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Finally home

Former homeless student plans to give back to his previous communities

By REBECCA FLANNERY
STAFF WRITER

San Antonio junior Alex Gonzalez said his view of homelessness changed drastically when he became homeless himself.

Gonzalez, a management information systems major who graduated high school summa cum laude, overcame odds of living in homeless shelters during high school to attend Baylor after graduation. He, along with his three siblings and mother, lived in two different shelters over a year and a half.

“My father lost his job working in the credit market, and my mother left her job at a Ford dealership,” Gonzalez said. “Eventually, we lost the house we were living in and we had nowhere else to go.”

In the spring of 2010, they moved into Salvation Army Center of Hope, where they were afforded one room with two twin-sized mattresses.

“It looked like a traditional bedroom here on campus, but instead of two people living there, we had a family of five,” Gonzalez said. “I didn’t have a lot of freedom there. If I wanted to go anywhere or do anything, my guardian had to be with me since I wasn’t 18 yet.”

Gonzalez said their case manager told them about a new shelter under development in San Antonio called Haven for Hope. They moved there in July 2010.

“I wasn’t used to being homeless,” Gonzalez said. “I thought it was something that was only going to last for a month, and then we’d be in an apartment. That wasn’t the case. When we got transferred, I started doubting if we were ever going to get out of the situation.”

Haven for Hope’s mission is to offer a place of refuge and new beginnings by providing, coordinating and delivering an efficient sys-

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A polite procession

An officer from the Department of Public Safety marches as he play the bagpipes Tuesday in the Veterans Day Parade. The parade went through downtown Waco and honored all those who have served and are serving in the military.

Fight with cancer inspires student to start fundraising

By HANNAH NEUMANN
STAFF WRITER

For Alexandria, La., junior Tori Hinton, St. Jude Children’s Hospital is not another charity, it’s a life saver.

With a special place in her heart for the hospital, Hinton, director of Up ‘til Dawn at Baylor, is working to give back to the hospital that gave her a second chance at life.

Up ‘til Dawn is a fundraising approach to help St. Jude find cures and save children battling with cancer and other deadly diseases.

Houston sophomore Sara Stephens, co-director of recruitment for the Baylor chapter of the nationwide movement, said the goal is to raise money for the hospital in teams, with a big event at the end of their efforts in raising funds.

“Each team has six people in it and a goal of \$600 to raise,” she said. “It’s more freelance than most organizations, but it is one of Baylor’s most recent service organizations and each team has a set date that they want to reach this goal by.”

The end date for each team to meet their goal this year is Friday.

“From there, we organize a huge event that is kind of their reward and they get to meet patients as well as their families,” she said.

Stephens said though the event will be a great time, the real reward is what benefactors and patients gain from the experience.

For patients in the hospital, this includes a home, which Hinton experienced firsthand.

“When I was in fifth grade I got

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COURTESY PHOTO

Tori Hinton, Up ‘til Dawn logistics director, does a Sic ‘Em with Cassidy Daw and St. Jude’s chief marketing director, Baylor alumna Emily Callahan at the Up ‘til Dawn collegiate leadership seminar in Memphis.

Alum returns to recruit for Thailand trip

By BROOKS WHITEHURST
REPORTER

For students looking for the next step after graduation, a year in Southeast Asia is one option.

A Baylor alumnus, Dr. Nirund Jivasantikarn, will hold an information session for seniors interested in a year-long teaching program in Thailand at 3 p.m. today in Cashion Academic Center 400 Baylor.

The session will inform students about a program by Teach Thailand Corps, in which American college graduates work with Thai K-12 students in local Thai school.

“We’ll be telling them about the opportunity of gaining international experience and serving,” Jivasantikarn said. “It’s a year of giving, and incubation for gradu-



Jivasantikarn

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A woman kneels at a headstone Tuesday after placing an American flag and cross at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

America marks Veterans Day with various parades, concerts

By VERENA DOBNIK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Americans marked Veterans Day on Tuesday with parades, speeches and military discounts, while in Europe the holiday known as Armistice Day held special meaning in the centennial year of the start of World War I.

Thousands of veterans and their supporters marched up Fifth Avenue in New York, home to the nation’s oldest Veterans Day parade.

At 11 a.m. — the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month

— a solemn hush fell over Manhattan’s Madison Square Park as veterans laid wreaths under the Eternal Light Monument to honor the fallen.

Former New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly, who was a Marine lieutenant, served as grand marshal.

“I learned everything I know about leadership from my military service,” Kelly said.

The parade featured a float carrying rapper Ice-T, who is an Army veteran, plus six military dogs and their handlers, all of whom have served in the U.S. armed forces.

Maylee Borg, 40, of Staten Is-

land, said she brought her two daughters to show them “that we should support our veterans, because they supported us.”

Her 13-year-old daughter, Kaitlyn Borg, made a sign that read, “Land of the free, thanks to the brave.”

Here is how the holiday was celebrated elsewhere around the country and overseas.

ARMISTICE DAY

Europe marked Armistice Day with ceremonies and moments of silence as France opened an in-

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Evaluate your reasons for serving

Editorial

One of the noblest ways someone can choose to spend their time or live their life is in service. Service comes in many forms: feeding the homeless; picking up trash on the side of the highway; choosing a career in the military, law enforcement or the fire department; mission trips; and many more. But the many forms of service all have one thing in common: They are selfless acts.

True servants don't seek recognition or praise for their actions because true service is selfless and humble. However, sometimes service attracts people who want to participate for selfish reasons.

A slide promoting a mission trip was projected onto the screens in Waco Hall before Chapel last week. The slide read, "Be transformed." This simple slide raises a question. When Baylor students decide to go on mission trips, is it to serve their fellow man or to serve themselves? Shouldn't the slide say something about transforming the lives of the people in need, and not transforming the lives of the students? Are these trips about the mission or the missionary?

