

Softball pockets a victory Wednesday against UT San Antonio 7-1 on the road.



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Campus goes nuts after squirrel hijinks

By REBECCA FIEDLER
STAFF WRITER

Damage causes electrical outages, other malfunctions

Wednesday was an eventful day for the electrical systems on campus, with fire alarms sounding, power shutting down, steam pipes leaking, an electric motor and belt overheating, fans expelling carbon monoxide indoors and a squirrel gnawing through the wires of a transformer.

Power was lost in many buildings on campus at around 8 a.m., Lori Fogleman, assistant vice president of media communications, wrote in an email to the Lariat. A Baylor Alert was released to students, faculty and staff in response to the incident and listed 18 buildings that were affected.

The outage was caused by a squirrel chewing through wires of a transformer, said J.C. Monroe, captain of Engine 4 for the Waco Fire Department.

Monroe mentioned that a fan motor burned up in the air conditioning unit of the Ed Crenshaw building around the

same time as the power outage across campus, causing alarms to sound, as well as an electrical belt burning in the Memorial Residence Hall. Monroe said he attributes these occurrences to the power outage.

"It got up in the primaries — the higher voltage lines feeding that part of the cam-

pus," he said. "They actually had protectors on the transformer, but the squirrel still managed to get up there and short out two of the three primary lines and that killed the power to that part of the campus."

This wasn't the first problem of the day for campus, though. Issues with steam pipes had been taking place in Draper Ac-

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Vice president to join school in Georgia

By RAE JEFFERSON
STAFF WRITER

This summer, Baylor will say goodbye to an important member of the green and gold family.

Dr. Karla Leeper, vice president of board and executive affairs and chief compliance officer at Baylor, will leave Baylor and join Georgia Regents University in Augusta, Ga., as the chief of staff to the president. Leeper will assume her role on June 15.

"Her efforts at the classroom, departmental and University level have benefited her students and her colleagues, and helped to make Baylor better," wrote Baylor President and Chancellor Ken Starr in a university press release. "We are grateful for her years of dedicated service, and we know that she will be a difference maker at Georgia Regents University."

After more than two decades with the university, leaving feels "very strange," Leeper said. She began work at Baylor in 1992 as a communica-



Leeper

tions professor and the director of the Glenn R. Capp Debate Forum. She later served as the department chair for two years, and ultimately became the chief of staff to the president, which she has been for the past seven years.

"I think I have benefited tremendously from the community of students and faculty who are here," she said.

Leeper said she thinks her experience as an administrator, as well as her background in communications, will enable her to succeed at Georgia Regents University. According to the university press release, Georgia Regents is a "comprehensive research university" housing the Medical College of Georgia.

Working as an administrator has changed the way Leeper views affairs and issues within a university, she said.

"I have a much better big-picture perspective of issues with higher education," she said. "I kind of see how all the parts of the university work together to fulfill a common purpose, a common vision and a common strategic plan."

Baylor was the first private, Christian institution she was ever involved with, Leeper said. The university

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TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

A prelude to summer

Denver, Colo., freshman Neville Schwinn does a head-first slide down a water slide at the Zeta Tau Alpha crush event "Watercrush" on Wednesday on Fountain Mall.

Farmers market event squashed without proper health permits

By MEGAN GRINDSTAFF
REPORTER

Baylor students looking forward to fresh, local grocery shopping on campus will have to wait a semester. The upcoming farmers market event scheduled for Friday has been canceled for complications with obtaining the proper permits for participating vendors.

"It comes down to paperwork," said Smith Getterman, assistant director of sustainability and special projects, whose department has organized and put on the event the last two semesters.

The past two semesters, the Waco Downtown Farmers Market has brought its vendors to campus for a special event for Baylor students. Previously, farmers and vendors who bring their products to the campus event have used the same paperwork that allows them to operate on a weekly basis.

"We've been operating under the permit that the farmers market uses downtown," Getterman said.

However, the Waco Farmers Market Permit Ordinance, passed in 2011, requires multiple permits specific to the location of the event.

"The city of Waco has an ordinance specific

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US weighs early release for inmates jailed for 10 years

By ERIC TUCKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is encouraging many nonviolent federal prisoners to apply for early release — and expecting thousands to take up the offer. It's an effort to deal with high costs and overcrowding in prisons, and also a matter of fairness, the government says.

On Wednesday, the Justice Department unveiled a revamped clemency process directed at low-level felons imprisoned for at least 10 years who have clean records while in cus-

today. The effort is part of a broader administration push to scale back the use of harsh penalties in some drug prosecutions and to address sentencing disparities arising from the 1980s crack cocaine epidemic that yielded disproportionately tough punishment for black drug offenders.

"These older, stringent punishments that are out of line with sentences imposed under today's laws erode people's confidence in our criminal justice system," Deputy Attorney General James Cole said, laying out new criteria that will be used

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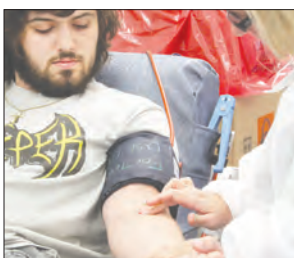


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Last year's campus farmers market in the Vara Martin Daniel Plaza on April 24, 2013, brought vendors like crepe makers and fresh produce from the area to Baylor students.

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Bears can give back to the Waco community through a blood drive all week long.



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Two students launch an athletic clothing line, giving new meaning to the phrase "ready to wear."



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Nobody benefits from mindless busywork

Editorial

No one likes a complainer, especially in the workplace. Very rarely does a company stand for employees who whine about daily tasks or add to the pessimism of a Monday morning slump.

This also applies to college student interns.

With the entitlement stigma of this generation and stories of poor-quality internship placements, the relationship between students and their host companies seems to be fraying more and more. Companies left and right are subsequently shutting down their programs just to settle the nerves of unhappy, self-serving past interns.

However, while many cases of this separation are the fault of the student, the companies share some part of the blame. If a company is open to having an internship program, it should be willing to provide ample opportunity for the student to learn, not treat the intern like an inconvenience.

Internships give students a five-second head start on the job race after graduation. They offer invaluable opportunities to learn more about a chosen field that a lecture in the classroom simply cannot touch. On top of which, internships are breeding grounds for networking and connecting with potential employers.

The key to getting the most out of an internship is the relationship between the company and intern: a give-and-take balance. In order for a program to truly meet the criteria previously mentioned, it is the responsibility of the intern to eagerly seek out opportunities to do work while at the job site. This could mean staying on top of assignments, asking superiors for extra enriching tasks or even cracking down on the typical intern busywork.

However, the same qualities must be observed on the host company's end. It is unprofessional and downright unfair to take on an internship program without giving students quality and productive work to do. Productive work would include interactive shadowing, industry-oriented assignments or just general day-to-day tasks that would lighten the load of the supervisor.



