it's my last game, but I'd rather it be my last game than play NIT games here again. I would love to get this one. I think the stat is that Iowa State scores 62 percent of their points within 10 seconds of getting the ball, so transition defense is key."

Baylor will play Iowa State at 6 p.m. today at the Ferrell Center in Waco. The game will be nationally televised on ESPN2. The game will serve as Baylor's Senior Night.



Senior forward Cory Jefferson elevates for a jumper over a Texas Tech defender in Baylor's 59-49 win Saturday at the Ferrell Center.

## Senior night honors three notable contributors

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH  
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor will close out its 2014 home campaign on tonight against No. 16 Iowa State at the Ferrell Center with its annual Senior Night.

After this season, Baylor will graduate three seniors: guard Gary Franklin, guard Brady Heslip and power forward Cory Jefferson.

"The longer you spend time with anyone, the stronger your bond," head coach Scott Drew said. "Our staff, Baylor fans have had a chance to grow and know Cory, Brady and Gary, had a chance to see how they developed on and off the court."

Jefferson was recruited in Baylor's 2009 recruiting class out of Killeen High School. Jefferson was rated as the 89th prospect in ESPN's Top 100.

"I remember, I think I was in middle school when the [Dennehy tragedy] went on, it was all over the news for a while," Jefferson said. "I remember people asking, why Baylor? Why are you going to Baylor?"

Where is Baylor? Now, everyone knows Baylor, whether it's football or basketball."

Jefferson's freshman year was 2010, the same year current Milwaukee Bucks' big man Ekpe Udoh played his year of Baylor basketball. As a freshman, Jefferson played only 4.6 minutes a game, reaching the 15-minute mark only once in Baylor's 2010 campaign that ended in the Elite Eight.

Heading into the 2011 season, Jefferson was asked to redshirt after the commitment of current Oklahoma City Thunder forward Perry Jones III.

"Nobody's excited to redshirt, but I think after people spend that year off, they see how it's very beneficial," Drew said. "Cory, just like Ekpe Udoh and some other guys who have taken a year off, really took advantage of that. They got bigger, stronger, worked on their skill level, not only worked on their skills in practice, but got everyone else better too."

Jefferson returned to action for the 2012 season as a redshirt sophomore.

Behind Jones, Sacramento Kings' forward Quincy Acy and Denver Nuggets forward Quincy Miller, Jefferson averaged only 10.5 minutes per game off the bench for Baylor.

"It was very difficult to wait behind pros, but my family and teammates helped me through it," Jefferson said. "I just kept praying and just learning from there."

Jefferson broke onto the scene in his junior season, when he averaged 13.3 points, 8.0 rebounds and 1.9 blocks while averaging a Big 12-high 61 percent from the floor. He was named All-Big 12 Honorable Mention for his performance. His season culminated with an NIT All-Tournament Team selection during Baylor's NIT championship run.

Jefferson is averaging 13.0 points, 8.4 rebounds and 1.3 blocks per game in his senior campaign.

"I'm sure Cory has meant everything. He's been here since day one, right?" Franklin said mockingly, poking fun at Jefferson's fifth-year senior status. "No but really, he does mean everything to

this program. Cory is a guy who's worked hard, not given up. He's had pros in front of him at this position. For most, that's discouraging, but Cory is the true definition of hard work, and obviously it's paid off."

Heslip originally committed to play basketball under Al Skinner at Boston College. Coming out of Canada, he took the fall semester off to play prep ball at New Hampton Prep (N.H.) before joining BC in December. Soon afterwards, Skinner and his staff were fired. New Golden Eagles coach Steve Donahue did not see Heslip as part of his plans, so Heslip chose to transfer to Baylor.

"I know how hard he's worked," Acy said after Heslip hit nine three-pointers in a NCAA game back in 2012. "When he came in, we knew how good a shooter he was. Every time I went to the gym at night, I would see him in there sometimes twice a day. He works for it."

Heslip averaged 10.2 points per game in his first season, while averaging 45.5 percent from the three-point line. He broke onto the scene

against Colorado in the Sweet Sixteen by scoring 27 points on nine three-pointers.

He had an off season during the 2013 season as Baylor missed the NCAA Tournament, but he has emerged on one of the key players on the 2014 team. He is averaging 11.4 points per game on a career-high 46.2 percent from three. He will leave Baylor with the highest three-point field goal percentage in team history with players over 200 attempts.

