

Baylor men's tennis player climbs to top ranking

No. 1 junior Julian Lenz pushes himself and his teammates to continued success.

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Honest Men, a local band, will perform at Diadeloso on Tuesday. Check out the A&E section for a rundown on this year's Day of the Bear.

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In the running for...

Student Body President

For more:

The Lariat editorial board sat down with each candidate this week. Candidates shared their goals, platforms and qualifications for the positions during their interviews. Check out our video coverage online at baylorlariat.com.

Also:

The Lariat endorsed one candidate for student body president. Find out who on page 2.

STORY BY SHANNON BARBOUR REPORTER

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Pearson Brown

Houston junior Pearson Brown, junior class senator, is running for student body president this spring.

Brown said he has learned a lot during his time in student government, and is ready to run for student body president on a platform of "ignite, launch and soar."

"Ignite deals with helping to make Baylor more affordable," Brown said. "Launch deals with your time at Baylor. To graduate closer to Christ than you were when you

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Lawren Kinghorn

Katy senior Lawren Kinghorn, student body internal vice president, has been in student government since her freshman year and hopes to become the next student body president.

Kinghorn plans on bringing big changes Baylor's campus.

"I have four different initiatives on my platform, and the first one revolves around scholarships," said Kinghorn. "My second initiative revolves around entrepreneurship.

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James Porter

Frisco sophomore James Porter is pushing for a safer, more connected campus in his campaign to become student body president.

"Be safe, be proud, be connected," Porter said. "Be safe is an off campus initiative. I don't think a single one of us can agree that the off campus living infrastructure is really where it should be. It's not necessarily safe. Be connected is a jobs initiative. Be proud of your organization, be proud of student life

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Internal Vice President



Lindsey Bacque

Port Barre, La., sophomore Lindsey Bacque, sophomore senator and public relations committee chair, is running for internal vice president.

"Invest in the youngest members of student government," Bacque said. "We need growing years, and I'm prepared to do that."

Bacque said she wants to prepare the younger members to run student government once the upperclassmen leave.

Bacque said she wants to work on relationships within student government to

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External Vice President



Steven Newcomb

Houston sophomore Steven Newcomb, chief of staff, is running for student body external vice president.

Along with his plans to grow Waco businesses by creating incentives for students get involved in the community, Newcomb wants to repave campus roads and advocate on behalf of the student body.

Newcomb said he hopes to increase Baylor's connection to the community and areas like Austin and Washington, D.C.

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DIADELOSO 2015

Main Stage

Zumba: 9:00am-9:30am

Latin Dance Society: 10:30am-11:00am

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Max Major: 12:30pm-1:30pm

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Nico & Vinz: 8:00pm-9:30pm

Steppin' Out to turn 30

By AMANDA HAYES REPORTER

Saturday marks the 30th anniversary of Steppin' Out, and Rebecca Langford, a member of the external committee for the event, said the Baylor community will serve Waco, rain or shine.

The committee is keeping an eye on weather conditions, but service at the indoor sites will continue regardless, Langford said. The decision on whether or not the outdoor events will be postponed or cancelled, will be announced on the event's social media accounts at noon on Friday.

Steppin' Out is a program that provides service to the greater Waco community, by coordinating volunteer service days once each semester. It is one of the largest community service projects on American college campuses and is nationally recognized for its commitment to service, according to its website.

This semester, the program is partnering with environmental nonprofit Keep Waco Beautiful to host a Trash-Off from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pecan Bottoms.

Keep Waco Beautiful program director Ashley Millerd said under the leadership of student director Tyler Couch, the event has been more organized this year, compared to past years. Event coordinators have a better idea of what to expect, Millerd said, and they anticipate about 500 volunteers at the Trash-Off.

Millerd said Keep Waco Beautiful normally helps clean the Brazos River or donates supplies to Steppin' Out, but will operate from six locations this year.

"This past fall at Steppin' Out, we picked up 13 tons of trash," Millerd said. "I would

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KEVIN FREEMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

The Society of Women Engineers held an event, Ladies and Legos, Thursday. The event invited female engineers to have fun with legos and listen to a talk about how more women should be encouraged to enter STEM fields.

By REUBIN TURNER AND MADISON MILLER CITY EDITOR AND REPORTER

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Legos link women to STEM related fields

By AMANDA YARGER REPORTER

Lego of your doubt, girls—these toys aren't just for boys.

As part of a nationwide effort by universities to increase the number of women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics related fields, Baylor's School of Engineering and Computer Science received a grant to sponsor "Ladies and Legos" programs this month to attract more women to the school.

Donated by one of the world's leading

oil suppliers, Halliburton, the grant will encourage open dialog among women interested in or involved in science and technology.

Emily Sandvall, assistant director of engineering and computer science initiatives, said Halliburton provided the donation because of the program's intention to recruit women to the fields, among other qualifying criteria.

"I think it's a great chance to build communication," Sandvall said. "This type of

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Senate overrides student body president's veto

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ive" or biased.

"I don't necessarily think it was combative," Bacque said. "The way that some of the things that were interpreted by the commissioner and members of the commission body as a whole, not just one person, were not consistent with what had been done in the past."

San Antonio junior Chase Hardy said during the meeting that he didn't feel like the legislation passed by the Senate was biased, rather it cleared up several misconceptions about the code.