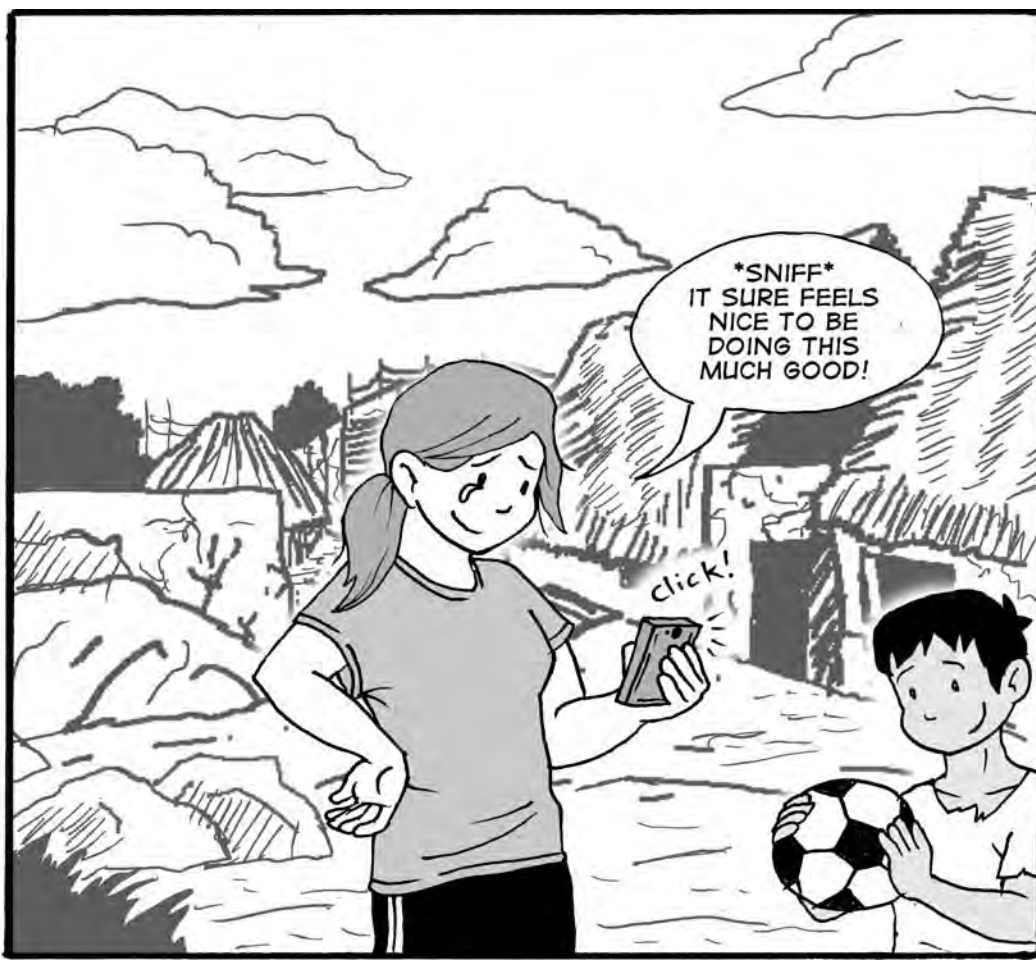
This slide was also not a mistake, as on the Baylor Missions Global Missions page it says, "Where will you go & be transformed?" Once again putting the emphasis on the missionaries over those they are supposed to serve. Does Baylor Nation want to send missionaries into the world who truly care about the mission, or

who are mainly interested in visiting exotic places and getting great Facebook pictures? Obviously a student can truly care about the mission and also want to visit exotic places, but it matters which they care about more.

It all boils down to intention. The act may be the same, but if the intention is selfish, then it is not true service. For example: If a politician decided to volunteer at a homeless shelter during a campaign while the media was there to show his actions to the voters, that is selfish because the politician is doing it for personal gain. But if a different politician frequently volunteers at homeless shelter, with no media present, and seeks no recognition, then that is an act of true service.

Not every situation is that simple and there is an obvious gray area to this argument. What if the second politician also invited the media to show voters his service even though he selflessly does it all the time? Is that not service? But even understanding that every situation is unique and complex, service versus selfishness can still basically be boiled down to intent. Does a person perform the act for selfish or selfless reasons?

The same questions have been raised about Baylor's Steppin' Out program. Steppin' Out is when students serve the Waco community in ways such as landscaping, painting or cleaning up trash. There have been complaints from some in the Waco community about the quality of work performed during Steppin' Out. Some students get



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very excited to help their community and try to do a great job while it seems other go either because it's their student organization makes it mandatory or they want to get a little self-satisfaction then quit once they feel they've done enough, even if the job isn't complete. The second group is an embarrassment to Baylor and servants everywhere,

and another example of selfishness in the guise of service.

Some may not see the harm in this. So what if the students just want to visit exotic places? They're still helping, right? And Baylor Missions has to recruit missionaries somehow, aren't they just using good marketing? But there are more and more studies emerg-

ing from people who question just how much short mission trips actually help those in need, and the results tend to show that long-term and permanent missionaries are more effective than short mission trips. But some are also trying to help show would-be short-term missionaries how to do it the right way. "When Helping Hurts" by

Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert is a great example of this.

There is a lot of money spent on transportation, food, lodging, and everything else it takes to shuttle missionaries back and forth for short mission trips. Perhaps that money would be better spent if it were donated to missionaries who are in the region long-term. It could also be argued that sending fewer missionaries that have a true passion for service may actually be more effective than sending many with selfish intentions. An article found at www.shorttermmissions.com/articles/avoid_pitfalls helps echo this message and provides tips to avoid being more hurtful than helpful on short-term mission trips.

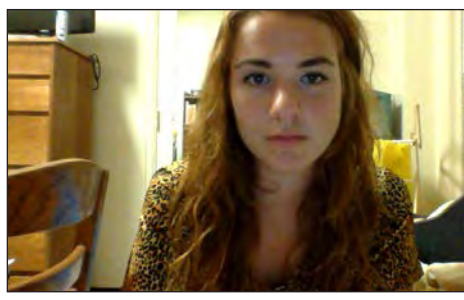
In no way does the Lariat editorial board want to say mission trips are bad or discourage students from participating in them. The message is to check your intentions. Go into the trip with clear and selfless goals and be prepared to make sacrifices for you fellow man and receive no thanks or anything else in return.

Understand the culture you are about to enter, how serious the situation is and what the consequences of your actions might be. Mission trips are not fun vacations to take in order to make yourself feel better, and if you're not already solid in your walk with Christ, perhaps you shouldn't be traveling across the globe to evangelize others.

If you have a true servant's heart, and can do all that, the rewards will be far greater than a cool Facebook picture.

