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May 5-7 (Tue-Fri):
 7 a.m. - 3 a.m.
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May 12 (Tue):
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May 10 (Sunday):
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 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.
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 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.
May 12 (Tuesday):
Summer hours begin

Student Union

Weekdays: Closes @ 12 a.m.
Weekends: Closes @ 11 p.m.

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Opponents of same-sex marriage hold a rally at the Utah State Capitol Tuesday in Salt Lake City. Supporters and opponents of same-sex marriage rallied in Utah after the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on the constitutionality of laws banning such marriages.

SCOTUS could redefine marriage in every state

BY KALLI DAMSCHEN
 STAFF WRITER

Several debates across the country have ensued as the Supreme Court hears one of the most controversial Supreme Court cases in the history of the court. A group of cases collectively called Obergefell v. Hodges that questions whether same-sex marriage is a constitutional right, could potentially require all states to license same-sex marriages.

Same-sex couples are legally allowed to marry in 37 states and the District of Columbia. The cases in Obergefell v. Hodges arose from Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee, four of the remaining 13 states where same-sex marriage is illegal.

Brad Toben, who is the dean of the Baylor School of Law and is the M.C. and Mattie Caston Chair of Law, said in an email to the Lariat that there are two questions before the court.

Toben said the questions focus on whether the 14th Amendment requires states to license a marriage between two people of the same sex or recognize a

marriage between two people of the same sex lawfully married in another state.

"If the Court decides the first question in the affirmative, the second question becomes moot," Toben said. "In other words, if the court holds that the right of same-sex couples to marry is constitutionally protected, then same-sex marriage will be allowed nationwide."

If the Supreme Court decides that the Constitution does not require a state to license same-sex marriages, the Court will have to address the second question to determine whether states must recognize same-sex marriages that occurred legally in other states.

The question of gay marriage has been divisive across the country, all the way from Washington, D.C., to Waco.

In Baylor's student policies and procedures, the university welcomes all students into a safe and supportive environment where they can learn and discuss a variety of issues, including human sexuality. The university affirms the biblical norm of marriage between a man and a woman.

Baylor students have a wide variety of

opinions on the matter, however.

One of the primary Republican arguments against same-sex marriage is that marriage is a religious institution and a traditional union between one man and one woman for the purpose of procreation, said Little Rock, Ark., sophomore Sara Grove, the president of Baylor College Republicans.

"I believe that the definition of marriage is between a man and a woman," Grove said.

Baylor College Republicans is a student organization that aims to foster the conservative ideals of the Republican party through Baylor students.

Allen senior Rebecca Holden said she disagrees with this definition of marriage.

Holden is the president of the Sexual Identity Forum, an unofficial student group that meets once a week to discuss issues related to sexual and gender identity.

"What marriage means has changed many times over the course of centuries," Holden said. "What marriage means in

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Cafe offers more than coffee to community

BY EMILY NEYLAND
 CONTRIBUTOR

Ordinarily, a waitress does not receive \$1,137 in tips in one day. That's one reason World Cup Café waitress Latrice Caulfield stood bewildered and baffled by the size of the extraordinary tip customers left her on Christmas Eve.

On the same night, out of town customers gave her \$130 in tips. Caulfield thought she couldn't have done that well. The same afternoon, Caulfield confused an order and insisted on correcting it. But when the customer assured her it was fine, Caulfield made sure to continually check on them. They left a \$1,000 tip.

"I thought the customer put the period on his check in the wrong spot," Caulfield said. "I wanted to cry, but I couldn't because I had just cried when I got the \$137 tip at the table before."

She ran out of the café and after the man who had given her the tip. Today, the customer remains a mystery.

"Other waiters say, 'You make more tips than me,'" Caulfield said. "That's because I just talk to people. I ask them how their day is going."

This is just one example of the many acts of kindness that take place in a restaurant where two different worlds collide often.

From the outside, it would be hard to see the cheer and community that radiates from within the bright red walls of World Cup Café. It quietly sits away from Baylor at the corner of Colcord Avenue and North 15th Street. Surrounding World Cup are the Jubilee Theatre, West Avenue Elementary School and D's Mediterranean Grill. Here, families eat pancakes together on a Saturday morning. Here, construction workers grab a burger in the middle of a hot day. Here, college students drink coffee together before class.

