

Professor Arna Hemenway will debut his collection of stories this summer.



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Alum chosen to lead national hunger efforts

By RAE JEFFERSON
STAFF WRITER

American dinner tables that sit empty will soon be adorned with meals for the hungry, thanks to a new hunger commission headed by a green and gold alumnus.

Jeremy Everett, alumnus and director of the Texas Hunger Initiative, has been appointed as one of 10 commissioners to the National Commission on Hunger by Congress. The Texas Hunger Initiative is a project developed by the Baylor School of Social

Work to end hunger through research and strategy development.

"We congratulate Jeremy Everett on his Congressional appointment to serve on the National Commission on Hunger," wrote Elizabeth Davis, executive vice president and provost at Baylor, in a press release Monday. "This recognition is a credit to his exemplary leadership of the Texas Hunger Initiative and his passion for addressing hunger from both the policy and grassroots levels."



Everett

The commission was established in January 2014 to provide recommendations to the president and Congress about ways to reduce food insecurity in the U.S.

"Our job is to assess the state of the Union in hunger and find out exactly why people are experiencing food insecurity, find out what's working and figure out how exactly we can address the needs for everyone," Everett said.

The commission will meet on a monthly basis via conference call, with one call per quarter convening in-person in Washington, D.C.

Everett said hunger is a significant problem in America. Figuring out strategies to reduce poverty would help bring down numbers in American food insecurity, he said.

"Forty-eight million people are food insecure in the United States, and one in four children in Texas are affected," he said. "We need to come up with a plan to drastically reduce food insecurity."

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Local pastor balances alma mater, teachings

By EMILY BALLARD
REPORTER

At first glance, Pastor Eric Howell of Dayspring Baptist Church in Waco faces a tough crowd every Sunday morning. Scattered throughout the congregation are a number of expert philosophers and theologians from Baylor that keep Howell on his toes. On top of that, Howell has committed what is possibly the one unforgivable sin on Baylor turf — he is an Aggie.

Serving as Dayspring's pastor since 2008, Howell has shaped his ministry around the art of giving and taking in the way he views worship, the Baylor-A&M rivalry

and family life. Along the way, he has found peace and clarity and has come to terms with his role in the life of the church and as a father in a welcoming community.

Howell graduated from Texas A&M University in 1995 with a degree in engineering. After graduating, he used his engineering skills in Homestead, Fla., in helping plan the construction of a ministry center for victims of Hurricane Andrew.

"That was Hurricane Katrina before there was Katrina," he said. "It was devastating."

In 1997, he enrolled in Duke

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CARLYE THORNTON | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

A visit from the Easter bunny

Children gather around the Easter bunny at Kappa Kappa Gamma's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Monday afternoon. Over 100 Baylor children and grandchildren attended the event to collect candy and chocolate goodies.

Downtown transportation takes detour with renovations, upgrades

By REBECCA FIEDLER
STAFF WRITER

The face of transportation in Waco may be changing. The city has hired firms CDM Smith Inc. and RJ Rivera Associates to conduct a study of transportation downtown and to provide an analysis and recommendations for the city. The direction of streets, make-up of sidewalks and routes of buses may be updated in the coming decade.

The study has been going on since early January, assessing downtown transportation and gathering input from the community, and final reports are expected around July. The study is funded through grants from the Federal Transit Administration.

"There's a strong connection between transit and economic development," said Charlie Sullivan, a planner on the project with CDM Smith. "It's all just one question. We have to start somewhere. Transit is seen by a lot of people as a good place to start. A lot of the people we've talked to said it's obvious that the city of Waco is committed; they've come a long way, but there's still a bit further to go."

Waco Transit carries over 1 million passengers a year, said John Hendrickson, general manager of Waco transit services.

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TRAVIS TAYLOR | PHOTO EDITOR

The Waco Transit System is set to get a reconstruction within the coming decade to better fit the growing downtown environment.



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A grand jury met Monday surrounding an investigation into whether Republican Gov. Rick Perry abused his power by vetoing funding for public corruption prosecutors.

State grand jury examines Perry ethics case

By PAUL J. WEBER AND WILL WEISSERT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — A Texas judge selected a second grand jury Monday in an investigation into whether Gov. Rick Perry abused his power by vetoing funding for public corruption prosecutors, and this time the Republican has retained a high-profile defense attorney to represent him.

At issue is Perry's veto of \$7.5 million for the state Public Integrity Unit after the prosecutor whose office oversees it refused to resign following a drunken driving arrest. A political watchdog group filed a complaint alleging Perry tried to coerce Travis County District

Attorney Rosemary Lehmborg to leave office.

At nearly 14 years in his job, Perry is the longest-serving governor in state history but is not seeking re-election in November. He is mulling a second run at the White House after his 2012 presidential bid flamed out — but what happens in the ongoing investigation could mar those plans.

Special State District Judge Bert Richardson oversaw the impaneling of 12 jurors and two alternates in Austin. The investigation began in the fall and another grand jury was eventually impaneled last year, but its term expired.

Perry spokeswoman Lucy Nashed said the governor's office had hired Austin lawyer Da-

vid Botsford "to ensure the special prosecutor receives the facts in this matter."

"The facts will show this veto was made in accordance with the veto power afforded to every governor under the Texas Constitution," Nashed said in an email. "As we have from the beginning, we remain ready and willing to assist with this inquiry."

Michael McCrum, the special prosecutor investigating Perry, has said he has specific concerns about the governor as part of the investigation, though he has refused to elaborate. He has yet to ask for formal charges against Perry and says he may not ever do so

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Baylor women's tennis defeated No. 18 Oklahoma and No. 23 Okla. State over the weekend.



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Chi Omega and Baylor Athletics partnered to make a sick child's wish come true.



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Acrobatics and tumbling lost to Azusa Pacific Saturday in the team's last home meet.



Let's talk about sex: Students need sex ed

Editorial

According to a study on teen pregnancy released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, eight out of 10 teens fail to receive sex education before their first sexual encounter. Though the study shows the rate of teen pregnancy has decreased over the past decade, it also suggests that sex education could further decrease the overall prevalence of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections.

Living in Texas — one of the top 10 states for high teen pregnancy rates — it's important to make sure all students are informed about the risks of having sex before they enter into their later teen years when premarital sex becomes more prevalent.

