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From ARTS, page 5: Two Baylor jazz ensembles scattin' alongside trumpeter Vince Dimartino at 7:30 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall.

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Snow day? More like snow hour.

Baylor's campus was coated with snow Wednesday, and students took the chance to take pictures, throw snowballs and dance in the icy weather. The snow fell for about two hours, starting around 8:15 a.m. and lasting until around 10:30 a.m., when it turned into a cold rain. The ground did not stay white for long, as the day warmed to a high of 52 degrees Fahrenheit. Baylor classes were not canceled, as Baylor sent out a Tweet stating there were no delays of classes or closures at 5:30 a.m. As the morning got colder, Baylor sent another Tweet at 8:45 a.m. stating the Baylor Police Department closed the top floor of the campus parking garages. The top floor of the parking garages were also closed Monday because of the inclement weather.

Starr names new dean of seminary

By RACHEL LELAND
STAFF WRITER

President and Chancellor Ken Starr announced the appointment of Dr. Todd D. Still as Dean of George W. Truett Theological Seminary on Wednesday Feb. 25.

Still will begin his term as dean June 1 and will replace Dr. W. Dennis Tucker, who has served as interim dean since Dr. David Garland stepped down to serve as interim Pro Vost.

Vice Provost Larry Lyons chaired an eight-member search committee, which began looking for a candidate in August 2014.

Still, who has taught at Truett Seminary since 2003, earned his B.A. in Greek from Baylor in 1988.

Although Still said he is aware that the responsibilities of his new position may conflict with teaching, he said he hopes to teach as much as time allows.

"I love students and cannot imagine myself outside of the classroom," Still said.

As a licensed and ordained Baptist minister, Still often serves in ministry positions in across the state of Texas. He is serves as an interim preacher at First Baptist Church in Midland. Still has been there since January and flies to Midland every Saturday before returning to Waco on Monday morning.

As dean, Still said he does not expect to continue as a full-time interim pastor. However, he hopes

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Still

BU to offer online courses starting in summer 2015

By SHANNON BARBOUR
REPORTER

The College of Arts and Sciences will begin offering online courses this summer for students wanting to continue their studies off-campus.

The college will offer seven courses in topics including geography, history, psychology, neuroscience and religion during summer sessions one and two. Students are restricted to taking 16 hours of credit and a maximum of four courses during the two summer sessions.

The offering of online classes this summer is a beginning step in

a three-year pilot project to decide whether online classes are successful.

"This is a testing ground for identifying what's going to work and what's not going to work in an online undergraduate course that's unique to the Baylor context and culture," said John Solis, senior academic consultant-instructional designer.

Dr. Hugh Riley, senior lecturer in psychology and neuroscience, will teach beginning psychology courses online during the summer sessions.

"Distance learning facilitates continuing education even when you're not in proximity to campus,"

Riley said.

Registration for the online courses will follow the same process as enrolling for on-campus semester courses.

All students, including incoming freshmen, will be able to take these courses for the same cost as on-campus summer tuition.

Riley said professors and students will have to adapt to the absence of classroom instruction, and the absence of direct interaction among professors and students might negatively affect class discussions, he said.

To solve this, Riley said he

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LINDA WILKINS | LARIAT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Two lemurs look surprised to see visitors during fall 2014 at Cameron Park Zoo. The park recently restructured its adopt-an-animal program to help with zoo funding.

Zoo revamps program to support, adopt animals

By CARLY LAUCELLA
STAFF WRITER

Are you in touch with your wild side? Animal lovers can now show support for their favorite inhabitants of Waco's Cameron Park Zoo, thanks to the zoo's recently revamped "Adopt an animal" program.

Terri Cox, exhibit curator said the expanded Cameron Park Zoo

and "Adopt an animal" program opened to the public in 1983. In 2013, the zoo added new benefits for program participants. It now offers those who donate \$100 a behind the scenes look into the zoo animals with a zookeeper.

Through the program, people are able to symbolically adopt an animal of their choice. The proceeds help pay for the zoo's annual grocery bill of over \$200,000.

Through the purchase and adoption, the zoo is able to buy food, such as apples, mealworms, carrots, hay and crickets for the animals according to Cameron Park Zoo's website.

The zoo houses around 1,300 animals from around the world. Many of which are endangered. They rely heavily on donations

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Dems cede to GOP in security bill

By ERICA WARNER AND DAVID ESPO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats on Wednesday signed onto a Republican agreement to fund the Homeland Security Department without the immigration provisions opposed by President Barack Obama. The announcement by Minority Leader Harry Reid put the Senate on track to quickly pass the bill as a partial agency shutdown loomed Friday at midnight.

The House's response was uncertain. Earlier Wednesday, Republicans there reacted tepidly at best to the plan, put forward by Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell, to decouple the issue of DHS funding from immigration.

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Quantum leaps from NYC to Texas

Ice flows past the Statue of Liberty Tuesday. A wide swath of the country is experiencing record-breaking temperatures while other areas are expecting more winter precipitation from Winter Storm Quantum.