"Every single person in this room looked at this legislation and said 'wow, this is a great idea,' they voted for it, it passed," Hardy said. "Saying that it is somehow biased doesn't make any sense to me."

Other senators suggested that it was not the appropriate time to put this bill into place because of the fact that Baylor is in the midst of elections.

Edwards rebutted in his closing statement that his reasons for vetoing the bill had nothing to do with time or a bias, but because it could infringe upon the integrity of the elections.

In addition to overriding Edwards' veto, the Senate also tabled a measure to consider revisions to the Student Body Constitution.

Old River Winfree freshman Senator Joel Polvado made the motion to suspend the bill indefinitely.

"It took us three years to effectively

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PEARSON BROWN

for *Student Body President*

Editorial

For the 2015-16 student government elections, the Lariat Editorial Board is endorsing Houston junior Pearson Brown for student body president. We believe he will best represent the interests of the student body as student body president.

The board conducted interviews with each of the candidates and heard their platforms and aspirations for student government.

While each of the candidates have well thought out plans, Brown was the only candidate that offered up both specific and broad goals that also align with the mission of Baylor University.

The board believes Brown has a strong understanding of the issues that most concern the student body as evidenced by his platform.

Brown's plan is summarized in three words: Ignite, Launch and Soar. These represent three stages of a typical Baylor student's time during the application process, while on campus and after graduation. Brown has generated a platform that is not only viable, but also applicable to every student at Baylor.

The first step of Brown's plan examines Baylor's affordability. Brown demonstrated a detailed knowledge of Baylor's tuition rates that he has applied to exploring how Baylor can slow tuition increases. Brown understands this isn't a quick fix, but he also knows affordability is something nearly every student, including himself, has to contemplate upon being accepted to Baylor.

To help with affordability, Brown is hoping to establish a scholarship for siblings. When younger siblings attend Baylor, they could pay the same tuition as their older sibling, instead of the normal, higher tuition.

The next step of his plan pertains to student growth on campus. Brown hopes to see future leaders bud and bloom while at Baylor - something we believe is an admirable goal. Brown demonstrated

humility as he told the board about his desire to further God's glory and not his own. This aligns with Baylor's mission as a Christian institute.

Perhaps the most compelling and pertinent part of Brown's campaign deals with helping students soar upon graduating from the university. The final stage of Brown's plan would allow students of all majors and ambitions to meet with professionals and Baylor alumni who are in their respective fields. Through speakers, networking and hiring opportunities, Brown hopes to help guide seniors to know where they're going after graduation.

As a professional sale major in the Hankamer School of Business, Brown realizes the importance networking with individuals in a given career can have on securing a job. Among one of the most impressive plans he presented about opportunities to network, was starting a "career tailgate" at the beginning of each game, that would allow students to connect with alumni in their respective fields. Unlike many networking events and initiatives held by the university, Brown would like to alternate the tailgates between different departments, and not just focus on the business school. This move by Brown would serve to include other departments in the networking circle at an event where several alumni and students could be reached.

A major concern on campus is Baylor's lack of diversity. Through the speakers and alumni he hopes to bring to campus, Brown wants to promote diversity among students and faculty.

As someone who has been involved in student government since freshman year, Brown boasts an impressive resume within the organization. Beginning as a freshman Senator, Brown has worked hard during his tenure in the Senate, and now serves as the chair of the Operations and Procedures Committee and the Senate Pro Tempore. With

a hefty amount of experience from both of these positions, Brown has a working knowledge of the constitution, which will prove useful in the coming legislative year.

Beyond his experience, Brown was without what the board perceives as conflicts within student government. Katy junior Lawren Kinghorn was strengthened by the Student Court trial that found her guilty of violating the student body constitution.

However, it seems as though Kinghorn still has unfortunate ties to drama within the student government. Should she be elected president, this drama will most likely continue.

Frisco sophomore James Porter also shared his frustrations with student government this year and told the board he would work to correct the problems. While we do believe the student government shouldn't consist of people who all agree - nothing would get done otherwise - we do not believe attempting to right the perceived wrongs of this past year should be the goal of the student body president. Porter did have a plan involving safety on campus, a focus on interactions between student government and other organizations and more opportunities to connect with alumni.

These are all great plans and initiatives, but beside Brown's thorough platform, these fade.

The next student body president must be confident in his plan. The plan must be well-rounded and researched. It needs to be grounded in reality. It must impact the student body. And the student body president should be willing to serve.

Porter and Kinghorn each have a few of these qualities.

Brown, however, has them all.

With a solid platform that addresses student concerns and a strong constitutional background, Brown is by far the best candidate for the position of student body president.



Brown

SKYE DUNCAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Don't judge athletes pursuing NBA

The nation's eyes were on college basketball on Monday night as the Duke Blue Devils won their fifth national championship under legendary coach Mike Krzyzewski.

Duke was a one-seed, but received significant contributions from several star freshmen down the stretch. Several, including freshman starters Jahli Okafor, Tyus Jones and Justise Winslow, are expected to take a good hard look at entering the NBA Draft.

And why wouldn't they, after leading Duke to the mountaintop in their first season?

Okafor is virtually guaranteed to be a top-two pick. Winslow is unlikely to fall outside of the top 14 as a versatile wing option. Jones could still decide to return to school, as a borderline first round draft pick, but could feel like he has nothing left to prove at that level.