As it is now, Texas does not do enough to make sure teenagers are educated before they engage in sexual intercourse. All students in public school should receive a basic understanding of sexual risks.

According to the Guttmacher Institute's study on sex and HIV education released April 1, Texas does not mandate all of its public schools to teach sex or HIV education, but sex education is mandated in 20 other states and the District of Columbia. When sex education is provided in Texas, it is supposed to stress abstinence and include information on the importance of sex within a marriage.

The Guttmacher Institute study showed states teaching abstinence-only programs had higher rates of teen pregnancy. In fact, eight out

of the top 10 worst states for teen pregnancy taught abstinence-only programs when sex education programs were offered at all. The states with the lowest teen pregnancy rates, such as Vermont and Minnesota, tended to mandate sex education in public schools and did not limit the education to only abstinence.

While abstinence and sex within a marriage are the best ways to avoid sexually transmitted infections and unwanted pregnancies, the fact is that not all students will follow this advice. Some will engage in premarital sex and will be underprepared for the risks of their decision.

Some may argue the sex talk should be a private issue taught within a family. Though sex is a private matter, many teens do not get a full understanding of sex education at home and some do not even have "the talk" with their parents at all.

Sex becomes a state matter when it becomes a financial burden on taxpayers. According to the National Campaign, an organization focused on preventing teen pregnancy, Texas taxpayers spent \$1.2 billion on teen childbearing in 2008. With comprehensive sex education offered in all Texas public schools, this cost on taxpayers would decrease.

There is also the argument that sex education actually encourages young teens to have sex before they are ready and mature enough to do so.

This argument makes the assumption that young teens are not already exposed to sex through television, music, Internet, friends and other sources. The fact of the matter



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is most teens have already been exposed to sex. It is the responsibility of public schools to make sure that these students are well informed so they can make a responsible decision when it comes to having sex.

It doesn't make sense to avoid sex education with teenagers because, as much as parents may not like to admit it, a lot of teenagers are having sex. Another Guttmacher Institute

study from June 2013 showed 16 percent of teens have sex before they turn 15 years old. After 15, those numbers rise rapidly to about one in three teenagers having sex by the time they reach 16. With those

odds, it's important to make sure kids know about sex and its risks before they reach these ages where they may feel pressured by their bodies or their peers to engage in sexual intercourse.

Greek organizations should have pledges

Pledging and hazing are not synonymous. Before I get into the meat of this column and you write me off as a sadistic, pledge-hating psychopath, I need to make that much clear.

harmful tasks in order to gain admission into a certain group.

This past month, Sigma Alpha Epsilon's national headquarters made the decision to eliminate pledging from its fraternity experience, and that was a critical error.

Pledging, not hazing, is a valuable experience for fraternity members and doing away with it will deal a massive blow to the institution.

Pledging keeps members from telling their secrets to virtual strangers. During this time, members can get to know the new guys and pledges can be closely observed and evaluated in order to ensure they embody the characteristics and values of the fraternity.

This is especially important for chapters at schools that hold formal rush in the fall. In many cases, the new members have only been on campus for a week or two before accepting a bid. Consequently, without a pledging period, members have to share the 100-year-old secrets of their fraternity with glorified acquaintances.

No one likes a participation medal. In a fraternity with pledging, meeting all of the qualifications of the group and eventually being initiated is an accomplishment. There is a certain exclusivity to a group that chooses its new members carefully over the course of several weeks, rather than one that admits

members on bid day with no questions asked. For the pledges, membership has more intrinsic value after pledging because it was something each one of them earned. Brotherhood, then, is not something to be doled out to any old Joe, but something that one works for and consequently appreciates.

Remember those horrifying, awkward icebreaker games they used to force us to do on middle school retreats? Successfully transporting 12 people across a field of "molten lava" using only 2x4s may not have built deep and meaningful friendships with your fifth grade class, but pledging is team building on steroids.

Throughout the process, the new members rely on each other. They work together to learn chapter history and to accomplish tasks for weeks at a time. Pledges learn to operate as a team; when one person succeeds the group succeeds, and when one person fails, the whole group fails.

In the media statement released March 7, Sigma Alpha Epsilon said the decision to ban pledging in the best interest of the fraternity and its future. Sigma Alpha Epsilon has been plagued in recent years with countless scandals, lawsuits, and even deaths in relation to its fraternity conduct, pledging bearing the brunt of the blame for most of the ordeals.

Despite the noblest of efforts, banning pledging will not bring an end to Sigma Alpha Epsilon hazing. Forty-four states, including Texas, employ anti-hazing laws. Every major national fraternity in the country has banned the practice.

Yet the abuse continues underground. Sigma Alpha Epsilon's pledging ban will do little more than the already existing anti-hazing laws.

It may only serve to exacerbate the situation, since hazing practices in secret tend to be more violent and dangerous than those performed for public knowledge.

The pledging experiences that garner national attention are the most extreme cases. There is no news value in good, clean brotherly bonding, so those instances are overshadowed by the few horrible cases.

These severe examples of pledging are the exception, rather than the rule. The exceptions call for admonition against hazing and more stringent enforcement of acceptable pledging guidelines on the part of the national fraternity and the individual chapter leadership. That being said, there is no reason to throw out the baby with the bathwater and abandon all of the positives pledging brings to the fraternity experience.

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Megan Grindstaff | Reporter

In classical rhetoric fashion, I need to define some terms.

For the purpose of my argument, pledging is the process of proving one's character and worth as a potential new member of an organization by learning the chapter's history, bylaws and expectations and by performing tasks to show commitment to the existing members.

Hazing on the other hand, is requiring the completion of humiliating, abusive, degrading or mentally or physically

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The baseball team performs a Sic 'Em with Jason Andrews. Chi Omega and Baylor Athletics partnered with Make-A-Wish Foundation to help Jason in his fight against congenital heart disorders.

Making dreams come true

By JOSH GILL
REPORTER

When 12-year-old Jason Andrews walked into the Chi Omega room in the Stacey Riddle Forum at 2 p.m. last Sunday side by side with LaPlace, La., sophomore Rico Gathers, forward for the Baylor men's basketball team, he did so to the cheers of over 100 members of the sorority.