"World Cup is about more than just profit," said Houston sophomore Rachel Craft. "They give back to the community. That gives me a much better motive to sit down and have a cup of coffee."

World Cup Café's mission statement states that it exists "to serve the community with good food, quality service, and economic development." According to its mission statement, it exists as a place of comfort where lower, middle and upper class people can congregate. "It's not just a café, it's family," Caulfield said.

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Social media manager of Rockets fired for controversial tweet

BY SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
 SPORTS EDITOR

After sending a tweet that many said crossed the line, Houston Rockets social media manager Chad Shanks was let go Wednesday by the organization. The tweet came in the waning seconds of Houston's series win over the Dallas Mavericks, and featured an emoji horse with an emoji gun pointed at it with the caption, "Shhhhh. Just close your eyes. It will all be over soon."

Despite the controversy, Shanks received an outpouring of support from around the country, including articles in several national publications. His fans tweeted "#BringBackChad" to try and convince the Rockets organization

to reconsider their decision.

Unbeknownst to many, Shanks received a master's degree in journalism from Baylor in 2010 and is a former staff writer at the Baylor Lariat. He sat down with the Lariat to discuss the tweet, the aftermath and what he took from his Baylor education.

Q&A

What was the thought process behind the tweet? Did you think it would cause the kind of controversy it did?

One of our goals with @HoustonRockets was to bring a level of levity and snark. We've won awards for doing just that. We consistently rank near the top of the league in fan engagement. Pushing the envelope is not out of the ordinary.

I knew when I sent the tweet that I



COURTESY PHOTO

Former Houston Rockets social media manager Chad Shanks stands in the Toyota Center, the team's home arena. He was recently let go because of a tweet.

was walking the line and Mavs fans would probably be a little upset, but I didn't really interpret it the same way. I didn't see it as the Rockets advocating for animal violence and I'm still a little shocked it ended up being interpreted that way. At the same time, one of my jobs is being able to anticipate reception of our content, and obviously in that way I messed up royally. It was the heat of the moment with the series about to end, but obviously it didn't go over well.

Why did the Rockets choose the punishment they did for you?

This was the punishment the Rockets thought was appropriate. Obviously I hoped for a punishment with a little less permanence, but they did what they thought was best for the organization. I don't think they anticipated letting me go would almost create more attention than the tweet. People online sent me encouragement, signed petitions, trended #BringBackChad...I

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Spacecraft falls into Mercury

BY MARCIA DUNN
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The only spacecraft ever to orbit Mercury ended its four-year tour with a crash landing Thursday.

NASA's Messenger plunged from orbit as planned and slammed into the sun's closest planet at about 8,750 mph (14,081 kph), creating a crater an estimated 52 feet (16 meters) across.

Messenger became the first spacecraft to orbit hot, little Mercury, in 2011. It circled the solar system's innermost planet 4,105 times and collected more than 277,000 images.

"Today we bid a fond farewell to one of the most resilient and accomplished spacecraft ever to have explored our neighboring planets," said lead scientist Sean Solomon, director of Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory.

Solomon noted in a statement that Messenger set a record for planetary flybys — once past Earth, twice past Venus and three times past Mercury before entering Mercury's orbit — and survived "both punishing heat and extreme doses of radiation" to surpass expectations.

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No Room in the Library

Baylor lacks 24-hour study spaces on campus

Editorial

Last-minute panic hits. You need roughly one or two more hours to complete a project that you can only work on in the Hankamer School of Business' computer labs. That's the only place on campus that has the programs you need. Plus, the program costs almost \$1,000.

You've just made a big breakthrough that has taken you hours to struggle through, and you're ready to be done with your project once and for all. That is, until you hear those fateful words from a computer lab attendant: "We're closing in 15 minutes."

The sad truth is that this is far too often the plight of students across campus looking to study or complete class projects. Many of the university's most heavily-trafficked areas on campus, with regard to studying, often close at times that are inconvenient to students. In order to assist students in achieving academic progress, the university should work to increase the number of 24-hour study spaces on campus.