Israeli PM: West 'has given up'

By JULIE PACE AND
LAURIE KELLMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Trading barbs, the U.S. and Israel escalated their increasingly public spat Wednesday over Benjamin Netanyahu's GOP-engineered congressional speech next week, with the Israeli prime minister accusing world powers of rolling over to allow Tehran to develop nuclear weapons. Secretary of State John Kerry openly questioned Netanyahu's judgment on the issue.

The comments injected new



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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shows an illustration as he describes his concerns over Iran's nuclear ambitions during his address in to the United Nations General Assembly at U.N. headquarters.

tension into an already strained relationship between the close allies ahead of Netanyahu's address to Congress next Tuesday. More

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There is more evil than just IS in world

Editorial

Much of the Western world is watching a group of terrorists capture and slaughter dozens of people and then flaunt these actions globally.

By watching just about any television news source, viewers would think this group – the Islamic State – is bearing down on the border of the U.S. and going to attack American soil any day now.

By watching most television news sources, viewers might think that ISIL, a name the Islamic State goes by in Libya, is the top enemy of the U.S. and the major source of evil in the world.

By watching most television news sources, viewers might get the impression that going to war against ISIS, a name the Islamic State goes by in Syria, is the only option for America and the West.

The honest truth is: none of this is true.

But this can be solved by holding news organization accountable.

The actions of ISIS are certainly

important to profile and track. They're also definitely atrocious and evil. But forgetting that there are other problems, other atrocities and other evils in the world is not healthy.

Is this the fault of the public? Probably.

We're entertainment consumers. We feed on the latest gossip – flip over to E! or TMZ for proof – and that's ruining how we consume actual news.

And that affects how news is covered.

As Facebook likes, up-votes and pageviews become the de facto currency in media, legitimate news groups are moving to eye-grabbing, tabloid headlines and weaker stories, just to get the clicks they want.

Then when situations like what is going on in Syria, Libya and Egypt with the Islamic State or the Malaysian plane incident happen, they are overzealously covered on every screen we see.

Modern news seems to make the top story the only story. And that's a dangerous thing because news can dramatically shape foreign policy.

Even though many people are informed citizens and many reporters, editors and producers run professional news organizations, it should not be the whims and interests of the people that influences what is covered.

After a while, "informing" the public quickly skips to speculation, and that's not what reporting is about at all.

Providing a platform for a evil groups like ISIS is far from beneficial.

Coverage should be dictated by the newsworthiness and priority of each incident, not on how many times it can be repackaged and questioned in one news cycle.

Yet the media looks for emotionally sensitive stories, instead of providing informative facts.

It's time that this stopped.

Ask more from your news outlets – the Lariat included. Demand the media cover hard hitting stories. Expect the media to show you the truth, not just what's most popular.

Don't settle for anything less.



ASHER FREEMAN

Letter from the Lariat



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Are you ready to relay?

For the first time in Lariat history, we are taking part in a global news broadcast called the Global News Relay. Twelve universities around the world have each compiled a 15-minute newscast on poverty in their individual regions. Universities from Australia, India, the U.S. and other countries will compile their videos into a three-hour newscast that airs today.

Look for the hashtag #GlobalNewsPoverty on our Facebook, Twitter and Daily Headlines email to watch the LIVE event at 11 a.m. CST.

When: 11 a.m. CST Thursday.
The Baylor Lariat's portion of the newscast will air around 11:45 a.m.

Where: Watch the LIVE newscast online at baylorlariat.com/globalnewsrelay2015



A note from the broadcast producer

This was an amazing opportunity for the broadcast portion of the Baylor Lariat to gain experience in a real newsroom.

This was the Lariat's first international newscast. The Global News Relay allowed the broadcast team to enter uncharted territory of anchoring each segment it produced. Every component of the newscast – from filming to editing – was done by students. Projects like the Global News Relay are priceless for hopeful broadcast journal-

ists. The Lariat's involvement has springboarded the addition of broadcast to the journalism department.

For the Global News Relay the broadcast team organized three stories to portray how Waco is affected by poverty. Chuck Rose, a Waco homeless man, shares his trials that led to him sleeping on the streets and collecting cans for spare change. The second story focuses on Mission Waco and the many programs it has to target different needs of the

poor. The final story showed how Baylor students do their part to make sure no one in Waco will go hungry. The broadcast team also spoke with economics professor Dr. Tom Kelly and Director of Continuous Improvement Ashley Thornton.

The collaborative project aims to serve as a learning experience for students across the globe. The schools involved are the University of Salford, Macleay College, Texas State University, West Texas A & M, Baylor University, Cali-

fornia State University, University of North Alabama, University of Alabama, RMIT, Asian College of Journalism, Manipal University and the University of Gloucester, representing the United Kingdom, Australia, the U.S. and India. The Lariat's portion of the Global News Relay is set to air around 11:45 a.m. and can be streamed live from the BaylorLariat.com.

— Caroline Lindstrom
Lariat Broadcast Producer
Carrollton senior

Take 'me' out of Lent season

My favorite part of going to the baseball park when I was younger was the Icee machine. My parents were always distracted and usually wouldn't realize that I'd use the whole \$5 they gave me on Ices.