While there are several young players ready to take the next step for themselves and their families, several are quick to criticize.

Missouri senator Claire McCaskill tweeted: "Congrats to Duke, but I was rooting for team who had stars that are actually going to college & not just doing semester tryout for NBA."

After she received plenty of backlash on Twitter, she followed up with, "To be clear folks, this isn't about the kids, this is about the system. This is about the NCAA/NBA. I don't blame the very tal-



ented athletes."

With all due respect, Senator McCaskill, you just did.

There is no question, the NCAA system is broken. It's true, many players only go to college to gain visibility for the NBA. It's also true, many Wisconsin players will never even glimpse the NBA.

But McCaskill falls into the same logical trap as thousands of fans around the country: blaming talented student-athletes for the shortcomings of the system.

If you're one of the most talented basketball players in the country, there is little incentive for you to return to school. Teams are lining up to guarantee these kids millions of dollars. There's literally an NBA Draft lottery for the right to sign a player of Okafor's caliber.

If a player from Wisconsin had these opportunities, he would take it. Even Wisconsin forward Sam Dekker is con-

sidered likely to leave school early himself.

It's important to remember that there is nothing about these two institutions that defines the students. If any of the aforementioned players wanted to play at Wisconsin, head coach Bo Ryan would have welcomed them with open arms.

Not only that, but we talked about three Duke freshmen likely to leave school: Okafor, Jones and Winslow. There are eight other players on the roster who aren't top draft picks. Are these players somehow not worth rooting for because their teammates are talented?

We can have a conversation all day long about whether Duke is a likable team or not. I enjoyed watching the Blue Devils play, but certainly understand why fans may enjoy rooting against them as a team. Sometimes, it's fun to root against Goliath.

But to try and argue that Duke doesn't deserve to be supported because its players are already talented enough to play at the next level is not only wrong, but ultimately disrespectful to college athletes who have worked their whole life to get to this point.

Don't fault an athlete for doing the right thing for him and his family.

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Baylor Alumni Network drops SeaWorld tradition



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A Baby Orca swims alongside its mother. The Baylor Alumni Network has changed venue for their Summer Trip, planned for SeaWorld initially, because of research of Baylor's values and conviction statement.

By DANE CHRONISTER
REPORTER

The Baylor Alumni Network changed its 2015 traditional Diadeloso summer venue from San Antonio at SeaWorld to Six Flags Fiesta Texas.

The trip will include a reception on June 19 to be held at The Alamo.

The network has also planned a family day to Fiesta Texas on June 20 that will be open for families and other Baylor Alumni.

This all spawned from the efforts of Smith Getterman, assistant director of sustainability and special projects.

Getterman proposed the venue change a year ago after looking into Baylor's values and conviction statement.

"As a Christian university, Baylor is committed to the highest pursuits of scholarship and offers a distinctive voice to global conversations about crucial issues - such as social responsibility, health care, economic growth,

human rights, poverty, diversity, and sustainability - in a way that few others can," the statement reads.

After viewing Blackfish and other species preservation bits himself, Getterman suggested to Derek Stephenson, director of future alumni, young grad and social/global outreach, that a venue change might be a good idea in order for the Baylor community to appreciate all of God's creation.

"I actually took Derek a copy of Blackfish and this other documentary called The Cove, that Outside Magazine did an article over called 'The Killer in the Pool,' which is all about this Orca at SeaWorld, it's treatment and how it ended up killing one of it's trainers," Getterman said.

Getterman said he hopes that others, like Stephens would view Blackfish and these other works to think about the support of SeaWorld themselves.

"We firmly believe all that we talk and preach here, in the

Office of Sustainability about caring for creation," Getterman said. "That means the beasts of the land, the birds of the air and the fish in the sea or in this case mammals."

Houston freshman Erica Thorpe has been a certified scuba diver for seven years and explained her passion for the ocean and everything in it.

"I believe captivity is okay when it comes to providing for animals who need the help, but when you mess with an animals' structure, you mess with their lives," Thorpe said. "Since Baylor is sponsoring this event and holds Christian values we have to remember with that comes human values and we should treat animals the same way we treat people, especially if families are involved."

Getterman echoed that sentiment, by saying we should have respect for all of God's creation. "When we talk about sustainability we are not just talking about energy," Getterman said.

From the police blotter

Wednesday (April 1)

A theft over \$50 under \$500 reportedly occurred at the East Campus Parking Garage located at 246 Daughtrey Ave. sometime between 6:00 p.m. on 3-30-15 and 7:40 a.m. 4-01-15. Case suspended.

A criminal mischief under \$50 reportedly occurred at Penland Hall located at 1110 S. 5th St. at 2 a.m. Case suspended.

Thursday (April 2)

A criminal trespass offense occurred in the 1300 blk of S. 3rd Street near Moody Library at 10:15 p.m. on this date. Case cleared by arrest.

Wednesday (April 8)

An alcohol offense, minor consuming alcohol, occurred at the East Campus Parking Garage located at 246 Daughtrey Ave. at 4:08 a.m. on this date. Case cleared by arrest.

Saturday (April 4)

A criminal mischief over \$500 under \$1500 reportedly occurred at the Floyd Casey Stadium located at 150 Bear Run at 2:10 p.m. on this date. Case suspended.