Protect your liberties

America's founding principles of liberty and equality have guided our nation's path from 1776 to the present day. These principles took us to revolution and war. Their promise drove freedom fighters to America's streets to demand that the state recognize the same rights of non-landowners, minorities and women. Though our nation has more ground to cover before we can truly be called an egalitarian society, it is clear, to the credit of brave Americans who dared fight for equality, we have made significant strides in the past two centuries.



the state needs specific warrants for individuals before they can search or seize our communications. These warrants must be made with probable cause. Prior to the American Revolution, the British Crown enacted "writs of assistance," which were general search warrants that allowed the state to break down someone's door and go through their stuff, including their letters and documents, without giving any prior justification.

It is often that during a crisis the state seizes powers that the people would not grant under other circumstances. In the wake of 9/11, Congress passed the Patriot Act with the intention of using new powers to prevent another attack on American soil. Years after it was passed, it has become public knowledge, thanks to Edward Snowden, that a loose interpretation of the Patriot Act has allowed the NSA to monitor all phone calls, Google searches and emails of American citizens as long as they are communicating with a party outside of the United States. That is blatant attack on our rights as Americans and our human dignity. Our security is something that

should be taken seriously, but it is not worth sacrificing a free society for. The Global Surveillance files that Edward Snowden leaked show that the NSA used its privilege to spy on foreign companies and even Germany's chancellor, Angela Merkel. These revelations expose the inconvenient truth that governments are not always honest and that they abuse power if it is in their interests.

Because our nation has yet to succumb to tyranny, it is difficult for many Americans to envision the repercussions of a world without privacy and anonymity. The West fought a "Cold War" for the sake of defeating a tyrannical state that did not acknowledge the right to privacy. My greatest fear is that our own country is headed down a dystopian path to a place where the state will possess the ability to collect all available information about who we are and who we associate with. In fact, we may already be there.

It is bitterly ironic that our government has waged a "War on Terror" in order to protect liberty, yet in pursuit, has compromised our own liberties at home. If we truly love freedom, we must remain vigilant against those who would take our rights away so that liberty and equality do not become nominal niceties, but remain realities that we can enjoy.

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Lariat Letters

I'm black, and my actions don't define my race

Monday night, Baylor screened the documentary "I'm not a Racist...am I?" There was a considerable student turnout. The documentary was insightful and relatable for a large portion of the audience. However, the conversation afterward disappointed me, probably because I'm not a part of the audience who could relate.

Yes, I'm black and yes I'm aware that racism is a problem, but the experiences and ideas portrayed in the documentary didn't resonate with me. The sense of acceptance of those experiences among the black students, was not something I could agree with. That wasn't my experience with racism.

As soon as it was introduced in the film, I thought that the idea that "all white people are racists" was extremely radical and almost counterproductive. When society talks about an individual black person as a reflection of the collective based on a stereotype, it's wrong and racist. However, it's okay to say that all white people are racists because even if an individual isn't, the group collectively is.

It's easy to say that this is valid because stereotypes are not always based in truth, but when did the idea that every white person is racist become fact?

When the documentary ended students were asked to yell out words to describe how they felt. One of the words thrown out was "heard." I found this a little ironic because as discussion continued, I felt silenced. I kept leaning over to a friend telling her that I had something to say. Every time I decided it was the right time to participate, something would discourage me. It seemed like whenever someone (whites and minorities included) mentioned an idea that was not sensitive or sympathetic to the experience portrayed in the film, they were shut down — be it a murmur, eye roll or a hand shooting up ready to tell them why they were wrong.

Although the film featured a couple different minorities, the conversation afterwards turned into one about blacks and whites, per usual. When a Hispanic student brought up this fact and ended her case with "it just seems like this

was funded by the NAACP" mumbles erupted and people were offended. I completely understand why someone would take offense to that, but at the same time, I can see why someone who's unfamiliar with the NAACP would say something like that. The film focused heavily on the black perspective on minority issues.

I'm aware that a large part of my mindset probably comes from the way I was raised. While I'm not naive enough to say that racism wasn't a problem where I'm from, I will say that it wasn't a problem for me.

There was a point in the documentary where a biracial girl had a conversation with her black father about why he never discussed race with her. In the conversation following the film, someone brought up the idea that it was like "her father never taught her how to be black."

Is there a way to be black? If so, I missed that lesson too. My parents never made race an issue that needed to be discussed either. I wasn't taught to work twice as hard because I'm black. I was taught to work my hardest all the time because that's the only way you'll succeed. I've never felt discriminated against because of my race. I've done everything I've wanted to do regardless of me being a black female. Black is what I am, it's not how I act.

That being said, I do think that the film did a good job at starting a much-needed conversation on campus. It didn't shy away from a topic because it was touchy and it forced the participants to be as honest and raw as they could.

However, I think that the conversation following shows that students need to make an effort to stop singularizing minority experiences. The issue of racism is not just black and white and there's not one way that every minority experiences racism. As different as each might be, every experience is equally valid.

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Talitha Koum Institute nurtures local children

By ABIGAIL LOOP
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The Talitha Koum Institute developed a new way to provide more support to Waco's impoverished children.

Talitha Koum, a nonprofit organization that acts as a therapeutic nursery for Waco's infants and toddlers in poverty, is hosting a new series of fundraisers called the Hottest Ticket in Town. Tickets can be purchased at talithakoum.org/hottestticket-list.

Susan Cowley, a Talitha Koum board member, said the fundraiser will consist of a number of parties open to the Waco and Baylor communities and will go on until Feb. 14. Cowley said she hopes that by having these fundraisers the public will become more aware of the needs of Waco's children and support the organization.

According to the institute's website, the parties started in October, with events such as a President's Skybox Dinner Party, a No Show Party, which consisted of piz-

za brought to participants' houses, and a meet-and-greet party with Louis Weiser Duval, the inspiration for Annelle in the story "Steel Magnolias."

Upcoming events planned for this Saturday, Dec. 12, Jan. 17 and Feb. 14 are an extravaganza on the Bosque River, a Christmas soiree at the Hawkesdene Texas manor, a murder mystery event and A Night of Romance party, respectively. Each party is priced differently and the funds go to the Talitha Koum Institute to support their programs.

"These parties are a wonderful way to introduce people to us," Cowley said. "We have a goal this year of raising \$100,000 and it looks like it'll be within reach. We plan to make this an annual fundraiser where there will be new friends and new fun for a good cause."

