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No. 17 junior catcher Robin Landrith runs to third against Stephen F. Austin on February 8. The Lady Bears handed the Ladyjacks a 3-0 defeat to win the Fairfield Inn & Suites North Getterman Classic at Getterman Stadium.

Bears to battle No. 2 Oregon

By **CODY SOTO**
SPORTS WRITER

No. 7 Baylor softball has jumped out to a 9-0 start – the best record since the 14-0 season start in 2011. However, that spotless record will be put to the test as Baylor hosts No. 2 Oregon tonight at Getterman Stadium to kick off the 2015 Baylor Invitational.

This is the first ranked opponent the Bears will face this season, putting a lot of importance on the nationally televised matchup.

“We want to see how we match up against a team like Oregon, so this is a great opportunity to do that,” said head coach Glenn Moore. “They’re here in Texas, so it’s our time to step up our level of play.”

The Oregon Ducks (10-0) are perfect on the season so far, earning wins over No. 22 Texas A&M and No. 25 Texas.

Oregon is coming off a Women’s College World Series appearance where the Ducks lost a 2-0 decision in the national semifinals to runner-up Alabama.

With the 56-9 record in 2014, the Ducks have started this season as a top teams in the country.

“Our bullpen is going to be tested, and our hitters are going to be challenged,” Moore said. “They’re very capable of winning the national championship. It’s a good barometer for us to match up against someone who everyone expects to be there in the end.”

While this game serves as an important matchup in the Baylor’s non-conference schedule, the team isn’t treating this game any differently.

“Coming out here and having the same approach against anyone is very important,” said junior designated hitter Linsay Hays. “It’s all about the name across our jersey rather than the team we’re playing. We’ve had a lot of contributors and girls who have stepped up from the bench. It’s been a great team effort.”

In an effort to draw a substantial crowd to Getterman Stadium, the Baylor vs. Oregon showdown will be a blackout game where the first 750 fans will receive free T-shirts for the game.

First pitch is set for 6:30 p.m. today and will air on Fox Sports Southwest Plus.

Follow @BUCodySoto and @BULariatSports for live coverage.

Bagby house goes down

Following demolition of home, historical office questions actions

By **RACHEL LELAND**
STAFF WRITER

The demolition of a state-designated historic home near Baylor may have violated the state’s government code, said Chris Florance, director of communications at the Texas Historical Commission.

James Henry and Mary Bagby, whose family became prominent in Waco cotton farming in the 19th century, built the home in the 1870s. Their son, Buck Bagby, married Ann Luther Bagby, president of the Baylor Women’s College in Independence in 1878.

The demolition permit for the home at 1825 S. Eighth St. was issued on Dec. 18.

“I’ve been here 15 years and I think this is the first time something like this has happened,” said historic preservation officer Clint Peters. “Typically historic buildings to that level that have the state markers aren’t demolished.”

The demolition of a historic building is not illegal in Texas if the commission is contacted 60 days prior to the date of action. The Texas Historical Commission has 60 days to review the request.

A failure to contact the Texas Historical Commission prior to



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The historic J.H Bagby House was demolished Wednesday at 1825 S. Eighth St. The home was built in the 1870s. Developer of the now-cleared lot plans to build student housing in its place.

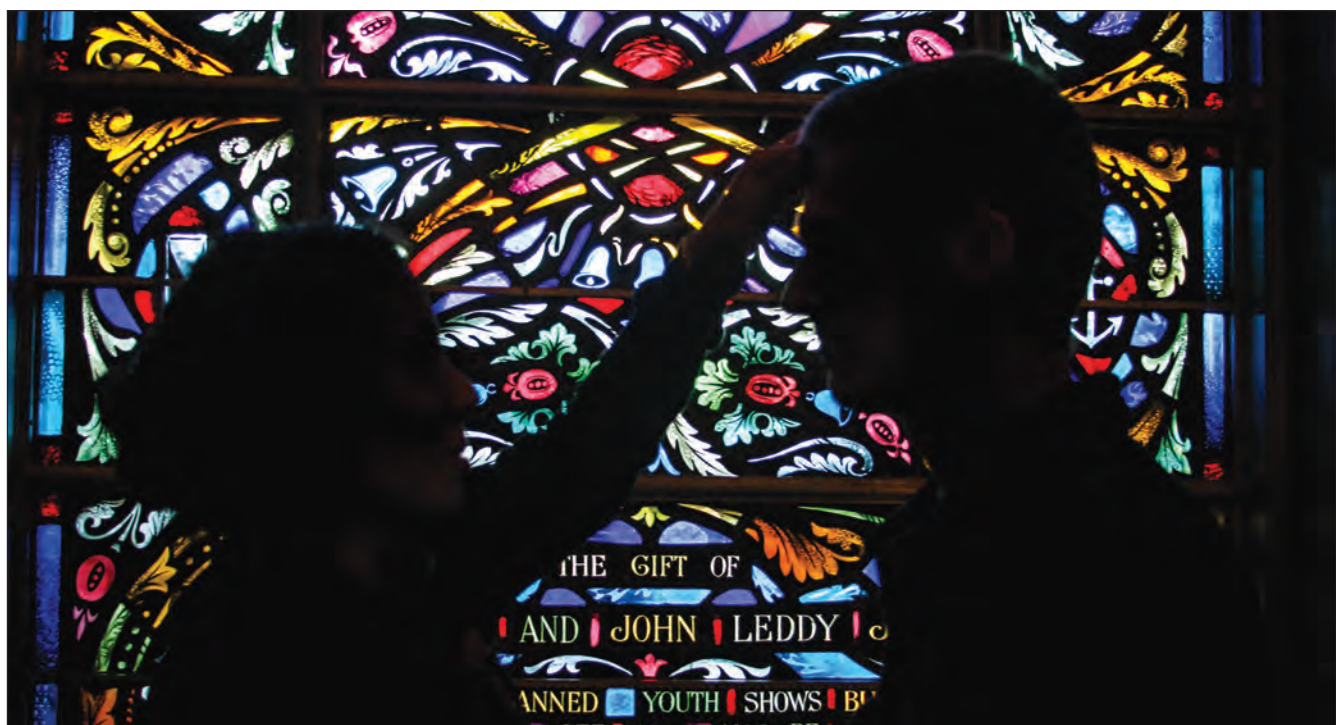
demolition is a violation of the Texas Government Code, Florance said.