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The Subtle Sermon

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started. The second part of that, of launch, is leadership development. How come not all Baylor seniors know where they're going this time next year? Every senior should know where they're going. Working more with the Baylor alumni network and career and professional services, incorporating them more."

Brown said he would like to bring in more prospective students through tuition changes, more entertainment activities on campus and increased interaction between students, alumni and students to help students enjoy their time at Baylor and succeed once they graduate.

"Bring kids in, build kids up and then send them out into the world," is Brown's goal as the next student body president.

Kinghorn from Page 1

The third initiative is a new student union building. My last initiative revolves around McLane Stadium."

Kinghorn said she wants to give more scholarships to current high-achieving students in addition to improving connections between students and alumni.

Bringing in a new student union building and using McLane Stadium as a concert venue for artists like Taylor Swift are also on Kinghorn's agenda as student body president.

"The life lessons that I've learned in the past three years have really aided me and prepared me to be in this position. I think I have the connections as well as the strength to be able to hold that position."

Porter from Page 1

and be proud of the fact that you're a Baylor student."

Porter said he hopes to move up from his current position as sophomore class senator and work closely with Baylor administration, students and the city of Waco to decrease traffic incidents and have open dialogues.

Porter said he would like to increase interaction between student government and students through student polling and interaction between students and alumni by establishing more mentorships, internships and jobs.

"How I would see the following year progress if I was the student body president is I think there needs to be more so of an open conversation," Porter said. "I do know and I do hope that next year there is an ability where there will be more conversation between the students and the student body, the students and The Lariat!"

Bacque from Page 1

better serve the campus.

"Rebuilding, reforming and revitalizing," Bacque said. "The first thing we're going to need to do is rebuild relationships among three branches of student government and with administration of the university. Reform the way senate itself operates. Reform the legislature. Reform the bylaws. The way we carry out processes to make sure that it's the quickest way, that we have the student's best interest in mind. And the third thing is revitalizing the drive of student senate and this is really the overarching goal for my year."

Newcomb from Page 1

"There are three main initiatives that I'd like to see out," Newcomb said. "And there's one that undergirds the entire administration. The first is to create student discounts throughout the city of Waco. The second one is to improve infrastructure surrounding campus, roads are a huge complaint of the Baylor community. The third one is to improve governmental relations. Undergirding all of it is to make sure that everyone is represented."

StuGov from Page 1

have conversation about, create, develop and revise essentially pass the mission, vision and values," Polvado said. "If it took us three years to create the mission, vision and values, and it took us nine hours to revise the supreme governing document of the entire student body, I couldn't do that in good conscious."

During his discussion of the veto, Edwards mentioned that Senate members passed things carelessly without fully reading and understanding what they were passing. Polvado felt the same way about the revisions to the constitution.

"Seventy-five percent of senators probably have not read a single change to that constitution," Polvado said.

Polvado said this shouldn't be a nine hour conversation, but rather a year long conversation with a committee.

Steppin from Page 1

love if we could even do it more than twice a year."

Miller said all the locations will be outside, so she is hoping to continue with the set plans or see them rescheduled soon. The organization benefits from volunteers, Miller said. Volunteer information can be found at www.keepwacobeautiful.com.

Langford said changes were made to make this year's registration process more organized. Langford said the biggest change was moving all the information to an on-line program called OrgSync, and removing the paperwork involved when organizations

register for the event.

Langford said OrgSync streamlines communication and allows organization members to pick the sites where they want to work, and sign up on their own.

This gives students control over what they sign up for, Langford said, and gives them a choice in the process rather than having someone else assign them a job.

"Steppin' Out bridges the gap between the Waco community and Baylor students," Langford said "It helps us get out of our 'Baylor Bubble.'"

Lego from Page 1

project is a great time to talk about what type of biases they are facing. Why is that and how can we change the culture?"

Women currently represent a minority within all STEM sectors, with only 12 percent in the engineering field, according to an American Association of University Women report last month.

Adding women to the STEM fields has been a national focus as well, Sandvall said.

The White House partnered with the Office of Science and Technology Policy to assist efforts in encouraging women and girls to join science-related fields.

Houston Junior Nhat Hoang said working as a physics major has been empowering.

Although Hoang said she doesn't focus on the issue of her field mostly being male, she has experienced levels of discrimination during her education.

Despite this, Hoang said Baylor's STEM classes are an asset because of the encouragement they provide.

In addition to last evening's "Ladies and Legos session," another session will be held on April 21, and is open to all women undergraduate STEM majors.

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The exotic petting zoo, present at last year's Diadeloso, will return for this year's festivities.

Dia kicks off Tuesday

By REBECCA FLANNERY
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday marks Baylor's annual holiday and everyone's favorite excuse to wear tank tops: Diadeloso.

The festivities kick off at 9 a.m. with Zumba on Fountain Mall and the Baylor Fun Run which will include foam, paint and an obstacle course. It all ends after the free concert at 7 p.m., featuring the musical duo, Nico and Vinz, in Waco Hall.

Free tickets for the concert will be available for pickup during Diadeloso at the SUB ticket office.

Brentwood, Tenn., junior Kellie Fawcett said she's most looking forward to the activities in Fountain Mall and the food trucks coming to Baylor's campus.