Dr. Helen Benedict, a former Baylor professor of psychology, is the clinical director of the institute. Benedict said that by having these fundraisers and receiving donations, Talitha Koum is more en-

abled to help and support children in the Waco community.

"We're a program for emotional, physical, social and cognitive needs," Benedict said. "We have a huge problem with poverty here in Waco and I think we're doing something quite remarkable and it's containing the effects of poverty."

According to data from the U.S. Census, in 2012, 30.1 percent of Wacoans lived in poverty, compared to the 17.4 percent of Texans living in poverty.

People interested in volunteering at the upcoming parties can visit talithakoum.org to register.

Lane Harbin, a communication specialist for the organization, said they are always encouraging people to volunteer at the institute.

"Whether it's working with the classes or students or helping with our grounds and gardening, it's super helpful," Harbin said. "Our organization is unlike anything that exists in Texas, and we want to meet the needs of children to help them be successful in the future."



COURTESY PHOTOS



Children play on a rock wall at the Talitha Koum Institute in Waco, where they receive one-on-one attention from volunteers. Children enjoy play time at the institute, which provides all-day care for children from eight weeks old to kindergarten-age.



Denver pot shops not popular with other businesses

By KRISTEN WYATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — The booming new marijuana industry has an image problem. Not with government officials and the public — but with other businesses.

From crime fears to smell complaints, new marijuana retailers and growers face suspicion and sometimes open antagonism from their commercial neighbors, especially in Denver, which now has 200 marijuana retailers and dozens of pot growing and manufacturing facilities.

The strife went public last week along a once-forlorn stretch of highway south of downtown Denver now sprinkled with marijuana shops.

About two dozen pot shops

along this stretch of Broadway, often dubbed "Broadsterdam," had a marketing idea for the upcoming holiday shopping season. Why not join forces with neighboring antique shops to market the whole area as "The Green Mile"?

The pot shops called a meeting, expecting an enthusiastic response from neighboring businesses that have seen boarded-up storefronts replaced with bustling pot shops with lines out the door. Instead, the suggestion unleashed a torrent of anger from the antique shops.

"We don't want to work with you," said James Neisler, owner of Heidelberg Antiques. "Your customers, they're the long-haired stinky types. They go around touching everything and they don't buy anything."

The meeting went downhill

from there. Despite the support of some neighbors — one quipped that stoned shoppers carrying lots of cash have been great for business — the proposal exposed simmering antagonism. The pot shops feel they've revitalized a blighted neighborhood. Some tenants say pot has ruined a neighborhood lined with storefronts that date to the 1940s.

It's a clash that is playing out in other communities in Colorado and Washington that allow marijuana businesses — and could stretch to other states now that Alaska, Oregon and Washington, D.C., have all legalized recreational pot.

The central-Colorado city of Manitou Springs voted last week on whether to kick out recreational pot shops. The ballot measure was

proposed by other business owners who complained a dispensary was harming the tourist town's family-friendly reputation. The ballot measure failed.

Jason Warf, executive director of the Southern Colorado Cannabis Council, said his 30 or so members frequently clash with other businesses. In fact, his group was formed when existing chambers of commerce rejected cannabis-related members.

"They should accept us and embrace us for what we've done, the jobs we've created and the tourists we bring," Warf said. "And yet some mainstream business organizations are still demonizing cannabis."

Warf said he spends much of his time negotiating smell complaints and other gripes between his members and their neighbors.

"Until cannabis is accepted nationwide, this is going to keep happening," said Warf, whose group began in 2009. "We would love to work ourselves out of a job, but I think that's a long time coming."

Denver officials say marijuana is to blame for J.C. Penney's decision in 2012 not to reopen a store on a downtown pedestrian mall. The retailer sought assurances it wouldn't have to share entrance areas with marijuana dispensaries in a mixed-use development, a guarantee the city couldn't make.

Jeremy Nemeth, chair of the Department of Planning and Design at the University of Colorado Denver, helped craft Colorado land-use regulations for the marijuana industry. He said it's too soon for reliable data on whether marijuana shops depress property

values. But preliminary studies indicate they don't attract crime.

Nemeth said local zoning regulations frequently force pot shops to already-depressed parts of town, where they join the likes of firearms dealers and pornography shops.

There are some signs of a thaw in the business community. The Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce now has a handful of cannabis-related members.

Back at the "Green Mile" meeting, dispensary owner Tim Cullen told his neighbors that pot isn't going anywhere.

"We're all in business on the same street together. Our goals are similar," Cullen said.

The two sides planned to meet again to come up with a plan to live together.



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Officers carry training weapons as they search the halls of a school during a demonstration Tuesday in Methuen.

School prepares for shooters

By PHILIP MARCELO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

METHUEN, Mass. — With students off for the Veterans Day holiday, a simulated school shooting at a Methuen grammar school on Tuesday showed what "active shooter" technology could do to help police catch a gunman if that horrible threat ever strikes as it has at other schools across the country.

In the live demonstration, the "gunman" entered the school armed with an assault rifle, opening fire with dummy rounds first in the school library then rampaging through hallways and classrooms. But he had only a few minutes to wreak havoc. Smoke alarm-sized sensors installed in classrooms,

hallways and other points throughout the building were activated by the sounds of gunfire, and police officers were immediately able to track his movements and quickly subdue him. Nearly 100 people, including regional law enforcement officers, gathered in the school auditorium to observe the demonstration of what the school district bills as the first such system operating in a public school in the U.S.

Police Chief Joseph Solomon said he believes such systems should be required in many public buildings, just as fire suppression systems and smoke detectors are.

"It's amazing, the short, split-second amount of time from identification of the shot to transmission of the message," he said

following the demonstration. "It changes the whole game. Without that shot detection system, we wouldn't know what was going on in the school ... Valuable, valuable time can be lost. Unfortunately, with school crisis situations, it's about mitigating loss."

School Superintendent Judith Scannell said she hopes the district of about 7,300 students can find the money to pay for outfitting its four other schools. The new system was installed at no cost by Shooter Detection Systems, a Massachusetts-based company. Company CEO Christian Connors said it is installing the technology in two more schools in Virginia and California, as well as undisclosed airports.

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Tanks for your service

A naval officer waves at parade watchers Tuesday as a tank rolls through downtown Waco. The Veterans Day Parade featured former veterans and a high school marching band.

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ates' future careers."