Allie Matherne
Reporter

It was another typical baseball game and all I could think about was grabbing an Icee. I sat down with my Icee, pretended to watch my brothers and reeled through, "It's Lent. I gave up soft drinks. Does this count? I bet Mom would say it does. Is God mad at me? Is he getting more mad that I have to think about it?"

I took one more big sip, then blurted out as if I'd just realized it, "Oh no!"

"What?" my mom asked.

"Well, I gave up soft drinks for Lent and totally forgot and I got an Icee ... and I'm really sorry."

"That's OK, just throw it away," she said as she kept her eyes fixed on the game.

"OK, I'll throw it away, but am I going to hell?" I thought as I walked to the trash can.

Lent and the motivations behind it can bring up unique issues in our commercialized culture. Is our guilt over breaking Lent a healthy, Christ-centered guilt? At what point does our Lenten fast become just another juice diet?

Lent can easily drift into a selfish mandate that we use as an excuse to be thinner, healthier or more active. Buying into the belief that Lent is a time for Christians to demonstrate their love for Christ is a destructive paradigm and will only perpetuate the consumer's Lent.

"Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades ..." said Pope Francis, Time Magazine's person of the year for 2015. "We end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor, weeping for other people's pain, and feeling

a need to help them, as though all this were someone else's responsibility and not our own."

This, he said, is the heart of the Lenten season.

If we believe this and believe that this is the heart of the Lenten season, then there's no room for the guilt associated with the consumer culture's Lent.

If we give up a food group for Lent or get in on the gluten-free trend for the sake of feeling better about ourselves, when we fall short, all we are left with is guilt. Self-centered guilt is guilt that is inevitably followed by more self-indulgence. This is why my 10-year-old Icee crisis led me to think only of the implications for myself.

"What does this mean for me?" is the cry of the American commercialized church.

This is what we must battle. Lent, in my opinion, is a pretty accurate microcosm of how the American church has perverted Christianity – taking something that's supposed to be self-sacrificial and finding a loophole to ensure it will benefit ourselves.

"How's God going to help me?"

Or, what seems better, "How can I help God?"

This is not the most important question to ask as, once again, it turns the lens toward ourselves.

"No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great," Francis said.

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Student Body President Dominic Edwards is sworn in during McCahill, Hardy v. Kinghorn on Wednesday in the Draper Academic Building. He gave a testimony that went contrary to allegations against Lawren Kinghorn.

Edwards takes stand in favor of Kinghorn

By HANNAH NEUMANN
STAFF WRITER

Student Body President Dominic Edwards defended Internal Vice President Lawren Kinghorn Wednesday evening in the continuation of the McCahill, Hardy v. Kinghorn lawsuit.

Baylor senators Woodinville, Wash., senior Gannon McCahill and San Antonio junior Chase Hardy filed suit against Katy junior Lawren Kinghorn, alleging the defendant failed to maintain duties required of her as internal vice president.

Edwards was the second witness of the night and was asked if he felt Kinghorn had ever shown bias towards members of Student Senate.

"Her job is to help members of student government, particularly those in the Student Senate, move closer and closer to productivity and closer and closer to what our founders of student government wanted us to be," Edwards said. "I think Lawren went above and beyond to reflect she was not bias."

Edwards said he would quote one of his favorite fictitious character to describe the job of internal vice president.

"Clear the pipes and keep the sludge moving," Edwards quoted, which was said by the character of Francis Underwood on the "House of Cards" television series.

With regard to absences, Edwards said it didn't matter whether it was eight, 10 or 20 because any number over five should result in a senator being asked to resign, and so a re-vote after the clerical error was discovered was not necessary.

When McCahill was initially

brought before the Student Executive Council, the SEC was under the impression that McCahill possessed 10 unexcused absences, which later was discovered to be a clerical error, as he only had eight. At this time, McCahill asked for, but was not granted a re-vote.

When Riches began his cross examination with Edwards, there were frequent moments of tension.

"Mr. Edwards, I'm going to be asking you a few questions," Riches said. Edwards told Riches to continue, but that President Edwards was the correct way to address him.

Edwards was then questioned on precedent and governing documents within student government.

Edwards said there are five things an internal vice president should look to for advisement, and he listed them in order - the Bible, the guiding vision of university, guiding documents, precedent and finally, Robert's Rules of Order, which is often adopted for use by deliberative assemblies.

Edwards was asked to clarify if he believed that precedent should take place over governing documents.

"Should it? No," he said. "Does it? Yes."

When asked by Chief Justice Cody Coll if he felt this was bad, Edwards said it depended on the nature of the infraction.

Associate justice Courtney Davis asked Edwards if there had ever been talk about revising the governing documents to include the idea that one missing office hour was equivalent to an absence, as confusion around the topic has been prevalent throughout the hearing.

"That would be most effective,"

Edwards said.

Edwards said there has not been a formal conversation on the topic, however there have been many 'whispers' that it should happen, and it was yet to be done.

Key topics of the hearing revolved around attendance; the concealed carry bill, authored by McCahill; and the duties of Kinghorn.

Student Body External Vice President, Kristyn Miller, was the first witness called by the defense. The plaintiffs said the Senate Executive Council and Kinghorn were targeting members of the senate who voted for the concealed carry bill. When Miller was asked how she had voted for the concealed carry bills, she said she had been against it.