Franklin originally committed to play basketball at California, but transferred to Baylor in the middle of the year. After sitting out the required year, he debuted for Baylor during the 2012 season.

Franklin quickly became a fan-favorite as a dynamic guard off the bench, averaging 35.8 percent from three-point range in his first full season as a Baylor Bear. He is currently averaging over 25 minutes per game, highest of his career.

"Sometimes we put so much on basketball, we don't notice the finer things in life, which are relationships with people," Franklin said.

"It's been a great experience, on and off the court. Everyone in the locker room have been guys who I'll definitely invite to my wedding someday. I made friends for life."

The Baylor senior class of 2014 is unique in that it does not possess a single regular four-year senior. However, this year's senior class has been key in turning Baylor into a Big 12 and national power.

"I know senior nights are always emotional for everyone because it is the last time you're going to see these guys on the Ferrell Center court," Drew said. "You think back of all the positive memories and are thankful that they went to Baylor."

Baylor basketball will hold its 2014 Senior Night against No. 16 Iowa State at 6 p.m. today at the Ferrell Center. The game will be nationally broadcast on ESPNU.

For the Bears to earn a bid to the NCAA Tournament, winning this game against a top-ranked Cyclones team would be highly beneficial to their chances of playing in college basketball's premiere postseason tournament.

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# Lady Bears can win share of Big 12 title

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL  
SPORTS WRITER

The Lady Bears had the ball and a one-point lead with just over 30 seconds left against West Virginia on Sunday. The Big 12 regular season title was within reach. Coming off a timeout, both teams had the ears of their coaches ringing in their ears and understood their responsibilities for the wild finish the game was bound to have.

"I thought the setting was perfect to win a Big 12 Championship, but we just didn't get it done there at the end," Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said.

With a five-second difference between the shot clock and the game clock, West Virginia and Baylor faced the inevitable — Baylor had to create a play and get a shot off if West Virginia did not foul. If Baylor failed to reset the shot clock, West Virginia would get the ball with at least five seconds to make a play of its own to win the game.

As the shot clock was winding down, senior guard Odyssey Sims tried to find an opening through the trap, but errantly turned over the ball. Sims missed what would have

been the go-ahead layup with just seconds left on the clock on the ensuing play.

The Lady Bears were in tears as the reality began to settle in their minds that they missed their chance to win the Big 12 regular season title on senior night at the Ferrell Center.

"We've got to move on," Sims said. "We've got a quick turnaround Tuesday."

Sunday's loss devastated the young Lady Bears as well as the upperclassmen, notably Sims and senior guard Makenzie Robertson, but Mulkey reminded her team to keep in perspective the season as a whole.

"We can still win the Big 12 Championship," Mulkey said. "We've got to regroup. We've got to go to Iowa State and we need to take the emotion from this game and move on."

The Lady Bears face Iowa State (20-8, 9-8) tonight in Ames, Iowa, and still can win the No. 1 seed for the upcoming Big 12 tournament this weekend.

Baylor handled Iowa State comfortably in the last meeting 89-51 earlier in the season.

The Cyclones are a characteristically high-percentage team in three-

point shooting, but against the Lady Bears they only shot 3-for-25.

ISU head coach Bill Fennelly gave credit to Baylor's defense for the Cyclones' low scoring that night, but also said his team usually is a three-point shooting powerhouse. The Cyclones rely on their perimeter shooting for offensive production.

Mulkey's occasional decision for press defense on Iowa State was effective and forced crippling turnovers for the Cyclones.

The press defense suffocated an Iowa State team that was already struggling to make shots.

"I take this on myself," ISU forward Hallie Christofferson said. "They were playing good defense, but I just didn't make some shots I should have."

Iowa State is looking to continue its recent three-game win streak after beating Oklahoma State and Kansas on the road.

The Lady Bears on the other hand, are coming off their first home loss in four years and a consequential loss against West Virginia. Both teams have emotions to sort out prior to their final regular season matchup against each other at 7 p.m. at James H. Hilton Coliseum.



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Baylor senior guard Odyssey Sims aims her shot in Baylor's 71-69 loss to West Virginia on Sunday at the Ferrell Center. The loss was the Lady Bears' first home loss in four years.