Jivasantikarn said Teach Thailand Corps does not limit itself to education or English majors. The program directors look to recruit students from all majors.

"There are tremendous visible impacts that American teaching has on Thai students," Jivasantikarn said. "Americans are authorities on English, and learning it improves the quality of life for Thai students."

Jivasantikarn graduated from Baylor with a bachelor of science in biology in 1970, his doctorate in education in 1981, and went on to found Yonok University in Lam-

pang, Thailand, in 1988, where he was president for 18 years.

The same year he started the university, Jivasantikarn began recruiting Baylor graduates to teach freshman English at Yonok University.

"I had a vision of starting a university with the help of Baylor," Jivasantikarn said, who added that former Baylor president Herbert Reynolds supported him through the process and was present at the school's inauguration.

Jivasantikarn said the students who graduated from Yonok who had been taught by Baylor graduates had a great command of Eng-

lish, which made it much easier for them to get jobs after graduation.

Jivasantikarn is the chair of the American Thai foundation, which established the Teach Thailand Corps to help strengthen primary and secondary education in Thailand in high-need areas.

Dr. Gayle Avant, secretary of the American Thai Foundation, said the impact that college grads have on the Thai students' ability to learn English is immense.

"Imagine if you were trying to learn French," he said. "How beneficial would it be to actually have someone there who you could actually speak French with you?"

Avant taught political science at Baylor for 39 years, and said he has known Jivasantikarn since he was a graduate student.

He said the program not only gives students the opportunity to serve others, but it also helps students develop themselves as well.

"For a new American college graduate, teaching and being directly involved with the people of that country is an immensely broadening experience," he said. "The student becomes familiar with the culture, but they very quickly understand that we share so much in common with the Thai people."

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tem of care for people experiencing homelessness.

"The staff at Haven and some of the residents really helped me stay focused and grounded," Gonzalez said.

In the middle of his situation, Gonzalez said he never told his friends for fear they would judge him or treat him differently. Even after overcoming the circumstances, he's still not keen on sharing his story right away.

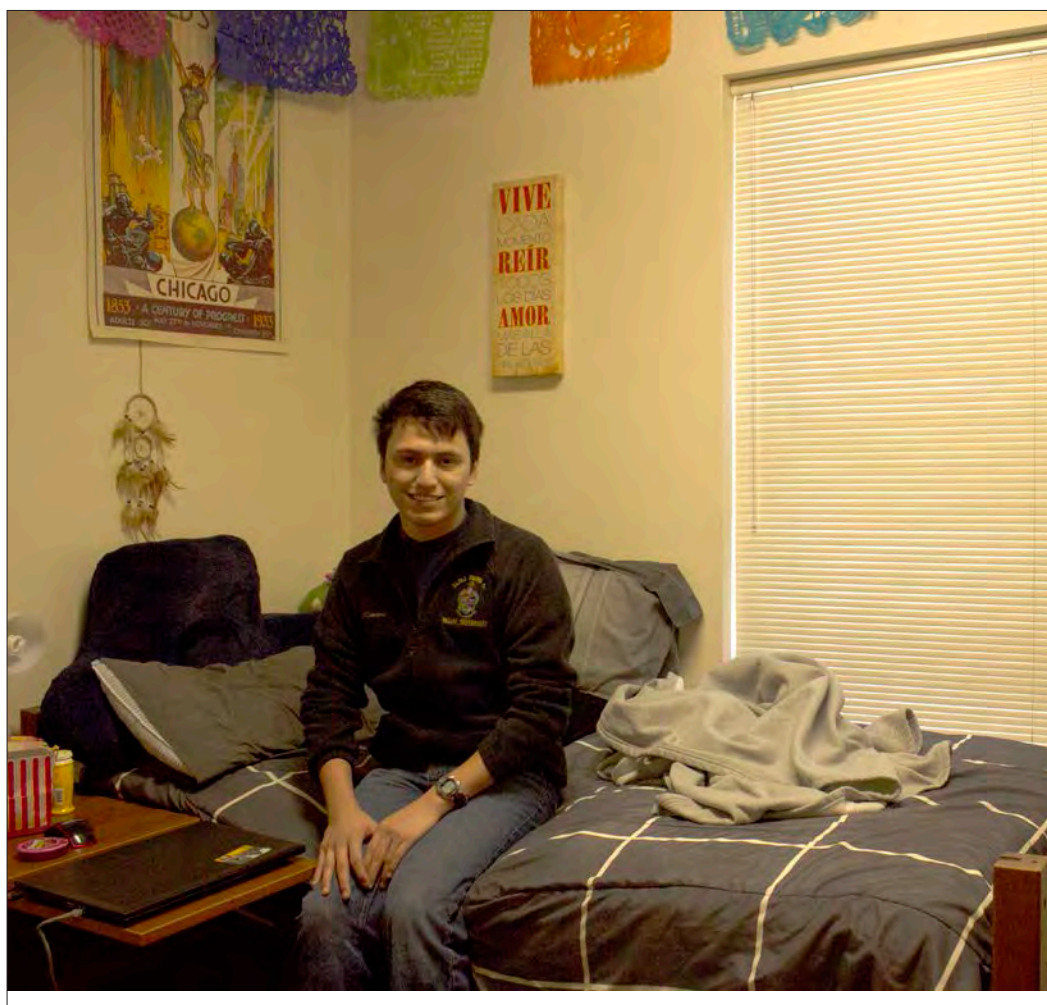
Dr. Hope Koch, associate professor and Gonzalez's mentor, said she wasn't aware of his situation until this year.

"We never knew anything about it," Koch said. "It's so touching what Baylor has done for Alex to afford to be here, but also he sees these opportunities and goes after them. It takes a lot of gumption to not let circumstances get you down."

Gonzalez was accepted into Baylor while he was living at Haven for Hope, he said. It had always been his first choice. When staff at Haven for Hope and Baylor alumni had learned about his story and his acceptance to the university, steps were taken to provide a way for him to attend, Gonzalez said.

"I didn't realize the cost of college until after I was accepted," Gonzalez said. "There was a ceremony for me at Haven for Hope, and there I was told some notable Baylor alumni wanted to donate to help me come here."

The university also helped with scholarship money, Gonzalez said. While he will graduate with a few loans, he said it's nowhere near the cost it would be if he hadn't received help. Additionally, he said his major is in high demand,



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San Antonio junior Alex Gonzalez sits in his dorm in Penland. Prior to his time at Baylor, Gonzales was homeless.

which he hopes will help with post-graduation costs.