"The food vendors were my favorite part of Dia last year," Fawcett said. "Also, I'm pumped for the exotic pets to come back."

The food truck vendors will be scattered along Fountain Mall during the day. The Vanilla Bean Bake Shoppe, Dave's Burger Barn, Co-Town Crepes, Lard Have Mercy, The Mix STREETeats and Kona-Ice will all be in attendance, according to the Diadeloso website.

Magician and mentalist, Max

Major, will make a reappearance this year, as well as the exotic animal booth. Included in the exotic animal booth could be hedgehogs, ferrets, skinny pigs and hairless rats, according to the Critters Exotic Pets website.

"This is my third year performing at Dia and it's something I look forward to every time," Major said. "I've been working for the past six months on a new interactive show so I'm excited to debut it at Baylor."

Major said his show this year will require the help of some in the audience, who he will transfer his mind-reading ability to so they may read each other's minds.

"I really want people in the crowd to take the spotlight," Major said.

Other attractions include a carnival put on by several student organizations and performances in the SUB Bowl starting at 10 a.m.

Teams signed up prior to Diadeloso will be competing in basketball, bowling, sand volleyball, tug of war and ultimate Frisbee throughout the day.

Registration can be completed on the Diadeloso website at www.baylor.edu/diadeloso/.

A full schedule of events can also be found on the website.



COURTESY PHOTO

Local band to take stage at Dia

By CALEB LUDRICK
CONTRIBUTOR

After the audience flocked to the stage during its performance, the band Honest Men was awarded First Place, the People's Choice award and the opportunity to perform at Diadeloso – and no one would have guessed it was their first show after only one practice.

Honest Men will perform at Diadeloso, on the main stage in Fountain Mall, which was awarded based on their standout performance and victory at Baylor's Battle of the Bands in March.

The event is hosted by Baylor each year for bands comprised of Baylor students to compete against each other. Each band is required to play two original songs and one cover. The competing bands ranged from an acoustic trio to a heavy metal band.

Student Union assistant director Jordy Dickey, who coordinated the Battle of the Bands, said Honest Men won awards for crowd response, vocal and musical and the quality of their original material.

"Honest Men also had a fresh sound that really captured the attention of the audience," Dickey

said.

Honest Men consists of Waco freshman Seth Findley; Longview senior Brooks Whitehurst; Waterford, Va., junior Zach Solomon; and Kildeer, Ill., senior Moses Chun.

The band's sound has been compared to Coldplay, Colony House and Mutemath.

The band stemmed from the previous musical endeavors of Findley, who released his own album in the fall of 2014. Findley, the band's lead singer and songwriter, said his real desire was to be in an actual band, leading him to recruit the other members.

"That's where the idea of Honest Men came in; a group of guys that love God, love each other, and make really good music that can be played live and eventually recorded," Findley said.

While not an explicitly Christian band, faith plays a large role in Honest Men's songwriting and goals, Findley said. All of the

members have experience performing in worship bands, and hope to glorify God by being as creative as possible with their music.

"We try to stretch our musical and lyrical creativity with each song we write. Our songs all have themes of hope and in some way point back to God," Findley said. "They're about stories of old. They're about friends. They're about happy times. They're about hard times. They're about current struggles. They're about good and they're about evil. In the end, all our songs give a clear message of hope."

Being a new band has provided some challenge for the members, primarily with songwriting, said Whitehurst, the band's lead guitarist.

"I think we're still figuring out how song writing is going to work for us," Whitehurst said. "All of us write songs, but so far the core of most of our songs are written by Seth since the band is kind of his

own brainchild, and only about a month old."

Findley said most of the songwriting comes about pretty quick once he has an idea for a song.

"Those ideas come to me at the most random times, like when I walk to class or am writing a paper, or am driving in my car, or am using the restroom," Findley said. "I'll take my phone out and record the melody or beat that's in my head, then grab a guitar, dish out the chords, refine the melody, and add lyrics."

Findley said he looks forward to the opportunity they have to perform these songs at Dia.

"We will be rehearsing as often as we can for Dia in the coming days, learning and rehearsing new songs that are sure to entertain and inspire," Findley said.

Findley said with Dia being their first full-length show, the chance to perform is both exciting and intimidating, and they are making sure to practice as much as possible.

Whitehurst said he agrees.

"I'm really excited for Dia," Whitehurst said. "We're working out little fingers to the bone rehearsing."

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A group performs during the 2013 StompFest. The annual step show competition between campus organizations is tonight at 7 p.m. in Waco Hall. FILE PHOTO

StompFest takes campus by storm

By BRESHA PIERCE
REPORTER

Campus will be shaken up tonight with the help of Student Productions, Zeta Phi Beta and some stepping students.

StompFest which began in 2001, is a step show featuring Baylor Greek life and other organizations. "Stepping" is a historical form of storytelling that is widely performed by organizations in the National Pan-Hellenic Council, said Round Rock sophomore India Fordham.

The event is a collaboration between Student Activities and Zeta Phi Beta sorority, said Fordham,

the sorority's executive producer. "This year has had so much work put into it," Fordham said. "I could not be more proud, especially because of the fact my organization has put on Stompfest for so many years and that it's always evolving and every year it just gets better and better."