The commission is consulting Baylor alumnus and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton to work out the next steps, Florance said.

Marcia Cooper, who finished a 30-year career at Baylor in 2013, sold the home to developer Mark Boozer, a Baylor alumnus.

Cooper’s grandparents bought

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JESS SCHURZ | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

On Wednesday we wear ash

Brea, Calif., freshman Daniel Truesdale honors the first day of Lent by receiving ash in the shape of a cross on his forehead. This is a Catholic tradition, where the priest references the fall of Adam and Eve, by reciting “For dust you are and to dust you shall return”. On this day, Christians are reminded to repent of their sins and receive the Good News of life through Christ’s forgiveness.

Case continues into day 2 of arguments

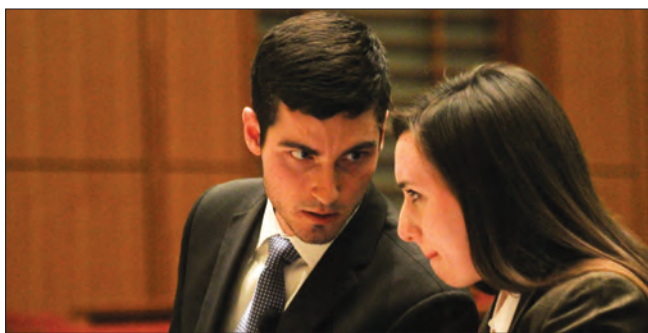
By **HANNAH NEUMANN**
STAFF WRITER

The hearing of the McCahill, Hardy v. Kinghorn lawsuit continued Wednesday, in courtroom 127 of the Law School, as one of the plaintiff’s attorneys, sophomore Elliott Riches, proceeded by calling senior Forrest Davis III to the witness stand.

The hearing, which began Tuesday evening, involves Baylor senators Woodinville, Wash., se-

nior Gannon McCahill and San Antonio junior Chase Hardy, who filed suit against Katy junior Lawren Kinghorn, internal vice president, for failing to maintain positional duties.

In Tuesday’s opening statements, Riches said Kinghorn was exercising double standards in student government, and the defendant said the plaintiffs’ case was simply an act of retaliation because of their concealed handgun bill not passing and anger



KEVIN FREEMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Fair Oaks Ranch junior Alex Oestreich whispers to Katy junior Lawren Kinghorn amid the plaintiff’s monologue during McCahill, Hardy v. Kinghorn on Wednesday in the Law School 127 courtroom.

over McCahill’s impeachment trials.

Taking the stand as the first witness of Wednesday’s hearing, Davis testified that he believed only certain people were being targeted by the Senator Executive Council in regards to excessive

absences and lack of office hours, and that those friendly with the decision makers were granted forgiveness for these issues, while others were brought before the SEC.

“I could tell things were not going well and I was being un-

Dean list narrowed to 3 candidates

By **HANNAH NEUMANN**
STAFF WRITER

Following Dr. William May’s retirement as dean of the School of Music last spring, the music department conducted a thorough search for a replacement and has found its top three candidates.

Students of the School of Music have been invited to meet each of the candidates through a series that began Tuesday with the introduction of Dr. Randall Bradley.

Bradley, the director of the

Church Music Program and The Center for Christian Music Studies, was named as a candidate on fliers posted in the Glennis McCrary Music Building on Monday.

Because the fliers were meant for the attention of music students only, James Bennighof, vice provost of Academic Affairs and Policy, said he could neither confirm nor deny if Bradley was truly a candidate.

The Lariat was not able to reach Bradley for comment.

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KEVIN FREEMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Austin senior Meredith McCarty participates in a Bearobics yoga class led by Brittainy Tidwell Wednesday in the Student Life Center. Various new courses for student’s health and well-being were recently added in the SLC.

New exercise sessions available to students

By **AMANDA HAYES**
REPORTER

With midterms approaching, the fitness department has opportunities for students to work off their stress, including a free weights series.

After the New Year’s resolution surge of gym attendance, the next peak comes at this time of the semester, said Clint Patterson, coordinator of fitness at the McLane Student Life Center. Whether students are preparing for a laborious mission trip or want that beach

body, Patterson recommends they get active.

“Everyone is motivated differently,” Patterson said. “And there are a lot of supportive venues on campus to accomplish these goals.”

The Free Weights Series is an open session for students that meets in the Fitness Center of the SLC. The next meeting at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, will focus on leg strengthening.

The fitness staff also hosts Super Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. each week, in which instructors lead different activities, including cy-

cling and yoga. This takes place in a variety of locations depending on the week’s physical activity. The event is free for students, Patterson said, and want to get up early on the weekend to workout.

Although this is a busy time of the semester, Van Davis, assistant director for fitness, said this should not be an excuse to eliminate exercising all together.