ASHER FREEMAN

On April 4, magazine publishing tycoon Condé Nast reached an undisclosed settlement with two former interns, a debacle that has brewed since last summer. In short, a lawsuit, *Ballinger v. Advance Magazine Publishers, Inc.*, was filed in New York regarding Lauren Ballinger and Matthew Leib's discrepancies with the company. They both claimed they were poorly compensated for the work and effort put into their jobs.

Condé Nast CEO Charles Townsend has since hinted at a potential reboot in the internship program.

While there are probably plenty of unmentioned details in the case, on the surface it appears that these two interns didn't feel adequately rewarded in experience working for one of the leading publishing entities in the world.

In contrast, many companies view these interns as nothing more than free labor. After all, the majority of these students haven't received a degree and therefore don't have ample experience in the field. However, this is exactly the point of an internship: hands-on learning and growing outside the classroom.

If a company views interns as more

of a burden than a help, then its program should be disbanded to prevent students from taking shoddy internships. But this ultimately becomes the misfortune for the company because it removes the extra help and brainpower that interns can and should provide.

Interns at any sort of job site should be compensated in some way, either in dollars, experience or class credit, but it is up to the company to meet them halfway to provide the correct environment that fosters these kinds of reimbursement.

Regardless of work or life experience, interns are people too, growing and learning with each new experience. They have a mind and two hands to put to good use that too many companies are missing out on simply because they won't take the time to foster a substantial internship program.

Many employees currently in the workforce forget that they were once at the college level, hungry to have a hand in the "adult" world, and at one time someone helped them get to where they are now. It's time to now pay it forward to someone — as long as that someone is willing to wholeheartedly accept it.

Life after prison can be difficult

Discrimination against those who were once in prison is still discrimination. Whether trying to re-enter the workplace or just trying to integrate back into everyday life, former inmates deserve every bit of respect as the rest of us.



Rebecca Flannery | Reporter

People are added into many different prisons every day. People serve their sentences according to the crime they committed. Of course there are inmates who have committed crimes that seem unforgivable, but looking at it from a slightly more virtuous aspect, there's always room for redemption.

In many ways, the way we treat former inmates is flawed. Inmates are sentenced according to state policy, from minimal time in prison all the way up to the death penalty. Crimes along the range of this time include everything from stealing, minors being in possession of alcohol, driving under the influence and rape. No matter how much time or how little of an infraction the crime was, all inmates are treated equally if they get out of prison — with judgment and disdain.

After life in prison, it is difficult for former inmates to gain employment or be approved for housing. This results in homelessness and ultimately destitution. After a felony conviction, those who were sentenced don't immediately get their civil rights back. They have to apply for them. This may seem like a just way to go about handling someone who violated laws everyone else follows, but having been stripped of your rights and left to fend for yourself seems inhumane.

I'm not saying that we should live in a society where we should expect people to hold our hands once we screw up. I'm saying there should be room for a little more forgiveness in this world. Where would we be today if our parents never forgave us for driving through the garage when learning how to park? Or if our siblings never forgave us for taking the last donut in the box that was (according to the "halvsies" principle) rightfully theirs? Eventually those small infractions would lead to a life filled with grudges held against us, resulting in multiple different downfalls. It almost seems that life after prison is a world against one, the state and its people all holding grudges for a crime already paid for. It shouldn't be so.

In Texas, 2.2 million people are affected by what is called deferred adjudication. According to the Texas Department of State Health Services website, deferred adjudication is similar to probation, but "after successful completion of the community supervision and other requirements, the court then usually dismisses the underlying criminal charge and discharges the person from community supervision requirements. Because of this, it's a common misconception that deferred adjudication does not become a part of a person's criminal record." This is where they're wrong. It stays on their record and is allowed to be scrutinized when said person applies to a job or housing community. If those affected by deferred adjudication are treated just as poorly as those actually convicted, where does the scrutiny stop?

It's time to re-evaluate the way our court systems are run and ask the questions no one is brave enough to ask. Is there anyone that is too far gone to be redeemed?

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Greek yogurt has been lying to you

I am a proud American. I love the innovative and individualist spirit of this great nation, but one thing about American culture really makes me cringe. In efforts to make healthy foods palatable, we cram all kinds of sweet tasting, unhealthy junk into them. Greek-style yogurt is the biggest offender today.

When it comes to Greek-style yogurt, Americans need to cut the fluff.

I had just finished a glorious mid-morning run through the unforgiving Texas Hill Country terrain. After an hour of high-intensity cardio, I was starving. I was on a mission: find food fast.

Entering the house of four physically fit Army guys, I assumed I would easily find a quick fix for my post-run energy low. Sensing my fatigue and creeping grumpiness, my boyfriend handed me a carton of Greek yogurt from their refrigerator. He knows my love for the protein-packed snack.

By habit, I read the nutritional information but was horrified by what I learned. One cup of this Greek Gods Honey and Strawberry Greek yogurt had a whopping 310 calories with 34 grams of sugar. The American Heart Association suggests we intake no more than 24 grams of added sugar a day. As scrumptious as it sounded, I knew I would be asking for trouble if I ate this particular creamy treat.

I was diagnosed with hypoglycemia — low blood sugar — when I was in middle school. Growing up, I never experienced the sugar high after eating a donut and chocolate milk at sleepovers like my friends did. I just got sleepy.

After my diagnosis, I was advised to stay away from added sugars as much as possible and to maintain a protein-packed diet to combat sugar lows that leave me feeling tired.

My condition requires me to be



Emily Ballard | Reporter

particularly cautious of sugar consumption, even from seemingly healthy foods. The Greek yogurt I mentioned above has nearly as much sugar as a can of soda. Not so healthy.

Of course the Greek-style yogurts with the most sugar are the most delicious. But it may be our brain telling us we want the sweeter one because we have become addicted to sugar. This is not a phony addiction.

Physician and New York Times best-selling author Sara Gottfried explains that consuming large amounts of sugar spikes blood glucose levels (unless you're hypoglycemic and thus want to crawl back in bed). Blood glucose levels plummet dramatically soon after and your body begs you to feed it more sugar to continue the vicious cycle.

I had to retrain my taste buds to enjoy foods that were not packed with extra sugars that help foods like cereal, flavored oatmeal and Greek yogurt taste better. At this time, Greek-style yogurt was not a hot commodity like it is now. According to a report from Packaged Facts, Greek

yogurt constituted only one percent of the yogurt market in 2007. This past year, the percentage rose to 35.

In the middle of the rise of the Greek yogurt empire, I trekked along the Turkish and Greek coasts during a study abroad program and had the pleasure of experiencing authentic Greek yogurt. As expected, their Greek yogurt was quite different from the American take on Greek yogurt.

Theirs was simple. It was always white in color, served in a large glass bowl at breakfast buffets and sat beside a small dish of fresh honey — the real deal. This was my breakfast almost every day that June.

I was skeptical of the flavor of the yogurt at first. It tasted bland to me. I was used to eating Chobani Greek-style yogurt in America that was flavored with Vanilla or some kind of fruit jelly at the bottom of the cup. But as the month progressed, the plain Greek yogurt pleased my palate more and more. The amount of honey I needed to add to make it yummy lessened with time. This was the start of my journey eating Greek yogurt au naturel.