StompFest helps raise funds for different causes.

"The money profited goes to our philanthropy, sickle cell anemia," said Blakeslee, Pa., junior

Brauna Marks. Last year, \$2,000 was raised for the cause through ticket sales, said Marks, Zeta Phi Beta public relations chair.

Zeta Phi Beta members recruit step coaches to train each team for the event, which are split into two divisions — greek life and independent organizations.

The theme for this year's event is "World Tour," which will give teams the option to pick a location around the world and base their

act around it. "Our teams are very creative with their music and costumes depending on the location they have decided to use," Marks said.

The winner of each division will win prize money to benefit the group's philanthropy of choice. Several awards will be presented including first and second places in each division, people's choice, captain of the year and overall winner.

Fordham said she has high expectations for the step show.

"I'm excited to see the show, and I'm excited for the public to see the creations of these organizations," Fordham said.

UT fraternity hazing haunts 'Mad Men' star

By PAUL J. WEBER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN, Texas — "Mad Men" star Jon Hamm took part in a violent college hazing in 1990 at the University of Texas that led to criminal charges and to the fraternity chapter permanently disbanding, according to court and school records obtained Thursday.

The Emmy-nominated actor had not previously been publicly linked to a lawsuit filed by a Sigma Nu pledge who said he was severely beaten, dragged by a hammer and had his pants lit on fire. In the 1991 lawsuit, the pledge said Hamm participated "till the very end."

Criminal records show Hamm, now 44, was charged with hazing and received probation. A separate charge of assault was dismissed.

Representatives for Hamm and "Mad Men" creator Matthew Weiner did not respond to requests for comment Thursday. The case resurfaced just as "Mad Men" begins airing its final season on AMC.

According to the lawsuit, Hamm became "mad, I mean really mad" after the 20-year-old

Sigma Nu pledge failed to recite things he was supposed to memorize about Hamm and other fraternity members.

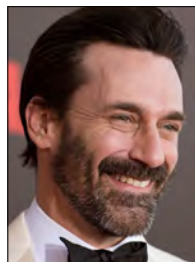
The pledge, Mark Allen Sanders, said Hamm went on to set his jeans on fire, shove his face in dirt and strike him with a paddle.

"He rears back and hits me left-handed, and he hit me right over my right kidney, I mean square over it," Sanders said in the lawsuit.

Sanders said he needed medical care and withdrew from the school. Court records show the lawsuit was dismissed in 1993. Attempts to reach Sanders were unsuccessful Thursday, and his former attorney did not return a message.

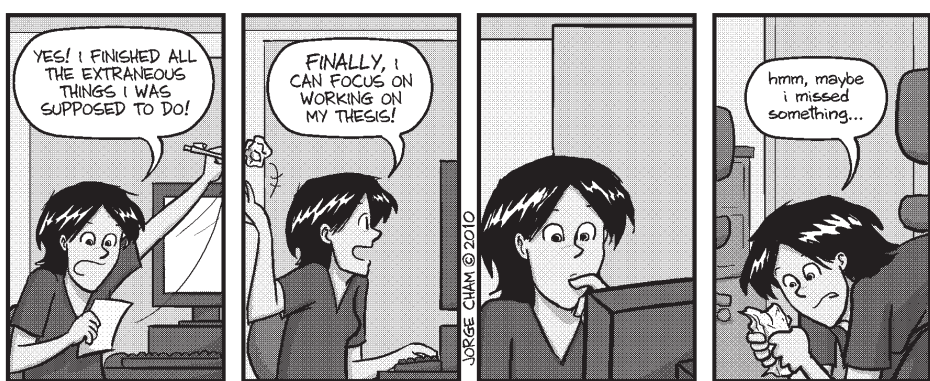
Four other fraternity members were charged and pleaded no contest to misdemeanor hazing charges. The Sigma Nu chapter was shut down and never reopened on campus.

University records show Hamm arrived on campus in the fall of 1989 and left after the same semester in which the hazing took place. In a 2008 interview with W Magazine, Hamm said he left school his sophomore year after his father died and he returned to his home state of Missouri.



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- 44 Fanatic
- 47 One-up
- 48 Time zone word: Abbr.
- 51 Buddhist branch
- 52 "Great" 1975 Redford role
- 56 Free-for-all
- 57 Savanna heavyweight
- 58 Skinny, so to speak, or what's hidden in 18-, 23-, 37- and 52-Across
- 63 Lined up, with "in"
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Confidence. Dominance.

No. 1 Julian Lenz brings gritty talent to tennis program

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

When junior Julian Lenz tosses a tennis ball in the air to serve, there is a significant amount of pressure. He sits at the top of the lineup for the second-ranked Baylor men's tennis team, and the Bears depend on him.

The No. 1-ranked Lenz is the top-ranked player in NCAA men's tennis, but with every honor comes a price.

"It's much easier for people to play me because they don't have to lose anything," Lenz said. "I'm trying to stay up there (in the rankings) of course, so I'm trying to win every possible match and that's the only goal."

The Grünberg, Germany native entered the season as the No. 1 player, but he has moved up and down the rankings throughout the season. In that time, he's knocked off Mackenzie McDonald of UCLA and Virginia's Ryan Shane, both of which were ranked No. 2 at the time. The talented junior has only lost two matches during the 2015 season, and he isn't letting those setbacks get in the way of improving his game.