The cheers did not end there, as Jason was also graced by the welcome of Magnolia junior Joe Kirkland, pitcher for the Baylor baseball team, Waco wrestler David Hill, and Baylor basketball coach Tim Maloney. Chi Omega and the Baylor Athletics department created a sports-themed party in partnership with the Make-A-Wish Foundation for Jason, known to most as Jase, in support of his lifelong fight with eight congenital heart disorders and to celebrate his wish for this summer.

Jase's mother, Julie Andrews, said Jase's wish has four parts — to be at a Boston Red Sox game played against the New York Yankees, throw the ceremonial first pitch at that game, participate in batting practice

with Dustin Pedroia and meet an ESPN sports commentator.

While the Make-A-Wish Foundation may not be able to make Jase's entire wish become a reality, Jase said he knows that part of it will come true this summer.

"I'm going to go meet the Red Sox and throw the first pitch this summer," Jase said.

Jase's struggle with heart disorders started at birth.

"He was born with eight congenital heart defects and as a part of working with other families who were dealing with congenital heart defects, we got connected to the Make-A-Wish Foundation," Mrs. Andrews said.

She said Jase's heart condition has required three open-heart surgeries, the first of which he underwent at three days old.

The surgery, along with the next a few months later and the third at age 3 1/2, was successful, but the journey is not yet over for Jase.

"So we are having a heart catheterization on May 12 to go in and work some tweaks on his heart," Mrs. Andrews said. "This procedure is really new. The really great thing is, if this is successful, it can keep us out

of open-heart surgery for 15 to 20 years."

As for why the party was thrown last Sunday, Mrs. Andrews said the timing had a purpose.

"We wanted to be able to do it at a time when we couldn't provide something for him," Mrs. Andrews said. "So, when he turned 12, that's a challenging age for a boy being a little different. He has to go through so many hardships dealing with this heart condition — things that kids should never have to deal with. I have a lot of dreams for him that may never come true, so this was a way to make one his dreams come true for him."

Justin Andrews, Jase's 18-year-old older brother, said he admires his younger brother and was happy about what Chi Omega, the Baylor athletics department and the Make-A-Wish Foundation were doing for Jase.

"He acts like a normal kid, but he's not a normal kid on the inside," Justin said. "He went through so much when he was little. He had three open heart surgeries when he was little, but now he gets to be rewarded for pushing through all that pain and sacrifice."

John Andrews, Jase's father, said he was astounded by Chi Omega's support for Jase. "It is just amazing — the efforts that [they] have gone to to support him above and beyond anything we could ask for," Mr. Andrews said. "It's just like the Mastercard commercial: 'Priceless.'"

On Saturday, Jase tailgated at the Baylor baseball game with Alpha Tau Omega and Chi Omega, met the Baylor Baseball team before the game, threw the first pitch of the game and delivered his own rendition of "Let's play ball."

"The coach requested it," Jase said. "I said, 'Let's get it started!'"

Jase said he wants to be at the Masters when he gets older and wants to be a sports analyst.

Gathers said he was touched by Jase's story.

"A kid like that, just going through what he's going through, he's going to be real tough growing up," Gathers said. "He's going to get to the Masters just like he said. Just meeting him and hearing his story — I'm ready to go get in the gym right now. That type of stuff motivates me. I'm real glad I had the opportunity to be here."

Feds charge woman in Hillary Clinton show-throw incident

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Federal authorities have lodged two criminal charges against a Phoenix woman accused of throwing a shoe at Hillary Rodham Clinton while she gave a convention speech at a Las Vegas Strip resort.

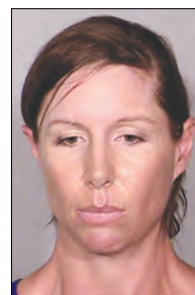
Alison Michelle Ernst, 36, didn't respond to a phone message Monday about the charges of trespassing and violence against a person in a restricted building, which were filed Sunday in U.S. District Court in Las Vegas.

She could face up to a year in federal prison on each charge if she's convicted. A court date wasn't immediately set, and it wasn't clear if Ernst had a lawyer.

Las Vegas police booked Ernst last week on a misdemeanor disorderly conduct charge and freed her with a June 24 court date. Charges haven't been filed in that case.

A disorderly conduct conviction could get Ernst up to six months in county jail.

Ernst immediately surrendered and was arrested after the incident Thursday in a ballroom at the Mandalay Bay resort.



Ernst

The federal charges accuse her of bypassing security to enter the ballroom and committing a violent act by throwing the shoe that police say she pulled from a purse and hurled about 60 feet toward the former secretary of state.

Clinton expressed surprise but wasn't struck by the shoe. She made a couple of jokes and continued her speech before more than 1,000 people at a recycling industry conference.

An orange-and-black athletic shoe was recovered from the stage.

Ernst acknowledged throwing a shoe but didn't explain her actions to reporters as she was taken into custody by the U.S. Secret Service.

The incident reminded some of an Iraqi journalist throwing shoes at former President George W. Bush during a Baghdad news conference in December 2008. Shoe-throwing is considered an insult in Arab cultures.

Clinton has Secret Service protection because former presidents and their spouses are covered for their lifetime, said Brian Spellacy, head of the U.S. Secret Service office in Las Vegas.

Clinton, the former first lady and Democratic senator from New York, has been giving paid speeches to industry organizations and Democratic Party groups around the country. She has said she's considering a presidential bid.



Open mic

The Association of Black Students will host Grab the Mic at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday in the Bill Daniel Student Center. Participants have the opportunity to dance, sing, act or speak at the event.

Pop, lock, drop it

Poppers, Lockers, and Breakers, a campus hip-hop dance organization, will host the third annual showcase at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Barfield Drawing Room.

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"The changes we may make could include re-routing some of the bus routes, enhancing sidewalk connectivity, enhancing bicycle activity, etc.," Hendrickson said. "We're trying to look at things that will make this a more livable, walk-able community in the downtown area."

Vice president and transit market leader of CDM Smith Michael Townes said the project will have a focus on transporting Wacoans to work.

"It will look to enhance the connectivity of these modes of transportation so as to provide as much of a transportation infrastructure support for economic development and access to jobs," he said. "It will spur transit-oriented development and improve the urban development and livability in downtown Waco."

Businesses interested in coming to Waco will often look into the public transportation situation to see if their workforce would be able to get to the potential business location, Townes said.