Well, almost au naturel. I still like to top my plain Greek yogurt with a splash of Agave nectar or cinnamon and fresh berries — all additions with little or no added sugar.

Boring can be delicious. I had to travel across the world to realize this simple truth. You don't have to. Next time you go to the grocery store, pick up the most plain, unexciting Greek-style yogurt you can find. Sprinkle in your favorite spice or fruit and your taste buds and your body will thank you. But give it some time.

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Flower Mound freshman Jordan Sharp donated blood April 21 on Fountain Mall. Alpha Phi Omega and Carter BloodCare periodically host blood drives on the Baylor campus throughout the semester.

Alpha Phi Omega sponsors blood bank ‘Gallon Challenge’

By ANJA ROSALES
REPORTER

You don’t have to be Superman or Batman to save a life, just a student or staff member that is willing to take but a minute out of your time while walking through campus.

Baylor Alpha Phi Omega co-ed service fraternity is hosting a blood drive with Carter BloodCare throughout this week and also on Tuesday.

The blood drive is taking place in the Carter BloodCare buses located next to Fountain Mall and by the Bobo Spiritual Life Center. Students and staff can donate blood from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

Carter BloodCare is a non-profit organization that depends on patients in over 50 Texas counties. According to the organization, one blood donation can save up to three lives and as little as a

thimbleful of blood can save a newborn’s life.

Austin senior Mitch Todd, co-chair for Alpha Phi Omega, said Carter BloodCare teams up with Alpha Phi Omega once each semester, hosts a blood drive. This semester is different from previous semesters due to a new project taking action.

“This semester we are starting something called the Gallon Challenge,” Todd said. “For every gallon of blood donated, we will match that with a gallon of water to donate to Mission Waco.”

Baylor is the first campus to take part in the Gallon Challenge. Todd said he hopes this project spreads to other campuses.

Houston senior Jasmine Singh, president of Alpha Phi Omega, said they got to choose Mission Waco as the organization to donate to from the Gallon Challenge. Singh said Carter BloodCare usually averages over one hundred

units of blood each year from the drives on campus.

Sara Mabile, Account Consultant for Carter BloodCare, said how much of a success the organization has when coming to Baylor.

“When we have Baylor Week we bring all of our buses and almost all of our staff to come out because of how many donors we get coming in that week,” Mabile said.

She said last year Baylor Alpha Phi Omega won an award at the 2013 Carter BloodCare Texas Recognition Event, recognizing them for the highest number of units drawn annually.

Mabile said the during the 2013 year, Carter BloodCare totaled 685 units for the year solely from Baylor, beating out every organization that hosted blood drives with Carter BloodCare for that year.

“We really appreciate the opportunity that Baylor allows us to come out,” Mabile said.

Baylor sustainability efforts win local Waco award

By MEGAN GRINDSTAFF
REPORTER

Keep Waco Beautiful awarded the Francis Sturgis “Partners In Pride” Sustainability Award to Baylor for its commitment to conscientious environment practices.

This year, Baylor received the Sustainability Award for multiple

campus wide sustainability efforts, including: placing over 700 recycling bins on campus, encouraging waste reduction during move-in week, increasing recycling efforts at football games and tailgating events, implementing a Styro-foam-free rule at Floyd Casey Stadium and on campus, donat-

ing leftover dining hall food to people in need and continuing the “Last Out, Lights Out” campaign for energy conservation. While the honor was announced Wednesday, Baylor will officially receive the award at the “Partners in Pride” reception on May 15.

“This recognition speaks to

Baylor’s commitment to being a good member of the greater Waco community,” said Smith Gettman, assistant director of sustainability and special projects. “We recognize the importance of being good stewards of Waco’s resources and being a leader in this area.”

Keep Waco Beautiful recog-

nizes groups in the community for their efforts in making Waco more environmentally responsible.

Keep Waco Beautiful Inc. is the local outlet of the non-profits Keep Texas Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful. Their mission is to improve the city’s appearance through “litter prevention and

cleanup, beautification efforts, environmental education, and recycling events.”

“This really is a reflection of the university’s commitment to the fifth tenet of Pro Futuris: judicious stewardship,” Gettman said.

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Compete to contribute

Awareness, funds to be raised for the poor through the series of physical team events

By ANJA ROSALES
REPORTER

The Baylor fitness and intramural departments have teamed up with Mission Waco to hold the Mission Waco Urban X Team Challenge at 8:45 a.m. May 3 at Mission Waco Jubilee Theater located at 1315 N. 15th St.

The competition will help raise awareness and funds for Mission Waco by holding a competition.

Van Davis, the assistant director for fitness and nutrition education at the McLane Student Life Center, helped put the event together.

"About seven or eight years ago they had something similar called the Waco X Games, but the competition wasn't as extensive as it will be this year," Davis said.

The Urban X Team Challenge consists of about 20 teams with four members per team. These teams will compete in a variety of sports and competition such as a one-mile run, four-on-four sand volleyball, three-on-three basketball, four-on-four soccer, a team rock climbing challenge, a team building challenge and a fitness challenge.

Jimmy Dorrell, the director of Mission Waco for 22 years, said this event wouldn't be happening if it weren't for Davis coming to him and bringing the idea of a team challenge competition.

Dorrell said the area around North 15th Street has changed in the last 20 years.

"When I first moved to this area, just a couple of blocks away from

North 15th Street, it was easily one of the poorest neighborhoods in Waco," Dorrell said. "It was this realization that birthed Mission Waco. The area is much different than it was 20 years ago, different in a positive way."

Mission Waco is an organization that helps overcome issues that cause oppression among the poor. The organization helps by enabling middle-class Americans to become more involved among the poor.

Dorrell said the funds raised would go straight to the program of Mission Waco that helps the poor re-

"Everyone loves winning, but it's more about the cause first, then enjoying ourselves in competition."

Andrew Sayers | graduate student

ceive legal help.

"The legal department doesn't necessarily help with criminal issues, but more with civil issues and challenging different things," Dorrell said.

Davis said she loves the physical activities and said she wanted to bring a healthy competition that students can compete in for a good cause.

"I just remember when I was a participant in the Waco X Games a couple of years ago," Davis said. "I had the best time just being involved in a fun and competitive experience."

Houston graduate student Andrew Sayers is signed up to participate in challenge and said he is excited to compete with friends as a way of raising funds and awareness for Mission Waco.

"I'm excited to just hang with good people for a good cause," Sayers said. "Everyone loves winning, but it's more about the cause first, then enjoying ourselves in competition."

Waco senior Tyler Masaichy is also competing in the event and said as much as he is looking forward to the different games, he is also excited to see success with other teams. He said he liked the idea of using a team competition as a way to raise money and bring awareness.

"It's a different way of helping out," Masaichy said. "It's really cool the way they put this all together to help raise awareness and funds."