“The busier you are, the more important it is stop and ask yourself: ‘Am I taking care of my body?’” Davis said.

Exercise relieves stress, im-

proves sleep and provides energy that helps students succeed in classes and other activities, Davis said.

According to a study by the American College Health Association, more than half of college students have experienced overwhelming anxiety in the past year that can inhibit their academic success.

Davis also said Group X programs are beneficial for students to workout different muscles. Group

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The Baylor Lariat & Student Government

This symbiotic relationship helps the Baylor community

Editorial

On campus there are a variety of organizations intended to serve the student body. One of those organizations is The Lariat. Another one is the student government.

Student government is made up of several of moving parts, just like the Lariat. There is a hierarchy. There are workflows. There are policies and people to enforce those policies. Everyone has a job to do.

The jobs of the Lariat and the student government overlap like a Venn Diagram. This means members of the Lariat staff interact frequently with members of student government.

The Lariat reports news and relays information to the student body. The student government makes the news. The student body benefits. The very mission of student government is “to represent the student body, with respect to our Christian commitment and the ideals of Baylor University, through shared governance, as we seek to enrich the quality of student life,” according to the student government’s website.

For example, as Student Senate writes and passes bills, a Lariat member is ideally working on a story to let the student body know about the bill and whether it was passed. Oftentimes, a member of student government suggests

stories for the Lariat to cover. Arlington senior Dominic Edwards, student body president, has submitted columns to the Lariat for publication.

This symbiotic-type relationship is crucial to the student body.

When there is a breakdown in this relationship, not only are both organizations affected, but the student body suffers.

How do breakdowns occur? There are several ways. If the Lariat only covers “bad” student government news, then why would the student government want to speak with us again? If the Lariat only ever contacts the same members for every single story — regardless of who is the best source to talk to — then we have erred. If either of these situations happens, it means the Lariat is not reporting fairly.

On the other hand, the student government could cause a breakdown in communication by refusing to speak with the Lariat. If this happens, there will be no news coverage for the organization. Many members of the Baylor community would be left in the dark.

The Senate has a media policy, passed unanimously Jan. 29, that requires senators to get permission to contact the media from Port Barre, La., sophomore Lindsey Bacque, the public relations chair. Katy junior Lawren Kinghorn, internal vice president, serves as the final say on whether senators

can contact the media. If senators initiate contact with the media, they could face reprimands and be brought before the Senate Executive Council.

It’s the student government’s right to issue and enforce such a policy. The implementation of the policy, however, could be very biased, especially if the Student Senate does not trust the Lariat to write fairly. The Senate could also not trust particular senators to speak with The Lariat. In each of these cases, Bacque and Kinghorn could simply deny permission for the senators to talk to the media. Then, if senators fear talking to the media because of potential punishments for violating this policy, the free flow of information comes to a halt. News stops either way.

Avoiding the media hurts the students, who would not receive the most well-rounded story about the senate’s actions. Student government is made up of students elected to their positions. The student body should be kept up-to-date on the people it elected.

If the student government’s goal is transparency, then talking with the media is one of the best ways to ensure that happens.

Whether the Lariat or the student government is to blame, these obstructions block the free flow of information like an unwanted dam.

The Lariat and student govern-



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ment are learning laboratories for students to gain experience in their future interests. There will be mistakes. Sometimes there will be bad blood. But remembering that we — the Lariat and the student government — are meant to serve the student body keeps both organizations accountable.

For the interest of the student body — and the free flow of in-

formation — this means each organization has to understand the purpose and goals of the other. We also cover more positive news stories as well — take the Prosper Waco initiative for example. When members of student government approach us, they should be able to trust that we will treat them and the information they provide us with respect.

With a trusting relationship, the dam preventing information from reaching the students will crack and break, creating a more transparent student government and more substantial news stories for the Lariat.

It makes both our organizations more effective and gives us both legitimacy in the minds of the Baylor community.

From the Lariat blog



“And I am a notorious procrastinator, though I prefer the term ‘incubator’ because what I’m doing is letting my ideas incubate until they’ve fully transformed from shady concepts in my head to compelling arguments on paper.”

— Austin senior Ada Zhang

Check out the Lariat’s weekly blog “Food & Feminism” by Austin senior Ada Zhang. This week, Zhang discusses what she’s learned from having her dog, Bachelor, on campus.

Let’s retake lifetime fitness

I like to run. Never in a million years did I think I would ever utter these words. In middle and high school, I played as many sports as I could — volleyball, basketball and various track and field events. Even though I have always been athletic, I never really enjoyed the act of aimlessly running without an immediate task to accomplish. It’s one thing to run for a full game of basketball or to compete with teammates in a relay race, but it’s a whole other beast to sweat and heave for the sake of doing so. I’ve never liked running, and I had always thought I never would.

But then lifetime fitness happened.

Last semester I registered for the aerobic running class, thinking I would just have to make myself suffer through the worst lifetime fitness option because there was no other class that fit into my schedule. Long story short, I took the class, got a heck of a lot better at running, and now I actually enjoy the activity. It showed me that I was more than capable of training for something and seeing myself improve over time, and it was much more of a stress reliever than I thought it would be.



The sad part of all of this is that I can’t take this class ever again — at least not for a credit. I contacted Baylor’s health department to see if I could get approval to retake the class because it was again one of the only classes that fit into my schedule. I’m on crunch time for graduation and thought I’d try to take two fitness classes at once. Unfortunately, I was denied. I’m condemned to the subpar workouts offered in classes like bowling. But I don’t think that actually makes much sense.