Currently, the university has a number of study zones labeled as either silent, quiet or active. Throughout the day and up to closing times, many of these places are frequented by a large number of students for the purposes of studying,

completing homework, reading and working on group projects. These spaces are very popular.

Because of the number of these study areas and their popularity, it's hard to believe that there are only seven 24-hour study spaces on campus, according to the university's website.

And while the Moody foyer and the Garden Level Study Commons offer an ample amount of space for students to study, the elevator lobbies, which are four of the seven 24-hour study spaces, do not. In these lobbies is a small number of tightly-packed tables and chairs that make studying in the library after certain hours a competitive process.

Plus, the spaces that stay open late tend to be louder and less focused than other study areas because all the students are forced into a common space.

In addition to increasing the number of study spaces on campus, it is also imperative that the university take the proper steps to ensure that students have 24-hour access to programs and equipment necessary to complete projects and other assignments. For instance, the business school has several programs on its network that are accessible only through the computer lab.

The lab closes at midnight from Sunday through Thursday, and at 6

p.m. on Friday and Saturday. This can cause a huge inconvenience to a number of business school students working on end-of-semester projects.

Only compounding this problem is the spike in enrollment Baylor has seen for the past few years, with another record-breaking number of students expected to arrive in the fall.

With this in mind, it seems as though the university has made very little effort to accommodate for these changes when it comes to study spaces. Because campus is becoming more and more populated, there are obviously more and more students looking to study in one of the seven study spaces open for 24 hours.

Some residence halls could help with this study space problem. For example, the residents of the Honors Residential College have the opportunity to study in the Memorial Dining Hall after it closes. This is a quiet place for students to focus.

For off-campus students, this is not a possibility. They have to go wherever is available — potentially only to the loud Moody foyer.

Students shouldn't have to worry about where they're going to study at night. Ultimately, it falls to the university to ensure students have the opportunity to study on campus anytime they wish.



ASHER

You grow in the moments where crap happens

I was convinced they would discover I didn't belong.

When I joined the Lariat staff three and a half years ago, I had little writing experience in a professional setting. I was stunned when I got the email from then Editor-in-Chief Chris Derrett telling me I was hired.

The newsroom was intimidating. Everyone was older than me — I was just a freshman — and they all seemed to know what they were doing. I knew it was only a matter of time before someone realized I was horrible at being a staff writer. So I didn't speak to anyone. My quietness stemmed from an introvert personality, but also from my theory that I wasn't good enough to be here.

Three years later, I was named editor-in-chief.

People like to tell stories about their time during college — what they did, saw, won, who they knew, etc. I have some pretty great college stories, and most of them originate in the Lariat newsroom. You can't spend three years in a place and not make some memories.

There was the time during Christmas 2013 when we wrapped the Director of Student Publications Paul Carr's office in Christmas wrapping paper and it stayed for the whole spring.

The time we went haunted house hopping all over Texas in fall 2013.

The nights we stayed up late putting together a 36-page paper and a special section at once, despite the fact many of us had homework.

When we would have Disney moments and burst into song.

The times the newsroom broke out into full-blown debates over current events.

Blowing up around 200 balloons to fill up the Assistant Media Adviser Julie Freeman's office for her birthday.

Getting to film and take pictures at the final home game during the inaugural season at McLane Stadium. Covering events like the April 17, 2013, fertilizer explosion in West or the Fort Hood shootings.

The sleepless nights of organizing and figuring out how to handle tough situations.

Moments when I wanted to shut down in tears of anger or frustration.

Times when I felt like the Lariat might just kill me.

My time at the Lariat has been filled with both good and bad, tough and fun.

Every moment has been worth it, even the moments that grew a few gray hairs.

The hardest part of leading a team is managing all the different personalities. There are the go-getters, the "I'm just here for the paycheck," the people who do only their job and leave, and the people who try to do everyone else's job.

Leading a team is kind of like running a marathon, except the goal is finish all together instead of individually. Your own time matters — you want to be and do your best — but you have to



Linda Wilkins
Editor-in-chief

help the people who aren't running as fast make it to the finish line. You have to encourage the people who want to quit. You have to direct the people who are running on the wrong path. You have to pull the people running too fast for everyone else into line so they can run beside other people and help them.