"Because prior to senate that week I was having a meeting with foundation members in the community and they said 'do you know how dangerous this is? There's no way administrations would let this happen,'" Miller said. "This was not only affecting the university, it was frightening and alarming the community."

She said opposing a bill, however, doesn't suggest opposition for the author of the bill.

Miller was cross-examined by sophomore Elliott Riches, the plaintiff's attorney in the case. During the cross examination, Miller said she is not very familiar with the Senate bylaws. Riches said since she is unfamiliar with the document, and because Kinghorn's positional duties are outlined in the Senate bylaws, Miller could not accurately testify that Kinghorn always upholds her positional duties.

Newest addition to Moody gives students video access

By AMANDA YARGER
REPORTER

Recording a professional resume interview or YouTube video can now be done in one trip to the library, courtesy of the TechPoint Video Booth in Moody Memorial Library.

The video booth is the first of its kind for Baylor. Its purpose is to provide students and faculty with technological capabilities that include recording interviews, lectures, group presentations and other digital media-related projects.

Andrew Telep, manager of TechPoint Services, said the booth can be a great resource for anyone who has a need for audio and visual recordings because the process to use the booth is intended to be an easy one.

"Walk in, plug a USB in, the lights will come on, and the camera turns on," he said. "You press a button to begin recording and it does a countdown for you '5,4,3,2,1' and it starts recording. When you're done, it tells you to wait while it exports the audio/visual to your USB. Unplug the USB and you're done."

The booth is located in the garden level of Moody to the left of the TechPoint printers. It has an HD quality camera, shotgun microphone, acoustic panels, a projector and a playback monitor. It is based on Pennsylvania State University's One Button Studio, according to the Baylor Libraries Techpoint website.

"There are dozens of these across [Penn State's] campus now and the reason is because it's hard for students to find one available, they're so popular," Telep said. "They are continuing to add more more features to their studio. The latest is green screen."



Beaumont sophomore Jalynd Coleman demonstrates on Wednesday how Moody Memorial Library's new Techpoint Video Booth works. The booth is open to all students and faculty members.

Telep said although the video booth in the library provides more basic features than Penn State's, the future for the booth holds endless possibilities, from recording YouTube videos to faculty recording lectures for students to watch in their own time.

"Say you have a speech you're presenting and you're not too sure how you look when you're presenting, the mirror is OK, but if you could get a video of yourself—so much better," he said. "What happens if you're a linguistics major? If you want language practice, you could have conversations in there."

Only film and digital media students have recording equipment readily available, and the library intended to provide these materials to all students with the addition of the video booth.

Faculty from the Hankamer School of Business and George W. Truett Theological Seminary have both expressed interest in adding a video booth to its buildings, but for now the growth will depend on the booth's popularity, Telep said.


Lantana sophomore Kathy Son said she would use the booth to prepare for a group situation where members may need extra practice together.

"Just getting the hang of who is saying what and practicing can makes things easier," Son said.

Although Son is a biology major, she said her business administration minor makes tools like the video booth more useful for preparing for professional interviews.

"I feel like it would be useful for seniors or business students. Business is really centered on communication with other people," she said. "Sometimes you don't know if you make weird faces and it can change things about your interview — that includes non-verbal communication. [The video booth] could help with that."

The video booth is open seven days a week, and the hours are listed on the Baylor Libraries TechPoint website. The library's online reservation system can be used to rent the booth for three hour increments, up to nine hours a week.



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Washington, DC Internship Program Planning Meeting

Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 4:00-5:00 pm, 2nd floor of Poage Legislative Library - Room 201B

This meeting is for students interested in the Washington, D.C. 2015 Summer Internship

All Majors Welcomed



Special Scheduled Guest:
Former Congressman, Chet Edwards,
the W.R. Poage Distinguished Chair
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Refreshments will be served.

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Democratic lawmakers announced they would skip the speech, which was orchestrated by GOP leaders without the Obama administration's knowledge.

Netanyahu hopes his speech will strengthen opposition to a potential nuclear deal with Iran, President Barack Obama's signature foreign policy objective. U.S. and Iranian officials reported progress in negotiations this week on a deal that would clamp down on Tehran's nuclear activities for at least 10 years but then slowly ease restrictions.

Netanyahu lashed out at the U.S. and other usual staunch allies

of Israel.

"It appears that they have given up on that commitment and are accepting that Iran will gradually, within a few years, will develop capabilities to produce material for many nuclear weapons," he said in Israel.

"They might accept this but I am not willing to accept this," he said in remarks delivered in Hebrew and translated. "I respect the White House, I respect the president of the United States, but in such a fateful matter that can determine if we exist or not, it is my duty to do everything to prevent this great danger to the state of Is-

rael."

Kerry, testifying on Capitol Hill in Washington, dismissed Netanyahu's worries. He argued that a 2013 interim agreement with Iran that the prime minister also opposed had in fact made Israel safer by freezing key aspects of the Islamic republic's nuclear program.

"He may have a judgment that just may not be correct here," Kerry said.

His comments, as well as statements from other top U.S. officials, made clear the Obama administration had no plans to mask its frustrations during Netanyahu's visit.