## Heavy reliance on single player can end up failing team

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH  
STAFF WRITER

Odyssey Sims was a one-man show against the West Virginia Mountaineers on Sunday. The senior guard from Irving has carried the team all season. Sims' ability to put her team's chances of winning on her shoulders game in and game out has been the sword that the Lady Bears lived and died from this season.

Sims poured all she had into the game on Sunday, and consequently the post-game emotion was destined to be joyous celebration or devastating heartbreak. There was no middle ground. Sims expected it from herself to win the game.

She put the weight of the Big 12 regular season title all upon her. The ball was in her hands to win in

the final sequences of the game on two separate plays, but her efforts in both resulted in disaster.

With the lead and a few timeouts, Sims turned over the ball with 19 seconds left.

"I was trying to keep the ball in my hands," Sims said. "I thought they would foul. I turned it over. I gave the ball up too quick."

The Mountaineers picked it up and came down the court on a fast-break and converted the turnover into two points and had the chance to convert a three-point play after senior guard Makenzie Robertson fouled West Virginia forward Averee Fields on the fastbreak.

The Lady Bears were rattled by West Virginia's frantic style towards the end. Sims tried to break through the defense against double-teams and triple-teams all night.

"She's a very good player, and we just had to make her work for her points," WVU post Asya Bussie said. "We changed up our defense from the last time we played them, and just defended her very differently from the first time."

Open looks were tough to find for the Lady Bears. Besides Sims, the Lady Bears shot 7-for-21 against the mountaineers.

Not only is seven baskets a relatively low offensive total, but only shooting the ball 21 times compared to Sims' 13-for-30 indicates an imbalance of play and the confidence the Lady Bears have shooting when Sims is not the one shooting.

Even after a nearly absent afternoon from the other Lady Bears on the scoreboard, if Fields missed the free throw, Baylor still had the chance to win the game thanks

to Sims' outstanding offensive performance. Fields clanked her free throw off the back iron. Sims grabbed the rebound and looked straight down the court. Coaches, players and fans all knew Sims was going to take the last shot.

Sims sprinted down the left side of the court, utilizing her quick feet and agility to blaze past some Mountaineers trailing after the free throw. Sims had three players on her as she drove to the basket for the game-winner, she pulled up the ball and tossed up her signature floater layup shot. It bounced off the right side of the rim. Freshman forward Nina Davis fought for the rebound, but ended up pushing the ball out of bounds with just over two seconds left.

Sims realized the gravity of her miss, and in a swing of high emotion, she pulled the collar of her

jersey over her face. Junior post Sune Agbuke came to console Sims who was bent over in the timeout after her miss. Sims' individual effort and talent were not enough this time to save her team.

As the Lady Bears move forward and look to make a conference title run, as well as a hopeful Final Four appearance, the rest of the team needs to perform at a higher level than against West Virginia to win. The West Virginia game showed just how much of a slippery slope it is to put the responsibilities of winning on Sims' shoulders so often.

They counted on a play from Sims to bail the team out once again against West Virginia, but the stakes were higher than at any other point in the season.

The reason the Lady Bears even had the chance of winning in the

first place turned out to be the same reason the Lady Bears lost. Sims' talent demands that she have the ball in clutch moments. Mulkey said she would not have strategized the last play differently, it was just a matter of making the shot.

"If I did it over again, the ball would be in [Sims'] hands," Mulkey said. "Got two, three timeouts, she knew that, and they have to foul you there because I think there was only five-second difference between the game clock and the shot clock so we are going to let them foul us."

She has done well with the burden in the past, and the Lady Bears are in the midst of a strong regular season run, but if Sims has an off-night or cannot make the clutch basket, it may prove to be the end of their season in the coming weeks of elimination play.

## Equestrian falls to KSU, OSU

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The No. 5 Baylor equestrian team suffered two losses during the weekend, dropping its record to 8-5. The Bears fell 11-9 to No. 7 Kansas State University and 11-7 to No. 4 Oklahoma State University. Both meets were on the road for the Bears.

"We went into these meets knowing they were an uphill battle, but I am still pleased with our performance," head coach Ellen White said.

