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Acclaimed journalist visits campus

Williams, Starr cover topics from politics to Mandela

By JOSH GILL
REPORTER

In the midst of ever mounting public frustration with the federal government, Fox News commentator Juan Williams, a man with over 20 years of experience as a journalist covering America's political scene, featured as the guest speaker in Baylor's "On Topic with Ken Starr" Thursday evening in Waco Hall.

Williams and Starr covered a range of topics during their exchange, from the current political gridlock in Washington, D.C., to the Civil Rights Movement to Williams' relationship with Nelson Mandela. The overarching theme of the exchange was the polarization of America, both in current time and in history.

Dr. David Garland, dean of Truett Seminary, said Williams' experience as a journalist at the Washington Post over 23 years ago was particularly relevant to the

issue of political gridlocking over controversial issues.

"As an African-American journalist in a mostly white newsroom, he gained a unique perspective, especially on race and Civil Rights," Garland said.

The Civil Rights movement struggled with political gridlocks in Washington, D.C., much like the issues of health care and economic reform have in recent years.

When asked by Starr how bad the current political state in Washington, D.C., was, Williams said, "Pretty bad."

Regarding the political problems in Congress and the politicians involved, Williams said it was an unfortunate repetition of similar impasse in America's past.

"I think that these people are locked in a political gridlock that does not allow the aptitude of their character or spirit to show," Williams said.

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CARLYE THORNTON | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

President and Chancellor Ken Starr's On Topic featured Juan Williams, a journalist, speaker, and political commentator, Thursday in Waco Hall. Starr and Williams conversed about the country and important issues facing America.

55 US schools face federal sex assault probes

By KIMBERLY HEFLING
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — From huge state universities to small colleges and the Ivy League, 55 schools across America are facing federal investigation for the way they handle sexual abuse allegations by their students.

For the first time, the Education Department revealed its list of colleges under investigation on Thursday — though no details of the complaints — as the Obama administration sought to bring more openness to the issue of sexual violence on and around the nation's campuses.

The schools range from public universities, including Ohio State,

the University of California, Berkeley and Arizona State, to private schools including Knox College in Illinois, Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania and Catholic University of America in the District of Columbia. Ivy League schools including Harvard, Princeton and Dartmouth are also on the list.

The government emphasized the list was about investigations of complaints, not judgments. Education Secretary Arne Duncan said there was "absolutely zero presumption" of guilt.

Few details of individual cases are known, but some are. One, at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, involves allegations of mis-

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Sing a sweet song

McGregor junior Trannie Stevens performs her original song, "Twice," Thursday as Up-roar Records celebrated their annual EP release party at Common Grounds. The event also included artists Manifest Music Company and Luke Hicks.

Leaving a legacy

Ferdon to retire after 32 years of teaching at BU

By MADI ALLEN
REPORTER

Over the past three decades, Dr. Douglas Ferdon has seen some of the biggest changes this university has experienced. From the expansion of women's sports under President Herbert Hal Reynolds to the fulfillment of the Baylor 2012 program developed by President Robert B. Sloan Jr. and the national profile of Baylor that President and Chancellor Ken Starr has cultivated, Ferdon has seen this university grow in numerous ways.



Ferdon

And after 32 years of teaching, advising and investing in student's lives, Ferdon of the journalism, public relations and new media department will retire this month.

Before coming to Baylor, Ferdon worked at Arizona Community College, Sam Houston State and Panama City College.

"When I first came to teach at Baylor, I realized I was in the big leagues here," Ferdon said.

His first role at Baylor was as the adviser to The Baylor Lariat in 1982.

Former student Beth Haller, who graduated in 1983, recalls when Ferdon first came to Baylor.

"We had just had a big scandal at The Lariat, and he came in after and had to rebuild the trust of the paper," Haller said. "He came in and was a foreigner to our Texas

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Bombing suspect: Can't use 'betrayal' argument

By DENISE LAVOIE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Lawyers for Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev say federal prosecutors shouldn't be allowed to use his status as a new American citizen to argue that his alleged "betrayal" of the United States is one reason he should be put to death.

In a court filing Thursday, Tsarnaev's lawyers say prosecutors are trying to use Tsarnaev's foreign birth and immigration history against him.

They say citing his status as a newly naturalized U.S. citizen implies he is "more deserving of the death penalty" than a native-born person who commits

the same crime.

Tsarnaev is awaiting trial on 30 federal charges in the 2013 marathon bombing. Twin bombs placed near the finish line of the marathon ripped into crowds gathered to watch the annual event, killing three people and injuring more than 260. At least 16 people lost limbs.

Authorities say Tsarnaev, then 19, and his brother Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, built the pressure cooker bombs and placed them near the finish line to retaliate against the U.S. for its actions in Muslim countries.

"Betrayal of the United States" is one

of several so-called "aggravating factors" prosecutors listed in their notice of intent to seek the death penalty.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev lived in the former Soviet republic of Kyrgyzstan and later in Russia before moving to the U.S. at age 8 with his parents and siblings.

The family settled in Cambridge. Tsarnaev was granted asylum and became a naturalized U.S. citizen, about seven months before the marathon bombing.

"Resentment of Tsarnaev's immigration status and history is perhaps natural, given the nature of the crimes charged,

and it is surely very widespread. But the fact that he had only recently become a citizen, standing alone, does not increase his moral or legal guilt, and it should not be permitted," Tsarnaev's lawyers argue in the motion.

A spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz declined to comment and said prosecutors will respond to the defense motion in a written court filing.

In their notice to seek the death penalty, prosecutors said: "Dzhokhar Tsarnaev received asylum from the United States; obtained citizenship and enjoyed the freedoms of a United States citizen; and then betrayed his allegiance to the United States by killing and maiming people in the United States."



Tsarnaev

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Fat power movement dangerous

Editorial

Liberal pockets of the Internet have been abuzz with a new topic, and it is gaining a lot of attention. The fat acceptance movement, also known as size acceptance, fat liberalism or the fat power movement, seeks to remove any sort of stigma associated with plus-sized people, and some have gone as far as to seek change to rules or regulations that they believe exhibits anti-fat bias.

The fat acceptance movement is something we cannot endorse. In fact, the fat acceptance movement is damaging society. Promoting the idea that it is acceptable to be fat discourages overweight people from getting in shape and becoming healthier individuals.

One of the goals that the fat acceptance movement strives toward is fair hiring practices, and it does have some legitimate gripes with discrimination against overweight individuals. These are not acceptable. For example, if someone has an anti-fat bias and refuses to hire overweight people, then this is a form of discrimination that is intolerable.

There are some exceptions to this rule because some occupations favor (if not require) individuals to be in good shape. Members of S.W.A.T. teams should be in good shape, and being overweight would severely impede a S.W.A.T. team member from performing the tasks asked of him or her.

Another scenario that has become the poster child for opponents of the fat acceptance movement is the overweight person on an airplane example. Some airlines have forced larger passengers to purchase two seats because that's the number of seats needed to hold their body. This is a legitimate form of discrimination against overweight individuals. It is unfair to ask someone to sit in a seat that is partially being taken up by a large person in the adjacent seat. On an airline, each person pays for a particular amount of space: one seat. If you need more food at a restaurant, you order more. If you need more gas in your tank, you pay for more. If you need more than one seat on an airplane, you pay for one more.

The danger of this movement is in its message to people. Telling people it is OK for them to be obese is to say it is OK to be unhealthy, and this isn't the message people need. The message should be that people should love the person that they are but also want the healthiest lifestyle for themselves.

That healthy lifestyle is not an obese one.

Fat acceptance advocates use the term "metaboli-



cally healthy," to describe people that are obese but just as healthy as their skinny counterparts. The problem is that nobody is obese and healthy. According to a study published Wednesday in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, even though some obese people do not have heart disease, their obesity is still damaging to their overall health.

"Obese individuals who are considered 'healthy' because they don't currently have heart disease risk factors should not be assumed healthy by their doctors," said Dr. Yoosoo Chang, lead author of the study. "Our research shows that the presence of obesity is enough to increase

a person's risk of future heart disease and that the disease may already be starting to form in their body. It's important that these people learn this while they still have time to change their diet and exercise habits to prevent a future cardiovascular event."

Overweight individuals deserve a fair shot at employment opportunities, and discriminatory practices to prevent them from attaining some jobs are wrong. In terms of health, it is better for a person to be fit than obese, and the fat acceptance movement is only encouraging people to remain unhealthy, which may ultimately kill the people it wants to protect.

Lariat Letters

Take a stand, use f-word

Your mother won't make you wash your mouth out with soap after saying this f-word, but declaring yourself as a feminist in my experience receives the same disbelieving looks. No, I don't undertake in bra-burning rituals or think consensual sex between married couples is rape. I simply want equality.

I identify with the Merriam-Webster definition that feminism is the belief that men and women should have equal rights and opportunities.

However, this definition has become warped as society associates radical feminists as representing the majority.

I think it's evident by the general view of society that some people don't know that feminism is broken up into many different branches.

Most of these branches derive from the core definition of feminism I mentioned earlier.

It's radical feminism that stereotypes all feminism. Radical feminists believe the male supremacy oppresses women. These types of feminists want to overthrow the patriarchy instead of striving for equality in gender roles.

In a class I took during my sophomore year, one of my professors asked, "Who here is a feminist?"

I raised my hand and so did a few other women, but we were



Ashley Altus | Reporter

still the minority compared to the students claiming they weren't feminists.

A popular excuse among the female population regarding their reason for not being a feminist was, "I'm not a lesbian." The men leaned more on the side of, "I'm not a girl," along with some insulting sexist jokes about women's rights.

I have no interest in wanting a female or male dominance. Instead I aspire to eliminate the jokes I hear in class about women belonging in the kitchen.

While a man jokes about a woman that needs to get back in the kitchen, I take that rhetoric as, "you belong in a position of servitude and dependence."

When man refers to a woman in the kitchen, he's thinking of her barefoot and pregnant with three

kids running around in the kitchen, not a top chef at a restaurant making the same salary as a male chef.

According to the 2011 American Culinary Federation's 2011 survey, significantly fewer women hold leadership positions than men in the culinary world.

The survey also found women earned \$19,000 less than men. Maybe women do belong in the kitchen, but as a career choice and even when women do manage to climb to the top, they don't make the same salary as the men.

Feminism isn't just for women; it's for men too. Any major social change women want to witness in issues like wage discrepancies, men need to change the way they relate to women to eliminate gender inequality.

Although a man can't actually be a feminist because feminism is a movement for women by women, he can encourage and support the women in his life.

How could a man not want equality for his sisters, mothers, girlfriends and all the other women that have affected his life?

We shouldn't cringe when woman or man utters the word f-word. We should embrace it as a movement for equality for both genders.

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Course evaluation column misguided

I was incredibly disappointed to open the Lariat to find no one had responded to Kat Worrall's column on course evaluations from April 30 titled "Brutal honesty OK on Baylor course evaluation forms."

But I wasn't surprised, given that any faculty who may have had the misfortune to read her piece probably chose not to dignify the misguided thinking with a response. As a graduate student, I'll step in the gap.

I kept hoping Ms. Worrall was being satirical as she got down to "serious issues" like professor's hairstyle, clothes and nose hair.

But then a few legitimate and well-made observations were sprinkled in, compelling me — sadly — to accept that the entire piece was in fact serious. Ms. Worrall's ideal university is apparently a place where professors:

1. Host Thanksgiving dinner
2. Brings snacks to class
3. Cancel class on Fridays
4. Show slides of their dogs (the best part of class)
5. Buy season tickets to Lady Bears basketball games.

What is missing from each of these observations?

Ah, yes: academic learning.

Let's not even get into the phobic section on the English language of Spanish professors and teaching assistants. (Helpful hint: there is a thing called globalization happening. Maybe think about joining us).

In the end the piece was exactly what Ms. Worrall hoped: brutally honest.

The problem was it was brutally honest in the wrong direction; the only one who looked bad in the end was the writer herself.

I hope she'll take a moment to consider what I've written, but then again, I may not dress well enough to warrant the attention.

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Water restrictions expected to increase more than usual in Waco during drought

By REBECCA FIEDLER
STAFF WRITER

Waco is in the middle of a drought. The city has not received more than an inch of rain on any day for the entire month of April, according to the Weather Channel's website.

With a new drought ordinance for 2014 that's based on higher water levels, city residents and businesses are more likely to have restricted water usage than in past years.

McLennan County is 7.2 inches beneath its normal rainwater level, said Rusty Garrett, chief weather anchor for KWTX. The Weather Channel site states that total rainfall in April was 4.58 inches.

"You could argue that it's nearly as bad as it is in the western part of Texas," Garrett said.

Garrett said April and May are typically the wettest months in the area, and it isn't a good sign that the county is in a drought around the beginning of May. The drought conditions west of Interstate 35 are drastic, Garrett said.

"You talk to any rancher or farmer, and they'll tell you that we desperately need rain," he said.

Richard Heim of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration posted on the national drought monitoring website a map showing Central Texas to be in moderate to extreme stages of drought, the severity increasing from east to west in the county. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration website

also produced a map showing McLennan County to be in a region where drought will persist and intensify from April 17 to July 31.

Baylor landscaping is ready to face dry times, Baylor senior grounds manager Andy Trimble wrote in an email to the Lariat.

"With Baylor's new evapotranspiration-based automated irrigation system, Baylor is applying technology and science to the irrigation of campus as opposed to the old 'set-it-and-forget-it' method of the past," Trimble wrote. "This new smart system monitors the amount of water loss from the plant and soil surface and adjusts the water application to match what has been lost. It also monitors for leaks in the system to further control waste."

Trimble said high levels of drought would affect Baylor negatively.

"If water outputs were cut severely, it would without a doubt affect the appearance across campus," he said in the email. "However, with our new system and the ability to monitor our water application, we may have options to collaborate with the city as has been done in other Texas cities to maximize flexibility with regards to irrigation. With the flexibility the new system offers, we can target specific areas to maintain the 'Baylor Look.'"

On April 1, the city of Waco made numerous unscheduled changes to the city's drought ordinance; a document which outlines

how citizens and businesses will be instructed to use water in times of drought. Normally the city would make regular updates to the ordinance every five years, such as 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, etc.

"We really just needed to simplify it," said Jonathan Echols, public relations coordinator of the city's water utility services, Jonathan. "We felt like there were some things that had been made too complicated and it was hard to understand."

Drought ordinances for cities list different stages of drought. Stage one indicates a more minor level of drought, and the urgency of the need to conserve water increases with stage two, three and four. Originally the Waco drought ordinance had six stages of drought, and now it has been reduced to four.

Waco is hardly ever at high stages of drought, Echols said. The city went to stage two in 2011, but that is the furthest Waco has ever gone.

A lot of cities and counties have a stage one that is a drought warning or watch and means little to nothing, Echols said. The city of Waco wants stage one to mean something to people now, he said. In the past, stage one restrictions weren't mandatory for Wacoans, but now they are.

Stages of drought are all now based on higher levels of water in the city's reservoir, meaning it would take less of a water shortage to declare a drought stage.

"We wanted to strengthen the

whole plan a little bit," Echols said. "We wanted to cause stages of the plan to happen a little bit sooner than they would before. It gives us more protection with the water than we had before. Essentially we would start having restrictions at a higher water level. It gives us more safety and assurance that we're going to have water in a drought or emergency."

The city also has more flexibility to issue a drought call based on weather, Echols said.

He said the way the city would enforce this ordinance is not clear.

"Rarely this would happen, but someone will call in and say 'hey my neighbor is watering at the wrong time,'" Echols said. "Then someone from the city might come by and see if that was necessarily true."

A police officer could also drive around and notice if someone is using too much water, Echols said.

"We've never really had that situation, so that would be a new thing, so that's typically how it happens," he said.