Every student that comes through Baylor is required to earn fitness credits, and a good number of them don’t want to or never take aerobic running. As an unpopular yet easy-to-teach course, there are always more classes available than needed. This means several spots in the course go unfilled every semester.

The same goes for other aerobic classes. Why not let students who actually want to be in those classes take those spots?

I understand the health department’s hesitation to let students retake courses. Imagine the monopolization of volleyball and yoga classes that would happen. That’s why I think the department should change its “no double credit” policy to allow students to earn double credits for retaking one of the five least popular fitness courses. This would mean classes like aerobic walking or rest and relaxation would be offered to the greatest number of students possible, while other classes like running or aerobics would be kept open for students who actually want to be there.

If students are being forced to exercise in order to graduate, it’s only fair to let them enjoy the obligation as much as possible. And let’s be honest, I’m going to get more of an exercise out of running than I will from rolling a bowling ball into some pins. Isn’t fitness the point of a lifetime fitness class?

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Set high goals; know limits

If you ask any one of my high school classmates, they will probably say that I did everything in high school. It’s true; I was in 18 school activities, including five Academic University Interscholastic League events while still staying in the top 10 percent of my class.

Looking back, high school was one of the greatest accomplishments I have to my name so far, and it’s incredible to see other successful people who have experienced something similar walking across campus and wearing the same school name across their chest.

We all have our success stories, and we’ve each been given the opportunity to expand our success by attending Baylor University. However, living up to the expectations that have been set before us is a lot easier said than done.

I’ve burned myself out numerous times trying to outdo myself and exceed expectations in everything I do, and it hasn’t always turned out well. I would like to be the absolute best at everything I do, but frankly that’s not possible.

I couldn’t be the best at track because I simply didn’t have the time to commit to it, so I was forced to sit down and decide whether I wanted to continue with it. Instead, I joined the yearbook staff where I ended up serving as editor-in-chief for my junior and senior years.

Setting a high bar for all of your work is a double-edged sword. It’s great to have goals and strive for a certain standard, but if the standard is too high, you might exhaust yourself getting there or suffer disappointment if you don’t.



Cody Soto
Sports writer

It’s time for people to put their goals into perspective. We set our own standards, therefore it’s up to us on determining whether or not the goals are reachable. It’s not probable for me to write an entire feature story in one hour. From experience, it would be foolish and stressful. I know my abilities, so it’s up to me to set reachable goals.

And if I fail, who cares? We are not perfect. God didn’t make us to be perfect. We all have flaws that make us unique, and so perfection should never be the end goal. It goes back to setting goals: Do what is possible.

Failing at tasks in life shouldn’t always be taken so harshly. Life is a learning process, and if we don’t make mistakes, then when will we ever learn? Many times I set a goal of completing a project or homework assignment by a specific time or deadline, and I didn’t get it done.

I had to give up other time I could have spent relaxing or watching “Friday Night Lights” if I had stuck to my deadline, so that thought came across my mind the next time I wanted to procrastinate and put off school work. Learn from life; it makes things a lot more beneficial.

I may not be in 18 school activities at Baylor, but I know I am spending my time wisely. My biggest accomplishments on campus have not reached their peak yet, so it’s all up to me to be patient and set reasonable goals to get there.

Cody Soto is a sophomore journalism major from Poth. He is a sports writer and regular columnist for the Lariat.

Correction

In the Feb. 18 article “Student court hears arguments as battle begins,” the plaintiffs’ attorney is misidentified. The attorney is sophomore Elliott Riches. This has been corrected in the online article.

The Baylor Lariat apologizes for the error. The Lariat strives for accuracy. If a correction is needed, email Lariat_Letters@baylor.edu.

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A structure is damaged after an explosion in a processing facility at the ExxonMobil refinery Wednesday in Torrance, Calif. A small ground fire was quickly extinguished and the facility's flare system was triggered for safety reasons. Two workers suffered minor injuries.

Blast devastates California refinery

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TORRANCE, Calif. — An explosion devastated a section of a major refinery on Wednesday morning, raining down ash in the area and, experts say, likely helping to increase California gas prices, which have been creeping up in recent weeks.

A huge smokestack flare — in which workers were burning off flammable product after the explosion — could be seen for miles around. Four contractors suffered minor injuries as workers fled the site of the blast, according to Exxon Mobil Corp., which owns the refinery.

The facility, a structure several stories tall, was shattered. Crews poured water onto the structure afterward, and a fire spokesman said at midday the situation was controlled.

The blast happened in a recently installed processing facility, and the material involved was gasoline, Fire Department spokesman Steve

Deuel said. The facility's flare system was triggered to burn off fuel that could add to the fire, Deuel said.

Residents within a mile or two reported feeling a sharp jolt that they initially thought was an earthquake.

Electrical contractor Cory Milsap-Harris, 21, was in a switch house next door to the blast site keeping an eye on three colleagues working 8 feet underground in a manhole. "Everything was going smooth. Next thing I hear sounded like heavy metal next door. There was a loud bang," he said. "You could feel the building shake a little."

The blast reverberated in his ears despite the several layers of hearing protection he routinely wears, Milsap-Harris said. He rushed his co-workers outside, where people were running away from flames and black smoke.

Brittney Davis, whose office is about a block from the refinery, says the blast sounded and felt like something had rammed her

building.

"The whole building shook. We couldn't figure out what it was, but we stepped outside the door and the flames were shooting up from the refinery," Davis said. "I could feel the heat from the flame."