The Bears lost 3-2 in the fences, flat and reining events. Baylor managed to pull out a 3-2 victory in the horsemanship event. The Bears will remain ahead of KSU in the Big 12 standings because of their 15-5 victory over the Wildcats in the fall.

"Kansas State hasn't lost at home in a couple of years, so losing by one rider kept us in good spirits

for the OSU meet the next day," junior Samantha Schaefer said.

White said the Bears battled freezing weather throughout the weekend.

Colder temperatures can put the horses on edge, which resulted in two riders falling from their horse. White said that was the first time she had seen her riders fall from a horse.

The OSU meet proved to be another trial for the Bears at Animal Science Arena. Baylor lost horsemanship 4-0, fences 3-2 and reining 3-1. The Bears only win came in the flat event with a score of 4-1.

Sophomore Mary Brown and junior Parris Rice rode in the reining event for the first time. White said she is excited to see what these women will accomplish in the future for this event.

"It's always hard to go back and watch video of a meet and see what the judges missed and think, that's a shame," White said. "I feel like we

rode closer than our scores reflect."

Schaefer said the back-to-back road meets were tough since the team only had three days to prepare after finishing the Fresno State Invitational.

The team now has three weeks to prep for the Big 12 Championships March 28 and 29.

"We have been preparing all year for this meet and we have home field advantage, which is a bigger benefit in our sport than any other sport," Schaefer said.

White said the women have done a great job all season preparing for the Big 12 Championships. After spring break the team will hit it hard with inner squad scrimmages. The riders will defend their spots in the lineup and sharpen their skills before the championships.

The Big 12 Championships will be held on March 28 and 29 at the Willis Family Equestrian Center in Waco.

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COURTESY OF COURTNEY LYONS

Lyons spins and glides on the ice as a child, a past time she still enjoys outside of the classroom.

not open for public skating.

"It's inconvenient, for sure, but it has a Sabbath sort of rhythm to it," she said.

Houston freshman Lucy Thompson has been able to catch a glimpse of this "Sabbath," with Lyons inviting her to Dallas a few times this past semester.

"I hadn't met anyone else at Baylor that actually skates," Thompson said, referring to her first months at Baylor. "When I heard about this professor that did, I thought, 'Oh, that's really cool,' but I never thought we would actually go skate together."

Thompson met Lyons through a friend who took Christian Heritage, a religion class, with Lyons this past semester.

Lyons said the ice has been her escape from stress ever since she was a child. Figure skating has given her a sense of stability in the face of life's challenges, and the weekly trip she makes to Dallas allows her to be more productive during the week, she said.

"When I step out there, I don't take any of my problems with me," she said. "That is my place — my time. That is my sanctuary."

Thompson said she thought coming to Baylor meant hanging up her skates be-

cause of the focus she would have to put into school, as well as the lack of access to a skating facility. Meeting Lyons showed her that she could still enjoy the "sanctuary" that Lyons spoke of.

"Courtney has helped me realize that skating will always be there, and it will always be a part of who I am," she said.

Lyons also said she treasures an escape from the cerebral life she lives as a scholar and administrator at a university. Although she said she enjoys the work she does, having a community where intellect is not the primary focus is important to her.

Of all the years of skating, competitions, awards and medals Lyons has experienced, she said the most rewarding aspect of the sport has been sharing it with her 3-year-old son Stanley. The two even skated in a show together this past Christmas season.

"He started skating about a year and a half ago," Lyons said. "He's very much a beginner, but it's so much fun for me to be on the ice with him."

Lyons said some of the physical challenges of skating are due to the ever-changing nature of the human body. As children grow taller, or adults gain and

lose weight, the skater's center of gravity, which is essential to maintaining balance during jumps and spins, changes.

"You have to be incredibly adaptive and flexible," she said. "It requires such a wide skill set — it's not just brute strength. There's also balance, coordination, grace. Skating is very hard."

Thompson said the sport has taught her about the importance of perseverance.

"No matter how many times you fall, you get up again," Thompson said. "It teaches you to never give up."

Lyons also said figure skating has helped shape her character and work ethic.

"Figure skating has taught me how to take feedback, work well under pressure and prepare over a long period of time for evaluation," she said.

Training the body for skating is a major challenge, but the reward of accomplishing those goals is worth the work, Lyons said.

"Honestly, it feels like flying," she said. "It's like you get to go on a roller coaster in your body."