Echols said there are multiple ways to notify the public when a stage of drought has been declared.

"We notify people through the media, so it will be on the news and in the newspaper and all that stuff," he said. "We'll post it on the website. We really haven't done it hardly at all. At this point we would send it out on Facebook and Twitter. We would basically be posting it any way we could."



The Harris family, from left, Jamie, Cole, Case, Marian pose with their Leonberger Sid. Marian Harris said the clinic told her the dog needed to be euthanized, but she was later called by a former employee who said the animal was kept alive for six months to obtain plasma.

Texas vet arrested, suspended for animal cruelty

By JUAN CARLOS LLORCA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

State officials suspended a Texas veterinarian's license on Thursday after he admitted telling some clients that he would euthanize their pets but instead kept the animals alive in cages for months at his clinic in Fort Worth.

Dr. Lucien Tierce was arrested a day earlier on animal cruelty charges after agents with the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners searched his Camp Bowie Animal Clinic. The board said Thursday that agents found "animal organs in jars," "stacks of drugs, trash, laundry" and bugs throughout the clinic.

The search came after a former client alleged Tierce told her that her dog needed to be euthanized, but that she was called by a former employee six months later who told her the animal had been kept alive in a cage and used for blood transfusions.

In a written statement to investigators, Tierce acknowledged that his clinic was unsanitary and that he had kept five animals that should have been euthanized, according to the board's report. But the report doesn't specify if he explained why he kept the animals.

Tierce was released from jail on \$10,000 bond after turning himself in Wednesday evening. His clinic declined comment Thursday.

The board's order of tem-

porary suspension said Tierce signed a handwritten statement admitting he had not euthanized four animals he accepted from clients and one dog of his own. One of the animals had been kept in a cage for two to three years since it was accepted for euthanasia in the clinic.

Standard practice in Texas is to euthanize an animal on the same day the procedure is requested.

According to the report, former clients Marian and James Harris took their dog — a 170 lb. Leonberger — to Tierce for a minor procedure in May 2013. Tierce said the dog needed therapy and should stay at the clinic, according to the couple.

Over the next months, they were told the dog was improving but would not yet be released. But in October, Tierce told the Harrises that the dog had a birth defect in its spine and euthanasia was the only option. The couple agreed and paid for the euthanasia.

But in April, the couple received a call from Mary Brewer, a veterinary technician who said their dog was still alive and was kept in a cage for 23 1/2 hours a day and that it was being used for experiments. She told them other animals were being treated the same way.

The Harrises retrieved their dog from Tierce's clinic. He admitted to them that he kept it alive in the clinic even after they had paid for euthanasia, according to the report.



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Going nowhere fast

Flood waters from the Schuylkill River partially submerge vehicle, Thursday in Philadelphia. During a nine-hour period that ended early Thursday, Chester County got 6.6 inches of rain, Delaware and Montgomery counties got inches or more and Philadelphia almost 5 inches, the National Weather Service reported. Emergency officials said flooding was reported along the Schuylkill and Brandywine rivers as well as smaller streams and creeks.

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Baylor professor kickin' it with students in class, at local studio

By SHANNON FINDLEY
REPORTER

For some, martial arts is a valuable means of self-defense. For Baylor professor Gary Richardson, martial arts has been a lifesaver.

Richardson, who has taught martial arts at Baylor for six years and elsewhere since 1989, said after a stroke left him bedridden for six months in 2003, martial arts, along with his wife's support, is what helped him get back on his feet again. Prior to his stroke, Richardson taught classes at Shin's Martial Arts Studio in Bellmead.

When Richardson was finally able to get out of bed, Richardson's wife of 45 years, Linda Richardson, would take him to sit on the bleachers at the studio and make him watch the classes.

Eventually she forced him to go on the floor and start going through the motions of martial arts that he taught his students.

"He'd just sit at home and watch TV after his stroke" Mrs. Richardson said. "He looked like he was going into depression. I thought, 'Well, he can still walk, he can still make himself useful at the studio,' so I made him get back out there. This is what I call rough love."

Although he had to walk with a cane

for a while, Richardson was able to start teaching classes again, and he is certified to teach martial arts even while handicapped.

Mrs. Richardson said she continuously told him he was going to get through his post-stroke period and reminded him there were a lot of people worse-off than him.

Richardson said thanks to his wife getting him back into martial arts, he can now move his arm, which were paralyzed for a while after the stroke. He can also walk, for the most part, without a cane.

"Because my wife forced me to get back into martial arts, I'm doing things normally today," Richardson said. "One of the most valuable lessons I've gotten from martial arts is never to quit."

Richardson, who has been one of two headmasters at the studio since 1994, was promoted to seventh-degree martial arts grandmaster last August – two degrees away from the highest martial arts status possible.

"The moment that I got grandmaster was just unbelievable," Richardson said. "The grandmaster is just the pinnacle of degrees."

Richardson said the theory at Shin's Martial Art's studio is people of all ages

can – from 5 to 105 years old.

"Martial arts is something that is individualized," Richardson said. "You're learning at your own pace."

Richardson's own grandson tested at 9 years old as an adult for a martial arts black belt. Richardson said the child did better than most adults.

"After passing the test he threw his arms around me and told me he loved me," Richardson said, choking back tears. "That meant a lot to me."

Dublin, Ohio, senior Stephanie Voltmann, who is currently enrolled in Richardson's Baylor Martial Arts class, said she is grateful for the skills she is learning.

"I think it's valuable in that now I have this skills set," Voltmann said. "If I have to use it I know what to do."

Voltmann said she sometimes has a hard time thinking she may actually use martial arts skills in real life, but Richardson said not long ago there was an old marital arts student of his who got attacked by a man in another country. Using techniques she learned in Richardson's class, she was able to get away.

"In my class at Baylor we learn how easy it is to control people who are bigger than us," Richardson said.



LINDA WILKINS | CITY EDITOR

Baylor professor Gary Richardson practices martial arts at Shin's Martial Arts Studio in Bellmead. Richardson currently teaches martial arts classes at Baylor.

Waco junior Clayton Mills took martial arts as a part of Boy Scouts for three years before taking Richardson's class four semesters ago.

"I started as a white belt in Master Richardson's class and advanced to two different belts in his class alone," Mills said. "Richardson is very fun. He's very hands-on."

He said he took Richardson's class with a few other students in Alexander Residence Hall which, made the course a lot of fun.

"If we had a particular technique that was more difficult than others, we would practice together at our residence hall," Mills said. "He's a really, really great teacher and a really fun guy to learn from."

Alpha Tau Omega, Mission Waco host charity 5K run

By ANJA ROSALES
REPORTER

The Baylor chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity will hold their third annual Race One 5K at 8 a.m. Saturday at Jubilee Park with a fun run following at 8:45 a.m.

Alpha Tau Omega teamed with Mission Waco for the first time two years ago to hold a charity 5K and has continued the race since.

Fort Collins, Colo., senior Scott Uhrlich is the Race One Coordina-

tor for Alpha Tau Omega and initiated the first 5K back in 2012.

"There weren't many charity 5Ks around," Uhrlich said. "Mission Waco is an awesome organization so we really wanted to work with them on this project."

According to its website, Mission Waco is a nonprofit, volunteer based organization that helps empower the poor.

Kathy Wise is the assistant director for Mission Waco and is the key staff member for the 5K. After graduating from Baylor as an un-

dergraduate, Wise attended Truett Seminary and graduated in 1999, where she immediately began working for Mission Waco.

"It's real unique for a race in Waco," Wise said. "To have a race that's very diverse in terms of race, age, gender and economic background isn't that common."

The 5K costs \$15 and the fun run costs \$10, but Uhrlich said they encourage anyone who is physically able to come out and participate in the event.

"We not only recruit Baylor

students," Uhrlich said. "We have homeless and impoverished people who run for free."

Wise said the race is open to the Baylor community as well as the general community in Waco. Wise said no matter what background you come from, it is important to be active in the cause.

"This race not only raises money, but also promotes community and health," Wise said.

According to Mission Waco's website, Race One helps bring people together from all areas of

Waco in a neighborhood that has a history of being abandoned and overlooked.

The website states the history of this neighborhood and said it was one of the first suburbs of downtown Waco, but as time passed, the city grew and shifted to the west and racial differences and poverty divided the city.

"It's a fun mix of Baylor students and elementary students along with the general public," Wise said. "Part of this race is to promote community and I think it

does a great job of that."

Uhrlich said the event has gotten bigger each year. The first year had 230 participants and the following year had a total of 370 participants.

Although registration has closed, race day registration will be available.

"There has been a large number of participants who have already registered," Uhrlich said. "We expect to have about 450 participants this year."

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A day in their shoes

Part-time youth pastor empathizes with the less fortunate, prisoners during lent

By REBECCA FLANNERY
REPORTER

When Kent McKeever thought about what he was going to forego for this spring's Lent season, his image was the first thing to come to his mind. After considering what impact it could have on his life and in the community around him, he didn't look back.

A part-time youth minister at Seventh and James Baptist Church and full-time attorney director of Mission Waco legal services, McKeever said his experience with urban ministry and his current position at Mission Waco led him to the decision to wear an orange jumpsuit for 40 days. He purchased the jumpsuit from a prison supply company.

"Through all my experiences, I have seen the struggles that the poor and the marginalized face and a lot of it centering around the criminal justice system, mass incarceration and legal discrimination against people with criminal records," McKeever said. "In working with all these people I got to a point where I decided

I needed to do something to understand what they go through and to raise awareness about the struggles that they face."

Living his life as he normally would, McKeever said he felt a lot more strain and paranoia during the 40 days. He noticed people staring in grocery stores, glaring at him when he took his daughters out to the movies, and strange looks as he ran past people during the Bearathon.

"There was a wide variety of reactions," McKeever said. "There were definitely experiences I had when I felt the stigma and the fear."

In McKeever's time at Seventh and James Baptist Church during the Lent season, Pastor Erin Conaway said the congregation took what McKeever said with respect and reverence.

"To know Kent at all, you can't question his sincerity and heart in it," Conaway said. "We took a great perspective on what he had to say about mass incarceration, even though it was hard to hear."

McKeever kept a blog of his experience. He said he wanted to portray to the community how it felt being in the shoes of those who live through scrutiny and judgment every day. On the blog, McKeever tells stories of those who go through what he was feeling on a daily basis and he provides statistics and information supporting his personal experience.

"As temporary and slight as my experience with the stigma was, I will never forget the things I learned about what it's like to be looked at differently in society," McKeever said. "Wondering what people are thinking about me when I walk into the grocery store or the gas station – it's really exhausting. It made me realize how tiresome it must be to live with that every day and for it to be real. It's something that you can't take off at the end of the day or explain to somebody like I could."

McKeever's story found its way to the New York Times, where reporter Jesse Wegman wrote about the unconventional approach to the Lent season. In the article, McKeever is quoted saying "We follow a condemned criminal! That's very much at the heart of our faith." He said this thought was at the focus of journey all along.



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Kent McKeever dons orange from head to toe. He wore a prison jumpsuit for Lent to experience what it is like in the life of the poor and marginalized.

The national and local attention he got didn't distract him from his mission, which was to shed light on the injustice within our own society.

"I hope that this opened people's eyes to the realities of these broken systems and how they affect so deeply people's lives," McKeever said. "We give such lip service to second chances and redemption and forgiveness in different areas of our society, but when we have big systems in place and legal discrimination that prevents people from having a true fair chance to show that their life has been redeemed and rehabilitated, we drastically and deeply affect their lives. We need to be more aware."

Lawmakers shy away from pot bank in Colorado

By KRISTEN WYATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Colorado plan to set up the world's first financial system for marijuana survived less than 24 hours before state lawmakers changed course Thursday night and shelved the idea.

The proposal would have allowed state-licensed marijuana businesses to create a financial co-op, sort of an uninsured credit union.

The measure was introduced late Wednesday and cleared a House committee on Thursday. But a few hours later, another House committee gutted the plan by amending the bill to say that Colorado will continue studying the problem of marijuana businesses having a hard time accessing banking services.

Lawmakers from both parties expressed reservations about whether the financial-services plan would work.

"Let's take some time to have this properly vetted," said Rep. Kevin Priola, R-Henderson, who sponsored the amendment to study the matter.

The measure would have allowed state-licensed marijuana businesses to create a financial co-op, sort of an uninsured credit union. The U.S. Federal Reserve would still have to grant permission for the co-ops to provide banking services like checking and credit.

Sponsors acknowledged the plan was a long-shot at-

tempt to again try to move the marijuana away from its cash-only roots without running afoul of federal law. Colorado has struggled for years to find ways to help its pot industry access banks.

"I don't know whether this will take an act of Congress or an act of God at this point," joked Rep. Jonathan Singer, D-Longmont and sponsor of the bill.

Banking groups testified that Colorado's co-op attempt was destined for failure. State lawmakers tried but failed two years ago to set up a state-chartered bank for the marijuana industry.

"We really do not believe that that will work," said Don Childers, head of the Colorado Bankers Association.

"It is flatly illegal to deal in any illegal substance or any proceeds therefrom," said Childers, who testified that the banking guidance issued in February only made banks less likely to accept risky marijuana clients.

Colorado's new marijuana coordinator, an office within the executive branch, signed on to the plan, saying it can't hurt even if it doesn't work.

"It's the next logical step forward," Andrew Freedman said.

But lawmakers weren't persuaded.

"It seems like we're throwing spaghetti noodles against the wall to see if they stick," said Rep. Chris Holbert, R-Parker.



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Kent McKeever doesn't let a day out in the sun excuse him from his orange prison suit.

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Manhattan Beach, Calif., junior Marie Lauzon hang glides over Rio de Janeiro. Lauzon participated in Semester at Sea last fall.



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Students on the Semester at Sea program visited Paris, France where they encountered "love locks," which hung along a bridge over the Seine River.

Study ~~abroad~~ aboard

Student gains global perspective in Semester at Sea program

By JESSICA ABBEY
REPORTER

One Baylor student woke up for class everyday in a different place and time zone while traveling to four continents over the semester on a boat gaining a new perspective everywhere she went.

Manhattan Beach, Calif., junior Marie Lauzon did the Semester at Sea study abroad program in the fall. She traveled around the globe to 16 different countries including Cuba, Russia, Morocco and Brazil. "It's different because you're not just in one place," Lauzon said. "You are constantly learning about new cultures and new people."

Lauzon said not many Baylor students have been on the Semester at Sea program because it is a nonprofit program not affiliated with Baylor. She said Baylor scholarships and financial aid wouldn't transfer to this program as it does for other study abroad programs. The program costs anywhere from \$13,000 to \$32,000 depending on the semester and what type of room the student has on the ship.

Lauzon and many of her friends were able to apply for other scholarships and financial aid for their semester abroad.

The Semester at Sea program has courses for many different majors. Students take their classes as the ship sails between countries, and then they get free time when the boat is docked.

According to the Semester at Sea website, 98 percent report the program was their most significant college experience.

Alka Nath, 20, also went on the trip with Lauzon during her year away from Stanford. She said the experience was something totally new and out of her comfort zone.

"It really opened my eyes to travel," Nath said.

She said even on board the ship she tried new things such as yoga. But beyond the ship, she went hitchhiking, learned dances in Ireland and took a Turkish bath in Morocco.

The program provided pre-port safety instructions

before entering the different countries, and there was a native of each country aboard so students had ideas of what to do during their visit.

Lauzon said she had many amazing and unforgettable experiences, but she did have a few favorite countries including Cuba and Ghana.

She said in Cuba when leaving the ship, there were hundreds of people there to greet them and news cameras for a welcoming ceremony.

She said the Cubans loved them and after getting special permission from the government to enter Cuba given the tense relations between the U.S. and Cuba, it was not what she expected.

In Ghana, Lauzon said one of the most moving experiences she had was visiting the slave castles and dungeons where slaves were kept during the slave trade.