The refinery about 20 miles south of downtown Los Angeles covers 750 acres, employs over a thousand people, and processes an average of 155,000 barrels of crude oil per day and produces 1.8 billion gallons of gasoline per year, according to Exxon Mobil.

It accounts for about 8.3 percent of the statewide total capacity, according to state officials.

The four contractors were taken to a hospital for evaluation and three were released, company spokesman Todd Spittler said. The refinery sent many workers home for the day.

Spittler said other parts of the refinery continue to operate. The cause of the explosion was under investigation, and company officials were working with local agencies. Nearby roads were

closed after the blast hit, shortly before 9 a.m., Torrance police Sgt. Paul Kranke said.

Students at 13 nearby schools were kept indoors, said Tammy Khan of the Torrance Unified School District.

Gas prices in California have been inching up even before the Exxon Mobil accident. It's the second refinery in the state to have service interrupted. A Tesoro refinery in Northern California — which accounts for about 9.2 percent of the state's total refining capacity — that was running at half speed was shut down earlier this month after the contract with the United Steelworkers union expired.

Experts said California residents can expect to pay more at the pump.

But "you're not going to see another gasoline apocalypse" like after the 2012 Chevron refinery fire that sent gas prices soaring over \$4 a gallon, said Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information Service.

BEAR BRIEFS

Annual soiree being held in honor of Black History Month

The Coalition of Black Ambassadors is holding a soiree at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Cashion Academic Center fifth floor banquet room. The attire is semi-formal. There will be live entertainment, a DJ and refreshments. Admission is free with a donation of a school supply, which will help benefit local schools. For additional information, contact Chierra_Williams@baylor.edu.



Lecture over fossils to rebuild ancient Africa

A lecture by Daniel Peppe, assistant professor of geology, called "The Ape in the Trees" will be conducted at 7 p.m. today at the Mayborn Museum. The lecture will cover how scientists use plant and animal fossils and information from rocks to reconstruct the climate and landscape of eastern Africa more than 20 million years ago. Coffee and cookies will be served prior to the lecture at 6:30 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public. Call (254) 710-2511 for more information.

Battle of the Bands seeks those who rock

The third annual Battle of the Bands, hosted by the Baylor Student Activities Union Board, will be held 6 p.m. March 26, in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den. Submissions for bands are being accepted. For additional information, contact student_union@baylor.edu.

Moody adds video booth that allows for visual creation

Located in the garden level of Moody Memorial Library, the new TechPoint Video Booth provides Baylor faculty, students and staff with an easy way to shoot basic videos. The booth is available from 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The booth has an HD quality camera, shotgun microphone, studio lights, acoustic panels, a projector and playback monitor. The video booth activates when a USB drive is inserted into the system. It can be reserved for up to three hours per day and nine hours per week. Reservations can be made at www.baylor.edu/lib/techpoint/reserve.

NYT documentary to shed light on biggest plagiarism scandal

The documentary "A Fragile Trust," which tells the story of a plagiarism scandal in the New York Times, will be playing at 6 p.m. Tuesday in 101 Marrs McLean Science Building. Macarena Hernández, lecturer in the department of journalism, public relations and new media, is the reporter whose work was plagiarized, and will be present at the showing. A question-and-answer session with Hernández and Dr. Sara Stone, chair of the department of journalism, public relations and new media, will follow the movie. For more information, visit <http://www.afragiletrust.com/>.



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fairly pressured," Davis said. "That is why I resigned."

Davis said he felt he was being targeted by Kinghorn because he voted in favor of the concealed carry bill, as he had been brought before the court with only one missing office hour, while others with excessive absences were ignored.

Mandeville, La., senior E.J. Valentine, a current senator, said throughout his time as senator he skipped numerous meetings, accumulated more than the appropriate amount of absences and had very little to do with SEC. Valentine was brought before the SEC but was not asked to resign.

He voted against the concealed carry bill, even though the plaintiffs, his fellow fraternity brothers, had expressed to him their extreme support of the bill and the importance of its passing.

Frisco junior James Porter took the stand with details on McCahill's initial SEC hearing in November, in which the SEC voted for McCahill's resignation. Porter said during the time of voting, they

were under the impression that McCahill had over 10 absences, and it wasn't until after the decision and a conversation with McCahill that a numerical mistake was brought to light.

"[McCahill] said 'whoa whoa whoa, that is more than inaccurate,'" Porter said. It was then brought to his and the SEC's attention that McCahill, in fact, only had obtained eight absences.

McCahill was the last witness to take the stand, citing the email exchange between himself and Kinghorn in which she initially asked McCahill for his resignation.

"I asked why I was being asked to resign and the response was that I had accumulated 10 unexcused absences in that semester," McCahill said.

He then said he informed Kinghorn that he actually had only accumulated eight absences, and she recognized a clerical error in the recording of attendance. Oestreich said Kinghorn was not allowed to vote on the matter at the time, and simply had the duty of drafting the

resignation request and SEC hearing letter, suggesting that Kinghorn could not have influenced McCahill's impeachment in any way.

McCahill was granted a second hearing, but it was not within the 48-hour time-frame notice, and said he could not attend, asking for a rescheduling. McCahill said he was not granted another hearing to allow the SEC a re-vote on his status, and he did not agree to resign.

McCahill said he later attended an impeachment hearing where he was not asked to resign.

Fair Oaks Ranch junior Alex Oestreich, co-counsel for the defendant, began his cross-examination.

"Eight absences is exactly double the amount you're allowed to have, correct?" he asked.