In an interview Tuesday, Na-

tional Security Adviser Susan Rice said plans for Netanyahu's speech had "injected a degree of partisanship" into a U.S.-Israel relationship that should be above politics.

"It's destructive to the fabric of the relationship," Rice told the Charlie Rose show. "It's always been bipartisan. We need to keep it that way."

Netanyahu's plans to speak to Congress have irritated many Democratic members, but also have put them in a difficult spot — fearing they will look anti-Israel if they don't attend.

Still, a number of Democrats have said they plan to skip the ses-

sion, with Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine and Illinois Rep. Jan Schakowsky becoming the latest on Wednesday. Kaine said Netanyahu's speech was "highly inappropriate" given its proximity to Israel's March 17 Israeli elections.

Schakowsky said she was concerned that the address could end up scuttling delicate negotiations with Iran.

"If the talks are to fail, let Iran be the party that walks away from the table rather than the United States," Schakowsky, who is Jewish, said in a statement.

Senate Democrats invited Netanyahu to meet with them pri-

vately while he is in Washington, but the Israeli leader refused the invitation, saying such a meeting could "compound the misperception of partisanship" surrounding his visit.

"I regret that the invitation to address the special joint session of Congress has been perceived by some to be political or partisan," Netanyahu wrote in a letter to Sens. Dick Durbin of Illinois and Dianne Feinstein of California. "I can assure you that my sole intention in accepting it was to voice Israel's grave concerns" about a nuclear deal with Iran.

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from the Waco community that help with food, maintenance and sustainability.

"The zoo is basically a great outdoor classroom, a wonderful place for education and is hugely important for conservation," Cox said. "The animals that are born in

zoos represent their wild counterparts and are the ambassadors for their counterparts. When people visit zoos they are not only learning about these animals, but are helping with their conservation efforts in the wild."

The are more than 16 different

animals available for "adoption." Some include orangutans, Ocelots, Komodo Dragons, African Elephants and Sumatran Tigers.

With a \$25 donation, participants receive a certificate, an animal fact sheet and a photo of their chosen adopted animal. Those who

donate \$50 get the previously mentioned items along with a stuffed animal. Those who donate \$100 get all the items mentioned in the \$25 and \$50 donations plus a behind the scenes look at their adopted animal with a zookeeper.

"When people get to have a be-

hind the scenes look at the animals it's very enlightening to them and they are able to see the bond the animals and the keepers have with each other," Cox said.

Cox said this educational opportunity allows a closer look into the lives of some of the most be-

loved animals at the Cameron Park Zoo, all while contributing to their upkeep and preservation. She said it helps zookeepers to care for the animals in a stress-free way.

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plans on being available through Skype and video conferencing for students, and by uploading video lectures, PowerPoints, practice quizzes and e-textbooks online for students to access.

"My role is to help them [faculty] implement the best practices, effective flowing course design, and put together a high quality course that focuses on creating engaging online learning environments," Solis said.

Data and feedback from faculty and students on their experiences with online courses will be collected during the first two years of the project.

Houston senior Jordan Louis took a summer online environmental science class at McLennan Community College but she said ran into uncooperative professors who were not connected to their students.

Louis said she would have

taken an online class at Baylor if it had been offered at the time.

"Baylor has standards so it would be easier, especially if you're doing study abroad," Louis said.

While Louis likes the idea of Baylor offering online summer courses, Denver sophomore Allison Maus said she would not take Baylor's online courses for financial reasons.

"I would take online classes with my job over the summer, but

I'd do it at a community college because it would be cheaper and less rigorous," Maus said. "I want to take classes here, but I can't."

Summer 2015 tuition will be \$3,408 for a three-hour credit course.

Students like Maus will have to consider the cost and inability to use financial aid during the summer when choosing whether to take these courses.

Burleson senior Garrett Gray

said he likes the idea of online courses and thinks Baylor should add even more courses.

"I think it's a good idea because you don't have to worry about transferring hours that way," Gray said.

Because the courses will be taught online, Riley said Baylor would be able to reach more students and allow them to continue their education even when not on campus.

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to occasionally preach at churches when time allows.

The dean-to-be said he is determined to continue publishing while performing his other duties as dean.

Still is currently under contract to write a reading of 1-2 Corinthians for The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge publishing.

He is married to Carolyn, a 1990 Baylor graduate.

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Reid, after a closed-door meeting with fellow Democrats, said it was important to swiftly send the bill to the House. He said, "We look forward to working with our Republican colleagues in the next 24 hours to get this done. All eyes now shift to the House of Representatives as soon as we pass our clean funding bill."

House Speaker John Boehner declined repeatedly to say what he would recommend to his conservative, fractious rank-and-file if the funding bill clears the Republican-controlled Senate.

"I'm waiting for the Senate to act. The House has done their job," he said after a closed-door meeting of the rank-and-file. Even so, lawmakers were told to be prepared to spend the weekend in the Capitol to resolve the issue.

Boehner and McConnell were to meet on the issue.

Timing for congressional action was still unclear, with fierce opponents in both the House and Senate and uncertainty about whether the bill could be completed before the Friday midnight deadline. The possibility of a rare weekend congressional session loomed.