Davis said this is a great way to volunteer.

"Just because you didn't sign up to compete doesn't mean you can't help out," Davis said. "We would love for anyone to serve the community in any way possible."

Davis said she is looking forward to helping out by competing in fun and healthy competition.

"I take any chance I get to help raise awareness and money for the cause that Mission Waco works towards," Davis said. "I love Mission Waco for what they stand for and what they do for our community."

Information on volunteer opportunities can be found at www.missionwaco.org/volunteer.



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Commemorating by candlelight

Melanie Mamondes, 8, participates in a candlelight vigil commemorating National Child Abuse Prevention Month at Jose Marti Park in Miami. Amigos For Kids, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect, held the event attended by about 200 kids and their families.

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to evaluate clemency petitions for possible recommendation for the president's approval.

Though the criteria apply solely to federal inmates, states, too are grappling with severe prison overcrowding. In Nebraska, for example, prisons were at 155 percent of capacity at the end of March. And in California, courts have ordered the state to reduce the inmate population to 137.5 percent of designed capacity, or 112,164 inmates in the 34 facilities, by February 2016.

The White House, sometimes criticized as too stingy with its clemency power, says it's seeking more candidates for leniency in an overcrowded federal prison system whose costs comprise a sizable percentage of the Justice Department's budget.

The system's population has skyrocketed in recent decades, creating rising multibillion-dollar expenses that officials say threaten other law enforcement priorities and that an inspector general's report last year characterized as a "growing crisis." The United States incarcerates about a quarter of the world's prisoners. Of the roughly 216,000 inmates in federal custody, nearly half are imprisoned for drug-related crimes.

The Justice Department says now's the time to consider releasing more prisoners early.

"These defendants were properly held accountable for their criminal conduct. However, some of them, simply because of the operation of sentencing laws on the books at the time, received substantial sentences that are disproportionate to what they would receive today," Cole said.

Officials say they don't know how many of the tens of thousands of drug-related convicts would be eligible for early release, but an ideal candidate would meet six criteria — including no history of violence, no ties to criminal organizations or gangs and a clean prison record. He must also have already served 10 years or more of his sentence and be likely to have received a substantially shorter offense if convicted of the same offense today.

The Bureau of Prisons will notify all inmates of the criteria next week and provide electronic surveys to those who think they deserve clemency.

The Justice Department expects the vast majority of applicants to be drug prisoners but didn't foreclose the possibility that inmates convicted of other crimes — financial fraud, for example — could be considered.

"It's really a coming together of decades of excessive sentencing, particularly in drug cases, combined with attention to the underused power of commutation," said Marc Mauer, executive director of the Sentencing Project, an organization that works on sentencing policies.

The announcement is a "fantastic step in the right direction," said Julie Stewart, president of Families Against Mandatory Minimums. And Douglas Berman, a sentencing law expert at Ohio State University, said it represented a "very meaningful change in both tone and attitude" from the days when clemency was seen as a power that carried "all political risk, no political reward."

The action is the latest change sought in a federal sentencing system that Attorney General Eric Holder says often results in unduly harsh outcomes. Earlier this year, he endorsed a proposal that would result in shorter prison sentences for nonviolent drug traffickers and, in August, directed federal prosecutors not to charge low-level, nonviolent drug offenders with crimes that entail mandatory minimum sentences.

The Obama administration has also said it is working to correct the legacy of an old sentencing structure that subjected offenders to long prison terms for crack cocaine convictions while giving far more lenient sentences to those caught with the powder form of the drug. Many of the crack convicts have been black, while those convicted of powder offenses have been more likely to be white.

The Fair Sentencing Act of 2010 reduced that disparity and eliminated a five-year mandatory mini-



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Deputy Attorney General James Cole holds up a list of guidelines during a news conference at the Justice Department Wednesday in Washington. Cole announced the new standards that will be considered in deciding whether to recommend clemency for certain nonviolent drug prisoners.

mum for first-time possession of crack, but the law did not cover offenders sentenced before the law was approved. Officials are now turning their attention to identifying inmates who received sentences under the old guidelines.

In December President Barack Obama, who granted only one commutation in his first term, cut short the sentences of eight prisoners — including six serv-

ing life sentences — who he said had been locked up too long for drug crimes.

The administration says it's impossible to know exactly how many new applicants will be eligible. Mauer, of the Sentencing Project, said he didn't expect a huge number of inmates to qualify for clemency given the narrowness of the criteria, but he said the effort was significant nonetheless.

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ademic Building approximately 30 minutes before the squirrel caused the power outage.

Fire alarms in Draper, Old Main and Burleson Hall sounded earlier that morning around 7:30 a.m., according to Steve Eskew, Baylor fire safety specialist. A pipe in the basement of Draper was leaking steam to the point of filling the basement, to which the fire alarms reacted, Eskew said.

The Waco Fire Department responded to the triggered alarms, opening doors in Draper to air out the steam coming from the basement.

Firefighters used gasoline-powered fans to assist in ventilating the building, Monroe said. The fans emitted a small amount of carbon monoxide into Draper, he said.

Firefighters detected carbon monoxide levels that were slightly higher than normal in the stairwell above the basement, Eskew said.

"They essentially ran another fan or so in that area and within five minutes it had dissipated," he said.

Electric fans were eventually used to replace the gas-powered fans after electricity returned to the building, Monroe said. Power had been restored to the last of the outage-afflicted buildings on campus by 9:32 a.m.

People were only allowed to re-enter Old Main, Draper and Burleson after Draper was fully ventilated. Some people entered Draper while fire alarms were still sounding, however, according to

Houston junior Paula Solis, who was supposed to have class in Draper at 9:05 a.m.

Solis said she felt there should have been an official Baylor Alert email warning students of the building's closure, not just the sounding of the fire alarms to ward people off. She was worried about not being in the building and potentially missing a quiz.

"I can't miss the quiz without an email from my professor excusing me from class or an email from the university excusing me from class," she said.

Eskew said he did not feel a Baylor Alert email was required.

"If the fire alarm is going off with strobes and horns, you shouldn't be entering the building," he said. "You shouldn't need an email to know not to go into a building when the fire alarm has been activated."

The Waco Fire Department and Baylor Police Department have not conveyed what may have caused the steam leak in Draper.

As a result of the power outage, however, steam was eventually shut off to Pat Neff Hall, Draper, Alexander Residence Hall, the Memorial building, Allen Residence Hall and Dawson Residence Hall, Fogleman said. Steam was turned back on at the same time electricity was restored.

"There were multiple things going on at different buildings because of that one squirrel," Monroe said. "A costly squirrel."

Caroline Lindstrom, a reporter for the Lariat, contributed to this story.

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proved to embody the part of its mission statement that refers to Baylor as a "caring Christian community," she said.

"I think that has an impact on how you view your role as a servant leader at an institution," Leeper said. "Having been part of a community like this for 20 years, it really makes a difference in how you view your role and your relationship with students, faculty and staff."