"You have to improve your game as much as possible, and that's what I'm trying to do," Lenz said. "I'm trying to play my best tennis at the end of the season."

Every play by Lenz has heart, from the moment the ball touches the racquet until the point is decided. His style of game is oriented around his capability of controlling his physical and emotional mentality. That is what makes him a dynamic player, head coach Matt Knoll said.

"We recruited Julian and told him that this is exactly what we



CODY SOTO | LARIAT SPORTS WRITER

No. 1 junior Julian Lenz looks on as he prepares for a matchup at the Hurd Tennis Center. The Giessen, Germany native is the top-ranked men's tennis player in the latest ITA rankings and will face No. 1 Oklahoma's Axel Alvarez Llamas in a Big 12 match today at 6 p.m.

had hoped for him," Knoll said. "We knew that we was a good junior player and we would help him here, so it's gone how we thought it would go. He continues to improve, and that's why he's here."

Although Lenz has the abilities to match up with any player in the NCAA, his constant drive for perfection has his coach stumped at what to do sometimes.

"The tough thing about Julian is that he's better than he thinks he

is," Knoll said. "It's a little bit frustrating for me because I'm not the most patient man in the world, but it's been fun and satisfying to see how his process has unfolded and the way he has turned himself into a really good player."

Lenz's focus during a match is very evident. Not only does he expect every ball he hits to be a game-winner, he exuberates confidence throughout the game.

But just how does Lenz bring

that focus and energy to every match? Over the past few years, he has learned which matches he needs to play, and that's doesn't always mean playing the most matches.

"I made the mistake in the beginning (of playing) all of these doubleheaders, and towards the end of the season I was exhausted, especially mentally," Lenz said. "Last year wasn't perfect, but I'm learning from the mistakes that

I've done in the past. I know my body and know what I need to do in order to perform well."

If Lenz takes a day off from competing, he isn't worried about the outcome of the match. The depth of the Baylor men's tennis squad will pick up right where they left off, Lenz said.

"Everybody has really come to play for the whole team and give their best," he said. "We have nine guys competing for spots in the

lineup, so that helps within the team to have good practices because everybody is trying to get a spot."

Lenz is only a junior, but his teammates have developed an abundance of respect for him.

"That's a huge advantage for us having him playing at the No. 1 spot," senior Diego Galeano said. "Julian being able to beat anyone in the country gives the team confidence; we have the confidence that he can win every match."

Lenz is on track to earning another All-American honor with the way he has played this season, and several other awards are within his reach. As good of a player he is, he still has the jitters every time he plays.

"I'm still kind of nervous once I start because I never know what to expect," Lenz said. "I just try to get the win no matter how it looks. I give it my best, and hopefully every single time I'll get the point."

Baylor still has several key matchups left before the post-season. Although the ranking is an honor, the work doesn't stop there, Lenz said.

"I wanted to be one of the best players in college, so it was a milestone that I reached it in the fall and now," Lenz said. "It's not like I've reached the top of the mountain though. I just have to keep going, keep working."

Lenz has opportunities left to make himself an even better player, and with his determination, it will lead him to his goal of being a professional tennis player, Knoll said.

"Julian is serious about tennis," Knoll said. "He's getting better all the time; he's a guy that's got a real fire for trying to become a pro, and that's the direction he's headed. He's just scratching the surface."

#ReadyForOU: No. 2 tennis set for rival matchup vs. No. 1 Oklahoma

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

Is the third time a charm? No. 2 Baylor men's tennis is about to find out as it hosts top-ranked Oklahoma tonight at the Hurd Tennis Center for a high caliber Big 12 matchup.

The Bears (17-3, 1-0 Big 12) has the chance to snap a two-game losing streak to the Sooners this season. Both teams met each other in two different contests, one in Chicago, Ill., in February and in Indian Wells, Calif., last month.

"It's going to be a blast," head coach Matt Knoll said. "I've been here a long time and this is only going to be the second time we've ever had this situation. It's a big day for the program and something that we're very excited about. It's going to bring out the best in us."

Baylor dropped a tight 4-2 decision to Oklahoma in their first meeting, and the Bears lost

4-1 last month at the BNP Paribas Collegiate Challenge title match. This is a change for redemption.

"It's hard to put into words to be honest," senior Mate Zsiga said. "I can't wait for it. It's going to be an huge match. I feel like it's going to come down to the edge."

Not only are the top two teams facing off, but No. 1 junior Julian Lenz will face No. 2 Axel Alvarez Llamas in singles play as well.

"It's going to be exciting for me to get this opportunity," Lenz said. "I've already lost twice to him, so I can get a rematch, but right now all that really counts is if we win as a team. It's all about the W for the team."

The Oklahoma Sooners (20-1, 2-0 Big 12) enter tonight's matchup with only one loss on the season, a tight 4-3 decision to Texas A&M on Feb. 20. The Sooners are coming off a nine-day break and plan on continuing their winning

way. It will be up to Baylor to take advantage of its home court to put that streak to an end.

"I think the margins are small when you go against the best teams like this," Knoll said. "We have to focus. We have to have fight. We have to do the intangible things, and I think we're going to have a chance."

"Having the chance to play in front of a big crowd here is going to be a special event for our guys and build a lot of enthusiasm and momentum going into the NCAA Championships."