"You just got really in touch with a sad part of our history," Lauzon said.

She also visited an orphanage of rescued child slaves during her visit to Ghana, which really opened her eyes to the world.

"The question for me now is how can I

make change in the world," Lauzon said.

Nath said it wasn't just the traveling that made the experience, but the people as well.

"The people on the ship were unparalleled to any other community I had experienced," Nath said.

The ship had college students from around the world, and she said after her semester abroad, she remained close with her friends from the ship.

Lauzon said she was definitely affected by her experience abroad. "It made me so much more of a positive person and completely changed my outlook of the world and my place in it," Lauzon said.

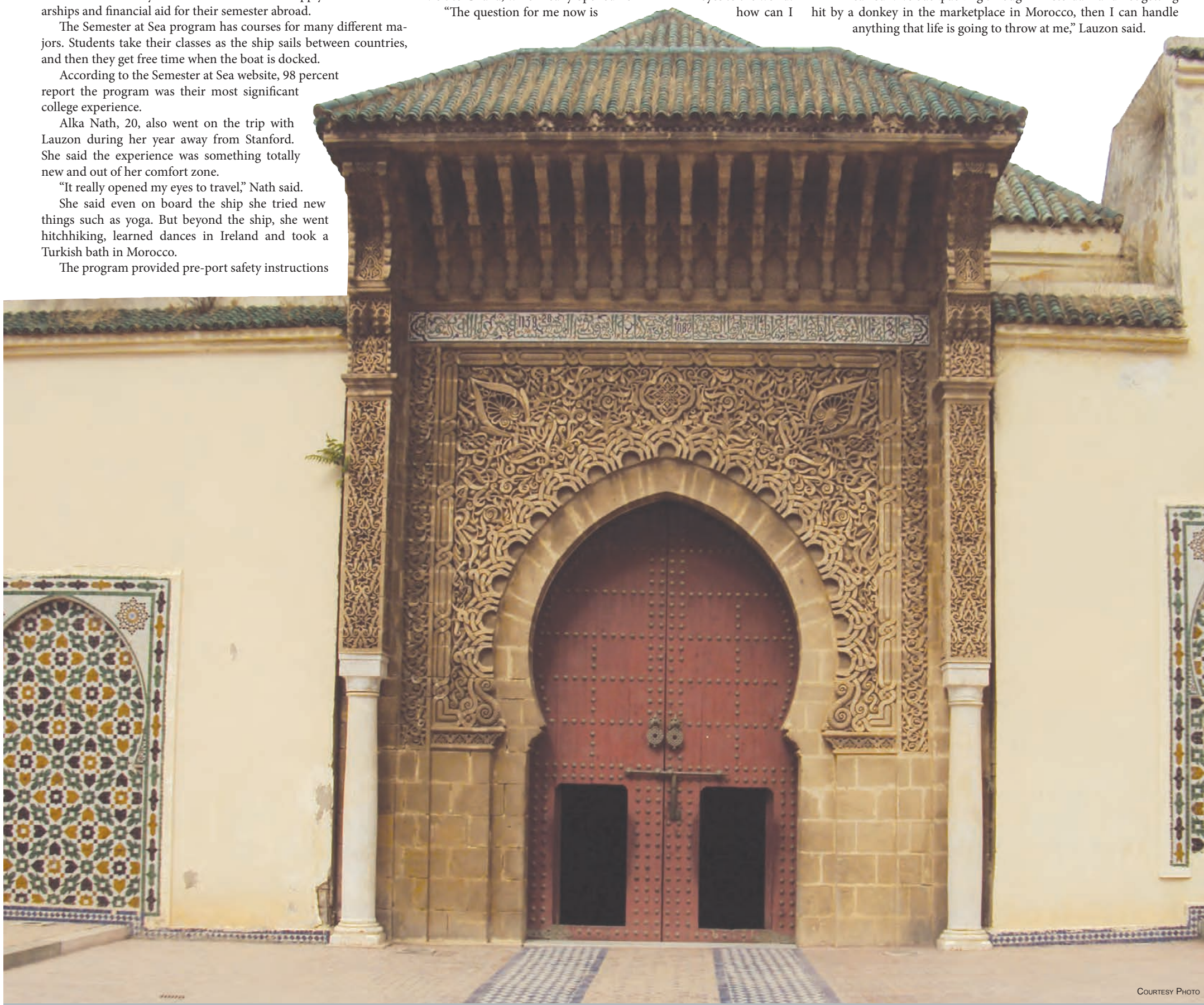
Lauzon is trying to get the Semester at Sea program approved at Baylor so that other students can have the opportunity she had.

Nath said she learned much about herself through her semester at sea.

"It's the best thing I've ever done in my entire life," Nath said.

Lauzon said she came out a stronger person after her trip.

"If I can survive backpacking through Amsterdam and not getting hit by a donkey in the marketplace in Morocco, then I can handle anything that life is going to throw at me," Lauzon said.



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Angel Paws brings furry friends to students before finals

By ALLYSSA SCHOONOVER
REPORTER

With finals week approaching students will be hitting the books, but this semester they will be able to cozy up next to some furry friends. A nonprofit organization called Angel Paws will bring therapy dogs from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday through Friday to Moody Memorial Library basement.

"We want students to come on over and pet and hug the dogs," said Sandy Witliff the president of Angel Paws, Sandy Witliff. "Maybe it will give them that second wind to keep studying."

Angel Paws has been trying to come to campus for some time. Beth Farwell, the associate director of the central libraries has been in contact with Angel Paws and with Baylor to coordinate this event. She said she had to deal with the risk management concerns and talk with student life, but by point-

ing to other universities, like Rice University, that have done this before she was able to get it approved. If this is successful during finals week this semester, they plan to continue it in the future.

Bringing dogs to the library brought up many concerns. The last thing Angel Paws or the library wants to do is distract students from their studies Farwell said. This is why they chose the location in Moody basement near the elevators. Students will be able to easily avoid the area if they don't have the desire to interact with the dogs. Witliff also emphasized the fact that these dogs are very calm and will not bark.

"The dogs can really calm people down," Witliff said. "The students will have to come to us, so we shouldn't bother anyone."

Farwell said the dogs are used to big events so having a lot of students around them won't be a problem.

"It's a win win all around," Farwell said. "There's no stress from the libraries or Angel Paws."

Angel Paws is a nonprofit organization that has been in operation since 2003. The volunteers for this program register their dogs through a program called pet partners. They participate in a workshop and are evaluated. Witliff said they do not care about breed or whether a dog is rescued, the only thing they care about is temperament. Angel Paws has about 34 owners and 37 dogs that volunteer. They will bring two to six of them to the library each of the three nights.

Witliff said she is very excited to finally bring Angel Paws to campus. She said her dog, Yeti, and another volunteer's dog Remington love college students.

"We call them the frat boys because they love college students, especially girls," Witliff said.

Many medical sources, includ-



COURTESY PHOTO

People play with puppies through Angel Paws. It is a nonprofit organization that will bring therapy dogs from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday to Moody Memorial Library basement.

ing a study by the University of Tennessee, state that petting ani-

mals physically reduces cortisol stress, as well as lower heart rate levels that are associated with and blood pressure.

Baylor recreation hosts outdoor classroom

By EMILY BALLARD
REPORTER

The Baylor outdoor recreation department will use the great outdoors as its classroom this summer. The previous two years the department has made trips to North Carolina to study outdoor recreation and leisure theory and practices, but this year they are taking it to the next level. They will journey from the rugged peaks of West Texas to the southern Rocky Mountains in Colorado, reaching elevations of over 14,000 feet.

The group will consist of about 10 students and two guides, including Kelli McMahan, lecturer and coordinator of outdoor recreation at Baylor, and Daniel Ezell, graduate assistant for Baylor outdoor adventure and manager of Baylor's famed rock wall — the tallest collegiate indoor rock wall in Texas.

The educational part of the trip will cater to Baylor's recreation leisure services majors, as well as other students seeking elective and lifetime fitness credits.

Non-recreation leisure services majors can get credit for beginning climbing, intermediate climbing and backpacking and camping, McMahan said.

They will leave campus May 15 to travel to Wichita Mountains

Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma for rock climbing.

"There is one formation called crab eyes that has two round boulders perched right on top of a vertical wall as if it's a pair of eyes watching over everything," Ezell said. "WMWR is also a great area for teaching students the basics of climbing skills and safety. The park is never crowded."

The itinerary also includes rock climbing in New Mexico, attempting to summit Guadalupe Peak, the highest point in Texas and backpacking in Gunnison National Forest in Colorado.

"We will be doing some summit attempts," McMahan said.

With 20 peaks over 13,000 feet and 2 peaks over 14,000, they will have endless opportunities for exploration.

Both McMahan and Ezell have credentials as well-travelled and experienced mountain-trekkers. Ezell climbed a 1,200-ft. face rock this past summer in the Wind River Range in Wyoming. "It was the most committed climb I have ever done in the sense that once we started going, the only way off was up and over the top," Ezell said. "It was a really long day but totally worth it in the end."

"Skill-wise, the students will benefit from him," McMahan said of Ezell.

McMahan said she summited

Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania and almost made it to the top of Mount McKinley, the tallest peak in North America.

Ezell hopes to find a balance between learning and having fun in his teaching methods, he said.

"I love teaching in the outdoors," Ezell said. "It is much easier to get undivided attention in a natural setting. Distractions like cell phones and computers do not work and the only possible distraction is nature itself."

Certifications as Leave No Trace Master Educators will be awarded to students at the end of the trip. The nonprofit organization works toward minimizing human impact on the environment and teaching people how to enjoy nature responsibly, according to lnt.org.

"The lessons really require the students to get creative in how they will present their topics because they will not be in a traditional classroom setting but rather in the wilderness," he said.

McMahan and Ezell will use a hands-on, do-it-yourself approach to education since the group will not have access to classrooms.

"With rock climbing, they will need to learn how to set the climbs up before they can climb them, so there is a natural progression of learning a new skill, then getting to enjoy the benefits of practicing

what they just learned."

Ezell most looks forward to the backpacking portion of the trip, as he appreciates how the experience of backpacking can bring groups together, he said.

"Every moment is devoted to getting to know one another and working together," he said.

In contrast to the ordinary professor-student relationship, McMahan said she forms deep friendships with the students on these camping trips. The wilderness has a way of forcing people to lower their barriers, she said.

"It's fun being with the students and watching them grow. Maybe some of them never slept in tents before," she said. "Being with students outdoors is my passion."

The recreation industry is growing. Even institutions with serious objectives recognize people's need for leisure activity. Recreation and leisure services majors can find jobs in the recreation departments of churches, city parks, universities, hospitals, camps and even prisons, McMahan said.

"I think it could be a rewarding experience socially and possibly professionally in their long-time leisure," she said. "It can have long-term benefits."



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Professor inspires students in teaching, tenacity

By LINDA NGUYEN
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Dr. Roger Kirk doesn't just know statistics, he wrote the book.

Kirk, distinguished professor of psychology and statistics and master teacher, embodies the Baylor professor students are told about during orientation — one-of-a-kind. Known for his cha-chaing in class, he succeeds in academia through his research and textbooks, but he also serves as a mentor for students. Despite being diagnosed with pancreatic lymphoma less than two years ago, his dedication to teaching has persisted, and he has returned to Baylor to teach after only a two-semester absence.

Kirk currently teaches undergraduate and graduate-level psychology statistics using books he wrote during his time at Baylor.

"When I first came to Baylor [in 1958], I was using books written by other people, and I was always searching for a better book," Kirk said. "I thought that I could write better books than I was reviewing and it turns out that I could."

Kirk said he always tries to approach teaching in different ways — even after 55 years.

"He really, really cares about his students," said Seattle doctoral candidate Thomas Carpenter. "Even when he gives us something that's challenging it's because he knows we need it. He says call me at home. He really cares."

Kirk said he has spent many years trying different techniques to help students — especially undergraduates — learn the material.

"I've learned that I love teaching," Kirk said. "I'm always searching for better ways to teach."

He said he tries to present the material in a new and more approachable way so students can leave the class with a more positive attitude toward statistics.

"I'm always trying out new ideas — some ideas work, some don't," he said. "Each year I try one or two new ideas when teaching... One idea I tried years ago has been very effective," Kirk said. "Students are always apprehensive about taking examinations. To alleviate anxiety, a week before the exam, I give them a sheet of colored paper and they can write whatever they want on the sheet."

Kirk allows his students to use this sheet of paper to help them during exams.

Many of his students recognize how unique Kirk is and strive to learn as much from him as they can — both in statistics and in how to interact and mentor students.

"We're so lucky to be learning our statistics from the man who wrote the book," said San Antonio doctoral candidate Karenna Malavanti. "Some of the undergrads don't feel that way, and they're immensely blessed. I hope we get

that across to them. You're learning from the best that Baylor has to offer and the best in statistics, that's Dr. Kirk."

He has also been known to demonstrate a dance step or two during class.

"He actually will demonstrate dance moves in class and he'll do it by himself," Malavanti said. "He'll just do it in class."

Kirk said he does this to break up his classes when he feels like he's losing his students.

"When you teach statistics, you see a lot of glazed expressions and slumped postures," Kirk said. "To get student's attention. I chase rabbits — I talk about Jane or demonstrate a cha-cha step and it brings them back to the real world."

Kirk's passion for teaching has even extended into his research. Currently Kirk and Carpenter are performing research that looks at more than 20 years of data about trends in math skills in college students.

"It's really kind of a cool project that was an amazing opportunity for me to get to work with him and part of the reason it was a great opportunity is Dr. Kirk," Carpenter said. "He said to me early on one of his biggest goals is to get students to where they wanted to go, and I knew early on that I wanted to work with statistics."

One thing his students, past and present, appreciate are his daily office hours.

"He has office hours every single day, which is kind of rare," Malavanti said. "They're usually right after the classes he teaches. He gets to class early and stays later. He tries really hard to be engaging, and you kind of get this feeling that while there are some people who are scared of the class, they're not scared of him."

People have also said Kirk displays compassion and patience with students when they come to see him.

"Dr. Kirk always keeps his office hours, and his door is always open to students," Dr. Jim Patton, professor of neuroscience, psychology and biomedical sciences wrote in an email to the Lariat. "As a student I felt, at times, a bit intimidated by his knowledge and especially when he was asking questions in oral examinations. He maintains high standards for his students and that leads to developing students with excellent skills. Yet, I've never seen him be unkind or short with a student and I've seen him spend a great deal of time attempting to help students who struggle with statistical concepts."

Kirk has many accolades such as being named Outstanding Tenured Teacher in the College of Arts and Sciences; receiving the Jacob Cohen Award for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching and Mentoring and receiving the Cornelia Marschall Smith Professor of the Year award.

"I'm always pleased when I receive an award," Kirk said. "You never feel like you deserve the award, but I'm always happy to get awards."

His students and colleagues, however, have much praise for his teaching and research.

"Dr. Kirk is an outlier," Carpenter said. "I think any single person you've talked to about him will tell you he is highly unusual."

Although Kirk has reached a level of success few professors have, he has also managed to cultivate a life outside of work and research. His wife, Jane Abbott-Kirk, said he is much like any other person in his personal life.

In their spare time, the couple enjoys ballroom dancing.

"We typically go to a dance almost every week," Abbot-Kirk said. "Fortunately, we share an equal passion for dancing. That's how we spend our time."

They got involved in ballroom dancing in 1992 when they enrolled in a continuing education class at McLennan Community College and when they took private classes. They have since participated in competitive ballroom dancing.

"One Christmas, without the other knowing, we purchased ballroom dancing interests for each other," Abbott-Kirk said.

Last year, Kirk battled pancreatic lymphoma. For two semesters, he was unable to teach his statistics

classes, but he persisted in his research and scholarship.