Preparing to leave the relationships

she has built with members of the Baylor community has been difficult, Leeper said.

"I'm so grateful for the opportunity I have been given at Baylor — all the students that I've worked with, all the faculty and staff colleagues that I know — it's just been a tremendous experience," she said. "It's hard to leave, but I'm excited about the new opportunities."

MARKET from Page 1

for farmers markets," said David Litke, program administrator for environmental health for the Waco/McLennan County Public Health District. "The ordinance has a lot of details about where it can be set up."

For its weekly operation, the Waco Downtown Farmers Market organization procures the necessary permits for the whole market. Once vendors are selected based on the market's criteria, the Waco Downtown Farmers Market's permits cover the individual vendors, Litke said.

This semester, Aramark, the company that handles facility services, catering and dining services for Baylor, planned to host a food demonstration at the campus farmers market. In order to do so, the company had to procure a special permit from the Public Health District. When they applied for the food demo permit, it

came to the attention of the Public Health District that the whole operation lacked the necessary documents, Getterman said.

"This is just a learning process," he said. "It's a completely new event on campus. There are going to be bumps and opportunities for learning along the way."

After missing the last few on-campus farmers markets while she was studying abroad, Manhattan Beach, Calif., junior Sierra Bloodgood was eagerly anticipating attending the event later this month. Bloodgood said she hoped the on-campus farmers market would help spread her passion for fresh, homegrown food to the Baylor community.

"People who don't usually go could see how cool it is and start going to the off-campus ones," Bloodgood said. "The farmers market is a really good way to

show students what we have in Waco."

Bloodgood said her belief in the health benefits of buying local makes her a regular at the downtown farmers market.

"The difference in the quality of the produce you can get at the farmers market compared to what you can get at H.E.B., even if you buy organic, is unbelievable," Bloodgood said.

The sustainability department plans to work out the necessary details and permits, revive the event in the fall and make it an annual occurrence, Getterman said. Until then, Baylor students like Bloodgood can still get their fix of fresh, local food at the Waco Downtown Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at 400 S. University Parks Drive, just past Interstate 35.

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Students merge yoga, faith in business model

By TAYLOR REXRODE
A&E EDITOR

Two Baylor students have started their own athletic wear business, bringing together a love of yoga and athletic fashion.

Austin senior Grace Hodges and New Boston, Mich., junior Curtis Smith started their clothing business Lotus Athletic Wear by selling athletic headbands that Hodges had been making for the previous two years. She said she started making the headbands originally for her own use.

"My head is so tiny that I would slip out of headbands from Lululemon and Prana," Hodges said. "They're great headbands, but they never really fit, so I started making my own."

She began making them for friends and classmates and then after having a conversation with Smith, she decided to start selling them for a profit.

From there, Hodges said, everything rolled into place.

Hodges began creating more and more headbands — as many as 1,000 in a week. Now, Lotus Athletic Wear will have its headbands featured in the Yoga Bar, a hot yoga studio that opened on Eighth Street in Waco last February.

"I couldn't believe a month ago that we would already have a venue to sell our products and that we are already looking at other yoga places," Hodges said. "It's all actually happening."

The headbands that will be featured



COURTESY PHOTO

Austin senior Grace Hodges and New Boston, Mich., junior Curtis Smith created Lotus Athletic Wear, a clothing company that has begun making headbands this semester. Their products will be featured at the Yoga Bar, a hot yoga studio in Waco, starting next week.

at the Yoga Bar range in price from \$5 to \$10 and are made from combinations of cotton, lycra and Spandex.

Hodges said she hopes the company will expand their products to shirts, tanks, shorts and pants in the coming year, fulfilling what she calls the "head, shoulders, knees and toes" approach.

"Start from the head and end at the feet," Hodges said. "As soon as we build enough money, we will be able to go to a manufacturer for other clothes."

Hodges and Curtis both practice yoga and said they enjoy the tranquility of the holistic exercise. Their love of yoga along with their mission to make clothing for all people, they said, are what drive their business model.

"I would really like to see our products go in the direction that anyone can

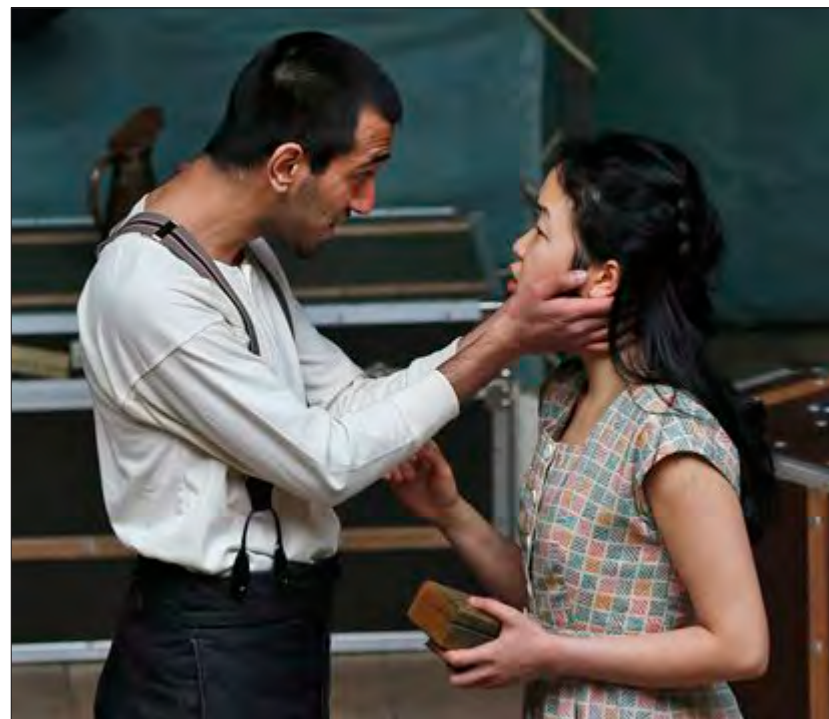
wear them," Hodges said. "Some women struggle because of sports bras or yoga pants and shirts that aren't made for all types of women. We want this to be for everyone."

Overall, both business owners want to let their Christian background influence their decisions and the company ethics.

"It opens up opportunities for me to personally tell someone what I believe and this is how I think," Smith said. "It opens up opportunities to love someone and change someone's life."

Hodges and Smith said they hope to make enough money to put funds into philanthropies that focus on health and wellness.

Though Hodges is graduating in May, she said she hopes to keep growing the business.



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Actors perform a scene from William Shakespeare's "Hamlet" for members of the media on Wednesday. Four centuries after his death, Shakespeare's Globe theater is setting out to perform on more than 200 stages across the world.

Shakespeare's Globe taking 'Hamlet' to over 200 nations

By JILL LAWLESS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Four centuries after his death, William Shakespeare is probably Britain's best-known export, his words and characters famous around the world.

It's fitting they were first staged at a playhouse called the Globe.