Now the firms are working on gathering input from stakeholders, Townes said, including elected officials, civic leaders, business leaders, the local chamber of commerce, downtown development corporations, county elected officials, neighborhood association leaders and Baylor officials, as well as the general public.

"Baylor University is an indispensable stakeholder," Townes said. "The largest employment densities downtown, the largest population density downtown, the largest transit ridership with bus stops, and the densest housing developments in terms of residential areas are all adjacent to Baylor University."

The firms are focusing not only on city leaders' and businesses' opinions, but on the thoughts of Wacoans themselves, Townes said. "The most important stakeholder is the public at large," he said. "We want to have the broadest input from all of those groups."

The idea to update transportation has existed for a number of years, Hendrickson said. The city has always had something to take away this focus, though, like the announcement of housing complexes being built and the upcoming McLane Stadium.

"Now it seems like it's the perfect time to kind of tie all these things together," Hendrickson said.

CDM Smith and RJ Rivera researchers are currently observing the downtown environment.

"They will take that information, and then the information that they gain from open public meetings we've had here in town last week, and will look at things to

"Transportation affects all demographics."

John Hendrickson | General manager of Waco transit services

make recommendations on what changes we should make to enhance downtown traffic," Hendrickson said.

The firms have had numerous recent open house meetings, where attendees were separated into groups and shown maps of Waco. The attendees were asked what they'd like to see happen with transportation in Waco.

"Transportation affects all demographics," Hendrickson said. "Whether you ride a public transportation vehicle or not, it affects congestion and the sensibility people have. If everybody drove downtown, you'd have congestion issues without public transportation."

Some people like the one-way streets downtown because they can get in and out of downtown quickly, Hendrickson said. However, one of the things that was suggested at an open meeting was two-way roads may be beneficial. "One of the things that we want

to do is slow people down and get them to look around and see what all we have going on downtown, which can enhance the downtown area," Hendrickson said.

Townes said Waco is well-structured for pedestrians, as far as the firms have discovered in their research.

"Waco has a very walk-able downtown," he said. "In the core of downtown, our research shows, it only takes 17 minutes to walk from one origin to the most distant location from the core of downtown, where the government buildings are and most of the businesses are. Beyond that, in greater downtown, if you exclude the zoo, it's only a 22 minute walk time from an origin to the furthest destination. This walk-ability is a very important characteristic for livability. Without drawing specific conclusions, we see ways that can be enhanced."

In researchers' assessments of Waco sidewalks, however, they have seen there are significant gaps in the sidewalks in downtown, and some have been aged and broken, Townes said. In eastern downtown, sidewalks haven't even existed in places. One of the firms' recommendations may be the improvement of some of these sidewalks, he said.

There are nine bus transit routes in downtown, but they operate on a 60 minute frequency, which Townes said is not an efficient service.

"One could imagine there will be a range of recommendations on how to go about improving public transportation and increasing that frequency, making it more accessible so that people can get to their jobs," he said. "That's a real focus here; getting people to work and getting economic development going."

Anyone interested has nine days to put their opinions on the Waco website. Hendrickson said those involved in the study are excited to see what all of the public thinks.

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Everett said he expects his experience with the Texas Hunger Initiative to help him create new ideas for the way the federal government handles food insecurity.

"We'll be getting to make recommendations to the president and Congress, so the models will be implemented on a national level," Everett said.

Models are strategies for combatting food insecurity in local, regional or national platforms, Everett said. One local model called a hunger coalition brings independently working organizations together to maximize their service to the community.

"A lot of times you'll end up with gaps of service or duplications of services, so coalitions bring these groups together to develop strategic plans," Everett said.

He said the level of impact the commission will have is exciting.

"Very few entities have the opportunity to interact on all three levels," he said, referring to the local, regional and national levels of influence. "We're able to interact with all of them to figure out ways to make the system more efficient."

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depending on the investigation. But Texans for Public Justice, a left-leaning group that monitors transparency in state government, alleges that Perry committed coercion of a public servant, abuse of official capacity and official oppression, as well as potentially bribery.

McCrum attended Monday's jury selection but refused to comment beyond saying "I am proceeding forward with the investigation." No evidence was presented in the case before the assembled jury headed into closed proceedings. Botsford also appeared for jury selection, but left without speaking to reporters.

Perry's political opponents wasted little time pouncing. The state Democratic Party noted that no Texas governor has faced possible indictment since 1917. Then-Gov. James E. Ferguson was convicted of 10 charges, impeached and removed from office for vetoing appropriations for the University of Texas after objecting to some members of the faculty.

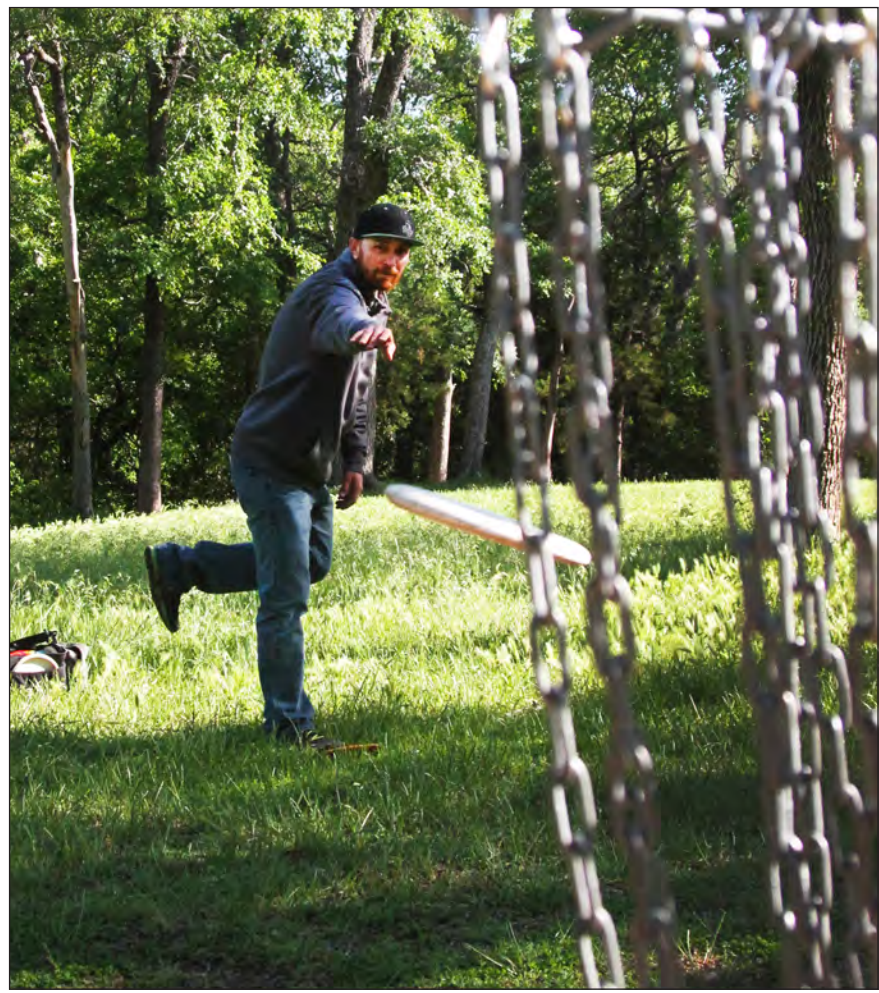
The Public Integrity Unit is based in Austin, part of Travis County. It investigates wrongdoing by public officials statewide, and its high-profile efforts include the 2010 prosecution of former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay and an ongoing investigation into the state's embattled, \$3 billion cancer research agency.