Your attention is constantly divided. It's hard.

But never once have I wanted to quit. I was given an opportunity, and I did the best I could with it. That's all we can do.

Now I feel it's appropriate to impart a little wisdom to other journalism majors, people interested in joining the Lariat staff or anyone trying something new or unusual.

You should absolutely seek the opportunity to get involved with something during college. Perhaps you join the staff, take the reporting class or are a contributor for the Lariat. If you love writing, then write. If you love pictures, then be a photographer. The same goes

for video, blogging, web and social media, design, editing, etc.

If you are a journalism major, where else are you going to go besides the Lariat? This is the best place for you to find your talent and be a gold medalist in a skill (sometimes literally, you can win a ton of awards). If you're business, join a business group. If you're into science, do something science-y.

Just keep in mind that all of your work will be public, especially at the Lariat. You will receive criticism from everyone. It's inevitable.

There are going to be times when you want to quit. When you feel like it's just too overwhelming. When you want to strangle everyone around you.

But the friendships you make, the people you meet, the experiences you have and the portfolio you leave with are worth immensely more than every bad moment.

So when you feel like you're just out of place, give it some time. You may end up being the top dog on staff or in your field. No matter what, you have to persevere despite all the crap that flies your way.

Perservere. Learn much. Take away memories. Gain experiences. It's all worth it.

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Working against the grain is how we achieve new heights

Regarding the April 29 Bottom Line by Mr. Reubin Turner, I respectfully disagree with the idea that civic leaders must change who they are for someone else's idea of progress to succeed. Councilwoman Alice Rodriguez has been a steady voice for those in District 2 who continue to be marginalized by systems and structures which leave the economically disadvantaged out of planning and expansion processes.

Today we refer to Waco's economic renaissance as "revitalization." In the 1950s, the popular phrase for the same idea was "urban renewal."

The result, then and now, is the displacement of low-income families who have called South Waco home for generations.

Families do not have to be run out physically to be displaced: higher rents, higher property taxes and low-paying jobs will do the job more effectively than overt displacement.

I am disappointed that a bright young man such as Mr. Turner would say "trying to fight powers that would be tough for any council member to tackle alone, seems to be a waste of time and energy." What if the writers of the Fourteenth Amendment had believed that?

Those who confront entrenched structures and insist that opportunity should be available to everyone are often met with dismissive words; such attitudes are antique at best and unfeeling at worst.

Why leave Councilwoman Rodriguez alone in this fight?

Why not instead join her and ensure that in Waco, at least, revitalization means vitality for all citizens?

—Robert Cervantes
Candidate for Waco City Council, District 5



A woman with long, wavy brown hair is smiling and looking at the camera. She is wearing a white, off-the-shoulder, ruffled dress and brown cowboy boots. She is holding a bouquet of pink and purple flowers. She is also wearing a turquoise necklace, several turquoise bracelets, and a ring. The background is a blurred green field.

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Remembering Hunter Noon

Team honors former player after passing

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

Park Ridge, Ill., junior Colin McGuire remembers the first time he ever met Greenwood Village, Colo., sophomore Hunter Noon. It was on the volleyball court. As a setter and outside hitter, McGuire and Noon connected tactically and quickly as soon as the ball came over the net.

"I remember setting him for the first time, and he was like, 'That was great,'" McGuire said. "Then, I thought, 'who is this kid?' and he turned out to be my best friend. I thought it was interesting. He was way more confident in the first open gym than any other freshman that I've ever seen."

That feeling will unfortunately only be a memory now as McGuire and the rest of the Baylor men's club volleyball team move forward after losing their teammate in November. Noon was found unresponsive in his apartment and had passed away on Nov. 18, sending shock waves across campus.

That day will never be forgotten by Noon's teammates. The event was so sudden that it was hard to believe it was true, Aliso Viego, Calif. senior Chris Dyer said.

"I just started crying. I had to separate myself from everyone because I didn't know what to think," Dyer said. "It was so unexpected of something like this to happen. One

of my friends, one of my teammates is just gone, and my heart dropped. We could not believe what was going on."