"As much as he was physically able, he was keeping his mind in the game — which is writing and publishing and working with students and professionals," Carpenter said.

According to the National Cancer Institute, pancreatic lymphoma is a type of pancreatic cancer. Lymphoma is a cancer of the lymphatic system of the body. It is very rare and requires a different set of treatments than normal pancreatic cancer.

"That was a difficult year for me," Kirk said. "I never expected to have cancer. It's not in my family. It came as a great shock for me. The hardest part for me was the chemotherapy. I had six sessions. I finished May 1 [2013]. After the fourth session, I started sleeping 20 hours a day. I lost 30 pounds and became fairly weak."

Kirk underwent the Whipple Procedure, which is essentially a rearrangement of the stomach.

"He had his surgery Sept. 10, 2012," Abbott-Kirk said. "It is a seven-hour surgery."

She said their ballroom dancing may be one of the reasons he has been able to withstand the battle and one of the reasons he was considered a good candidate for the surgery.

"The recovery rate is less than 5 percent," she said. "It's really a miracle — the fact he recovered. A lot of that had to do with him being in good physical shape. The doctor took into consideration that we were involved in competition."

Kirk said, however, he still feels the effects of the cancer.

"I still haven't gotten over the residual effects of the chemotherapy," Kirk said. "It's affected my balance and I suffer from occasional mental lapses called chemobrain. I'll be lecturing and there will be a formula that I've put on the board a thousand times and I don't remember it. I'll want to go some place in Waco, and I won't remember how to get there. It's one of the consequences of chemotherapy. It's devastating. Gradually I'm recovering from the symptoms. It's been almost a year, and I'm still experiencing the symptoms. It's not fun."

Malavanti said he's adjusted well to coming back, but it's hard for him to be gone.

"He was happy to be back," Malavanti said. "He gets sick easier, but his students know if they're sick, they sit at the back... He takes each day as a blessing and each appointment that his cancer hasn't come back is a blessing. It wasn't an 'if' Dr. Kirk would come back, it was a 'when' he would be back. That he would be there for his students. And I can just tell that he loves being back."

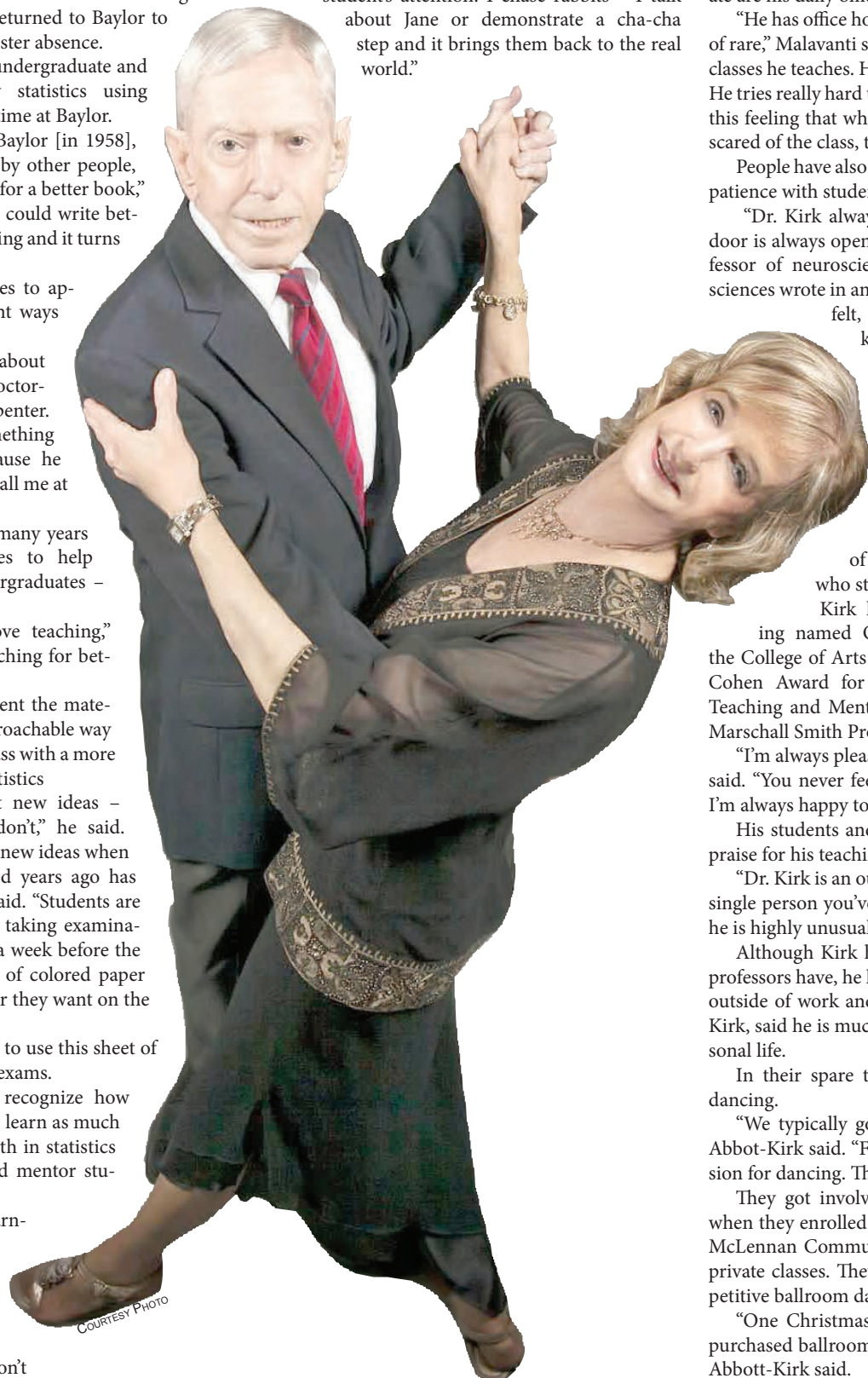
His colleagues and students all agree it is a blessing and honor to work with and learn from a professor like Kirk.

"The best thing about Dr. Kirk is that he has spent over 50 years at Baylor being a legendary role model to students, both graduate and undergraduate," Patton wrote. "His service to Baylor has helped launch countless careers both because he develops students competent in statistical reasoning but also because he teaches them the value of discipline and tenacity."

He said it has been a distinct blessing in his personal and professional life to have studied under Kirk and serve with him as an academic colleague.

"In the future, he'll be regarded as one of the 20th century's best and greatest statisticians," Carpenter said.

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'Stand your ground' law tested in recent shootings

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HELENA, Mont. — A Montana man is accused of setting a trap and blindly blasting a shotgun into his garage, killing a 17-year-old German exchange student. A Minnesota man is convicted of lying in wait in his basement for two teenagers and killing them during a break-in.

The two recent cases take the "stand your ground" debate to a new level: Do laws that allow private citizens to protect their property also let them set a trap and wait for someone to kill?

"We don't want it to be easy to be able to prosecute people. But we want to be able to hold individuals accountable when they have stepped outside the bounds of society," David LaBahn, president of the Washington, D.C.-based Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, said Wednesday.

More than 30 states have laws expanding the self-defense principle known as the "castle doctrine," a centuries-old premise that a per-

son has the right to defend their home against attack, LaBahn said. The name evokes the old saying, "my home is my castle."

Most of these changes have come since Florida in 2005 became the first state to interpret the "castle doctrine" to apply outside the home with a measure known as the "stand your ground" law.

These laws make it far easier for a person to shoot someone and avoid prosecution by saying they felt an imminent danger — whether or not the person who was shot was armed.

The principle came under national scrutiny in the 2012 shooting of an unarmed Florida teenager, Trayvon Martin, by a neighborhood watch volunteer who was following the 17-year-old. George Zimmerman was acquitted last year after arguing self-defense.

The Montana and Minnesota cases involve homeowners who had been burglarized and said they were afraid of it happening again. Prosecutors say they lured intruders into fatal encounters.

In Montana, Markus Kaarma told investigators his Missoula home had been burglarized twice within the last week before Sunday's shooting death of 17-year-old Diredede. Kaarma told his hairdresser he had stayed up three nights waiting to shoot a kid, the woman told investigators.

The night of the shooting, Kaarma and his partner, Janelle Pflager, left their garage door open. Pflager left her purse in the garage "so that they would take it," she told a police officer. She also set up a video baby monitor and installed motion sensors, prosecutors said.

After midnight, they heard the sensors trip. Pflager turned to the video monitor and saw a man in the garage. Kaarma took his shotgun, walked out the front door and to the driveway.

He told investigators he heard metal on metal and without speaking fired four times — sweeping the garage with three low shots and a high fourth shot. Dede was hit in the head and the arm.

Montana's law says a person



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In this picture taken April 30, the soccer team of 17-year-old German exchange student Diredede holds a minute of silence prior to a soccer match in Hamburg, Germany. The father of the student who was killed in the United States criticized the country's gun laws upon his arrival in Montana, where his son was fatally shot.

is justified in using deadly force if they believe it necessary to prevent an assault or a forcible felony.

Since it passed in 2009, the law has been raised at least a dozen times in Montana cases. In several, it was the reason prosecutors decided against filing charges.

Kaarma attorney Paul Ryan said he intends to use that law as a defense in his client's deliberate homicide charge. That shifts the burden to prosecutors, who will have to prove their case and that deadly force wasn't justified, he said.

Kaarma didn't intend to kill Dede, Ryan said. "He was scared for his life. It shouldn't be up to a homeowner to wait and see if an

intruder is going to shoot him when he announces himself," he said.

Because the laws typically leave it up to the shooter to decide if a danger exists, prosecutors often have no way to challenge such a claim. LaBahn said the case in Missoula appeared to reflect the same concerns raised repeatedly by prosecutors in Florida.

"It doesn't sound to me that a reasonable person is going to shoot through a garage door," LaBahn said.

He added there could be mitigating factors yet to emerge in the exchange student's death.

Minnesota law allows the use of deadly force in a home to prevent a felony, but it must be considered a

reasonable response.

Byron Smith, a 65-year-old retiree, unsuccessfully used that defense to justify his shooting of Nick Brady, 17, and Haile Kifer, 18, after the cousins broke into his Little Falls home in 2012. Smith's attorney said his client's home had been burglarized, and he was afraid.

Gary Marbut, who heads the Montana Shooting Sports Association and helped draft the state's law, said Kaarma's case could help clarify it.

"If they're going to possess the means to apply lethal force," he said, "they need to have a good understanding of when and how that is permissible."

US military sexual assault reports surge 50 percent

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
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WASHINGTON — Reports by members of the military of sexual assaults jumped by an unprecedented 50 percent last year, in what Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel declared a "clear threat" to both male and female service members' lives and well-being.

The latest numbers reflected an aggressive campaign by the Pentagon to persuade victims to come forward, but Hagel and others said Thursday they need to do more to get men to report assaults — a challenge in a military culture that values strength. Hagel said an estimated half of sexual-assault victims in the military are men, yet only 14 percent of reported assaults involve male victims.

Hagel told a news conference he has ordered Pentagon officials to increase their efforts to get male victims to report sexual abuse and also has asked the military services to review their alcohol sales and policies. In as many as two-thirds of reported sexual assault cases, alcohol is involved.

"We have to fight the cultural stigmas that discourage reporting and be clear that sexual assault does not occur because a victim is weak, but rather because an offender disregards our values and the law," Hagel said.

Officials said they believe the

number of male victims is greatly under-reported because of anonymous surveys conducted among military members. A 2012 survey found that about 26,000 service members said they were victims of some type of unwanted sexual contact or assault. A key finding in that survey was that, in sheer numbers, more men than women said they had been assaulted.

About 6.8 percent of women surveyed said they were assaulted and 1.2 percent of the men. But there are vastly more men in the military; by the raw numbers, a bit more than 12,000 women said they were assaulted, compared with nearly 14,000 men.

Defense officials said that male victims often worry that complaining will make people think they are weak and trigger questions about their sexual orientation. In most cases, however, sexual orientation has nothing to do with the assault and it's more an issue of power or abuse.

"There is still a misperception that this is a women's issue

and women's crime," said Nate Galbreath, the senior executive adviser for the Pentagon's sexual assault prevention office. "It's disheartening that we have such a differential between the genders and how they are choosing to report."

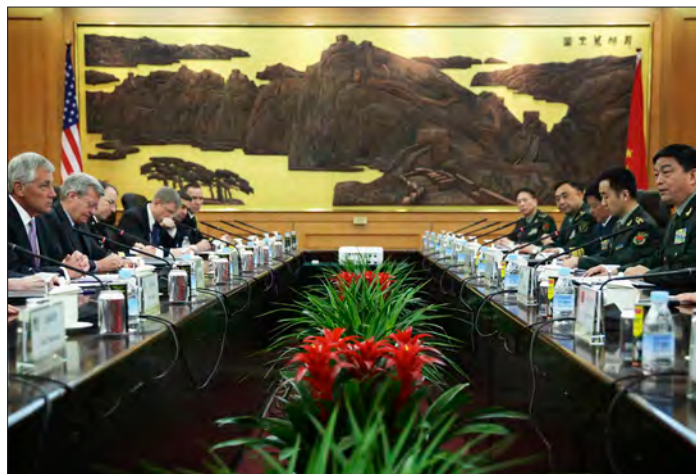
The military, Galbreath said, needs to get the message out.

"It's not the damsel in distress; it's your fellow service member that might need you to step in," he said, adding that troops need to treat such a request for help like any other need for aid, just like on the battlefield.

While the number of reported assaults shot up sharply in 2013, defense officials said that based on survey data and other information, they believe the increase was largely due to victims feeling more comfortable coming forward. Under the military's definition, a sexual assault can be anything from unwanted sexual contact, such as inappropriate touching or grabbing, to sodomy and rape.

Separately on Thursday, the U.S. Department of Education announced it was going to investigate 55 colleges and universities for the way they handle sexual abuse allegations by their students.

As for the military, Hagel said he was ordering six initiatives, including the review of alcohol sales and policies. He says that



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U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, left, and Chinese Minister of Defense Chang Wanquan, right, take seat April 8 prior to their meeting at the Chinese Defense Ministry headquarters in Beijing.

review must address the risks of alcohol being used as a weapon by predators who might ply a victim with drinks before attacking.

"Sexual assault is a clear threat to the lives and the well-being of the women and men who serve our country in uniform. It destroys the bonds of trust and confidence that lie at the heart of our armed forces," said Hagel.

The plans call for the military services to step up efforts to encourage troops to intervene in assault situations and work with military bases and local communities to better train bar workers and promote more responsible alcohol sales.

Overall, there were 5,061 reports of sexual abuse filed in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, compared with 3,374 in 2012, for a 50 percent increase. About 10 percent of the 2013 reports involved incidents that occurred before the victims joined the military, up from just 4 percent in 2012.

Over the past two years, the military services have tried to increase awareness. Phone numbers and contact information for sexual assault prevention officers are plastered across military bases, including inside the doors of bathroom stalls. And top military officers have traveled to bases

around the world speaking out on the issue.

Officials said prosecutions also have increased. Galbreath said the military was able to take some action against 73 percent of accused people who were subject to the military justice system. In 2012 it was 66 percent. Some cases involved alleged assailants who were not in the military so were not subject to commander's actions or military courts.

Sexual assault has been a front-burner issue for the Pentagon, Congress and the White House over the past year, triggering Capitol Hill hearings and persistent questions about how effectively the military was preventing and prosecuting assaults and how well it was treating the victims. Fueling outrage have been high-profile assault cases and arrests, including incidents involving senior commanders, sexual assault prevention officers and military trainers.

At the same time, the military has long struggled to get victims to report sexual assault in a stern military culture that emphasizes rank, loyalty and toughness. Some victims have complained they were afraid to report assaults to ranking officers for fear of retribution, or said that their initial complaints were rebuffed or ignored.