After Perry's veto wiped out state funding, Travis County commissioners voted to give about \$1.7 million to the office and almost \$735,000 from forfeited assets were also diverted to it. From an original staff of 35, two unit employees were laid off and 18 others retired or moved on to other jobs.

Lehmburg, a Democrat, took office in 2009. Her latest term expires at the end of 2016 and she says she won't run again. After her arrest in April 2013, Lehmburg served about half of a 45-day prison sentence and entered a treatment program — but ignored calls by Perry and high-profile Republicans statewide to quit.

At the jail, a video showed Lehmburg shouting orders to call the sheriff, kicking the door of her cell and sticking her tongue out at deputies videotaping her. That led to an investigation by a grand jury, which decided she should not be removed for official misconduct.

"I cannot in good conscience support continued state funding for an office with statewide jurisdiction at a time when the person charged with ultimate responsibility of that unit has lost the public's confidence," Perry said in a statement upon vetoing the funding.



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Straight shot

Justin Frymark, 29, plays Frisbee golf Monday afternoon at Cameron Park. He played against John Guzman, 23, in the 18-hole course in the park.

Pistorius accused of staging outbursts at trial

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA
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PRETORIA, South Africa — Oscar Pistorius came under intense pressure Monday at his murder trial from the chief prosecutor, who dismissed his account of how he killed girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp as a flimsy web of lies and accused the Olympian of staging emotional outbursts to mask difficulty in answering a barrage of probing questions.

His voice quavering at times, Pistorius struggled to explain alleged inconsistencies in his testimony and broke down sobbing on two occasions, forcing Judge Thokozile Masiya to temporarily halt proceedings.

Prosecutor Gerrie Nel was sometimes quick to acknowledge Pistorius' distress — possibly to allow him time to recover and avoid any defense argument that he is not getting a fair trial — but also said the athlete was frantically trying to shore up a fab-

ricated story.

"You're getting frustrated because your version is improbable," Nel said, standing at a lectern and gesturing with his spectacles in his right hand. "You're not using your emotional state as an escape, are you?"

Pistorius said he wasn't in a "rational frame of mind" at the time of the shooting in his home in the early hours of Feb. 14, 2013, suggesting he was therefore unable to remember some things about that night or explain some of his actions, such as rushing around with a cocked gun after he killed Steenkamp.

The cross-examination, which resumes for a fifth day Tuesday, is at a pivotal stage in a trial watched on television around the world by viewers who had admired the double-amputee runner for his track achievements. Once a role model with lucrative sponsorship deals, Pistorius is now a suspect in a witness box, challenged by an accuser in a black robe.

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Divinity School. From North Carolina, he and his wife, Jenny Howell, moved to Charlottesville, Va., where he served as pastor of Broadus Memorial for six years.

Mrs. Howell visited Dayspring before her husband did and said it felt like receiving gifts when she would get to know people at the church.

"Almost every Sunday I came to Dayspring felt like Christmas," she said.

Howell said after her first few visits to Dayspring she told him, "They're doing everything you're trying to do, but they're doing it better."

The couple moved to Waco so Howell's wife could earn her doctorate in theology from Baylor.

"A picture of Dayspring came into view of a church whose heard seemed to be where mine was heading which was toward an embracing tradition of our faith," Howell said.

They felt welcomed and embraced Dayspring but timing was unfortunate for the Aggie. After a long spell of mediocrity, Baylor beat A&M in football in 2008.

"It was a beat down," he said. "It was bad, but the congregation and I have had some fun with this over the years. Baylor has gotten the best of A&M more times than not, I have to say."

Howell remained loyal to his alma mater as long as he could but was eventually moved by Baylor spirit.

"It seems like my Facebook and email always fill up on game days quite a bit from Baylor fans relishing in A&M's woe whenever it comes," he said. "Finally I just gave in. I waved the white towel and wore a Baylor T-shirt on Sunday morning."

Now he takes his family to watch Baylor athletes excel in various sports. He openly applauds Baylor for its athletic talent, especially now that A&M is in another conference. He said he can now guiltlessly admit Baylor is his favorite school in the Big 12 conference.

Even with a degree from a prestigious school of divinity, Howell said he feels intimidated by the intellectual congregation that sits before him, but has learned to focus on more important aspects of worship.

"You're preaching about theological things to people who are lifelong-trained theologians. I have learned that you cannot just make things up." After a pause, he added, "They'll know," with a grin and eyes opened wide.

He said he cannot even get away with making up a pronunciation of a Greek word, so he seeks the counsel of a few Baylor Biblical scholars from his church. Some of Howell's friends he mentioned, including Mike Beaty and Todd Buras, Ph.D.s, of Baylor's phi-

losophy department and Bruce Longenecker from the religion department are a few among many scholars at Dayspring.

"I call them my New Testament gangstas," he said, referring to Beaty and Longenecker. "They're very helpful. If you trust people in your life who know more than you do and give them that invitation, they can be really helpful and not intimidating."