A prayer and memorial service quickly followed in the days after Noon's death, and five months later, the team finishes its season feeling a part of themselves as empty. The club volleyball team competed at nationals in early April, but Noon's absence was felt along the way.

"We are no where near what we could have been with him," Dyer said. "He elevated our game by his attitude and presence on the court. He made us that much better. I think we could have won our conference, and I think we could have won nationals. We would have been that good, and it's hard because that's not even a possibility with him not here."

While the team was able to make adjustments to qualify for nationals, the team dynamic was not the same, McGuire said.

"Last year especially, we were a pretty cohesive team," McGuire said. "This year, due to a couple of things, we're not as cohesive. There's a missing link between our talent and playing well as a team. The court is definitely a lot quieter without Hunter."

Noon provided a spark of energy that the team rallied behind every match. Without him, the team has not been able to regenerate the chemistry Noon brought to



Spring senior Joshua Baguely; Aliso Viejo, Calif., senior Chris Dyer; and Park Ridge, Ill., junior Colin McGuire hold up a jersey that belonged to Greenwood Village, Colo., sophomore Hunter Noon. Noon was a volleyball setter and outside hitter who died Nov. 18. The team still carries around his No. 2 jersey to every tournament they compete in.

the court, Baguely said.

But nonetheless, the team has had to move on.

"People noticed Hunter, and they were drawn to him because he had a vibrant personality," Spring senior Joshua Baguely said. "We have had players step up, and they're doing a phenomenal job. It hasn't been easy, but I wouldn't have gotten through it without anyone on our team."

The healing process has not been easy. Each team member coped with the loss differently, and a wave of questions and emotions made it difficult to move on.

"The days after I was angry," Dyer said. "I had so many questions. Why would God take someone so special to so many people? Why would he take away someone who has made an impact on so many lives who is a light in this world? It happened, but He does things for a reason."

The team has rallied behind

one another, building each other up just like Noon used to do. Although the team did not perform as well at nationals as last year, the team persisted in embodying Noon's attitude towards the game and outlook on life.

"It's cool how you can know somebody for a short time, and they make a big impact on your life," McGuire said. "I wish I was more like Hunter, and I'm trying to live life like he did."

Five months later, the team still has not forgotten Nov. 18. None of them ever will, but the lessons learned throughout the healing process has allowed each team member to accept the death of their teammate.

"Sometimes when you have a bad day, the reason why you're down is not important in the grand scheme of life," Dyer said. "There's many other things that are more important than getting a bad grade on a test or tripping and embar-

assing yourself. There's more things that are more important."

Looking back on the season, Dyer, McGuire and Baguely did not forget their teammate. The team took a photo with Noon's No. 2 jersey after each tournament, and that jersey will symbolize something special for each member. Noon will always be on the roster.

"He's still a part of the team," McGuire said. "He may not be here physically, but I know he's always on my mind. He's still with each and every one of us."

The team will change each year, and although new team members will not know who Noon was, his teammates who played with him will not let his memory be forgotten.

"Hunter is who I play for," Baguely said. "I used to just play because I thought it was fun, but now I have a reason to play: to make him proud of us."

Baylor police blotter

Wednesday, April 29

- A narcotics offense, possession of marijuana under 2 oz., occurred at 11:19 p.m. at the sidewalk area near the Robert Griffin III statue at McLane Stadium located at 1001 S. Martin Luther King Blvd. Case cleared by arrest.

Tuesday, April 28

- A theft over \$500 under \$500 reportedly occurred at University Parks Apartments located at 2201 S. University Parks Drive sometime between April 21st and April 26th. Case active.

Sunday, April 26

- A criminal trespass warning occurred at 8:16 a.m. at the Dutton Parking Garage located at 1111 S. University Parks Drive. Case closed.

Saturday, April 25

- An alcohol offense of minor consuming alcohol occurred at 2:56 a.m. at Penland Residential Hall located at 1110 S. 5th Street. Case cleared by arrest.

Thursday, April 23

- A theft over \$500 reportedly occurred between 6:00 p.m. on 4/20/2015 and 10:00 a.m. on 4/21/2015 at Baylor Parking Lot 36 located at 1410 S 4th. Case suspended.