McCahill said the statement referred to unexcused absences, and while the SEC considered the absences unexcused, he did not agree with their reasoning and after providing documentation, it was implied to him that some would be excused.

Coll questioned McCahill on his absences, referring to text messages between McCahill and his chair at the time. He noted that one of McCahill's absences being excused was contingent on the agreement that McCahill would send an email detailing his reasoning, which he failed to do. McCahill said he forgot to send it but believed the absence would be excused regardless.

McCahill was questioned by the justices on the reasons for his absences and asked to detail his feelings of unfair treatment at the hands of the SEC. McCahill referenced the forgiveness and small sanction that Valentine had received after his hearing for numerous absences. McCahill then said he believed he would receive similar or slightly more severe consequences, as opposed to a resignation request.

Oestreich told the court that the plaintiff hadn't laid foundation to demonstrate that Kinghorn purposefully, or with bias, pointed out McCahill and said the plaintiff

failed to meet allegations in their complaint.

The defense motioned for the court to reach a verdict, as they believed the plaintiff had failed to provide sufficient evidence for the case.

The court recognized the motion, followed by Riches detailing parts of the testimony pointing to Kinghorn's bias. The court denied the motion.

At the beginning of Wednesday's hearing, Coll asked the plaintiffs and defendant to agree to waive their protection and allowing photos to be taken and published, and neither party posed objections.

Roswell, N.M., junior Cody Coll serves as the Chief Justice, with Daniel Pellegrin as Deputy Chief Justice. Associate Justices Nathan Hall, Courtney Davis, William Stover, Josh Conatser and Moriah Speciale also served on Tuesday's and Wednesday's bench.

Abbott predicts win over Obama

By PAUL J. WEBER ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Republican Gov. Greg Abbott predicted Wednesday that Texas and 25 other states would keep prevailing against President Barack Obama's executive actions on immigration but refused to put a deadline on when National Guard troops will leave the border with Mexico.

Flanked by U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz and other top Texas conservatives to celebrate an early court victory against Obama's deportation-relief program, Abbott shifted to defending his decision this week to indefinitely extend the Texas National Guard mission that began last summer.

About 200 guard members had been scheduled to leave the Rio Grande Valley next month, but Abbott now says an unspecified number will remain until Texas hires and trains hundreds of new state troopers to replace the guard.

He would not put a time-frame on how soon that could happen, but Texas Department of Public Safety leaders have said that getting started would take a year.

"It is our goal to ensure that only those who are authorized to cross the border, are the ones who are crossing the border," Abbott said.

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X includes Bear Cycle and Group Exercise, consisting of about 50 classes each week including zumba, boxing/conditioning, hip hop, pilates and yoga.

Participating in a variety of classes balancing out the muscles, Davis said, such as strengthening thigh muscles in cycling and then stretching them out in yoga.

Davis said this program also provides positive instructors, motivating music, and a social setting. "These instructors keep students accountable, Davis said, and encourage students to come back and try new classes.

"The hardest part is showing up," said Davis. "Once you're there, it's easy. The instructors do all the

work for you."

The membership fee for the Group X program is \$50 each semester, and \$30 for the summer. This fee includes access to all Bearobics and Bear Cycle classes, as well as exclusive access 7-9 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays in Russell Gym Weight Training Area.

Davis encourages students to try out their firsts for free, and see that the benefits outweigh the time and money.

"Exercise can look a lot of different ways," Patterson said. "We aim to be as accommodating as possible with the environment, equipment and programs."

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the house in 1938, which has irregularly been rented out to Baylor students and the Waco Chamber of Commerce. Cooper moved into the house 1979 to take care of her mother, who had rheumatoid arthritis, and lived there until she sold the property in 2013.

"In 1984 I did the research and wrote up a 100-page paper," Cooper said. "The Texas Historical Commission thought I had a legitimate reason to make it historical."

Boozer, who has a son at Baylor, wanted to restore the home because of its interesting history and its potential to house his nephews and nieces, Cooper said.

Cooper showed Boozer where the old, Victorian-style home had leak issues and walls that were not supported.

"He had two different companies come and examine the house and I know it had some problems," Cooper said.

She said the developer was aware of the historical significance when he issued the demolition permit.

"You see a big star and a little box, you know what it is," Cooper said.

Because the historical recognition was issued by the state of Texas rather than the city, the structure was not on the city's list. The demolition permit was issued

without consulting Waco's city planning department said Randy Childers, director of inspections for Waco.

"The law holds the owner of the property responsible. The law is that the owner of the property with the designation has the responsibility to contact us," Florance said.

To prevent incidents like this from happening in the future, the city changed the protocol for demolition permits. Now, permits need to be reviewed by the city planner.

"What my office is not going to do any more is issue demolition permits at the counter," said Childers.

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CG welcomes Seryn to stage

By ALLIE MATHERNE
REPORTER

Indie folk band Seryn breaks the static, slow mold of the genre. The six-piece band will play songs from its newest album, "Shadow Shows," at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Common Grounds.

The band's members have created a distinct sound to match its unique name.

"I ran into a British clarinetist and he said, 'Oh, like serenity but without all the messy bits at the end that nobody likes anyway,'" singer Nathan Allen said. "We've been a band for five years and no one's ever put it like that — that guy nailed it."

Seryn, featured on NPR's "All Things Considered" in the "Bands that Should be Bigger" segment, is adapting to a location change and a shift from label to independent.

The band recently moved from Denton to Nashville, Tenn., but this has not fundamentally shaken the band, Allen said.

"[The sound] hasn't changed at all," Allen said. "It's just put a lot of creative energy in the gas tank."