Howell wants to present information accurately but tries to keep a bigger picture in mind.

"I think that people, even theologians and scholars, want a place where they can worship and not feel like they're in charge and they entrust me with that during worship time. I have to give them the freedom to be worshippers."

One of his "gangstas" suggests Howell downplays his breadth of Biblical knowledge. Longenecker said Howell rarely needs Biblical clarification from him—once every few years.

"He might call us his 'gangsta,'" Longenecker said, "but he is a master at taking basic knowledge of the Bible and turning it into wisdom for Christian discipleship today. No 'gangsta' does that for him."

To avoid getting caught up in the hundreds of issues that could tear a church apart, Howell said he reminds himself that worship is the most important thing to Dayspringers.

"We want to use the church lightly," he said. "It's not ours, it's God's. When you stop holding it lightly, you squeeze the life out of it."

Howell's love for the great outdoors, especially canoeing Texas rivers and hiking in Big Bend National Park in West Texas, Colorado and Glacier National Park in Montana, is noticeable in the way he describes worship at Dayspring.

He compared the act of worship to canoeing on a river — something that resonates with many Texan lovers-of-the-outdoors. He said he envisions God's presence as the water beneath the canoe and the act of worship as the act of canoeing.

"When you come to worship, you can't see the water, but we entrust ourselves to God's presence and trust that He's already there," he said. "And the best part of canoeing is that you get to float. In worship, you float—you rest—on God's presence. From the pastor to everyone else, we trust that even if we mess everything up, the river is still flowing."

Even in the church's simple architecture of stone and windows, Howell said, exists "something solid and something transparent — something that you can trust and something that help you breathe."

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BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Professor infuses stories with human experience

By TAYLOR REXRODE
A&E EDITOR

Arna B. Hemenway, assistant professor of English, joined the Baylor faculty last fall as a creative writing professor. His collection of short stories called "Elegy on Kinderklavier," will be on sale at bookstores starting July 15.

The Lariat sat down with Hemenway and discussed his journey to getting the collection published, and he offered advice for aspiring writers based on his own experiences.

Q: Tell me a little bit about the process of writing this book.

A: It's a collection of short stories and a novella that span pretty widely in their subject matter.

A good portion of the stories are about the Iraq War, which includes veterans and soldiers on active duty as well as a couple bits about back home as well as Kurdish locals in the north.

The novella is about a young boy in a pediatric oncology ward with a terminal brain tumor.

I write mostly research-based fiction. Basically, I'm interested in writing fiction that's closely tied to people's real experience.

A lot of the book grew out of my research into the Iraq War and the various experiences of people.

The novella came from my research into families that I knew or that I knew of who had children who died of this particularly nasty kind of brain tumor called Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma.

For me, a lot of the reason I write fiction is because I write about the stuff that doesn't let me alone, the stuff that kind of haunts me, or the stuff that I'm troubled by.

I think that some people, depending on their talent, answer that differently in the world.

What I feel like that I can do

is write about it in fiction and use things like empathy or imagination to try and sort of examine and interrogate certain types of experience.

Q: How long has this book been in the making?

A: A long time. Some of this book I wrote in graduate school or just after. It's kind of interesting.

The whole time I was working on these stories, I never really thought of publishing a short story collection.

My intention was always to publish a debut novel, and it was supposed to be my thesis at

Iowa. But I managed to completely fail.

The novel manuscript I wrote was horribly wrong and wasn't any good. I thought, "What do I have to show from all this work?" and it was these stories.

Q: Was it difficult to actually get this collection published?

A: Publishing is a strange thing. I would not say it wasn't difficult. I would say, like anyone who gets published, a good amount of luck was involved.

It's sort of funny how you look at things afterward. I spent four or five years working on this thesis novel that I always thought was going to be my path to glory and

fame and riches.

I thought Oprah was going to choose it. I had these ridiculous, arrogant ideas, and I ended up failing that novel. If I hadn't done all that, I don't think I could have written these stories that are now the book.

Q: What advice would you give to a young, aspiring writer?

A: Run. Hide. Do anything else. (laughs) No, I only mean those half-seriously.

If I had to choose the most important thing, I would say that the most importance experience in creative writing is just the experience of writing well. Once you really try and focus on that experience, not only do you write better, but you end up happier, I think.

It's really difficult. It's one of the things about creative writing that's the toughest, that the most valuable experience of it is also the most difficult one to have.

The other thing I would say is worry about having a life more than having a career. Seek out the widest possible variety of life. That will help your writing more than anything.

Craft and stuff like that, you can learn, but heart and meaning and explorative, inquisitive, curious soul, that's something you have to go out and make for yourself in the world. And nobody tells you to do that.



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Professor Arna B. Hemenway, author and assistant professor of English, began working on his book "Elegy on Kinderklavier" in graduate school. On July 15, the collection of stories will be available at bookstores nationwide.

Q: Are there plans for a new book? Can you share anything about it?

A: I am working on a couple novel projects. One lesson I learned from the failure of my first

attempt was to always work on multiple things so you don't just invest in one project that may or may not succeed.

We'll see what it comes to, but I'm enjoying working on it.

Tribeca Festival to promote change by showing local films

By JOHN ANDERSON
NEWSDAY
VIA McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

NEW YORK — Brian Williams and Bryan Cranston will be there. And Eva Longoria. And Michael Douglas. And Robin Roberts, Aaron Sorkin, Morgan Spurlock and Ron Howard. And Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield, probably in neutral corners. And thousands and thousands of New York-area moviegoers, who are seldom neutral about anything.

There will certainly be some stargazing once the 13th edition of the Tribeca Film Festival opens

Wednesday night, promising much discussion about individual movies, the future of cinema and life as we know it. But while hot and cold running celebrities have always been among Tribeca's accessories (the stars mentioned above are involved in various "Tribeca Talks"), it's also a festival for civilians: Unlike Cannes or Sundance, it isn't a festival primarily for industry or press, but for people who arrive by subway, get excited about new movies, actually buy tickets, wait on lines, often enough in a cold spring rain.

What they'll see when they get inside? A total of 89 features, 58

shorts, 55 world premieres, galas and sports programs. Those who don't want to leave their car can go to the Tribeca Drive-In.