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A giving course Baylor philanthropy class to give nonprofit groups \$75,000 during reception

By REBECCA FLANNERY
STAFF WRITER

For the second semester in a row, Baylor's Philanthropy and the Public Good class distributed thousands of dollars in grant money to nonprofits. At 1 p.m. Monday, \$75,000 from anonymous donors will be disbursed to the 14 grant-receiving organizations at an award reception at the Baylor Club.

Although only in its second semester, significant changes were made to improve the course. Dr. Andy Hogue, lecturer in political science and director of Civic Education and Community Service Program, teaches the philanthropy course.

Hogue said this semester positions available in the class were reduced from 30 to 21 students and created an additional one-hour course for eight students who took the class in the fall.

"We had some funding set aside for a group of last semester's students doing advanced study with me this spring in a course called Philanthropy Senior Fellows," Hogue said. "The role of those eight students was to serve as mentors for those taking the class the

first time around."

Prairie Village, Kan., junior Jack Steadman took the class in the fall semester and was selected to be one of the students to take Philanthropy Senior Fellows for the spring. He said his role was more hands-on than it was before.

"I served as a senior philanthropy fellow. I would meet with the groups in the larger, 21-person class to act as their adviser," Steadman said. "We also got to allocate a

"It's amazing to see how many people want to help and see Waco and the world change."

Drew Hamilton | Ohio, junior

budget of our own to five different organizations."

Steadman said the smaller class was also able to research, deliberate and ultimately give \$5,000 in grant money in conjunction with Aramark Corp. to Compassion Ministries.

Other nonprofits benefiting from the \$75,000 are Talitha Koum, Avance, Creative Waco, Caritas of Waco and Unbound, an international organization that works to educate and provide human-trafficking presentations to groups and organizations within local communities.

"Like anything, we made improvements by doing it a second time," Hogue said. "We reorga-

nized our sub-sectors and also created a clearer evaluation process of our students as they tried to distinguish between many deserving nonprofit organizations."

In the bigger class, the 21 students were divided into five groups that evaluated six different subsectors. Hogue said the class grouped nonprofits together based on how they served their communities. Examples of the subsectors included health and wellness, and homelessness outreach.

"One of the biggest changes that influenced the way the class ended up was that the curriculum focus was narrowed," Steadman said. "By having a smaller budget for a smaller group, it was less difficult to figure out where all the money should end up."

The class was changed from a three-hour course to a four-hour course to include a lab hour. Steadman said the lab hour was an improvement to the way the class flowed as it allowed the group to have a time set for board meetings.

Liberty Township, Ohio, junior Drew Hamilton was one of the 21 students taking the class for the first time. He said the class gave him a new perspective about Waco.

"It's amazing to see how many people want to help and see Waco and the world change," Hamilton said.



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Baylor's Philanthropy and the Public Good class handed out \$75,000 in grants to nonprofits ranging from local to international. The graphic shows a breakdown of where some of the class funds went.

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Dozens of bottles and a mass of rusted coins collected from wrecked pirate ships are displayed at Odyssey's "Shipwreck!" exhibit in the Thomas E. and Emilyne Weed Anding Traveling Exhibition Gallery. The showcase will open at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Mayborn Museum Complex. (Above) A TV screen of underwater shipwrecks and a collection of rare finds fill the exhibit area.

Shipwrecks not a bad thing at new exhibit

Mayborn to open new, interactive showcase of seas

By SHANNON BARBOUR
STAFF WRITER

Baylor's Mayborn Museum Complex plans to showcase pirate loot found in the deep sea in its new exhibit "Shipwreck!"

The exhibit will open at 10 a.m. Saturday at the complex and will have a special treasure hunt for guests.

Hundreds of artifacts, including coins, bottles and porcelain figures from several shipwrecks, will be on display until Sept. 16 in the Thomas E. and Emilyne Weed Anding Traveling Exhibition Gallery.

The exhibit features artifacts from and pic-

rates who often sailed around the Mediterranean Sea.

After traveling for nearly 10 years, the exhibit will come to Baylor's campus for the first time to educate and entertain people of all ages. The exhibit has been traveling since 2006.