With only six men's tennis teams in the Big 12 conference, every match counts. If the Bears want to win another conference title, then tonight is important in accomplishing that feat.

"We want to win the Big 12, and nationally it's a big challenge for us as well," Lenz said. "We are all looking forward to get the W this time."

Baylor and Oklahoma meet at 6 p.m. today at the Hurd Tennis Center. The first 300 fans will receive free Baylor tennis tank top T-shirts.

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Renewed BU baseball to play pivotal Big 12 series vs. No. 23 Red Raiders

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor baseball, coming off a series sweep dealt by the Texas State Bobcats over the weekend and a midweek win over UT-Arlington, returns to Big 12 with a road series against No. 23 Texas Tech (19-14, 4-5) in Lubbock this weekend.

The youth of the Bears (13-19, 4-5) has had to fill-in for the upperclassmen because of injuries. Some of Baylor's inconsistent form this season reflects the inexperience of the roster, head coach Smith said, ultimately claiming his team is either "too young or not good enough" after the Bears' 11-0 loss to the University of Houston.

Baylor's underclassmen make up 64 percent of the team's at-bats and 65 percent of team's innings pitched. At the plate or on the mound, the freshmen and sophomores, prepared or not, have seen more time than the upperclassmen this season.

The team's statistical leaders in doubles (sophomore outfielder Darryn Sheppard) RBI (freshman outfielder Cameron Esthay), home runs (sophomore first baseman Aaron Dodson and Esthay), ERA (sophomore pitcher Daniel Castano) and starter wins (freshman pitcher Theron Kay) are all underclassmen.

Castano will likely start tonight, judging from the fact that he has started for the Bears on Friday all season. In the same way, sophomores Drew Tolson and Nick Lewis will start on Saturday and Sunday.

In the Bears' 10-7 win over UT-Arlington on Tuesday, Baylor's young guns jolted a revitalization to the Bears' offense. Recently, the



Junior right-handed pitcher Kody Hessemer throws a pitch during the Bears' game against Sam Houston State University on March 18. The Bears fell 4-3 to the Bearkats at Baylor Ballpark.

Bears are enjoying their time on the diamond this season. Smith spoke highly of the team's training session on Monday, saying he has "definitely [seen] some carryover" from the Bears' more upbeat attitude at practice this week.

"We had a good day of work [Monday] offensively, and I don't say that often," Smith said. "[Monday's practice] was a different day that I haven't seen this group of guys have in a practice. You usually don't see it during the season. It was unique."

Baylor appears to have overcome its issues with hitting and morale for the time being, however, the Bears' record on the road is a different story. Baylor is 2-11 from Baylor Ballpark this season.

Baylor has won all its Big 12 conference series this season ex-

cept its 3-0 series loss to TCU in Fort Worth earlier in the year. Boasting a 4-5 record in conference play, the Bears sit in a three-way tie, including Texas Tech, for fourth place in the Big 12.

"What it's going to come down to is can we find a way to win games on the road, particularly at Lubbock and Oklahoma State," Smith said. "Just play good baseball, control what you can control. If you play the game well enough, then you'll get some breaks along the way. It's when you don't play well that you get breaks, but they don't ever help you."

This weekend could be critical in the Bears' conference campaign to put them above .500 and in a more competitive position in the league.

"We know we're in the middle

of it, but we also know each team coming up is going to be pretty hard," senior infielder Duncan Wendel said. "We're just going to take it one game at a time and go from there."

The Red Raiders lead the all-time series against Baylor 78-77 overall. In Lubbock, the Bears are well under the .500 mark with a 24-47 record.

Texas Tech will be hosting its third-straight conference series on Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park. The Red Raiders are coming off a 5-4 midweek loss to Oral Roberts on Tuesday. This weekend will determine a shift in the standings.

Start times for the series are 6:30 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. All three games will be aired on FOX Sports Southwest Plus.



Senior Sam Schaefer competes in equitation on the flat during the Bears' 13-3 win over New Mexico State on Jan. 29.

BU Equestrian garners All-American honors

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 2-seed Baylor Equestrian team earned four end-of-season honors on Wednesday as the National Collegiate Equestrian Association named its All-American team.

Senior Sam Schaefer was named a first-team All-American. Sophomore Alicia Gasser and seniors Parris Rice and Gillian Chant each earned honorable mentions.

Schaefer achieved first-team marks for her performance in equitation over fences and equitation on the flat for her second consecutive year, adding to her

many awards this season. Her awards include: Big 12 Fences Rider of the Year, All-Big 12 for fences and flat and the Most Outstanding Player honor in the Bears' victory at the Big 12 Championships this season.

Gasser received honorable mention for her performance in flat. Rice and Chant earned honorable mention for horsemanship.

Baylor is the No. 2 seed in NCEA National Championship to be hosted from April 16-18 at the Extracto Event Center in Waco.

The Bears receive a first round bye in the opening round of the tournament.

This Weekend in Waco:

No. 2 Men's Tennis vs. No. 1 Oklahoma - 6 p.m. tonight

No. 7 Women's Tennis vs. No. 36 Texas - 12 p.m. Saturday

No. 1 Acrobatics & Tumbling vs. No. 2 Oregon - 2 p.m. Sunday

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