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handling of a matter involving a football player. The investigation began after federal authorities received complaints related to the expulsion of Brendan Gibbons, a former placekicker.

A student group examined the school's student sexual misconduct policy and last month determined the university failed to explain a yearlong delay between the alleged incident and Gibbons' expulsion in December. Spokesman Rick Fitzgerald says the university has been "fully cooperating."

Schools on the list, for the most part, were unwilling to talk about specific incidents but said they have been working with the federal department to be more responsive to student complaints.

"We are hopeful at the end of this there will be a resolution that will strengthen our internal processes and result in a safer community," said Dartmouth spokesman Justin Anderson. "There's always something we can learn and ways to get better."

The Obama administration's effort to bring more attention to the issue of sexual assaults is not limited to colleges.

Separately on Thursday, the Pentagon said that reports of assaults by members of the military have risen 50 percent since the beginning of a campaign to persuade more victims to come forward. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said he is ordering six initiatives to deal with sexual assaults, including efforts to get more male victims to speak up.

The college investigations are done under Title IX of a U.S. law, which prohibits gender discrimination at schools that receive federal funds. It is the same law that guarantees girls and women equal access to sports, but it also regulates institutions' handling of sexual violence and increasingly is being used by victims who say their schools failed to protect them.

The agency previously would confirm such Title IX investigations when asked, but students and others were often unaware of them.

Duncan said there had been "lots of internal debate" about whether to release the list but that transparency is important.

"No one probably loves to have their name on that list," Duncan said during a White House briefing. "But we'll investigate; we'll go where the facts are. And where they have done everything perfectly, we'll be very loud and clear that they've done everything perfectly."

The department can withhold federal funding from a school that doesn't comply with the law, but it so far has not used that power and instead has negotiated voluntary resolutions for violators.

About half of all states have schools under investigation.

Massachusetts has six, including Harvard College.

Harvard students filed formal complaints in late March to the department saying the college did not respond promptly to reports of sexual violence, that students were subjected to a sexually hostile environment, and that in some cases assault victims were forced to live in the same residence buildings as their alleged assailants.

"Harvard has taken a number of steps to foster prevention efforts and to support students who have experienced sexual misconduct," spokesman Jeff Neal said. They include appointing a Title IX officer to review policies and procedures.

Pennsylvania had five schools listed. California, Colorado and New York each had four.

Some investigations were prompted by complaints directly to the federal department; others were initiated by the department following compliance reviews triggered by other factors, such as news stories, the department said. Some schools wanted to note what triggered the investigation.

Indiana University-Bloomington, for example, said the federal department had confirmed that it didn't receive any complaints against the school "that would have triggered an investigation."

Similarly, the University of Massachusetts-Amherst also said it was being investigated under a standard compliance review and not because of any specific complaints.

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ways and didn't carry any baggage."

After five years of running The Lariat, Ferdon began teaching full time and has been doing so ever since.

"I've liked the growth from 9,000 students to 14,000 students," Ferdon said. "I've also liked the raised SAT score average, and the minority rate has grown from 4 percent to 32 percent while I've been here."

While at Baylor, Ferdon said his favorite role has been that of professor.

"Running The Lariat was sometimes tough for me because I'm a reader, not a leader," Ferdon said.

Ferdon says his favorite thing about teaching is preparing for the lecture.

"I love to present it in an objective manner and have students make up their own mind," Ferdon said.

During his time at Baylor he also served as chairman of the department of journalism from 1996-2006. During this time he hired Maxey Parrish, Dr. Brad Owens and Sharon Bracken, all of whom still teach in the journalism department. Bracken and Owens are also former students of Ferdon.

"It's clearly an honor to get to be able to teach with a faculty member that I once had as a professor and that I have a great deal of respect for," Bracken said.

"In a way it's like I still get to be a student when I work alongside him."

Ferdon is a professor who still keeps in touch with his former students and is proud of all they have accomplished.

"He was a nurturing type of faculty member that really guided you forward," Haller said. "He didn't play any games."

During her time at Baylor, Haller recalled a time when Ferdon and his wife made her dinner while she was sick with mono.

"It was so nice to have someone care that I would have a hot meal when I was just trying to graduate college," Haller said.

Thirty years later, Ferdon still has the same effect on his students.

"His goal is for us to take away so much more than just journalism," Lakeland, Fla., sophomore Caitlin Robb said. "He wants to teach us about life."

Ferdon was recently awarded the Keith P. Sanders Outstanding Service Award, given by the journalism, public relations and new media department chapter of Kappa Tau Alpha.

Through his time at Baylor, Ferdon has seen many changes, some good some bad, but Ferdon said, "Baylor still hasn't lost its charm."

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Williams cited various examples of division and political gridlock in America's past, such as the accusations against President George W. Bush in 2004 concerning the invasion of Iraq, the economic crisis of 2008, the current arguments over health care, and the rise of the Tea Party and the Occupy Wall Street movement.

"People like me, people in the media, contribute to this polarization," Williams said. "Nowadays we don't so much broadcast the news, we 'narrowcast' the news. I think of it in these terms: we are losing a common language."

Williams said that the current polarization of America is not only facilitated by news organizations catering to their viewer base, but also by politicians looking to drive up turnout in their voter base as opposed to appealing to the middle.

"All of this contributes to a very difficult atmosphere in Washington where nothing gets done," Williams said.

In response to Williams' bleak depiction of America's political state, Starr asked Williams what he thought could be enacted to fix the polariza-

tion.

Williams said communication between people of differing opinions and the willingness of people to get their hands dirty in an effort to bring about change were the keys to solving the damage of political polarization.

"I would say that the key thing is to know each other," Williams said. "I think it begins with a willingness to talk."

Williams then cited President Lyndon B. Johnson as an example of a leader who facilitated progress by dealing with opposing political parties.

"President Johnson had the capacity to make deals because there were people willing to make a deal with him," Williams said. "Today I don't see that."

With regard to what the current U.S. president could do to solve polarization, Williams said the president needs to reach out to those who oppose him.

"I think it would be good if President Obama did more in reaching out, even to people who have expressed antipathy toward him," Williams said. "I think it is imperative for him to make an effort."

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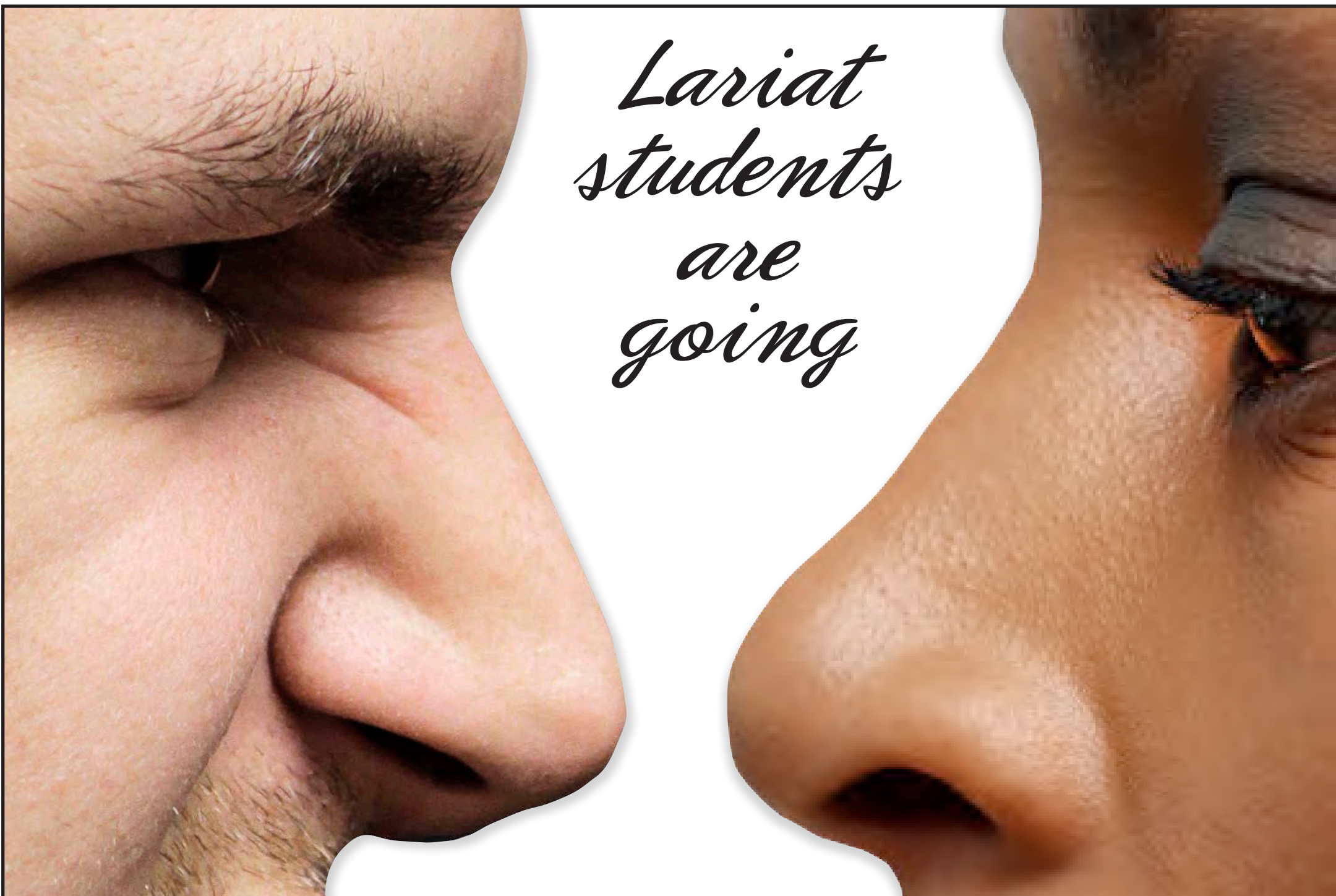
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Alumna Sarah Beard performs as the lead role Elle Woods in the fall 2013 production of "Legally Blonde." Stan Denman, chairman of the theater department, said theater students like Beard leave Baylor with skills beyond acting like communications and project management skills.

Theater majors ready for more than just the stage

By MADI ALLEN
AND ASHLEY ALTUS
REPORTERS

Being a student in the department of theater arts isn't all about costumes and roleplay. Theater students face the same dilemmas other undergraduates face such as high unemployment rates, low salaries and a lack of job security.

In Georgetown University's, "Hard Times: College Majors, Unemployment, and Earnings: Not all College Degrees are Created Equal," graduates with a theater arts degree face unemployment rates of about 7.8 percent.

The report, which was released on Jan. 4, 2012, said the average salary for recent college graduates in theater was \$26,000 yearly.

The Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce is a nonprofit research and policy institute that studies the connection between education, career qualifications and workforce demands.

Dr. Stan Denman, chairman of the Baylor theater department, said students shouldn't set out to become celebrities when entering

the world of theater and should instead aim for success in their field.

"We don't beat around the bush — you have a better chance of getting hit by a satellite than becoming a star," Denman said.

He said many students go into related degrees in the arts and entertainment industry.

"They call it show business for a reason — there are a lot of people who begin in theater, but go into public relations, television and directing," Denman said.

Conroe senior Caleb Clark said he knew unemployment was a risk when pursuing a theater degree, but he said he believes other majors have the same risk and financial debt.

"College is a dying program that is getting too expensive, and we're not guaranteed jobs, and it's just getting to the point where it's not worth it," Clark said. "It's a big risk and you're putting yourself into a lot of debt."

Although having a degree in theater may have a perception that majors will only work in theater, Clark said he believes theater majors get jobs in other industries because they have good communication and project management skills.

"Theater is just mastering the art of com-

municating with other people," Clark said.

Denman said theater arts students could end up using their training by going into a variety of fields such as law, medicine and ministry work.

"Theater taught them to be in ease in front of people and be able to feel emotion," Denman said. "They know how to think outside the box, communicate and get things done on time."

Clark said there are a lot of dropouts in the major because students don't anticipate the work required to graduate with a theater degree to just go work as a waiter/actor.

He said after he graduates he wants to have an apprenticeship with a director, specializing in film.

The department of theater arts requires incoming students to go through an audition and interview process for a total enrollment cap of 125 undergraduate students. These auditions and interviews happen by request, and anyone interested in studying theater arts can apply, including transfers.

Instead of jumping into acting right after

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Online anonymous apps can generate compelling content

By OMAR L. GALLAGA
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Earlier this year, Annie Hsieh, who works at an Austin startup, downloaded an app called "Secret."

What intrigued her was the app's promise of anonymity. It's a social network, not unlike Twitter, where people post things, but without names and with only vague references to locations.

"I thought it would be interesting to see what people share when they were anonymous," Hsieh said.

Hsieh reads a lot more secrets using the app than she posts. But one thing she shared got a lot of attention. "It was about the lingering effects of a traumatic childhood experience," she said. "A lot of people came forward and said they'd had a similar experience and said they had never shared it before but felt compelled to offer support."

Hsieh said she was surprised not just by the outpouring itself but by the idea that it came from virtual strangers, "even though they didn't know who I was."

Welcome to the semi-anonymous Web, where a new generation of apps allow users to let loose with postings they wouldn't dare broadcast to Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn or any number of other public online networks.

In November, San Francisco-based "Secret" launched, joining another app that has been gaining traction for its promise of online anonymity, "Whisper," which launched in 2012. Recently, "Secret" raised \$8.6 million from outside investors, while "Whisper" drew \$21 million in funding. Last week, another anonymous social app, "Yik Yak," focused on texting, raised \$1.5 million.

While the apps have been criticized as potential breeding grounds for cyberbullying, they've grown on the promise of compelling personal anecdotes that don't have a place on the public social Web and for passing along industry gossip, especially in tech-heavy locales such as Austin and Silicon Valley.

Joseph McGlynn III, a doctoral researcher with the Center for Identity at the University of Texas at Austin, has been studying these kinds of apps and says there are good reasons for their existence.

"Apps such as 'Secret' and 'Whisper' are valuable in that they can provide a platform for people to discuss sensitive topics," McGlynn said. Users, he said, can speak more freely with less fear of judg-

ment, retaliation or social alienation.

"Talking about negative or troubling experiences is a cathartic process for many people," McGlynn said. "The ability for people to be part of a community while remaining anonymous is particularly promising."

What do people post on these apps? A lot of it is everyday minutiae and loose chatter about impending departures at companies such as Google or Nike. During South by Southwest Interactive in March, some early adopters of "Secret" shifted their focus from Silicon Valley to the Austin festival and posted frequent updates about debauched partying and withering criticisms of the fest and people attending.

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But sometimes the ugly Internet can surprise and a harrowing post might take a reader's breath away. Plaintive posts from the lonely and suicidal are often met with comments of deep sympathy and reassurance. One haunting post from a few months back was from a father whose wife was pregnant with a second child. The couple, he posted, had just talked themselves out of an abortion and were now bewildered as to how they would manage with two kids. Other users responded with encouragement and advice.

Typically, the posts aren't the kind you'd find on Twitter or on Facebook, where everything one posts sticks to their identity forever. They could all be made up. There's no way to know. But much of it feels deeply human and frail, bits that would be bulldozed and overanalyzed on the public Web.

Chrys Bader, a co-founder of "Secret," says that humanity is the point.

"Everyone is human at the core, and we all have the same human issues, regardless of where you

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Apparel students create garments for those in need

By JESSICA ABBEY
REPORTER

The fashion industry brings in trillions of dollars worldwide each year. The apparel department at Baylor isn't in it for the money, though.

The apparel students have created clothing in their classes to donate to two nonprofit organizations.

Students this semester in the apparel creative design and product development class created girl's dresses as a part of a knit project. Jaynie Fader, a senior lecturer in family and consumer sciences, said she decided she wanted to change the purpose of this project.