"The mission of this exhibit is not only to present these really cool artifacts and treasures from shipwrecks from all over the world, but also to bring the visitor into the experience of what it's like to be a real deep-ocean shipwreck explorer," said Ellen Gerth, archaeological curator at Odyssey Marine Exploration.

"It's an ideal venue for families and for students to learn about deep ocean archaeology," Gerth said. "This is in a community that really supports the educational aspect of exhibits."

Rebecca Tucker Nall, assistant director of communication at Mayborn Museum Complex, said she has enjoyed looking through the exhibit and learning about each ship and time period.

"You can learn about the technology that's used to recover shipwrecks," Nall said. "The artifacts that were recovered are basically a snap-

shot into that period of time so you can learn a lot about the material culture of that time period from these artifacts."

Guests can also step into a hurricane simulator, which generates 75 mph winds, the equivalent of a Category 1 hurricane and similar conditions some of the ships suffered.

"This artifact rich exhibit with its participatory learning component is exactly the type of unique experience we are pleased to offer the community," said Ellie Caston, director of Mayborn Museum Complex.

Each Tuesday in July, "Shipwreck!" will host Treasure Tuesdays, which include activities such as fossil presentations, ventriloquists and interactive performances.

Guests can pick up a treasure hunt map on Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon for a chance to find the treasure chest and win a prize.

The exhibit is free for Baylor students and other college students may enter at a discounted rate. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and \$9 for senior citizens.



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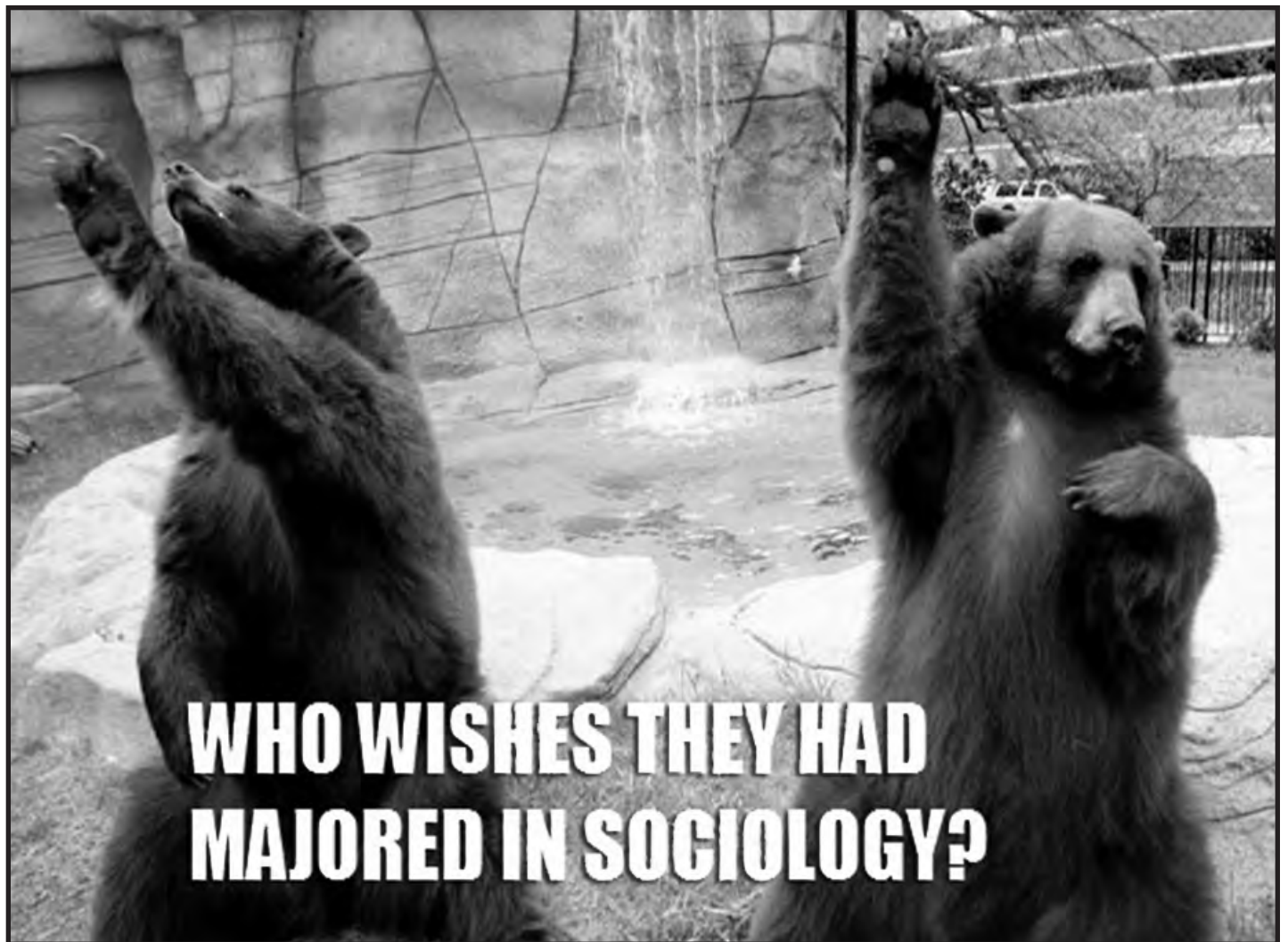
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Monster Madness