Republican Rep. Pete King of New York predicted a stand-alone

spending measure would clear the House if it first passed the Senate. Yet he acknowledged that was not the preferred course of action for most Republicans, and there was ample evidence of that.

Rep. Tim Huelskamp, R-Kan., said there was scant support expressed inside a House GOP meeting for what he termed a "surrender plan."

Another frequent Republican rebel, Rep. Matt Salmon of Arizona, said Boehner would find himself on "very thin ice" if he relied primarily on Democratic votes to pass a DHS funding bill stripped of provisions to roll back immigration directives that President Barack Obama issued in 2012 and last year.

House Republicans reacted as the administration stepped up the pressure on the GOP to fund an agency with major anti-terrorism responsibilities.

DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson said that without legislation to set new spending levels, there would be no money for new initiatives such as "border security on the southern border." He also said disaster relief payments "would grind to a halt."

Officials have said that more than 85 percent of the agency's



Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., center talks to reporters Wednesday on Capitol Hill in Washington, as Senate Democrats and Republicans headed to their party caucus meetings to discuss the homeland security funding.

work force — 200,000 out of 230,000 employees— would continue to work even if the funding were not approved, because they are deemed essential for the protection of human life and property.

That includes front-line workers at the Customs and Border Patrol, the Secret Service and the Transportation Security Administration.

Johnson also said a short-term extension would be problematic and that inadequate funding after

Friday's midnight deadline would deal the department a substantial blow.

"It's like trying to drive across country on no more than five gallons of gas at a time and you don't know when the next gas station is

going to appear," he said.

For his part, Obama arranged to deliver an immigration-related speech later Wednesday in Miami, home to a large immigrant population.

McConnell's proposal envisioned two separate votes, one on a bill to fund the Homeland Security Department, and the other to overturn Obama's recent executive actions sparing millions of immigrants in this country illegally from deportation.

Yet with a partial shutdown set to trigger at midnight Friday without congressional action, options were few for Republicans who won full control of Congress in November's midterm elections in part on promises to block Obama's immigration policies.

They could allow the agency's funding to expire, violating their leaders' promises that there would be no more shutdowns on the GOP watch. They could try to pass a short-term extension of current funding levels, postponing the conflict to another day. Or they could go along with McConnell's strategy of funding the agency fully while registering their disapproval of Obama's immigration policies with a separate vote.

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Singer Lady Gaga will join the cast of FX's "American Horror Story" for its fifth season.

Gaga joins 'Horror Story' cast

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NEW YORK — TV is Lady Gaga's new platform: After an impressive performance at the Oscars, the singer announced she will join the cast of "American Horror Story."

FX confirmed Wednesday that the pop star will join the fifth season of the hit series, which returns in October. No details were provided.

Gaga tweeted a horror flick-inspired video of herself in a mask. She said the name of the show's new season is "American Horror Story Hotel."

The 28-year-old Grammy-winning singer starred in the 2013 film "Machete Kills." She earned rave reviews for her performance honoring "The Sound of Music" at Sunday's Academy Awards.

Her tour with Tony Bennett kicks off April 23 in Austin, Texas.

Ensembles to jazz up Baylor campus

BY ALLIE MATHERNE
REPORTER

Baylor University's two jazz ensembles, the Baylor Jazz Ensemble and the Concert Jazz Ensemble, will team up with world famous trumpet player Vince Dimartino in a free concert tonight.

Alex Parker, senior lecturer in jazz studies, will conduct both groups tonight.

"This is one of the first times that both jazz bands will be featured in a concert together," McKinney senior Daniel Gerona said.

Gerona, a member of the Baylor Jazz Ensemble, said the band is unique because it plays a variety of genres within jazz.

"We play things performed in the 1940s, present day and everything

in between," Parker said. "If you go to New York [to see jazz], these are the songs they'll be playing."

Parker said the students are professional and perform at a high level.

Parker said he thinks it would be beneficial for other Baylor students to attend the concert and see the talent possessed by their peers.

"We're really excited to have a world-class musician with us," Gerona said.

Vince Dimartino will add a new level of professionalism to the group, Gerona said.

Dimartino's career includes serving as president and vice president of The International Trumpet Guild as well as traveling around the country as a soloist.

"He is an outstanding trumpet player," Parker said.



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The Baylor Jazz Ensemble (above) and the Concert Jazz Ensemble will perform in a free concert at 7:30 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall. The groups will be joined by world famous trumpet player Vince Dimartino.



TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

A judge has added 125 hours to Lindsay Lohan's 2012 court-ordered community service.

Lohan's service hours increase by 125

BY SARAH PARVINI
LOS ANGELES TIMES (TNS)

LOS ANGELES — Lindsay Lohan had young people "shadow" her while she was in London working on a play and logged it as community service. Now a judge has tacked on 125 hours of service for the actress.

The court and prosecutors "had a problem with some of the work shadowing," said Lohan's attorney, Shawn Holley. "They didn't want to hear more about how that played out."

Judge Mark Young's decision Wednesday means the actress will not be able to

put a period to her probation in March but will have it extended for another three months so she has time to complete the extra 125 hours.