"I really wanted to do something service oriented if we could," Fader said.

She said she sought out a Christian organization to which they would be able to donate the clothing.

Fader said she had previously heard of groups donating to places in Africa as a project, but she wanted to take a different approach.

"We have people here that need help, so why don't we help someone locally?" Fader asked.

She decided to donate these children's clothes to Waco's own Compassion Ministries.

The goal of Compassion Ministries is "to reintegrate homeless individuals and those on the verge of homelessness into permanent housing and employment."

Compassion Ministries provides transitional housing, oftentimes for women and children.

The organization also provides counseling; job training and resources; drug

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Jaynie Fader |
family and consumer sciences
senior lecturer

and alcohol treatment; and children's programs.

Fader said oftentimes the women show up with nothing but what is in their cars, so they might not have been able to bring their children's clothing.

The organization has a lot of used clothes donations, but Fader said it is nice that they could provide new clothes for

them as well.

The apparel department at Baylor is donating 13 different toddler-sized garments to Compassion Ministries. Fader said she really let the students be creative in how they made their dresses.

"Kids feel better if they have a unique garment," Fader said.

She said next year she hopes to donate clothes for a different age group that is slightly older.

Fashionable Fuzzy Friends

Students from this same class over the last two years have been creating clothes for another cause that will be showcased today. However, these clothes aren't for people.

Dog clothes created by Baylor students will be showcased at the Pooches on Parade fashion show from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the Extraco Events Center.

The fashion show helps animals at Fuzzy Friends Rescue, a nonprofit, no-kill animal shelter, get adopted.

There is also a fundraiser at the event that goes toward the Angel Heart Medical Fund, which allows Fuzzy Friends Rescue

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CARLYE THORNTON | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Two toddlers from the Piper Child Development Center model clothes created by apparel students that will go to help children in need through Compassion Ministries. Compassion Ministries provides transitional housing and other resources for women and children in Waco.

Buttoned Bears blog shows BU best dressed

By MADI ALLEN
REPORTER

In a world of social media, LinkedIn profiles and a myriad of blogs, three Baylor freshmen are attempting to make their mark on the Web, running an on-campus fashion blog called "Buttoned Bears."

With a "currently stalking" and "street style" section, Buttoned Bears profiles and highlights the fashion choices of Baylor students around campus, as well as forecasting the next trends.

The Lariat sat down with the three bloggers, San Diego, freshman Taylor Wong, Los Angeles freshman Hannah Kleinick and Plano freshman Abby Thompson to talk about how they run their blog, their fashion inspirations and what it's like to find their place in the blogging world.

Q: Can you describe what Buttoned is?

Kleinick: Buttoned is a fashion blog by Baylor students for Baylor students, and it's an outlet for students who are interested in fashion or want to see their peers that are fashionable on a site.

Q: What inspired you to start Buttoned?

Kleinick: Last semester was kind of a slow semester for us. There wasn't a lot going on and we realized that there was nothing like a fashion blog for Baylor students about Baylor students on Baylor's campus.

Students are so interested in fashion and with such a great fashion merchandising program and a great journalism program, we thought we should put the two together and make it happen.

Q: What have been some of the biggest challenges in running the blog?

Wong: Probably getting it out there.
Thompson: Making it known to people and getting them to understand what it actually is. It's not a personal blog; it's a blog for Baylor students

Q: What have been some of the biggest successes of running Buttoned?

Wong: We just got to 10 thousand views, and I think it's about 12 thousand now.



CARLYE THORNTON | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Plano freshman Abby Thompson, Los Angeles freshman Hannah Kleinick and San Diego freshman Taylor Wong discuss ideas for their fashion blog, Buttoned Bears.

We also just had alumni ask us to advertise for them and they gave us clothes.

Thompson: Just getting feedback from people saying stuff like, "the blog looks really good!"

Kleinick: The feedback we've gotten is so rewarding.

People are into it and they want to get involved, which is so awesome. We want more people to get involved.

Wong: And almost everyone is thrilled when we ask if they want to be on the blog.

Q: How would each of you describe your personal style?

Kleinick: I would say I'm definitely bohemian with a little bit of an edge — I love a good leather jacket with anything floral.

Wong: I would probably say casual chic, with kind of a bohemian flair.

Thompson: I would say vintage inspired and girly, but sometimes a little edgy.

Q: Who are some of your style icons?

Wong: Probably Alexa Chung and Rachel Bilson.

Kleinick: Kate Bosworth. She's perfect. I love everything she wears.

Thompson: Emma Watson, Elle Fanning and Grace Kelly.

Q: Do you feel like running a blog and becoming known is more difficult, especially in the blogging world of today because it is so competitive?

Wong: I think in general, yes. It's a lot harder because almost everyone has one, anyone can start one. But for us, I think it was easy because Baylor didn't have a fashion blog like ours.

We had a place to go. And that's why it wasn't really hard for us, but in general it is a lot harder these days.

Q: What do you do to make your blog stand out? What would you call your "X factor?"

Thompson: I think what sets us apart

is that we have actual students featured on the currently stalking section.

Everyone likes to see their friends or someone they've probably seen around campus. It's just cool to get recognized.

Wong: I think the "What to Wear Next" is really applicable to Baylor students because we do events for Baylor. It's just more applicable to students here.

Q: What do you look for in someone you decide to "stalk" each week? And is it difficult to find candidates on campus?

Kleinick: No. It's really exciting actually and we get to meet people and we've made so many new friends because of it, and people are pretty much willing. I think we've only been denied a few times.

We don't really look for anything in particular, just somebody that has their own personal style, because that's what is most important to us.

Q: How often do you work on the blog and who does what?

Kleinick: There are only three of us. If there were more of us we would probably post stuff everyday, but we also have work and school and we're part of other things.

Thompson: We work on it everyday. We may not post every day, but we do something every day. I am in charge of most of the writing.

Kleinick: I do some of the writing, and I kind of come up with a lot of the ideas, like what is in right now; what we should be putting out there for Baylor students that would be applicable to them; and what they would like and social media. I do all of the Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

Wong: I am the photographer and I manage the entire site, so I post everything and kind of decide what goes where on the actual blog.

Q: Do you look to other blogs for inspiration?

Kleinick: I definitely look at other college fashion websites. A lot of colleges have fashion magazines that pair with a fashion blog, and we definitely look at those to see what is successful there and what would maybe be successful at Baylor.

We look at personal blogs and fashion posts and things like 'ManRepeller' to see what fashion bloggers are doing, but I would say that I think we look most at other college fashion websites.

Q: What are some of your favorite memories or moments from running the blog?

Wong: Probably getting denied. It's usually pretty funny and we laugh about that.

Kleinick: When things get busy and we just blast Beyoncé.

Thompson: It's all fun and a good release for us.

Q: What would you say is the key to a good blog? What is the thing that keeps people coming back?

Wong: One reason is that it is applicable to them, and we have a lot of good visuals. It's very user friendly and then having people be able to see their friends and their peers and people they have classes with on it keeps them coming back, and they want to see what everyone else is wearing.



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Summer movies 2014: More than just heroes and villains

By RAFAEL GUZMÁN
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Summer movie season begins in earnest Friday with "The Amazing Spider-Man 2," the only new major-studio movie opening in theaters.

Savor this relatively quiet moment, because the coming weeks will be crowded with two, three, four and even five nationwide releases.

The summer's overall lineup is more varied than you might expect. Superheroes abound, of course, but some come with a twist: Marvel's "Guardians of the Galaxy" and Paramount's "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" appear to be offering laughs as well as action.

There also are musical movies ("Jersey Boys," the James Brown biopic "Get on Up"), food movies ("Chef," "The Hundred-Foot Journey") and even two Westerns — one a comedy from Seth MacFarlane, the other a drama starring Natalie Portman. Action fare ranges from "The Expendables 3" to the Scarlett Johansson vehicle "Lucy."

And almost one year to the day after the premiere of his Oscar-winning "Blue Jasmine," Woody Allen returns with a new film, "Magic in the Moonlight."

If nothing in the next few months strikes your fancy, you may not be looking hard enough. Here are 40 of this summer's biggest movies:

— **Friday**
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN 2: Andrew Garfield returns as the web-slinger, this time battling Electro (Jamie Foxx). Dane

DeHaan, of "Kill Your Darlings," plays Spidey's frenemy Harry Osborn; Emma Stone returns as Gwen Stacy.

— **May 9**
LEGENDS OF OZ: DOROTHY'S RETURN: An animated musical based on books by Roger Stanton Baum, the great-grandson of "Oz" creator L. Frank Baum.

Featuring the voices of Lea Michele as Dorothy, Dan Aykroyd as the Scarecrow, Jim Belushi as the Cowardly Lion and Kelsey Grammer as the Tin Man.

NEIGHBORS: Two new parents (Seth Rogen and Rose Byrne) clash with a houseful of rowdy frat brothers. Zac Efron plays the Big Man on Campus. Directed by Nicholas Stoller ("Forgetting Sarah Marshall").

— **May 16**
GODZILLA: The nuclear-spawned monster that punished postwar Japan is coming to America (again). With Bryan Cranston and Elizabeth Olsen.

MILLION DOLLAR ARM: A sports agent (Jon Hamm) searches India for baseball's next great pitcher. With Suraj Sharma ("Life of Pi") and Madhur Mittal ("Slumdog Millionaire").

— **May 23**
BLENDED: Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore ("The Wedding Singer," "50 First Dates") play singles with children who reluctantly spend a vacation together.

X-MEN: DAYS OF FUTURE PAST: The mutant super heroes will battle foes, travel through time and acquire hip, vintage outfits. Hugh Jackman, Jennifer Lawrence

and Patrick Stewart return. With Peter Dinklage.

— **May 30**
A MILLION WAYS TO DIE IN THE WEST: Seth MacFarlane is the writer, director, producer and star of this comedy Western about a cowardly sheep farmer. With Charlize Theron and Neil Patrick Harris.

MALEFICENT: The untold story of Disney's "Sleeping Beauty" villain. Angelina Jolie takes the title role; Elle Fanning plays Princess Aurora.

— **June 6**
EDGE OF TOMORROW: Tom Cruise stars as a soldier trapped in a time loop of war. With Emily Blunt. Directed by Doug Liman ("The Bourne Identity").

THE FAULT IN OUR STARS: Two teenagers (Shailene Woodley, Ansel Elgort) fall in love at a cancer support group. Based on John Green's bestselling novel.

— **June 13**
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 2: In the animated sequel to the 2010 hit, Jay Baruchel returns as Hiccup, the teenage Viking. Djimon Hounsou plays a new villain, Drago.

22 JUMP STREET: Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum are back as youthful undercover cops, now pretending to be college age. Directed by Phil Lord and Christopher Miller ("The Lego Movie").

— **June 27**
TRANSFORMERS: AGE OF EXTINCTION: Mark Wahlberg, replacing post-fame franchise star Shia LaBeouf, plays a single father

who joins the Autobot war against the Decepticons. Michael Bay directs.

— **July 2**
DELIVER US FROM EVIL: A horror film based on the real-life cases of New York City cop Ralph Sarchie (Eric Bana). Edgar Ramirez plays his partner, a priest.

TAMMY: Melissa McCarthy, cowriting with husband Ben Falcone (making his directorial debut), plays a dissatisfied 30-something who takes a road trip with her profane grandmother (Susan Sarandon).

— **July 11**
DAWN OF THE PLANET OF THE APES: Motion-capture master Andy Serkis returns as Caesar, who has been building his simian army. Directed by Matt Reeves ("Cloverfield").

— **July 18**
JUPITER ASCENDING: A hard-luck case named Jupiter (Mila Kunis) discovers she holds the key to the cosmos. With Channing Tatum. Written and directed by Andy and Lana Wachowski ("Cloud Atlas").

THE PURGE: ANARCHY: A sequel to last year's horror-film hit about a dystopian America that goes a little too soft on crime. With Frank Grillo and Carmen Ejogo ("Sparkle"), but no Ethan Hawke.

— **July 25**
HERCULES: Mere months after "The Legend of Hercules" flopped, Dwayne Johnson will play the strong man. Directed by Brett Ratner ("Rush Hour").

MAGIC IN THE MOONLIGHT: Woody Allen's latest fol-



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Jennifer Lawrence will be featured as Mystique, a shape-shifting mutant, in the newest X-Men franchise movie "X-Men: Days of Future Past," which will hit theaters on May 23.

lows an English sleuth through the Cote d'Azur of the 1920s. With Colin Firth, Emma Stone, Hamish Linklater and Marcia Gay Harden.

— **Aug. 1**
GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY: Marvel's cheeky-looking new superheroes include Rocket Raccoon (Bradley Cooper), Star Lord (Chris Pratt), Gamora (Zoe Saldana) and Groot (Vin Diesel).

— **Aug. 8**
LUCY: Writer-director Luc Besson ("La Femme Nikita," "The Professional") finds his latest female action hero in Scarlett Johansson. She plays a woman who turns the tables on her captors.

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: What began as a parody of four different comic books in the 1980s became a successful media and merchandising franchise through the 1990s. Time for

a reboot. With Megan Fox.

— **Aug. 15**
THE EXPENDABLES 3: Ye olde action heroes Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham and the gang return for "one last ride." With youngbloods Kellan Lutz and Ronda Rousey. Mel Gibson plays the villain.

THE GIVER: An adaptation of the Newberry-winning children's book about a boy (Brenton Thwaites) living in a conformist world.

With Meryl Streep, Alexander Skarsgård, Jeff Bridges and Taylor Swift.

— **Aug. 29**
ONE CHANCE: The story of Paul Potts, the amateur opera singer who won the television contest "Britain's Got Talent" in 2007. With James Corden and Alexandra Roach.

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graduating high school, Clark said he decided to come to Baylor for well-rounded training in all disciplines of theater.

"I can't even imagine going from high school and trying to act," he said. "I wouldn't get a single job, but I'm leaving here with a lot of confidence that I have a lot of experience."

The department has courses in acting, design, direction, dance, stage management and craftsmanship. There are five mainstage plays a year with an additional two to three summer graduate plays. This allows students to have a hands-on experience, instead of spending time sitting in a classroom.

Denman said casting agents and directors are beginning to see the significant difference between actors who have a theater degree and actors who don't.

Weekly Friday workshop is one of the characteristics that sets Baylor's department apart from other schools. The entire department attends the workshop that gives students opportunities to enhance and improve their skills. Weekly workshops can consist of anything from students performing scenes directed by junior or senior level directors or listening to guest lecturers.

"They have these opportunities to get better as opposed to other colleges where you just take acting classes, because we have acting classes and hands-on experience which is really what actors need to grow," Clark said.

Clark is currently cast in an advanced senior director capstone magnum opus. A magnum opus is the most-renowned achievement of an artist. He will perform in a scene from "Reservoir Dogs," during weekly workshop. Clark said workshop has allowed him to grow as an actor and to pursue roles that he would not have ordinarily been given because the scenes performed in workshop can be more outlandish than those performed on the Baylor mainstage.

"The best part about Baylor theater is if you don't get cast in mainstage, it's perfectly fine because there are so many other acting oppor-

tunities going on which aren't available to the public," Clark said. "It's probably the best role most actors will be given at Baylor, and it's not mainstage."

Clark said he was attracted to the Baylor theater department because it was welcoming and friendly compared to other schools.

"We're a lot less cutthroat and competitive and more about helping each other grow," Clark said.

Clark said the department highly discourages undergraduates from taking side acting jobs before their junior or senior year so students are solely focused on studying their craft.

Though many actor decide to pursue a degree in theater arts, Fort Worth improv actor and comedian Shawn Frambach said he wouldn't go back to school to pursue a degree.

"I wouldn't go back to school," said Frambach. "I wouldn't want to waste my money."