Each member of the band plays multiple instruments, including the ukulele, accordion, bass, viola and many percussion instruments.



COURTESY PHOTO

Indie folk band Seryn will take the stage at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Common Grounds. Taylor Torregrossa, venue promoter and manager at the coffee shop, said the show will be late to accommodate for All-University Sing scheduled the same night.

"We focus a lot on dynamics and everything else feeds into that," Allen said. "We try to be as dynamic as we can because at the end of the day that's what's interesting. Being a group is our strength. We're all better at being in a band than we are at most things."

The band floats between folk and pop as it continues to create its commanding sound. Allen said live shows are one of the best aspects of his line of work.

"I like that idea that the air that's vibrating in our lungs is the same one that vibrates someone's eardrums, that direct connection," Allen said.

Austin junior Timmy Dyer, a Common Grounds barista and fan of the band's music, said he believes Seryn brings an unprecedented amount of energy to the stage.

"They don't put themselves on a pedestal," Dyer said.

"They just want to connect to their audience."

This will not be Seryn's first trip to Waco or Common Grounds. Dyer said Seryn has become a sort of kin to Waco, and when the band is in town, everyone knows it.

Allen echoed this, and even called Waco "a kind of second hometown."

Katy senior Joanna Calhoun, a fan who has seen the band perform, said Seryn is worth seeing live.

"Seeing them live is an experience in itself," Calhoun said.

Taylor Torregrossa, venue promoter and manager, said Seryn was selected for the Common Grounds stage because the band has a sound that fits in well with the coffee shop's atmosphere.

Torregrossa said the concert will play late in order to accommodate All-University Sing.

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The other two candidates will remain anonymous until their visits are announced, Bennighof said.



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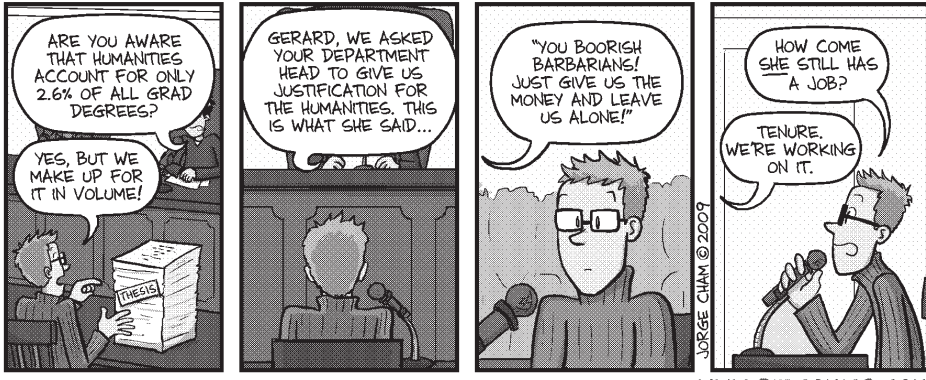
He said key qualities of the candidates include the ability to cast a good vision for the school of music, a good, professional record as a musician or music scholar and someone who is able to manage well.

"We are looking for someone who has a good and constructive perspective on Baylor's faith mission," he said.

Bennighof said the committee will solicit student feedback about each candidate after the completion of the series.

"We will collect all the input we receive and then the search committee will review all of that information as well as their own perceptions," he said. "Then they will make a recommendation and report on each of the three candidates to the provost."

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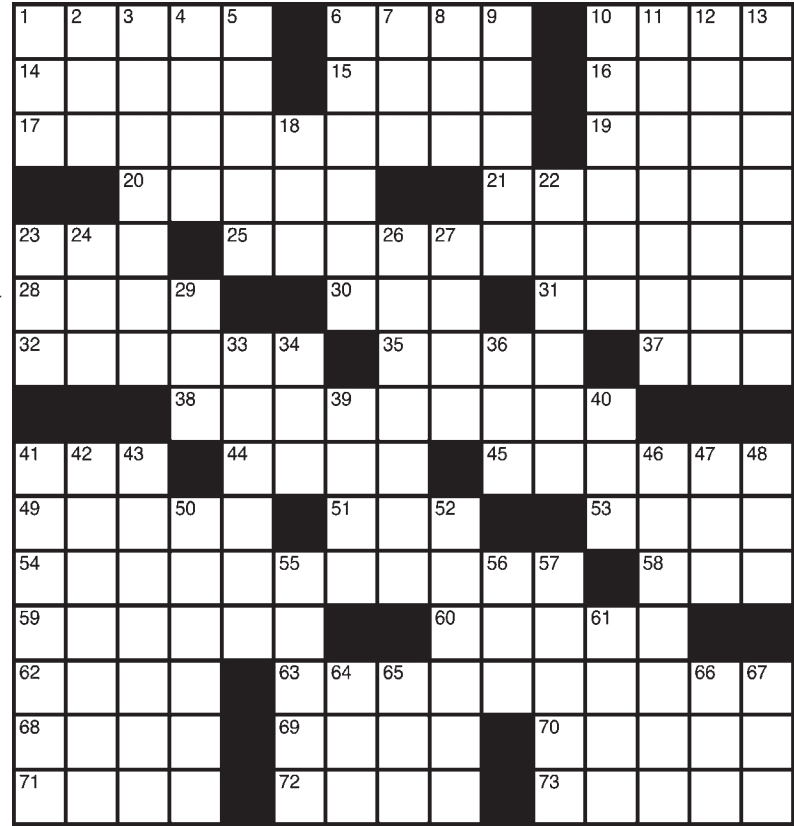
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- 45 Stable rides for kids
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- 73 Bard's "between"

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- 5 Kept in a pen



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Stearns leads young BU softball bullpen

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

Over the next past weeks, No. 7 Baylor softball has debuted its relatively young bullpen in nine games, including games at Gettman Stadium and in the NSU Demon Invitational in Natchitoches, La., showing off a plethora of both experienced pitchers and newcomers on the pitching mound.