"Alex really goes the extra mile," Koch said. "If you ask him to do something, he'll do it. Not only that, but he wants to raise the standard of education for his peers as well as himself."

Since being at Baylor, Gonzalez

has been involved as a peer leader in the global community living and learning center, a welcome week leader, a participant in the Association for Information Technology Professionals and as an executive board member for the Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity. He said after graduating from

Baylor he hopes to give back to the communities he came from.

"I definitely want to give back to Haven and any programs or shelters that aim towards not only housing the homeless, but also towards transforming them to get back on their feet and into life," Gonzalez said. "I'd also love to give

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ternational memorial on a former battlefield. The events had special significance because this year is the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I. Tuesday was the 96th anniversary of the armistice that ended the war on Nov. 11, 1918.

French President Francois Hollande placed a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier under Paris' Arc de Triomphe. Later, he inaugurated an international war memorial at Notre-Dame-de-Lorette, in northern France, in the presence of German, British and Belgian officials. The Ring of Memory carries the names of 600,000 soldiers from over 40 countries who died in the region during the war. Names are listed alphabetically without their nationalities.

CELEBRITY CONCERT

Bruce Springsteen, Rihanna, Eminem and Metallica were among the headliners for a free concert on the National Mall to raise awareness for issues affecting veterans, in Washington, D.C.

Tuesday's first-of-its-kind Concert for Valor is expected to draw hundreds of thousands of fans to the Mall. The Veterans Day event was spearheaded by Starbucks president Howard Schultz.

VETERAN BONUSES

State officials in Ohio used the holiday to remind Iraq war veterans that time is running out to claim bonuses of up to \$1,500.

Ohio voters in 2009 approved a \$200 million bond issue to fund bonuses for veterans of the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq war eras.

VETERANS PERKS AND FREEBIES

Veterans Day is not only a time to honor those who have served in the military. For American businesses, it's also a time to back up that appreciation with a freebie.

Many national chains, as well as mom-and-pop retailers around the U.S., offered free goods and services to anyone who has served in the military, a trend that has been growing since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. They included IHOP pancakes, Starbucks coffee and even admission at select theaters to see the World War II film "Fury," starring Brad Pitt.

CHRISTIE HONORS THE FALLEN

In New Jersey, Gov. Chris Christie attended an event at the Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Wrightstown. The state-operated cemetery is the final resting place for more than 56,000 veterans and their family members.

Faculty and students in Monmouth University in West Long Branch were reading the names of troops killed during deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq since the September 2001 terrorist attacks.

St. Jude from Page 1

really, really sick and my parents had to pull me out of school because the doctors couldn't figure out what was wrong with me and I had to do all these tests," she said. "Finally, one day they sat me down and told me I had leukemia. That night, me and my mom packed a bag and went to St. Jude."

Hinton said after the seven hour drive from Louisiana, she arrived at 3 a.m. and was taken care of immediately.

"They put me up in a room and started running tests and just got my treatment going," she said. "I did treatment there for almost three years, and it was on my 14th birthday that I did my last chemo treatment."

During her time at the hospital, Hinton said she and her family never received a single bill and that is something that drove her to give back.

Stephens said this is why donations to the organization are so important.

"What makes it so essential for donations is that none of the patients there or their families pay a dime," she said. "The hospital takes care of everything from chemotherapy bills to housing to food, to absolutely everything so that the families can focus on their child as their getting through this hard time."

As a psychology major, Hinton aspires to be a child life specialist at St. Jude's in the future. She said her experience in Up 'til Dawn for the last three years has provided her with even

more ambition to follow her career goals.

"Seeing patients have the opportunity to be where I'm at one day, because of what we're doing here, is just incredible," she said. "You know, I'm just super thankful to be able to come to college and have this second life that I never thought I would be able to have and I hope these kids will be able to be in my position one day and give back also."

According to the American Childhood Cancer Organization, cancer is the No. 1 cause of disease-related death in children.

"Childhood cancer is just devastating because it affects every stepping stone in life," Hinton said. "I just don't think that any kid should have to go through what for me, was one of the hardest things ever."

Stephens said by visiting St. Jude's Up 'til Dawn website and searching 'Baylor,' students can sign up until Friday to join a team and start fundraising. Hinton said while they encourage students to be active in this, donations are accepted year-round.

"Our site is working all year," she said. "After this, we'll donate all the money we've collected this year and start over. So we could start raising funds next month towards next year's donation. It's always open and available."

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The new film "Interstellar" follows astronauts from a future, desolate Earth as they search for an inhabitable planet on the other end of a wormhole.

'Interstellar' is spectacle for heart, mind

By SEAN CORDY
CONTRIBUTOR

Director Christopher Nolan has often said that he won't make something unless it's completely original.

MOVIE REVIEW

"Interstellar" certainly speaks with volume to that, acting as a sprawling, yet intimate, exploration of space and the human condition.

We're introduced to the future world of "Interstellar" by the use of what seems to be archival footage that tells us how poor the eco-

system has become – nothing but a great dust bowl. We meet Matthew McConaughey's character, Cooper, and his family in a future that seems to take us back in time. After some supernatural events in Cooper's house that turn into a puzzle leading him to NASA, we are told there's research being done to find a new home for humanity and that, though we were born here, we never meant to die here.

This is where Cooper reaches an impasse: He must leave his family to sustain human existence on a new planet by searching on the other side of a distant wormhole. It's the heart of the film. Though it's about the exploration of space and pushing the boundaries with

technology, the film is really a deep exploration of relationships and how we deal with time's threat to our existence.

The film's ingenuity is inspired by works from the likes of Stanley Kubrick and Steven Spielberg, exposing its audience to a barrage of emotions. Like the previous directors named, Nolan uses the film's high concepts, rather than the entire scope of the film, as a launching pad.

"Interstellar" takes a perhaps faulty approach to storytelling in its reliance on exposition in addition to its visuals that creates redundant and often convoluted messages. Excessive exposition has often been a fault in Nolan's films,

and it's most apparent here. The more his characters talk or narrate, the more they distract from the story and miscommunicate with the audience.

That's not to say that the dialogue is inherently bad, just over-used. It also overshadows the astonishing IMAX-deserving images that appear in the film.