Now the modern-day Shakespeare's Globe theater in London is setting out to test the Bard's maxim that "all the world's a stage" by taking "Hamlet" to every country on Earth, more than 200 in all.

The company describes the plan as "insanely ambitious." Some suspect it's impossible, and Amnesty International has weighed in to point out the "dark irony" of taking a play about power and regicide to authoritarian North Korea.

"Hamlet" opens Wednesday — on Shakespeare's 450th birthday — with the first of three performances at the Globe, a reconstructed Elizabethan playhouse beside the River Thames.

Then the cast of 12 and its four-person crew will board a schooner for Amsterdam, beginning a journey that will take them to seven continents by plane, boat, train, bus and jeep.

Globe artistic director Dominic Dromgoole reeled off the first tour stops with an excited grin: "Amsterdam, Wittenberg, Arctic Circle — Tromso — drop down through Scandinavia, go to Mos-

cow, go to Kiev the night before the election."

The tour is scheduled to last two years, finishing back at the Globe on April 23, 2016 — the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death.

The itinerary is still a work in progress, but Ladi Emeruwa, one of two actors playing the lead role, said his schedule is blocked out through January, with performances across Europe followed by tours of North, Central and South America and the Caribbean.

"It feels like I've won the lottery," said Nigeria-born Emeruwa, who trained at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. "Both are things I've always wanted to do — perform for this company and travel."

The tour's initial goal of visiting 205 nations and territories may vary, and exactly what constitutes a country is in some cases contested. The United Nations has 193 member states, while there were 204 teams in the London Olympics.

Dromgoole remains undaunted, though unapologetic, when asked about war-devastated Syria or insular North Korea — both now listed on the tour's website as "details to be confirmed."

"Every country means every country," he said. "It's not easy to get into every country, for a variety of reasons. But we're quite persistent."

HBO sells reruns of hit shows to Amazon's Prime Instant Video

By JOE FLINT
LOS ANGELES TIMES
VIA McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

HBO has cut a deal to sell reruns of many of its hit shows to Amazon.com Inc.'s Prime Instant Video platform.

Among the programs that will be made available on Amazon's Prime Instant Video streaming service are "The Sopranos," "Six Feet Under," "The Wire," "Girls" and "Veep." The agreement also covers HBO's miniseries including "Band of Brothers" and original movies such as "Game Change."

As part of the pact, HBO's online streaming service HBO Go will also be available on Amazon's new Fire TV set-top box that is due to launch at the end of the year.

HBO shows will be available on Prime Instant starting May 21. Terms were not disclosed. The exclusive partnership is something of an about-face for HBO, a unit of Time Warner Inc.

In the past, the company has indicated it was not interested in selling its content to online subscription services such as Netflix and Amazon, which it saw as competitors. However, HBO already has a long relationship with Amazon. HBO Go is available to Kindle users and Amazon also sells DVDs of HBO shows.

By selling reruns of popular shows to Amazon, HBO is also potentially causing some pain for Netflix, which is seen as a much bigger threat than Amazon.

The sale is indicative of how the rerun marketplace has shifted in the last few

years. In the past, HBO sold old episodes of its shows to basic cable networks such as A&E and TBS.

But those networks are making more original content and the appetite for HBO's leftovers has faded.

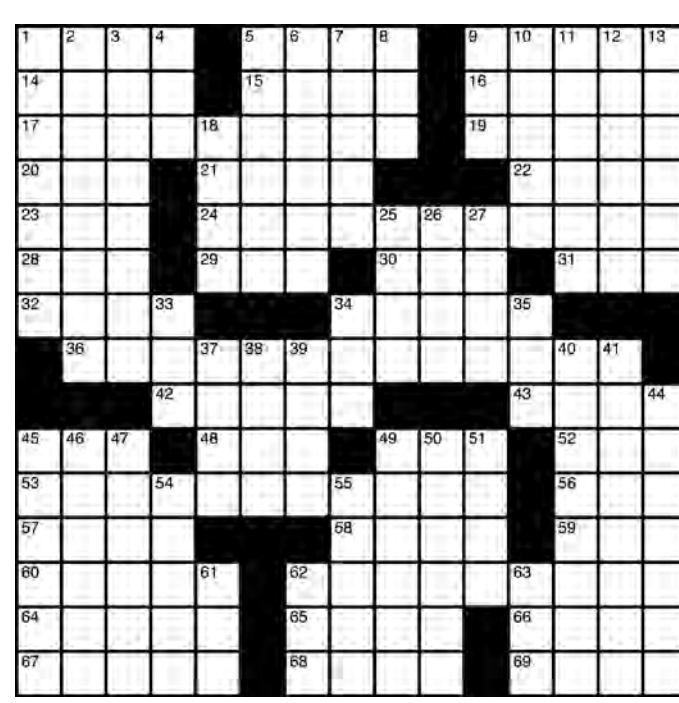
At the same time, companies such as Netflix and Amazon have been spending heavily on content to try to boost their platforms and that has become a crucial revenue stream for programmers.

"As owners of our original programming, we have always sought to capitalize on that investment. Given our long-standing relationship with Amazon, we couldn't think of a better partner to entrust with this valuable collection," said Glenn Whitehead, HBO's executive vice president of business and legal affairs.



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Tolson battles back from surgery to bolster Bears

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor baseball's pitching staff has not missed a beat this season. The kind of consistency and success they have had can be credited to a few starting pitchers in other instances, but the Bears have got the job done in their own way.

Senior pitcher Austin Stone suffered a minor biceps injury a couple of weeks ago.

Because of Stone's unexpected dismissal from the lineup, Baylor head coach Steve Smith had to reconfigure his pitching rotation to cope with the inevitable — he will have to use young pitchers.

"It's been a pretty long journey. I had the surgery after my senior year and spent all of freshman year in the training room, so being back out on the field is a lot of fun."

Drew Tolson | sophomore pitcher

Sophomore pitcher Drew Tolson began the season as a backup mid-week starter.

With freshman pitcher Daniel Castano holding his own against

non-conference opposition in the midweek games, Tolson did not see much playing time.

When Stone bowed out from his weekend duties, Castano moved up to take that slot and Tolson took Castano's mid-week shift. Castano has hit the ground running in his first year with the team.

For Tolson though, it has been drawn-out saga that began in summer 2012, immediately after graduating from high school to break into Baylor's starting lineup.

"It's been a pretty long journey," Tolson said. "I had the surgery after my senior year and spent all freshman year in the training room, so being back out on the field is a lot of fun."

It wasn't until spring 2013 that Tolson got back on the mound for the Bears, but it was most of those pitches were in practice squads and scrimmages.

This season, Tolson finally got in-game pitches at relief. Smith is cautious with how far he plans to push Tolson in his post-Tommy-John career.

The road to recovery after Tommy-John surgery can be risky business. There aren't many other types of injuries or sports-related surgeries that have the repercussions of a Tommy-John.

The closest relatable injury in sports would be a torn ACL, but even that can be much quicker recovery than a Tommy-John.