Lohan was ordered to perform 240 hours of community service as part of a plea deal she made after she was convicted in 2012 of reckless driving. Her Porsche rear-ended a truck on Pacific Coast Highway, and Lohan denied after the accident that she was behind the wheel. The decision was made behind closed doors, and the judge made a brief announcement in court following his decision. A proceeding will be held March 12 to decide how Lohan can complete the

community service in an acceptable way. Holley said Wednesday that her client doesn't have a problem with the added community service hours.

"She's enjoying doing community service," Holley said. "Her passion is really working with kids ... and kids really respond to her."

In March 2013, Lohan made a plea deal that included 90 days in a rehabilitation facility and 18 months in psychotherapy. She had faced one misdemeanor count each of reckless driving, providing false information to a police officer and willfully resisting, obstructing or delaying an officer.

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- 22 Gore, once
- 23 Jeweler's movie role?
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- 31 Delta deposit
- 32 False flattery
- 34 Robbins' ice cream partner
- 36 ER personnel
- 39 Horse trainer's movie role?
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- 28 Italian tourist attraction
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- 35 Verizon competitor
- 36 Unruly groups
- 37 The Lord, in Lourdes
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Junior running Silas Nacita gets a handoff during Baylor's 60-14 win over Kansas on Nov. 1. Nacita was dismissed from the program on Wednesday.

'Salsa Nacho' dismissed from Baylor football

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor football junior running back Silas Nacita has been removed from the program for receiving improper benefits, according to a statement from Baylor athletic director Ian McCaw.

Nacita is not on the Bears' spring roster and did not participate in any practice this week with the team. The news was released on Wednesday afternoon confirming the reports.

"Silas Nacita will not be a part of the football program moving forward due to rules violations that impact his eligibility," McCaw said in a statement. "We appreciate his contributions to Baylor football and wish him well as he completes his studies."

Some confusion occurred after Nacita made a statement via Twitter early Wednesday morning. The Bakersfield, Calif., native said a close family friend insisted on helping him with living expenses after he was unable to make ends meet, causing him to couch surf while taking online classes at McLennan Community College.

He said that it was the decision of the NCAA to rule him ineligible.

"Because I accepted that offer instead of choosing to be homeless, I am no longer eligible to play football and pursue my dream. I had no idea I was breaking any rules, but I respect the decision of the NCAA," Nacita wrote on his Twitter account.

After the tweet was posted, fans rushed to their respective social media outlets to show their opinions of the ruling. After several

hours, the official NCAA twitter account released a statement denying any claim of ineligibility.

The Twitter statement said: "The NCAA did not declare Silas Nacita ineligible and Baylor has not requested a waiver for him."

Head coach Art Briles addressed the situation on Wednesday afternoon before spring practice but did not provide any more in-depth explanations of the situation. Before starting the team's second practice, Briles voiced his concern of Nacita's removal.

"It kind of snowballed in on us within the last week or so," Briles said. "Hopefully there will be a remedy. I don't know what it is right now unfortunately, but hopefully it will be a chance for him to continue his dream. He's a team member. If you're a part of our team, you're a part of our family."

No further information has been given on the decision, and Briles said the decision ultimately does not come from his department. However, he did say Nacita would be welcomed back if the issues were resolved.

"This situation is handled through compliance, it's not handled through the football department," Briles said. "If he's eligible, he'll be back; this is out of our control."

During the 2014 season, Nacita rushed for 191 yards and three touchdowns as he became a fan favorite, performing at both running back and on special teams. "Thanks to an errant autocorrect, Nacita became known by the nickname 'Salsa Nacho.'"

Lariat sports editor Shehan Jeyarajah contributed to this report.

BU knocks wind out of Cyclones

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

No. 19 Baylor men's basketball used a big second half run to pull away and defeat No. 12 Iowa State 79-70 on Wednesday night at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa.

The win was the first ever victory for the Bears in Ames; they were previously 0-for-12 against the Cyclones on the road. Also, the Cyclones' last conference loss at home that wasn't to the Kansas Jayhawks was on Jan. 11, 2012.

Five Baylor players scored in double-digits in the historical win. Junior forward Taurean Prince scored 20 points and seven rebounds, senior Kenny Chery had 15 points and seven assists, junior guard Lester Medford had 12, and senior forward Royce O'Neale and junior forward Rico Gathers each contributed 10.

O'Neale started out the game with a three-pointer on the left side to put the Bears up 3-0 early in the first half. The Cyclones and Bears would fight it out for a majority of the first half, but Iowa State would take an early two-point advantage after the Bears turned over the ball on four of five of their possessions during that time period.

Medford got Baylor back on pace with three three-pointers during the first half, and with a Chery three-point shot and four points from freshman forward Johnathan Motley, the Bears walked into the locker room with a 40-37 halftime lead over the Cyclones.

Just like the first meeting this year, the Bears got off to a sluggish start in the second half, allowing the Cyclones to use their home court advantage with the help of power forward Georges Niang and Jameel McKay. The



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Senior point guard Kenny Chery goes up for a shot during No. 19 Baylor's 79-70 win against Iowa State on Wednesday. The win was the first ever for Baylor at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa.

Cyclones were all smiles after McKay slammed the ball in to force a Baylor timeout, but the Bears didn't look startled.