Ultimately, what's beneath all of the talk is emotionally and intellectually intriguing. "Interstellar" examines how time eventually draws the curtain on the show. However, through the theories of Kip Thorne, the film shows us that through different dimensions and various manipulations, we can alter time to reformat and save the

future. These theories are all the more realized by the phenomenal visual effects, and the cinematography that often has a blown out tone to resemble a continued hope for survival.

While watching "Interstellar," it's important to try and allow the emotions of the film sweep you – don't get caught up in the technical dialogue, because the film's themes are being presented to you in a magnificent manner on screen already. If you try to process all of the theories present, you'll likely miss some very emotional moments like McConaughey witnessing his children grow up, or Michael Caine's character admitting his faults to a terrific Jessica Chas-

tain, and so forth.

The cast is in fine form, and the best Nolan has ever assembled – all sewn together by tantalizing music from Hans Zimmer that perfectly catches the ebb and flow of the film.

There are certainly some questionable moments throughout "Interstellar," but most of the scenes help the film in the end. It's a technical feat for the eyes and ears, and stimulates your soul more than any other Nolan film before, but its hand holding of the audience lessens the overall impact. Just be sure not to let your first impressions after the credits roll predicate your impression of the film. Let the experience settle in first.

Spotify executive disappointed in Swift's exit from streaming site



Daniel Ek

By MATTI HUHTANEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HELSINKI — Spotify's Swedish CEO voiced disappointment Tuesday that Taylor Swift pulled her music off the popular music streaming service, denying claims it's making money "on the backs of artists."

Daniel Ek defended the service in a blog post, saying he had co-founded the platform to protect artists from piracy and had paid

more than \$2 billion to music labels and publishers since 2008.

In the blog titled "\$2 Billion and Counting," Ek said that piracy doesn't pay artists a penny, "nothing, zilch, zero," while Spotify's payouts for a top artist like Swift were on track "to exceed \$6 million a year."

Artists complain that music streaming services and file sharing have sharply cut into album sales and that the fees Spotify pays to record labels and music publishers,

with a portion eventually funneled to musicians, is too small.

Swift pulled her music from Spotify last week, meaning her songs, which were among the most streamed on the service, are no longer available to its 50 million users.

"Music is art, and art is important and rare," Swift wrote in the Wall Street Journal last summer. "Important, rare things are valuable. Valuable things should be paid for."

Spotify says nearly 70 percent of the revenue it receives from paying customers goes back to rights holders in the form of royalty payments and the more people who pay for Spotify the more money artists get.

Customers pay \$9.99 a month for Spotify's premium streaming service, which gives them access to its music library on smartphones and computers without any advertisements.

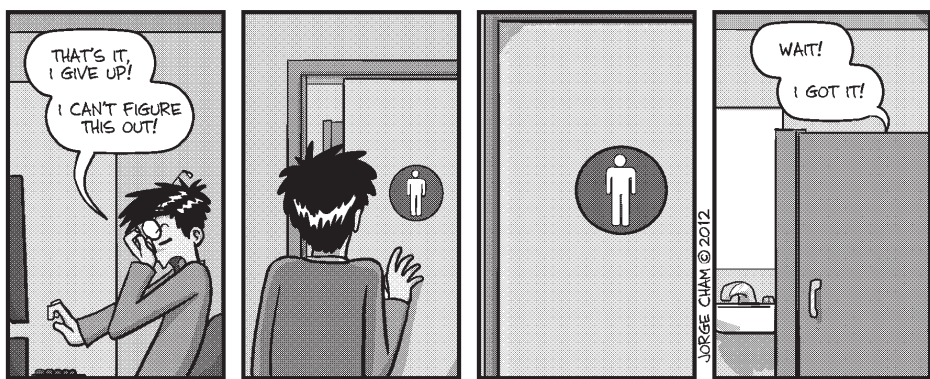
The company claims 12.5 mil-

lion of its 50 million users subscribe to the premium service, the remainder using the free service that is funded by advertisements.

Ek conceded that it was a big problem if "money is not flowing to the creative community in a timely and transparent way."

"We will do anything we can to work with the industry to increase transparency, improve speed of payments, and give artists the opportunity to promote themselves and connect with fans," Ek wrote.

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 - Show stopper
 - Greeter and seater
 - Frozen drink brand
 - Started the pot
 - Commercial suffix with Motor
 - Pop's favorite root beer?
 - Old man's place, in Hemingway
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 - Sock part
 - Hair line
 - Aegean island
 - Beachcomber's beat
 - Selma or Patty, to Bart
 - One of the 3-Down
 - Like some August sales
 - Cop ___: bargain in court
 - Actor McKellen
 - Partners of cons
 - Alabama Slammer liqueur
 - Gen. Robert ___
 - Truck maker with a bulldog logo
 - Mentor's charge
 - Fizzy drink
 - "Terrible" age
 - Single-master

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Coleman leading offensive resurgence

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

If defense and special teams provided the spark for the Bears' first-ever win in Norman, Okla., Coleman was the fireworks show.

Senior quarterback Bryce Petty has always been spoiled for choice with the elite receivers he can throw to. At the beginning of the season, it looked like freshman receiver KD Cannon would be the star of the show. Then, it was senior receiver Antwan Goodley who was expected to link up with Petty like last season.

Against the No. 15 Oklahoma Sooners in the No. 13 Bears' 48-14 rout on Saturday, Corey Coleman did it all.

"It's really a pick your poison scenario," Petty said. "If you cover KD [Cannon] and cover Antwan [Goodley], then Corey is there. He's had a great week. We just kind of dinked and dunked and took what they gave us. On the big shot down the left side [in the third quarter against Oklahoma], that's what I told him, that kind of stuff sets up the deep ball. With him, he's so passionate that he wants it now. You just have to sit him down and tell him this will set it up."

OU took a 14-3 lead over the Bears in the first quarter. Baylor's rushing game struggled and Petty missed a few open looks to his receivers. The Bears needed to get something going on offense, or else the game could get away from them before the first half was even over.

Just three minutes into the second quarter, Petty found Coleman two times in a row: an 18-yard pass that put the Bears in scoring range and a 33-yard shot to the end zone, to make it a four-point

game.

With the help of Coleman's performance, the Bears continued to run rampant in the second quarter. Coleman caught eight passes, totalling 105 yards and a touchdown in the first half alone. Petty ended the half on a high, completing four out of four of his pass attempts. The Sooners clearly had a predicament on their hands concerning the Bears' passing offense.