Needless to say, the amount of activity after the surgery can be a slippery slope that, if done improperly, can have detrimental, career-

ending consequences. Knowing just how much you can exert on your arm can take months, even years to solidify.

The best way to find out how far you can go as a pitcher is to battle-test yourself on the mound.



Tolson

"I liked what I've seen out of him the last couple times out," Smith said. "He seems to get a little better the longer you leave him out. I think he's got great command, can sink the ball, change speeds. I just think that as he gets stronger we'll see more and more of him."

Tuesday night, Tolson gave up some runs to Texas State after some defensive errors and sloppy play from the infield, but went on to pitch a full seven innings, and threw no hits in his last four innings.

"We got a really good outing from him," junior outfielder Logan Brown said. "I think he pitched just about as well as he could have. It's really good to play defense behind that presence on the mound."

That is the most pitches and innings Tolson has tossed for the

Bears thus far. It's hard to even see him as a player rebuilding from Tommy-John surgery at this point.

With Tolson's recent rise to the midweek spot, Smith had him throw for five innings his first time out, and in seven innings his next start.

Gradually, Tolson is giving Smith and himself a more accurate gauge on where he stands in getting back to 100 percent.

"It's a huge confidence booster for me to extend and throw more innings," Tolson said. "It lets me trust my stuff more and get more confidence in my arm."

"I liked what I've seen out of him the last couple times out. he seems to get a little better the longer you leave him out. I just think that as he gets stronger we'll see more and more out of him."

Steve Smith | head coach

Whether or not Stone reclaims his spot in the starting lineup, Tolson's discipline and execution when his team needed him to step up has made Baylor's pitching staff deeper and stronger heading into the home stretch of the season.



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Sophomore pitcher Drew Tolson releases a pitch in Baylor's 4-3 win over Texas State on Tuesday at Baylor Ballpark.

Austin opting for NBA leaves Bears with lack of size

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

Sophomore center Isaiah Austin officially announced he will forgo his final two years of college eligibility and declare for the 2014 NBA Draft. The decision came just under a month after his final college game, a loss to Wisconsin in the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament. How will Austin's departure impact the Bears in 2014?

"Our coaching staff really enjoyed working with Isaiah for his two years at Baylor, and we want to thank him for his tremendous contributions to Baylor basketball," head coach Scott Drew said. "His versatility and defensive prowess helped us win an NIT Championship and make a Sweet 16 appearance. He's a tremendous player and a great role model in the community, and we look forward to watching him as he takes the next step to the NBA."

Coming in as a highly touted big man out of high school, Austin made waves by scoring 22 points in his first collegiate game. Austin continued his impressive performance by scoring 20 points and grabbing eight rebounds in a tight loss to No. 13 Gonzaga and posted one of the most impressive lines of the season when he scored 19 points and totaled 20 rebounds in a loss to Oklahoma.

Austin came into his own late and was a big part of helping Baylor win the 2013 National Invitational Championship. After averaging 12.0 points, 6.6 rebounds and 2.0 blocks per game, Austin was named to the NIT All-Tournament team. The season was capped off with a 15-point, nine-rebound, five-block, four-assist performance on 6-for-7 shooting in the NIT Championship game under the bright lights of Madison Square Garden.

Despite being projected as an NBA draft pick in 2013, Austin opted to return for his sophomore season after being diagnosed with a torn labrum in his shoulder. While he still likely would have been drafted, the labrum could



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Sophomore center Isaiah Austin squares up for a jumper in Baylor's 74-69 loss to Texas at the Ferrell Center.

have prevented him from completing full workouts with potential teams.

Austin struggled at times with consistency on offense during his sophomore campaign, but emerged as one of the best shot-blockers in the Big 12. In 38 games this season, Austin led the Big 12 with 119 total blocks, over 40 blocks more than second place Texas center Cam Ridley.

When it mattered most, Austin stepped up. In seven post-season games, Austin averaged 14.0 points, 5.3 rebounds and 3.3 blocks per game while helping the Bears achieve their third Sweet Sixteen in the past five seasons.

Austin finishes his career with averages of 12.1 points, 6.9 rebounds and 2.4 blocks per game on 45.4 percent from the field and 31.0 percent from three-point range.

There is some question about what Austin's role will be at the next level. While he has outstanding size and length, he is incredibly skinny and will likely be pushed around by centers at the next level. While he may struggle against stronger players, Austin is an outstanding shot blocker and is an excellent shooter for a player of his size.

NBADraft.net projects Austin as a late second round pick, currently going to the Milwaukee Bucks at 48. Another draft service, DraftExpress, has him going to the Bucks with the 36 pick in the second round. Despite having shortcomings, a team will assuredly take a chance on the potential he brings.

Baylor will have a tall task trying to replace Austin in their lineup. After losing Austin and senior power forward Cory Jefferson, the tallest player who has played a game for the Bears is undersized 6-foot-8 forward Rico Gathers.

Redshirt freshman center Chad Rykkoek is 6-foot-11, but thanks to redshirting and hip problems, has yet to play a game in a Baylor jersey. Baylor will also likely rely on 6-foot-9 forward Johnathan Motley, who redshirted his first year in Waco.

With Austin's departure, the Bears will be without a dominating frontcourt for the first time in years. The 2014-15 season will be an opportunity for Drew to prove that he can be successful without top of the line talent.

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Sophomore pitcher Heather Stearns pitches in Baylor's doubleheader on Tuesday against Louisiana at Gettnerman Stadium.

No. 14 softball defeats UTSA 7-1 on road to win series

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

A day after losing two games to No. 16 Louisiana in a double-header, No. 14 Baylor looked to regain their mojo offensively in a mid-week game against UTSA in San Antonio. The Bears were able to do just that in a 7-1 victory over the in-state rivals on Wednesday night.

"We needed to play a solid game and get all our pitchers some work," head coach Glenn Moore said. "Everyone saw time and that was important as we head into our Big 12 series with Kansas."

Baylor jumped on the Roadrunners early and often. Junior right fielder Kaitlyn Thumann hit a leadoff single and freshman second baseman Ari Hawkins added a single of her own to put runners on first and second. Senior catcher Clare Hosack then reached on a fielder's choice to advance Thumann to third and Hosack stole second.

In the next at-bat, senior first baseman Holly Holl reached on a fielder's choice to score Thumann and advance Hosack to third. Junior shortstop Jordan Strickland added a sacrifice fly to score Hosack and give Baylor a quick 2-0 lead after the first inning.

After fanning three straight UTSA batters in the bottom of the first, Baylor continued their offensive surge. Sophomore third baseman Sarah Smith reached base on a throwing error and freshman left fielder Christy Lisenby reached on a fielder's choice, but Smith was called out.

Freshman center fielder Lindsey Cargill hit a single to advance Lisenby to second and Thumann reached on a fielder's choice to advance Lisenby to third. Hawkins

then hit an RBI single to left to score Lisenby and give the Bears a 3-0 lead.