Those who don't want to leave their couch can go to the Tribeca Online Festival.

Either way, the films are not only being shown locally but in many cases were made locally: The opening night feature, "Time Is Illmatic" — a documentary by multimedia artist One9 about the making of the 1994 Nas album, "Illmatic" — was shot largely in Queens.

The crime drama "Every Secret Thing," the much-anticipated fea-

ture debut of Amy Berg — whose acclaimed documentaries have included "West of Memphis" and "Deliver Us From Evil" — was shot in Oceanside.

On Fire Island, director Adam Rapp found locations for "Loitering With Intent," his dramedy with Sam Rockwell and Marisa Tomei. Sag Harbor and Riverhead provide the backdrop for director Lou Howe's "Gabriel," starring Rory Culkin.

Never heard of these movies? Well, that's something most of the 167 directors involved in this year's Tribeca are hoping to change.

There's never a shortage of

well-known names involved in the festival or the offspring of same — Chelsea Clinton produced the documentary "Of Many," about the relationship between two NYU chaplains, Rabbi Yehuda Sarna and Imam Khalid Latif, and the fraught relationship between Jewish and Muslim students on university campuses. "About Alex" is directed by Jess Zwick, son of producer Ed ("thirtysomething," "The Last Samurai"), and features, among others, Jason Ritter, son of actor John, and Max Minghella, son of director Anthony. (The cast also includes Max Greenfield of TV's "New Girl" and Aubrey Plaza of

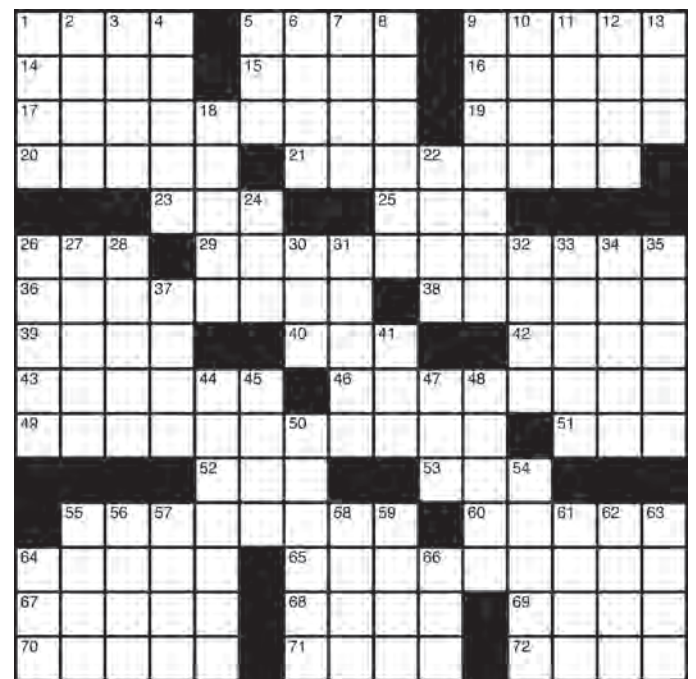
"Parks and Recreation.") Elsewhere, Gillian Greene, daughter of "Bonanza" TV star Lorne Greene, has directed "Murder of a Cat," which may not be drawing the PETA crowd but has what sounds like a crack cast in Fran Kranz, Nikki Reed, J.K. Simmons, Blythe Danner, Leo Nam and Greg Kinnear. It's also executive produced by Greene's husband, cult director Sam Raimi ("Spider-Man," "The Evil Dead").

But lots of unknowns make their way to the festival, which takes place in various venues in Manhattan and continues through April 27.

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 - Hand Vac maker
 - Haloed messenger
 - Nocturnal annoyance
 - Once in a while
 - Until now
 - Road groove
 - Bermuda hrs.
 - Special "Jeopardy!" square
 - Stir-fried hodgepodge
 - Ad-lib comedy style
 - Hailed vehicle
 - Cavity filler's letters, or, said another way, a hint to 17-, 29-, 49- and 65-Across
 - Comedian Cook
 - "The Real Slim Shady" rapper
 - Big name in gloves
 - A&E reality series featuring the Robertson family
 - Arid
 - Past-tense verb that sounds like a number
 - EMT technique
 - Squirrel's discard
 - Continental bank notes
 - Hauled to the hoosegow
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 - Moisten, as a lawn
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- Steeple section with a ringer
- "The ___ of the Opera"
- Touch down
- Jason's ship
- New driver, often
- Immigrant's subj.
- Closing documents
- German automaker
- Cross-shaped Greek letter
- Played a part (in)
- SeaWorld orca
- Poisonous, as waste
- Mil. roadside hazard
- Winona's "Beetlejuice" role
- Prom hairstyle
- Mark with an iron
- Invert
- "___ Breath You Take": Police hit
- Internal color of a medium steak
- Puncture sound
- 1970s Mary Tyler Moore co-star
- Folk story
- Non-prescription: Abbr.
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- Tattoo tool
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- California wine valley
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Softball loses two, wins one versus OU

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

No. 12 Baylor and No. 13 Oklahoma met in a battle of Big 12 softball dominance over the weekend at Gettman Stadium. The Bears dropped the first two games of the series on Friday and Saturday, but earned a come-from-behind win Sunday to salvage a 2-1 series split.

Outside of a disastrous fifth inning, senior pitcher Whitney Canion threw a no-hitter on Friday. Unfortunately, the three hits and three runs allowed in the fifth were the difference as Oklahoma stole a 3-2 win over Baylor in the series opener.

"I was really on, except for that fifth inning," Canion said after the loss. "When it rains, it pours."

Catcher Whitney Ellis singled to lead off the inning, and designated player Whitney Miller took advantage by smashing a two-run home run to give Oklahoma its first lead of the ballgame.

The two runs would have been manageable for Baylor on this day, but freshman left fielder Christy Lisenby dropped a routine pop-fly that allowed right fielder Callie Parsons to reach second that set up an RBI triple by third baseman Georgia Casey to give Oklahoma a commanding 3-1 lead.

Baylor came close to responding in the fifth, loading the bases with two outs. Junior third baseman Sarah Smith singled to left to drive in one and cut the lead to 3-2, but the inning ended with the bases loaded. Baylor's only other

run came on a solo home run from senior first baseman Holly Holl. While she hit a homer in her second at-bat, she struck out twice with two outs and the bases loaded in both the first and fifth. Baylor left seven total runners on base in the loss.