While junior pitcher Heather Stearns is the clear starter for the Lady Bears to replace All-American pitcher Whitney Cannon, head coach Glenn Moore is testing out the waters of his lineup behind her during non-conference play.

Each pitcher received ample game time during each matchup to brush off some nervousness and rust. Of all of the pitchers, Stearns is the only upperclassman in the bunch.

However, Moore expressed confidence that his pitchers will grow in their development and step up in each game when he called upon. "We have a lot of depth in the bullpen this year," Moore said. "We've got a lot of arms and a lot of different looks. I think this is the strongest team one through 20. This may not be the strongest one through nine but we certainly have the best backups that we've ever had. We're in a good position to get a lot better."

Last weekend, Stearns pitched 13 strikeouts in the team's road contest against Northwestern State on Saturday. She's on an impressive 23-scoreless-innings streak heading into today's matchup against No. 2 Oregon, giving her a Big 12 Pitcher of the Week honor last Monday.

"I'm a big fan of Heather. I think she's a really good pitcher," Moore said. "She's very mature in her understanding of the game and she's a great competitor. She's as level-headed as any pitcher I can remember in recent years."

On Feb. 8, Stearns also struck out 11 batters in six innings and only walked one Stephen F. Austin player while on the mound. It was the eighth time in her career to whiff 10 or more hitters heading into Thursday's matchup at 4-0.

"I really mixed up my pitches well and kept them guessing," Stearns said after the 3-0 win. "My offspeed was working really well. That's really what set the tone. I'm proud of the way we came together and finished the weekend."

Sophomore pitcher Brooke Seneshen stepped in during the Bears' 9-2 win over Northwestern State on Sunday, but she struggled in the bottom of the sixth inning when she allowed two runs that snapped the team's 38-inning opponent scoreless streak.

Seneshen is a transfer student-athlete from Galveston Community College in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and is likely to be Stearns' primary backup during the rest of the season.

"I think we need to give her some time because she hasn't faced these kind of hitters," Moore said. "She's got a very good drop ball and throws extremely hard. She's a kid that will be good. This will not be her best year, so we're relying on her to grow."

True freshman Kendall Potts has led the Bears on two occasions so far this season, and her highlight performance came in a 3-0 win over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi in the semifinal game of the Gettman Classic on Feb. 7.

Potts had six strikeouts and only allowed three hits in seven innings en route to her first collegiate win. She also pitched in four innings to pick up her second victory and first on the road.

"Kendall Potts has certainly come along more than we had expected this early in the year," Moore said. "We have more confidence in her than we thought we'd have this early. We thought we would have it eventu-



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No. 3 junior pitcher Heather Stearns pitches during Baylor's 3-0 win over Stephen F. Austin on February 8. Stearns leads a Baylor rotation holding batters to a batting .165 average.

ally, so we feel like we have things to throw at our opponents so we can counter their attack."

Redshirt freshman and Waco native Sarah Beth Toben hasn't had much time on the pitching mound but is being used in other positions as lineups keep switching. Toben pitched on Saturday against Jackson State for two innings, allowing one hit and striking out a batter for a 2-0 record with her on the mound. Toben also saw time against TAMCC before she was pulled after two innings.

"After you sit the bench for so long, it's a lot different than being out on the field," Toben said. "I was a bit nervous, but I felt really good once I was out there. It took a while, but once I got a few players at bat, I felt a lot better."

As Moore continues to see how his team competes during non-conference play, he will be able to see how the Bears will come together during tough games. The lineup isn't set in stone yet, and there's a lot of softball to be played.

"Heather has certainly established herself as our number one pitcher, but we can go in a lot of directions after that," Moore said. "We can mix up players depending upon what team we are seeing and how we want to counter them."

Baylor softball hosts No. 2 Oregon tonight to kick off the Baylor Invitational at Gettman Stadium. First pitch is slated for 6:30 p.m. The Bears then face North Texas, No. 25 Tulsa, Abilene Christian and the Ducks throughout the weekend.

Baylor WBB wins share of Big 12

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor women's basketball has done it again: The No. 3 Lady Bears clinched a share of the Big 12 Conference title for the fifth straight season after a gritty 67-60 win over Texas Tech in Lubbock on Wednesday. Baylor can now win the title outright with a win over TCU at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The Red Raiders were the first team to seriously present a challenge to the Lady Bears in the past three games. The lead swung back and forth, as well as the momentum in the game. Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey was forced to find different ways to break down Texas Tech's defense.

Junior guard Niya Johnson, usually the team's leader in assists, provided the Lady Bears with a team-high 17 points.

Sophomore forward Nina Davis for once was not the leading scorer for the Lady Bears. Davis was behind in the points total, but was still critical as ever to the Lady Bears' success in Lubbock. Davis scored 12 points and grabbed a team-leading 10 rebounds.

The Lady Bears supporting cast also played a big role in the win. Senior forward Sune Agbuke and sophomore guard Alexis Prince scored nine points apiece.

Even though the Lady Bears outrebounded the Red Raiders by 22, Texas Tech hung in there with excellent three-point shooting. Texas Tech shot 11-for-20 from downtown compared to the Lady Bears' two three-point field goals.

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