UTSA finally put pressure on the Bears in the bottom of the fourth. Junior third baseman Vivian Tijerina singled up the middle and sophomore catcher Tess Soefje was hit by a pitch on a poor delivery from senior pitcher Liz Paul to put runners on first and second. At that point, Baylor coach Glenn Moore swapped Paul for senior ace Whitney Canion. Sophomore outfielder Jade Smith singled, and a run scored after an error from Hawkins, but Canion struck out one and forced freshman infielder Taylor Oberg to hit a pop fly to end the inning with the deficit cut to

3-1. It was all Baylor from there. Thumann led off the fifth with a single and stole second. Hawkins added a single to advance Thumann to third and also promptly stole second to put runners on second and third with no outs. Hosack grounded out to second, but Thumann came in to score on the play. Holl added a sacrifice fly to score Hawkins and give Baylor a 5-1 lead after five.

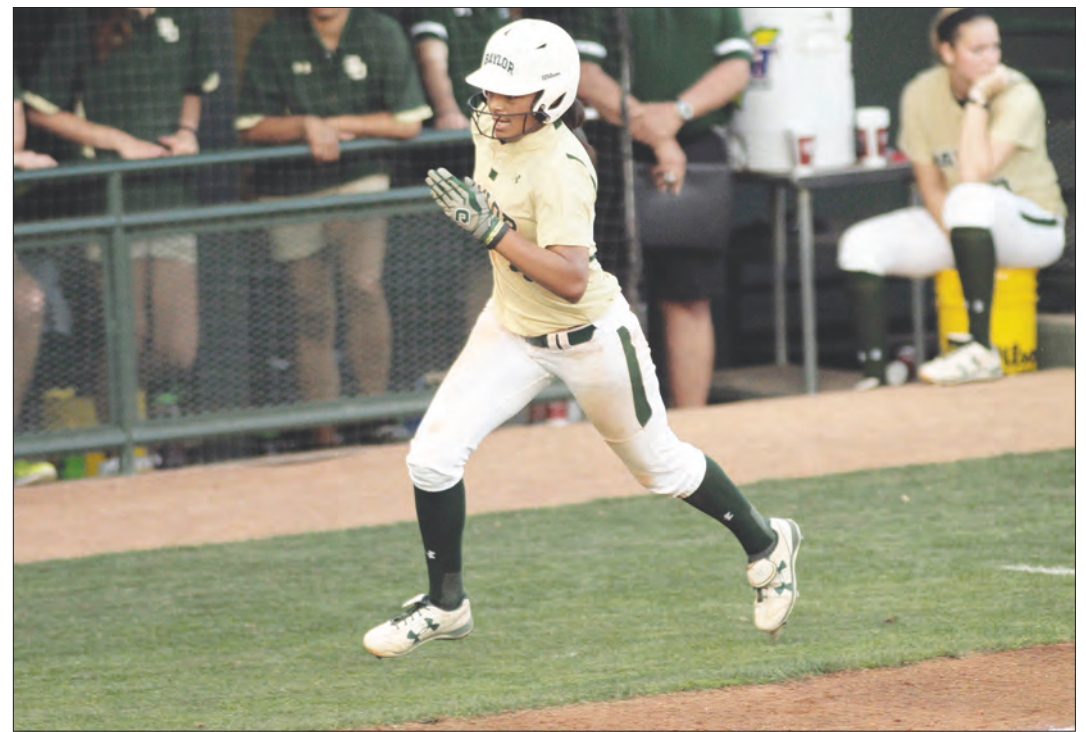
Junior Sarah Crockett came in to pinch hit and singled in the sixth, which set up a two-run home run by sophomore pinch-hitter Robin Landrith to give Baylor a commanding 7-1 lead that they would ride to victory. Sophomore pitcher Heather Stearns also made

an appearance in the final inning.

Canion picked up the win after posting 2.2 scoreless innings and allowing only one hit and striking out five of the nine batters she faced. UTSA starter Chelsea Parker earned a loss after allowing nine hits and six earned runs in six innings against the Bears.

Thumann and Hawkins both continued their hot streaks against the Roadrunners. The duo, who bat first and second, combined to go 6-for-8 with three runs scored. Landrith's home run was her second of the year.

Baylor will have Thursday off before starting a three-game weekend series against Kansas at Gettnerman Stadium.



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Freshman infielder Ari Hawkins runs to first base in Baylor's doubleheader on Tuesday against Louisiana at Gettnerman Stadium.

Baseball falls 2-0 to Texas State

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

Coming off two wins in a row, Baylor Baseball travelled up the down the road to San Marcos for their two-game series finale with Texas State.

The Bears grinded out their first road win last weekend, breaking a streak that nearly spanned the entire 2013-14 thus far. A massive burden was lifted off the shoulders of the Bears as they experienced huge boost in morale throughout the clubhouse.

However, the momentum of the two wins in a row did not translate into a win Wednesday night. The Bears dropped a 0-2 score line thanks to Texas State's two-run eighth inning.

The action started quick for the Bears, as Brett Doe cracked a one-out double and reached third. It looked like another positive, fast start for the Bears.

Baylor was unable to hit Doe in for the go-ahead run though. The game would remain scoreless until the eighth inning.

Junior pitcher Sean Spicer got the nod from Baylor head coach Steve Smith for the starting job Wednesday night. Spicer came into this game winless (0-2) in 2014.

That first win for Spicer continued in its elusiveness Wednesday night, but they wasn't much else he could have done to position his team better for a victory. Spicer did not give up any runs and threw a career-high 6 strikeouts.

Spicer gave the Bears the solid start they needed, but Baylor's of-

fense was unable to capitalize on it. It's been the story of the season for Baylor-- great start on the defensive end and inability to get the run supply behind the pitchers. If the runs don't come in the first few innings, it is unlikely they will come in the late game for the Bears.

Baylor got men on base numerous times. It was simply a matter of getting them home, but that has proved to be a struggle for the Bears this season. It continued to be a prominent issue for them Wednesday night.

Spicer came out of the game on schedule for Smith, and on came senior pitcher Doug Ashby for relief.

Texas State finally gashed the Bears for their ineffective offense and errors in the eighth inning. So deep into the game, and already with not much offensive production, two runs surely was enough to put away the Bears. The damage was done in the eighth inning.

Ashby came off after giving up those two crucial runs. Texas State broke the deadlock and the Bears could not muster enough to counter punch.

In the next frame, the top of the ninth, Baylor came up empty, marking the end of their optimistic two-game streak.

The Bears return home for a Big 12 weekend series against Kansas. KU has performed as one of the conference's top ball clubs this season.

First pitch for game one is at 6:35 p.m. Friday, 3:35 Saturday, 1:05 p.m. Sunday at Baylor Ballpark. The series will be televised on Fox Sports family networks.



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Sophomore pitcher Drew Tolson releases a pitch in Baylor's 4-3 win over Texas State Tuesday at Baylor Ballpark.

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