Though a degree isn't a worthwhile pursuit for Frambach, he said many actors he works with do have degrees, but he said these actors are ones with a more dramatic background as opposed to his comedic background as an improviser.

"Needing a degree is sort of circumstantial," Frambach said. "If we're going for a comedic commercial, it's not necessary to have a degree, but if it's more dramatic, people with degrees might have an advantage."

For another actor, a Baylor alumna who graduated in 2013, Kelsey Martin, she said her degree gives her a leg up when it comes to auditioning for roles. Martin currently lives in New York, works afternoons and nights as a copy editor at Professional Sports Publications and spends her days auditioning for roles on the stage.

"Once you're in New York auditioning, it's easy to tell a difference between the actors who have training and those who don't," said Martin. "A lot of an actor's job is auditioning and my training taught me things like how to find a song or a monologue that I can use for auditions."

APP from Page B1

are and who you are," Bader said. "There's tremendous power in the information because of the way we built it."

"Secret" started with just 100 users, friends of the founders who were testing out the app.

Bader said they noticed right away that even in a small, semi-anonymous community, people were coming back again and again to share.

Though Bader says that personal struggles and daily anecdotes make up a lot of "Secret," it's also emerging as an information back channel.

Word that the head of Google Plus, Vic Gundotra, was leaving the company began appearing on "Secret" days before it was official. Anonymous gossip, to no one's surprise, spreads fast.

"People are finding out about things first on 'Secret,'" Bader said.

He says the company is focused on releasing an Android version and expanding the product globally, especially to countries where there are more restrictions on free speech.

But is anyone every truly anonymous online?

Even Bader admits that no online entity is ever 100 percent secure and unhackable.

"You're anonymous in the app, but that doesn't mean you're untraceable," he said.

The company does not allow illegal activity through the app and allows users to flag inappropriate or abusive posts for review.

"Secret" separates the identities of posters from the things they post, making it more difficult for

hackers to break in and match up posts with people's personal information, but it's not impossible.

Adam Tyler, chief innovation officer at Austin's CSID, a company that specializes in data breaches and identity protection, said these apps offer a kind of lite, consumer version of what's known online as the "Dark Web."

Services such as "Tor," "I2P" and "Darknet" are often used by those who don't want to be monitored or identified online.

But, Tyler said, apps such as "Secret" and "Whisper" are using the "normal Internet" without requiring additional privacy software or services.

"Anonymity is something that can never be guaranteed," Tyler said. "Anonymity offered by commercial companies lo-

cated in government-regulated territories is an even harder promise to make."

Hsieh, who continues to use "Secret," says she worries about that and is careful not to overshare.

Because "Secret" relies on a user's phone contacts to mark posts as coming from "friends" or "friends of friends" (you can also choose to view posts near you, and posts from other cities also appear based on popularity) she's even found it easy to bust through the anonymity with her own deduction skills.

"I just saw a post yesterday from someone who said they couldn't post any more secrets because everyone in their office automatically knew it was them," Hsieh said. "It's been kind of easy to guess who's been posting what."

APPAREL from Page B1

to provide care to animals beyond basic spay and neuter needs.

Betsy Robinson, the founder and executive director of Fuzzy Friends Rescue, said the show two years ago resulted in the adoption of five animals, and they raised at least \$100,000 for the medical fund.

"It's a way for us to show the community the animals we have," Robinson said.

She said many people don't realize what great animals are in shelters

to adopt, and oftentimes animals are euthanized because shelters don't have space.

This year, Robinson said she hopes to raise about \$100,000 again to go toward the fund. She said there will be 800 people at the sold-out event.

"It provides the necessary money to truly save their lives," Robinson said.

Robinson said she appreciates the help the apparel students have been

in providing outfits for the furry friends on the runway.

"Those students have added such an exciting and beautiful dimension to our style show," Robinson said.

The show has three different scenes including beach and resort, bridal formal and a surprise finale.

"They are really fun little outfits that they do," Fader said. "We are so appreciative of our friendship and relationship with Baylor and what they have done for Fuzzy Friends Rescue."

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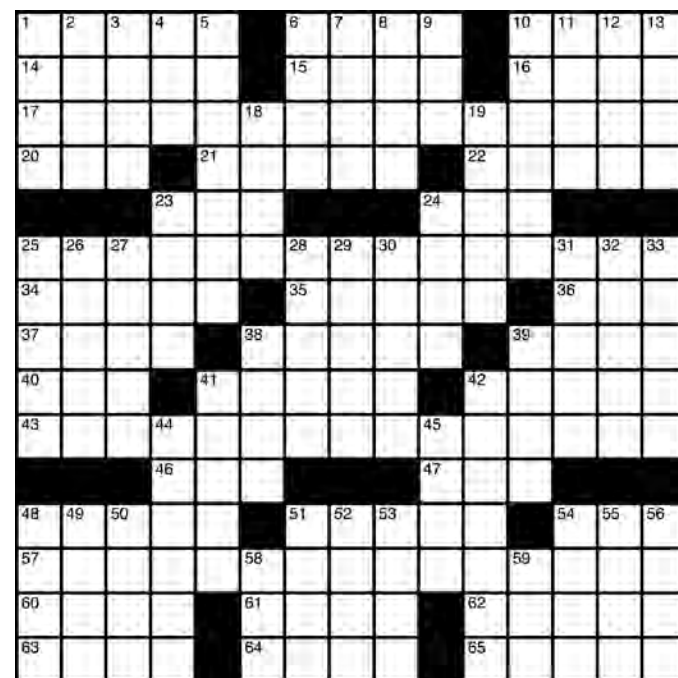
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Senior quarterback Bryce Petty drops back to pass last season against Oklahoma on Nov. 7 at Floyd Casey Stadium.

Expectations sky high for 2014 Baylor football

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

Expectations abound for Baylor football after unexpectedly beating the odds to win the 2013 Big 12 Championship in the final game at Floyd Casey Stadium, the first Big 12 Championship in program history. For the first time in recent memory, Baylor has the target on its back.

"I think it's inspiring," head coach Art Briles said. "It keeps your senses more alert and brings an added level of responsibility to you. It wasn't like we went out and said, 'Here's five bucks, respect us.' We went out and earned it. Right now, Baylor is respected."

While optimism remains high, Baylor will be forced to replace a variety of pieces on both the offensive and defensive side of the ball heading into the 2014 season.

On offense, Baylor has players to replace, but all is dwarfed by the return of senior quarterback Bryce Petty. The fifth-year player returns to school following a monster first year starting for the Bears last season. In his 13 starts, Petty was fourth in the nation with 4,200 passing yards, 11th with 32 passing touchdowns and second in the nation in passer rating.

Petty will be joined by arguably the best group of wide receivers in the country in 2014. The Bears lose only Tevin Reese at the wide re-

ceiver position. Baylor returns senior wide receiver Antwan Goodley, who was named to multiple All-America teams after finishing with 1,339 receiving yards and 13 touchdowns.

Behind Goodley, Baylor returns five other receivers with starting experience in junior Jay Lee, sophomore Robbie Rhodes, sophomore Corey Coleman, senior Clay Fuller and senior Levi Norwood. The rotation will be augmented with four incoming wide receiver prospects who are all ranked in the ESPN Top 300: Davion Hall, K.D. Cannon, Ishmael Zamora and Chris Platt.

Despite losing running back Lache Seastrunk to the NFL, sophomore Shock Linwood showed last season that he is ready to come in and contribute immediately. Despite being listed as the third running back on the depth chart, Linwood finished sixth in the Big 12 in total rushing yards with 881 yards. He broke out in back-to-back games against Oklahoma and Texas Tech. Over the two games, Linwood accumulated 369 yards and a touchdown on 52 carries.

Linwood will be supported in the rotation by backup sophomore Devin Chafin, redshirt freshman Johnny Jefferson and true freshman Terence Williams. Jefferson turned heads with a dominating performance in the Baylor spring game on April 5 and is expected to

be an essential part of the rotation.

The offensive line has question marks, but there are leaders to pick up the slack. Junior left tackle Spencer Drango, senior right tackle Troy Baker and right guard Desmine Hilliard are all returning starters for the Bears. Sophomore center Kyle Fuller and junior left guard LaQuan McGowan do not have significant playing experience, but other players speak highly of the duo.

The questions for Baylor largely come on the defensive side of the ball. The Bears will be forced to replace seven starters on defense, including four of the five biggest contributors in the 2013 secondary. Of the four replacements, three are sophomores or younger, with the other being junior college transfer Chris Sanders, who enters with two years of eligibility remaining.

Where Baylor has it all figured out is the defensive line. While the Bears lost defensive ends Chris McAllister and Terrance Lloyd to graduation, they arguably are even better next season at every position. Junior defensive ends Shawn Oakman and Jamal Palmer each received significant playing time at their position last fall. The same is true of sophomore defensive tackle Andrew Billings and junior Beau Blackshear.

In addition to the experience they return, Baylor also has two highly rated players who sat out the

2013 season. Sophomore Javonte Magee was a five-star recruit out of high school who received playing time during his true freshman season.

Junior Sam Ukwuachu started 12 games for Boise State in 2012 before transferring to Baylor to complete his final two years of eligibility. Defensive coordinator Phil Bennett has said he expects both to push other guys to the bench.

While the team may take time to come together, they will have the opportunity thanks to their scheduling. They open the season with an easy nonconference slate against SMU and Northwestern State in Waco before traveling to Buffalo, N.Y., for their third game.

Baylor will open Big 12 against Iowa State in Ames, Iowa, before reaching their first test against Texas in Austin under new head coach Charlie Strong.

The modest opening slate will give Baylor an opportunity to gain consistency and ready their defense for the real test of the season on Nov. 8 against Oklahoma in Norman. Many pundits are picking the winner of this game to win the Big 12 Championship.

Baylor will open its Big 12 Championship defense on Aug. 31 against SMU.

They will also open the \$270 million McLane Stadium, the new home of the Baylor Bears on the Brazos.

Men's and women's tennis advance several to NCAA's

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

Another successful season as Big 12 champions for Baylor men's and women's tennis resulted in four players from each team being sent to the NCAA tournament. Both teams will host the first two rounds of NCAA action from May 9-11 at Hurd Tennis Center.

"It's always great to host," Baylor women's coach Joey Scrivano said. "Who wouldn't want to play in front of their home fans? I think we play a lot better at home, so it's a great advantage for us."

From the men's side, Diego Galeano, Julian Lenz and Patrick Pradella will compete in singles competition. Mate Zsiga will join Patrick Pradella to compete in doubles.

Galeano, a junior from Paraguay, holds a 26-10 record and currently ranks at No. 29 in the nation, and slots in at No. 3 for the Bears. Pradella boasts a No. 16 rank in

the country with a 20-9 overall record. The senior German swapped with Lenz for No. 1 and 2 on the team throughout the season. Pradella will be the No. 3 seed at the NCAA's.

Pradella and Lenz were each selected for the NCAA singles championships last year, but Pradella did not participate, nursing a back injury. Lenz was eliminated in the first round last year. Both look to improve on their last berth to the NCAA's.

Zsiga and Pradella are 10-7 as a pair this season and rank at No. 36 in the ITA listings. In their past three matches, Zsiga and Pradella have dispatched teams ranked No. 29, No. 21 and No. 12. They were a lock for No. 1 tandem in the Baylor's lineup this season.

"We feel like we're putting that type of team out there every year," Knoll said. "Certainly what we've done down the stretch indicates that we're playing some good tennis. We've got to take it one day

at a time. You can't win a national championship in the first round, but you can lose it in the first round."

The women also sent four individuals to the NCAA's this season—Kiah Generette, Jordaan Sanford, Victoria Kisialeva and Blair Shankle. Generette and Sanford are selections for the 64-participant singles tournament and Kisialeva teamed with Shankle qualify for the 32-team doubles bracket.

Generette ranks at No. 42 in the ITA singles listings and is 21-15 overall. She has been Baylor's No. 1 for most of the Spring. Sanford is on an impressive 16-straight wins, also holding a 9-0 record in Big 12 play at the No. 3 singles spot for the Lady Bears.

March 19 was the last time Kisialeva and Shankle played together, but still managed to rank at No. 34 in the ITA. Kisialeva was selected to play in last year's doubles championship, but could not com-

pete with partner Ema Burgic injured. As the top doubles team in the Big 12, Kisialeva and Shankle automatically qualified for the doubles event.

The No. 14 ranked Lady Bears start their tournament against No. 4 seed and in-state rival Texas A&M Corpus Christi in the first round of the NCAA Team Championship and will start at 7 p.m. Friday, May 9 at Hurd Tennis Center. Should the Lady Bears advance, they face the winner between Rice and Denver at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 10.

"We're always excited to play the big team in Texas," said Rice junior Natalie Beazant. "I think it's about time we got the win over Baylor."

The men also begin their NCAA journey against Texas A&M Corpus Christi at 2 p.m. May 10 at Hurd Tennis Center. The winner between those two will play the winner of Stanford Tulsa at 2 p.m. May 10 at Hurd Tennis Center.



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Sophomore Kiah Generette is one of four Baylor women's tennis players invited to compete in the individual NCAA's.

Softball faces Iowa State in crucial Big 12 road series

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

Softball is a game of streaks, and Baylor looks ready to put it all together. After struggling in a double-header against Louisiana, the Bears have won six straight, including a dominant three-game sweep of the Kansas Jayhawks last weekend.

With eyes on the postseason, No. 17 Baylor (38-12, 9-4) will look to cement home field advantage in the NCAA Regionals with a strong series showing against Iowa State (22-25-1) this weekend in Ames.

Over the last six games, Baylor has outscored opponents by a combined score of 39-3 behind a power surge from designated player Linsey Hays. The sophomore has four straight games with multiple hits.

In the last game, Hays and ju-

nior shortstop Jordan Strickland joined senior catcher Clare Hosack as the three Bears with double-digit home runs. This is the first time since 2007 that the Bears have featured three double-digit home run hitters.

With her .414 batting average, .592 slugging percentage and .513 on-base percentage, junior right fielder Kaitlyn Thumann leads a lineup that hits .306 with a .483 slugging percentage as a team.

Senior left-hander Whitney Canion has played an impressive season thus far in her sixth and final year on Baylor's campus. The former All-American is 23-9 with a 1.37 ERA in 27 starts. In her last start against McNeese State, Canion threw her fifth career no-hitter, including only the second seven inning no-hitter of her career. Canion struck out 14 of 21 batters.

Sophomore pitcher Heather Stearns has come on as of late. Against North Texas, Stearns allowed only one run and four hits in a complete game of work. For the year, she is 12-3 with a 1.53 ERA in her 19 starts.

Iowa State has struggled this season to a record of 22-25-1, including only 2-10 in conference games. The only two Cyclone wins came against Texas Tech and Oklahoma State in series that they still lost 1-2. The Cyclones have lost or tied four of their last five games.

The Bears are tied for second in the conference with Texas at 9-4, and sit within striking distance of the league-leading Oklahoma.

After the series against Iowa State, Baylor will play two games against Texas. May 6 is a makeup game in Waco to replace the March 23 game that was rained out.