Petty completed nine straight passes, five of which Coleman caught, in the opening drive of the second half. In other words, the Bears dared the Sooners to stop Baylor's receivers, specifically Coleman.

"You just have to play fast and expect good things to happen with the receivers," Coleman said. "It's our job to get the ball and go win."

Fueled by Petty and Coleman, that opening drive demoralized the OU fans in attendance at Oklahoma Memorial Stadium. So much so that the fans proceeded to boo the Sooners' poor defensive display to start the half. Baylor was up by three possessions in the second half on Oklahoma's own field, and now the fans were turning on their home team.

Coleman was just the flag-bearer for the Bears' dominant performance on Saturday. After the unorthodox "Ready for OU" comments following the Kansas game, Petty answered his critics with 32-of-42 passes completed and 387 passing yards, and perhaps found his go-to receiver for the rest of the season. Coleman accounted for more than half of the Bears' total offensive yards in that game and leads the team in overall receiving yards on the season.

"[Corey] is freaky fast, but he's also physical," sophomore running



KEVIN FREEMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore wide receiver Corey Coleman runs onto the field before Baylor's matchup with the Oklahoma Sooners on Saturday. Coleman caught 15 balls for 225 yards in BU's 48-14 win, both career highs.

back Devin Chafin said. "You don't see that a lot in receivers -- the combination of being really fast and really physical. I think that's what sets Corey apart."

Some of the best Baylor quarterbacks, Robert Griffin III and Nick Florence, each had a specific receiver they could link up with for the big plays on a consistent basis. For Griffin, it was Kendall Wright. Florence had a great on-field duo with Terrence Williams in the 2012 season.

Many times, the Bears' receiving corps can be a five-headed monster. For a few seasons now, the Bears have had a solid group of three to five receivers that can

make a play at any given time. If you cut one of those heads off, at least one of the others will take you down while your attention is on the other one. The Bears' offense has seen that happen this year, Petty said.

Last year, Petty and Goodley were one of the best quarterback-to-receiver combinations in the country, but it hasn't clicked that well between them this season, Petty said. Some teams got a very good picture of how lethal Goodley can be.

In a sense, those teams adjusted from last season and have focused primarily on cutting off Goodley. Consequently, those teams have

made themselves more vulnerable for players like Coleman to tear them up if given the opportunity, Petty said. Goodley has had some big plays this season, but nowhere near the number that Coleman has had. Petty has completed more passes to Coleman than any other player on the team.

For his outstanding performance against Oklahoma, Coleman won the Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week Award. It was a record-setting game for Coleman in receptions and receiving yards and could be the start of a deadly dynamic between him and Petty in the Bears' defense of the Big 12 Conference title.

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25. Minnesota

Baylor fights to stay alive against TCU

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor volleyball plays its second of four straight home matches today, and will need to have a strong showing in its remaining five games for a NCAA tournament berth. The Bears (13-13, 3-8 Big 12) have not been selected for the tournament since 2011.

"We are going to have to perform and give it our all in order to make the tournament," junior setter Amy Rosenbaum said. "We need to give it 100 percent so at the end of the day, we can say that we had no regrets. Each match is an opportunity to turn this season around."

Baylor is on a two-game conference-losing streak after being swept by Oklahoma and Kansas last week. Senior libero Hope Ogden said the team played well in Saturday's loss to the Sooners with the exception of reoccurring mistakes.

"There were too many errors in Saturday's game," Ogden said. "We hit and dug like we were supposed to, but serve-receive and hitting errors hurt us. As a team, we have to be more composed and relaxed so we don't tighten up at the end of sets."

The Bears are tied at the bottom of the conference standings with West Virginia and Texas Tech, and all three teams have three wins against Big 12 opponents.

No. 5 Texas stands at the top of the standings with a 10-1 record, and Oklahoma is behind the Longhorns with an 8-3 record. Behind the Sooners are Kansas State, Kansas, Iowa State and TCU. All five teams are separated by one win from each other.

The Bears' conference wins over Kansas State, Iowa State and Texas Tech speak a lot about the strength of the conference, Ogden said.

"Everybody is beating each other, so you really have to show up to every game," Ogden said. "Even though we don't have the conference record that we want, the wins show that we're a fighting team and can keep up both offensively and defensively."

Baylor will need to take advantage of its three remaining home matches before hitting the road to face West Virginia and Iowa



CARLYE THORNTON | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Freshman libero Jana Brusek digs a ball against the No. 25 Oklahoma Sooners on Saturday. The Bears dropped the match in straight sets for their second loss in a row. The Bears will look to rebound on Saturday.

State at the end of the month. The last team that went to the NCAA tournament had an 18-15 season record.

"We have a lot of potential to close out this season strong, but we need to play more under control to keep up with Big 12 teams," Ogden said. "It's crunch time. We are going to have to make a big effort in our final games."

Consistency is a key factor in the closing stretch for Baylor volleyball, and it starts with everyone being on the same page throughout the entire match, Rosenbaum said.

"Everyone is willing to fight and put everything on the line because it all comes down to who shows up on game day," Rosenbaum said. "We don't have to play out of our minds to beat these Big 12 teams, but we need to be consistent on both sides of the ball. If the point doesn't go our way, we need to be strong and get ready for the next one."

The Bears play Big 12 foe TCU tonight in the Ferrell Center, and they look to take their fourth conference win for their tournament campaign. The Horned Frogs (15-11, 5-6 Big 12) defeated Baylor in

four sets on Oct. 4 in Lubbock and have only won three conference games since then.

TCU comes into today's matchup with a three-game conference win streak, including a big five-set win over Oklahoma on Nov. 5. Most recently, the Horned Frogs dropped a 3-0 decision to North Texas on Sunday.

"We have to make the extra effort on every play when we face TCU," Rosenbaum said. "If we can keep the ball off the ground and execute every time we have an opportunity, then we have a good shot at winning."

TCU stands in second place in the Big 12 in service aces averaging 1.36 per set. Baylor will need to improve on their serve-receive game after allowing 10 service aces against Oklahoma on Saturday.

"TCU has a tough serve, and that's a great strength for them, but if we can play well and get after it, then we can beat them at their own game," Rosenbaum said.

Baylor volleyball hosts TCU tonight at 7 p.m. in the Ferrell Center. The game will be televised on Fox Sports Southwest.


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