"We had our opportunities and we didn't capitalize on them, while they had few opportunities and capitalized on all of them," Holl said. "That was the difference in the ballgame."

Canion took the loss after striking out six and allowing two earned runs in a complete game. Oklahoma right-hander Kelsey Stevens picked up the win.

After the tough loss, Baylor's offense was held to one hit in a 2-0 loss to spoil another strong start from Canion.

Just like Friday's game, the second game of the series was decided in the fifth inning. Center fielder Destinee Martinez singled to lead off the inning and Parsons reached first base herself two batters later. After Casey's sacrifice fly advanced the runners to second and third, left fielder Kady Self hit a RBI single to put the first run on the board. Third baseman Shelby Pendley added an RBI single of her own in the next at-bat, and that was all she wrote.

Baylor's only hit of the afternoon came when junior right fielder Kaitlyn Thumann hit a double to deep right field. It took until the fifth inning until a single Baylor batter reached base.

"Things weren't falling our way," Thumann said. "We were hit-

ting it hard, but we just lined out. That's the game of softball; you can line out every single time, but you're still not on base."

For her one-hit shutout, Stevens once again earned the win. Canion added her second loss in as many days.

In stark contrast to the first two games of the weekend, Sunday afternoon's game turned into a slugfest. Despite giving up a three-run lead, Baylor came from behind after an 80-minute rain delay to stun Oklahoma and salvage the series.

Baylor's offense came out ready to play, taking leads of 2-0 and 5-2 over the course of the first two innings, but managed to give both leads back thanks to inconsistent pitching to open.

Heading into the weather delay, Baylor trailed the Sooners 6-5 after four innings and was struggling to keep its focus.

"The lightning strike was a blessing in disguise," softball coach Glenn Moore said. "When we went in the locker room, we were 24 or 25 individuals and we came out as one. We had a real heart-to-heart meeting, and got focused."

The key fifth inning was scoreless, but Baylor's bats came to life in the sixth. Baylor loaded the bases with only one out after Smith was intentionally walked to bring up Holl. The first baseman overcame her poor weekend and hit an RBI single to tie up the game.

Sophomore designated player Linsey Hays added an RBI sacrifice fly in the next at-bat, and Oklahoma intentionally walked junior shortstop Jordan Strickland to



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Senior first baseman Holly Holl runs to home plate to celebrate with teammates after hitting a home run in Friday's 3-2 loss to Oklahoma at Gettman Stadium. Baylor is 30-9 overall and 4-3 in the Big 12 Conference.

once again load the bases. Stevens threw a wild pitch that bounced past the catcher and allowed Smith to score another run and put the Bears up 7-5.

Sophomore pitcher Heather Stearns was pulled from the game after allowing two runs and recording only one out.

Moore pulled her and replaced her with senior reliever Liz Paul, the first of many pitching changes on the day.

Canion earned a win after recording four straight outs to close the win.

"I had four outs to go," Canion said. "When we scored those three runs, I knew it was just three outs to go. I don't do fist-pump very much, but I found myself doing that because I saw this team come out and fight."

In all, there were eight total pitching changes and seven different pitchers made an appearance. All three pitchers who have appeared for Baylor pitched at some point.

With the series loss, Baylor moved to 4-3 in Big 12 play, but Oklahoma sits at 9-1 after the se-

ries, which gives them the advantage to win the conference.

"I don't think this will determine whether we go to the World Series or not," Canion said. "It may determine the Big 12 Championship, but we didn't win it my sophomore year and we went to the World Series. To see us come back like that is the reason we made it in 2011."

Baylor will play a three-game series Thursday, Friday and Saturday at OSU in Stillwater, Okla. First pitch will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, 7 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday.



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

The Baylor acrobatics and tumbling team completes a stunt in a meet against Azusa Pacific University on Saturday at the Ferrell Center. The team will compete next at the NCATA National Championships from April 24-26 at APU.

Acrobatics and tumbling falls in final home meet

By CAROLINE LINDSTROM
REPORTER

Baylor acrobatics and tumbling (2-4) wrapped-up its regular season on senior night Saturday with a loss to Azusa Pacific University at the Ferrell Center.

"I thought that the seniors did an outstanding job tonight, and I am so proud of them for really being leaders at this meet," said head coach LaPrise Harris-Williams.

The Bears started strong in the compulsory event, winning 38.15-38.10. Azusa Pacific fought back in the acro event, stretching the lead 66.85-66.60. The Bears fell further behind in the pyramid event 96.15-95.75 before halftime.

After the half, the Cougars dominated in the toss event, expanding the lead 125.05-123.95. Baylor bounced back in the tumbling event and closed the gap 182.175-181.575 with freshman Kiara Nowlin's perfect 10 in the six element.

The Bears weren't able to overcome mistakes in the team routine, falling to Azusa Pacific 280.875-277.955.

"We have been through a lot this season and we aren't done fighting because we still have nationals," sophomore Amanda Graceffa said. "So we are going to go back, practice as hard as we can, and come back stronger than ever."

Harris-Williams said Azusa Pacific was a better team Saturday night, although her team gave its best effort. She said the Bears had a lot of mistakes they could not recover from when competing against another strong team like Azusa Pacific.

"We came out really strong in the first half, and we were pumped up to dedicate this meet to the seniors," junior Ally Cheatham said. "In the second half we came out slower than usual and had some mess up, so that is definitely something we will work on before nationals."

The Bears honored eight graduating seniors during the meet: Deonka Ceaser, Hailey Cowan, Katya Finta, Lynn Herbst, Tori Jackson, Ginger Plemmons, Kristie Serrano and Lori Williams.

"It was awesome to come out here with the support of the crowd, especially for our seniors who have worked really hard and we love them unconditionally," Cheatham said.

Baylor acrobatics and tumbling will head to Azusa, Calif., for the NCATA National Championships April 24-26, hosted by Azusa Pacific University.

Harris-Williams said she hoped the team would have gone into nationals at a higher seed, but the team is ready to compete wherever they are placed.

"Last time we were at APU we beat them at the last second, so we want to go in and have that vibe we had last time, and beat the first competitor we go against," Graceffa said.

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