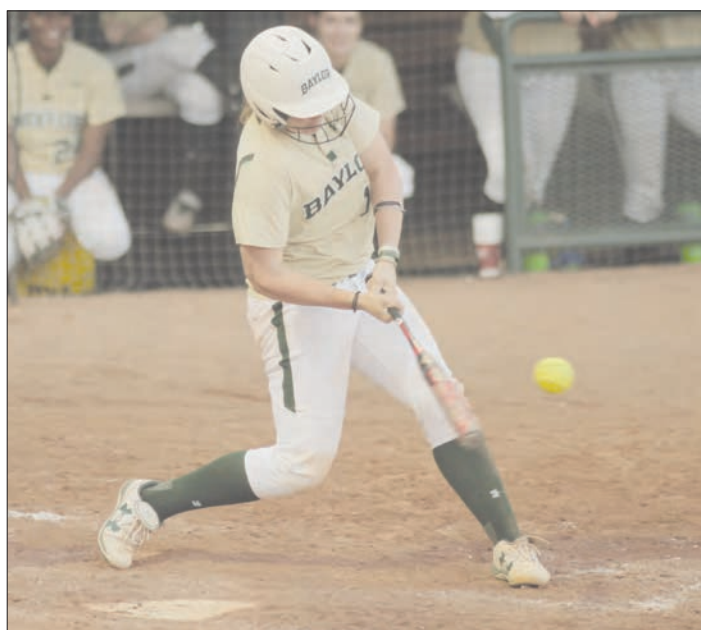
Regardless of whether or not the Bears are able to win the Big 12, Baylor softball has a realistic shot to make it back to the Women's College World Series for the first time since 2011.

The Bears are sitting at No. 13 in RPI, which would set them up to host one of the 16 regional competitions to be announced on May 11.

"I think with our RPI we're in very good shape to host a regional," Baylor coach Glenn Moore said. "I'd be disappointed if we didn't."

The Bears feature a balanced offensive lineup that is hitting with a true pitching ace in Canion. Baylor has as good of a chance as any team to reach the World Series.

No. 17 Baylor softball will play Iowa State at 3 p.m. today, 2 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday at Southwest Athletic Complex in Ames, Iowa.



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Senior catcher Clare Hosack swings through contact in a game against Louisiana on April 22 at Gettner Stadium.

Baseball hits the road for OU

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

It's the home stretch for Baylor baseball. This season has brought some ups and lot of downs for the Bears, but there is still a flame of hope burning for this ball club. At this point, the Bears have their eyes focused on just one goal, to qualify for the Big 12 tournament.

"That's what we have focus on right now as a team— just getting to the tournament, and doing whatever we can to get there," sophomore pitcher Drew Tolson said. "That's really all that's ahead of us at this point."

It is common knowledge among the team that Baylor baseball has never failed to play in the Big 12 tournament. It goes without saying that Baylor head coach Steve Smith's ball club knows what is at stake. That alone will be mo-

tivation for the Bears to close out this singing, scratching and clawing, exhausting all options to get the job done and qualify for the Big 12 tournament.

"We, along with OU, are the only two members of the Big 12 to have made all of the conference tournaments so far, and I don't think this group wants to be the first Baylor group not to get in," Smith said. "They're in a similar situation as us. They're just ahead of us in the standings. They happen to have nine games left to play. We only have six. We're going to have to do something we haven't done much, and that's win on the road."

The Bears will need a huge series win against OU this weekend, but with the season nearly complete, they leave little room for optimism about their chances in another team's ballpark. Baylor has recently shown a difference in one area of their game, that could

be a telltale sign of their fortunes changing this weekend in Norman, Okla. and hit production has gone up in its last three times out.

"We, along with OU, are the only two members of the Big 12 to have made all of the conference tournaments so far."

Steve Smith | head coach

"Getting the bats going is definitely a good thing," junior outfielder Adam Toth. "We're getting people on base, but we've just got to get those timely hits and get the runs across." Toth leads the team with a .287 batting average.

In game three against Kansas,

the Bears cranked out 16 hits, but only managed to score five runs and ended up losing the game. It was nearly the same story in their against Sam Houston State on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Baylor finally turned those hits into runs and those runs into a win.

With senior pitcher Austin Stone and junior Brad Kuntz out Smith will start two first year starters on the mound— Tolson and freshman pitcher Daniel Castano.

"This'll be the fifth different guy I think we've started in a conference game, with the two injuries. I think [Tolson's] fine," Smith said. "He's not going to strike a bunch of guys out. They'll put the ball in play, but he does a good job of locating. I feel good about that. What will really be more important about our game is what we'll be able to do offensively."

The series will be televised on Fox Sports Southwest Plus.



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Junior outfielder Adam Toth swings through contact against Texas A&M - Corpus Christi on Wednesday at Baylor Ballpark.

Volleyball set for 2014 season after winning spring



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Sophomore outside hitter Laura Jones receives the volleyball in a match against Kansas State on Oct. 23 at the Ferrell Center.

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

The 2013 season was a tough one for Baylor volleyball, filled with injuries and unfulfilled expectations.

The Bears lost freshman phenom Katie Staiger in only the second match of the season and sophomore outside hitter Thea Munch-Soegaard to a foot injury later, while struggling to a 12-20 record on the year and 4-12 in conference play.

Despite their underwhelming 2013 season, the Bears are set to bounce back in 2014. They lose outside hitter Zoe Adom, their leading point scorer, but return virtually the entire remainder of the rotation.

The Bears had a strong sopho-

more rotation that included middle hitter Adrien Richburg, Thea Munch-Soegaard, outside hitter Laura Jones, libero Mackenzie Mayo and setter Amy Rosenbaum. The talented class will head into 2014 with experience.

Munch-Soegaard ranked second on the team in kills and digs per set with 2.77 and 2.68 respectively. Jones was inconsistent at times but still posted a respectable 2.46 kills per set.

In addition, the Bears bring in elite outside hitter Andie Malloy, a transfer from Iowa State. Malloy was a big-time recruit out of Lovejoy High School in Allen.

Over the course of her high school career, she was named a 2011 Under Armour First Team All-American, ESPN top 25 volleyball player, MVP of the state

tournament and led Lovejoy to four straight state volleyball championships.

Malloy, who was named to the Big 12 All-Freshman Team in 2012, sat out the 2013 season after transferring and will start at Baylor as a junior during the 2014 season.

She will bolster an outside hitter rotation that features returning starters Jones and Munch-Soegaard.

Baylor will also return freshman outside hitter Katie Staiger, a high school Club Volleyball All-American, who tore her ACL in her second match of the 2013 season. In the two matches she played, Staiger accumulated 21 kills.

Baylor will face a positional battle at the setter spot. Junior setter Amy Rosenbaum started 26 of the Bears' 32 games, but Baylor

head coach Jim Barnes opted to start sophomore Morgan Reed for the remainder of the season.

It will be a battle to watch as the season gets under way.

For the first time in years, Baylor has continuity in its rotation. Baylor volleyball's 2014 talent was on display as the Bears went 8-2 in their 10 spring matches.

"It was a great way to wrap the spring, and I really felt like the entire offseason has set us up for a big 2014 season," Barnes said. "We will be the most physical Baylor volleyball team to step on the floor come fall."

If Baylor can continue its spring success to the season, they will have a chance to be one of the better squads in recent memory.

Baylor will open the 2014 season with a home tournament in August.

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San Antonio, Texas

Mavericks giving Spurs a true test

By SCHUYLEY DIXON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dirk Nowitzki is having flashbacks to the epic playoff series between Dallas and San Antonio in 2006.

Now would be the time for the Spurs to put any more similarities to rest.

Top-seeded San Antonio controls the first-round, best-of-seven series with the upstart Mavericks after taking a 3-2 lead with a 109-103 victory at home. The Spurs need to win Game 6 in Dallas today to avoid a winner-take-all scenario in South Texas.

Nowitzki remembers the only Game 7 between these Texas rivals well. His last-second, three-point play forced overtime in a second-round Dallas win that led to the franchise's first trip to the NBA Finals.

"The way you've got to look at it is you've got to win one home game," said Nowitzki, whose Mavericks were up 3-2 when they lost Game 6 in Dallas eight years ago. "We worry about everything else after that. Fun setup tomorrow, one game to win at home."

San Antonio's Big Three of Tony Parker, Manu Ginobili and Tim Duncan don't want to revisit 2006, and they took a big step toward not having to with some help from Tiago Splitter in Game 5 on Wednesday.

Parker followed a crucial miss on an open jumper by Nowitzki with a 3-pointer that put the Spurs up seven with less than 2 minutes remaining. Before that, Splitter was a big part of a pick-and-roll offense that Dallas simply couldn't stop.

Duncan and Splitter both had double-doubles for the second straight game — a pair of San Antonio wins after the heavily favored Spurs fell behind 2-1 in the series. It was the third in a row for Splitter, who also had five assists.

Parker led the Spurs with 23 points and Ginobili, San Antonio's leading scorer in the series, had another strong game with 19.

The Spurs swept Dallas during the regular season mostly because of 3-point shooting. The Mavericks have done every-

thing they can to keep from getting beat at the arc in this series, so San Antonio is averaging 49 points in the paint the past two games.

"We're taking what they give us," Duncan said. "So we have a little more of an ability to get in the lane, especially with Tony, and once he gets in there he is drawing a lot of attention, which leaves Tiago and I an opportunity to try and hit the glass and try and finish things up."

Asked about San Antonio's loud crowd, Nowitzki immediately remembered a deafening sound from 2006 when a 3-pointer from Ginobili looked like it had given the Spurs a series victory before Nowitzki's improbable layup and free throw after a Ginobili foul.

The big German had to be prompted for another memory from that year — Jason Terry's one-game suspension for punching former Dallas star Michael Finley.

The similarity this time is DeJuan Blair, just a year removed from playing for San Antonio. He was banned from Game 5 for kicking Splitter in the head, and the Mavericks missed him while the Spurs were repeatedly getting layups.

"Everybody in the world knows how anxious I am to get back out there and compete and try to get us to a Game 7," said Blair, who was having his best game of the series when he was ejected in Game 4. "I feel like I can bring that energy and toughness."

Nowitzki is coming off his best game of the series with 26 points and 15 rebounds. Vince Carter, who won Game 3 with a 3-pointer at the buzzer, kept Dallas in the game with 28 points on 7-of-9 shooting from long range.

And the Mavericks still didn't win. "When guys have breakout games, we've got to turn them into Ws," Dallas defensive ace Shawn Marion said. "That's been the hardest thing to adjust to. The offense has been there. It's been up and down. But for the most part, you get stops, you can win."

And if the Mavericks win tonight, the Spurs might be the ones having flashbacks.



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San Antonio Spurs' Tiago Splitter drives to the basket against Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki during the second half of Game 5 of the opening-round NBA basketball playoff series on Wednesday, April 30, 2014, in San Antonio. San Antonio won 109-103.

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Anything can happen in unpredictable NFL Draft

By TOM LINDLEY
CHNI NEWS SERVICE

The subject on the sports talk show was both shocking and perplexing, but it probably serves as a good illustration for discussing the upcoming NFL draft.

The news was that University of Louisville quarterback Teddy Bridgewater, once thought to be an early selection in the draft, was invited and accepted an offer to join 29 other top collegians at New York's Radio City Music Hall to find out which pro team they'll play for next season.

The "analysis" then turned into a discussion about why Bridgewater would submit himself to such possible embarrassment and public ridicule if he falls into a later round and ends up sitting alone in the green room.

After Bridgewater led Louisville to a lopsided bowl game win over Miami, 36-9, last December, he looked to be a top 5 selection - a lock. But what transpired was a questionable showing at the NFL combine, which sparked nonstop second-guessing from those who write and comment about such draft matters.

So what's likely to happen to Bridgewater or any of the rest of the country's best college players from the 2013 season? Well, nobody really knows. Despite the hours spent interviewing coaches, watching film and developing well-reasoned mock draft lists, the truth remains a mystery, well-guarded by teams that have nothing to gain by publicly sharing their innermost thoughts.

But that's what happens when you pair news concerning the country's favorite sport with a sprawling media industry that needs topics to discuss for every hour of the day.

Couple that with a subjective, high-stakes business of grading players and projecting which ones will become stars and who will become quickly forgotten, it boils down to a gigantic Las Vegas-style roll of the dice. Reputations - and careers - will be determined when NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell announces that "The Houston Texans select (fill in the blank) with the first pick in the 2014 NFL draft."

This year's pre-draft assessment has been as fluid as butter on a hot ear of corn. Ratings - and rantings - shifted over whether Bridgewater,

Texas A&M's Johnny Manziel or Central Florida's Blake Bortles had the most potential as a pro quarterback. Listening to all the talk and speculation served only to make one dizzy. That was followed by an equally spirited debate over whether South Carolina's Jadeveon Clowney's defensive ability was more hype than performance.

Many of the draft gurus do have a flair for assessing talent and determining a team's needs, but there is certain information that the general public isn't privy too.

Jack Bechta, who writes for the National Football Post, correctly pointed out that a potential draftee's medical condition is never discussed. For a team to pass along information from a medical file or report on the outcome of a physical would be an open invitation for a lawsuit - a slam-dunk case if proven.

Discussion about a player's character or work ethic, often determined from studying practice films or interviews with college coaches, becomes classified information. Same with intelligence matters.

The so-called draft experts then must deal with information passed along by coaches, always speaking anonymously, who occasionally spread false and misleading information about a player to confuse teams also considering the prospect. It's one thing for a reporter to accurately pass along tidbits supplied by a coach or scout; it's something else to know for sure whether that "news" also is the truth.

Except for the No. 1 selection, there's no reason to think a team would ever knowingly tip its hand about who it will select.

This much is known about the 2014 draft. Not one running back was listed among the 30 players invited to New York. Alabama's Eddie Lacy came last year but didn't get drafted until late in the second round. Alabama and Texas A&M will be represented by three players each. The SEC has 11 invitees, more than twice as many as the ACC or the Big Ten.

If it turns out some skeptics were right and Bridgewater hangs around until all the hors d'oeuvres have been eaten and his name still hasn't been called, at least he spent time in good company.

In the end, though, the draft matters -- mock lists don't.

Michalec seals deal as Baylor's all-time closer

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

He's been the backbone of Baylor success this season. He's bailed out his team 16 times on 17 save chances, and yet, it was only his first season as the closer in his entire career. It was a near perfect season for senior closer Josh Michalec. Baylor head coach Steve Smith said the numbers speak for themselves in terms of how effective Michalec was in 2014.

"I think it's two things that make Josh special," Smith said. "I think it's the fact that he's throwing strikes with multiple pitches, and I think it's the fact that he's a pretty good athlete. For him to

have done it this year with zero coming in, and in one year, you set a school record with 16 out of 17 chances so far, and 16 of our 20 wins, that is really remarkable."

Michalec surpassed Zane Carlson's 15 saves in a season Wednesday against Texas A&M Corpus Christi to claim the school record, a record that had stood since 2000. Michalec now stands at fifth all-time in the Big 12 list. With six games remaining on the season, Michalec has a chance to extend his record even higher.

"A lot of pride goes into our team and throughout the years we've had a lot of successful guys come through this program and it

does mean a lot," Michalec said. "The fact that I can do it with my best friends, you know, the guys on the team is a special thing."

Michalec's unprecedented success became the team's saving grace after showing poise in high pressure situations early on. Originally playing as relief pitcher for the Bears, it took some time and adjusting for him to accept his new role. Michalec earned the trust of his team.

"It was almost a year ago where he'd get you to the lip of the cup and he just couldn't finish it, and this year he did just the opposite. He finished everything," Smith said.

Even with the slimmest of leads in crucial situations, Michalec pulled through as the prototypical closer for the Bears this season.

When Smith would walk out to the mound to take the ball from a fatigued pitcher late in the game, players could look over to the bullpen gate and breathe a sigh of relief as they watched No. 26 jog into the field and take the mound with confidence.

"I think it's his mind-set," junior outfielder Adam Toth said. "He's got good stuff up there. I'd take him in the bottom of the ninth inning on the mound trying to win a ballgame for us over anybody in the country. He's got the stuff to do it."

Michalec has brought certainty and comfort to the team in his role as the closer. Michalec has become the Bears' trump card at the end of games.

Baylor knows its best chance at sealing the deal for a win is with Michalec on the mound, throwing the final pitches.



Senior right-handed pitcher Josh Michalec is Baylor's all-time leader for saves in a single season.



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