After the Cyclones had a 60-54 lead over the Bears with 9:03 to go in the game, the Bears pulled ahead with an 18-4 run fueled by six three-pointers from three Baylor players. That run pushed the Bears out in front, and the lead was theirs for the rest of the night.

Iowa State looked lost on offense, and the

Bears' defense shut down the transition offense on the other side of the court to maintain the lead.

O'Neale scored four points before Niang hit two free throws on the other side. Chery's two free throws put the game out of reach for the Cyclones, sealing the 79-70 win in Ames.

The Bears return home to host No. 20 West Virginia at 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon. The blackout game will air on ESPNU.

No. 25 Baseball wins third-straight game

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

No. 25 Baylor baseball extended its winning streak to three games after an 8-4 win at Baylor Ballpark Wednesday night against Northwestern State. Freshman pitcher Theron Kay pitched five innings and allowed zero runs.

"Not a whole lot [was working], to be honest," Kay said. "It was a little bit of a struggle. I had C-stuff today, but it was really nice have my defense behind me. They made some plays to get me out of some innings. The way they play just takes an immense pressure of pitcher, knowing that you've got guys can play behind you like that."

Smith had nothing but praises for Kay in the postgame.

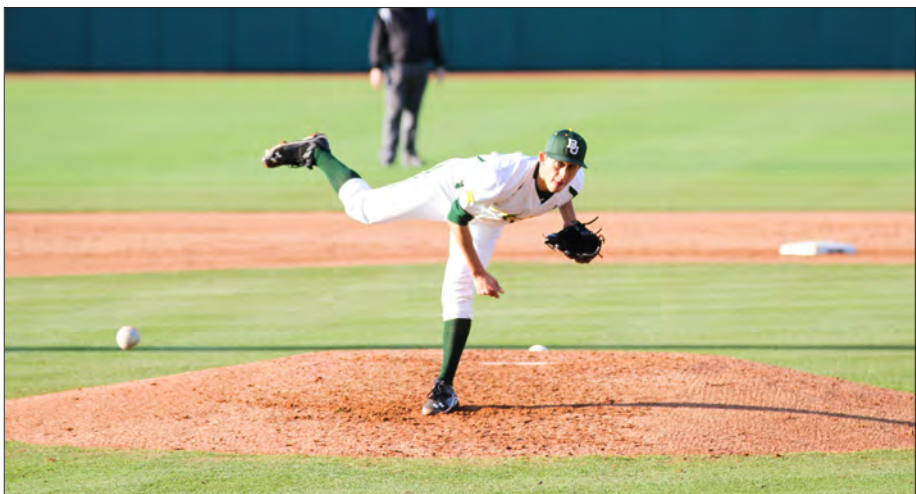
"[Kay] went 5 innings without having his best stuff which is impressive, particularly out of a freshman," Smith said.

Good weather was hard to come by for Baylor in its past few games at Baylor Ballpark. Head coach Steve Smith linked the weather as a contributing factor to the Bears' lack of offense in last week's game against Dallas Baptist University.

Wednesday morning's snow completely covered the diamond and outfield at Baylor Ballpark. By the time the afternoon came, temperatures dropped and the snow melted away, making for excellent weather conditions at Baylor Ballpark Wednesday evening.

The skies were clear, but it was far from a clean game for Northwestern State. Errors from NSU's defense gifted the Bears some bases and Baylor's offense capitalized on the opportunity.

Baylor had control of the game from the first inning thanks to a throwing error on a double steal plated senior outfielder Logan



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Junior pitcher Theron Kay pitches during BU's 8-4 win over Northwestern State on Wednesday.

Brown, making it 1-0.

Freshman catcher Cameron Miller, who has been in place of injured senior catcher Matt Menard since the beginning of the season, was responsible for nearly half of Baylor's total runs scored. Miller went 3-for-4 with three RBI doubles.

"[Miller's] bat speaks for itself, and he works extremely hard behind the plate," Smith said.

Miller's first hit came in the fourth inning, bringing sophomore first baseman Aaron Dodson home to extend the lead to two runs. It looked much like a replay of the fourth inning when Miller cracked another RBI double to right center, batting in Dodson and freshman infielder Kameron Esthay to make it 5-0 for the Bears.

Junior shortstop Justin Arrington helped add to Baylor's lead in the sixth inning after his single to center field saw freshman third baseman Jonathan Ducoff run in for the Bears'

sixth run of the evening. Just a few moments later, Esthay followed up Arrington's RBI with a single to right field. Brown and Arrington scored on Esthay's single thanks a throwing error on NSU.

Baylor dangled an 8-0 lead over Northwestern State in the seventh inning. The deficit proved to be insurmountable, but the Demons ended up cutting the lead in half in the seventh inning. Pitching changes from the Bears ended up costing them a couple runs. Freshman pitcher Kyle Ott quickly gave up two hits and a run. Senior pitcher Joe Kirkland replaced Ott and gave up two runs.

Senior closer Sean Spicer stepped on the mound for the ninth inning and successfully ended the game for the Bears.

The Bears take their first road trip this weekend with a series against Cal-State Fullerton with a doubleheader on Friday and the finale on Saturday.

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