Lyons said she has plans to skate well into the future.

"As long as I'm able, I'll continue to skate."

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drivers should have both hands on the wheel in icy conditions and should not be texting or talking on the phone.

"When sliding on ice, never jerk the wheel trying to correct the car," Doak said. "All that does is exacerbate the spin. Try to turn into the direction of the slide, which will allow you to perhaps get a grip, if you're lucky."

Doak and Swanton both warned of the dangers of "black ice" on the roads. Black ice was the cause of many of the Sunday and Monday wrecks.

"You can see when the roads are covered in snow, or if we get a freezing rain or sleet in pellets," Swanton said. "You can start to see it accumulate on the roads. However, most of black ice occurs when that snow or sleet starts to melt, and freezing conditions refreeze it on the road. It makes the ice pretty transparent. The term 'black ice' comes from the look of the asphalt that it's on. You don't realize that the ice is there till you've hit it and your car is spinning around."

Swanton and Doak said bridges and overpasses are most likely to ice over.

"The cold comes from underneath the bridges and freezes them so much faster," Doak said.

Police noticed Sunday night that bridges over water, such as the Waco Suspension Bridge and others over the Brazos River, became iced over first, Swanton said. Warm water rises in a fog from the water below and freezes on the bridges.

Doak said it's even more dangerous to ride bikes or motorcycles on icy roads than to be in cars.

"Your chances become far greater to crash," he said. "You don't have the stability of a car. Once you lose it on a bike or scooter, you're going down. In a car you have the chance to spin and perhaps avoid hitting things. But if you lose traction on a motorcycle or scooter and you start going down, hopefully you have a helmet on. Same thing on a bicycle."

## SHIRTS from Page 1

Chris Wells, the creators behind "The Clothes Bros," a T-shirt printing company based out of their kitchen.

"The idea started when Chris came back to our dorm room last year and told me about a guy he heard talk in Blaine McCormick's class who sold T-shirts in college and made a business out of it," Heffington said.

The four students started their business this past fall as a way to make money and get some experience creating a company. What started as a simple way to make money, the business has turned into one with a conscience.

After the students printed their original design, they wanted their business to make a difference and have since teamed up with Mission Waco to donate shirts to the homeless.

"Our business really started when I was asked if I could make the T-shirts

for my rock wall climbing team earlier this year," Wells said. "So I came back and asked the guys if we could buy the equipment and do it,"

Although Wells never made the shirts for his rockwall climbing team, the bros could now print T-shirts themselves on their press. Their first and original design, the shape of Texas, has become their signature logo, designed by Hatfield.

"We realized with a little bit of effort and a little bit of money, we could do this," Heffington said.

Through their business, they began their "shirts for the streets" mission, a one-for-one process that donates a shirt every time one is bought.

"We started our 'shirts for the streets' program because we realized we had so much to give and wanted to give," Wells said. "So anytime some-

one buys one of our shirts, we donate one to the homeless. We were inspired by Matthew 25:36 that says 'I was naked and you clothed me.' This is a way for us to minister and be a blessing."

According to the Clothes Bros website, they use the connection made through donating the shirts to spread the gospel and build relationships.

"We just gave away our first two shirts, but more importantly gave away the good news of the gospel with them! #ShirtsForTheStreets," @TheClothesBros twitter account tweeted in October.

The current dream for the team would be to see people they don't know wearing their shirts.

"As awareness of the Clothes Brothers grows, awareness of our mission grows, so we just want to get our name out there," Heffington said.

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or 0.7 percent, to 1,845.73, the biggest drop since Feb. 3.

The index was down as much as 25 points at one point before recouping some of the ground it lost.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 153.68 points, or 0.9 percent, to 16,168.03. The Nasdaq composite fell 30.82 points, or 0.7 percent, to 4,277.30.

European markets fell even more. Germany's DAX sank 3.4 percent and Russia's benchmark stock index plunged 12 percent.

"Europe gets a lot of energy supplies from Russia," said David Kelly, chief global strategist at JPMorgan funds. "So, Europe would be a lot more directly affected by a trade war with Russia than the United States would."

Kelly says that the most likely scenario is that Russia and Western powers, including the U.S., will reach a compromise relatively quickly. That would send stock prices higher.

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