McLane Stadium will host No Limits Monster Truck World Championship for first time

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time ever, Waco will host the No Limits Monster Truck World Championship at McLane Stadium. The show, which starts at 7 p.m. Saturday, is one of the most visible attempts of Baylor to try and make McLane a family venue.

Scott Neal, general manager McLane Stadium's SMG management group, sat down with the Lariat to discuss scheduling monster trucks at McLane Stadium, what safeguards are in place to protect the venue and what's on the horizon for the stadium.

Q: What went into the decision to bring monster trucks to McLane Stadium?

A: When SMG was brought in and signed a management contract with the facility, our goal and charge was to bring in events outside of football. Events include Ribfest and some other family events. One of the events we did

Q&A

promise when we signed the contract was monster trucks. Since day one, we've been working to bring monster trucks to the stadium. We have a promoter we've worked with before so we contacted that promoter, they were interested in doing the event so we signed a contract, sold tickets to the event and here we are.

Q: What is the idea behind bringing an event like this to the stadium?

A: Obviously if you build a stadium at this size and expense, you want to use it more than six days a year. The way that we understand it, they wanted to maximize use of the facility.

Q: What safeguards are in place to protect the stadium?

A: Obviously the turf is our biggest concern. We have several layers of protection under there. We've worked with the turf manufacturer and a distributor of field covers and other SMG staff that manage stadiums. We brought the best resources we have and believe

we have used the correct layers based off the correct practices to protect the turf.

Q: Do you think there will be any long-term effects on the stadium from this event?

A: We do not foresee that. As I said, we used the best practices. Obviously there will be a lot of dirt throughout the stadium. The trucks will drive over and pick up a lot of dirt. We'll have cleaning crews going through and cleaning up the stadium in the days following the event. That's what we see as the biggest cleanup, is just picking up the dirt.

Q: Is this an effort by the school to reach out to the surrounding community?

A: Our contract is actually with the Baylor-Waco Stadium Authority. So obviously with this event, we're trying to make it a community event. We're not just looking locally, but also regionally. We're not just looking at Waco, but between Austin and Dallas.

Q: What other events has SMG looked at bringing in?

A: We just did the rib festi-



JONATHAN S. PLATT | LARIAT WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

Corey Schlicher drives Bigfoot 8 onto a Baylor-themed car to announce the "No Limits Monster Truck World Championship" on Sept. 16 outside McLane Stadium. The event will be hosted at McLane on Saturday.

val. We have done some charity things. We've worked with various community organizations and we've done Heart Walk. Now, we're working with concert promoters to bring music and look at several other festivals.

Q: What exactly is SMG's role when it comes to the stadium?

A: The stadium opened in August of 2014 and we started involvement about a year before the stadium was opened. At that point,

it was working on some operations and booking events. It's our job to make sure the building runs operationally and to manage outside events.

Q: How exactly is McLane Stadium managed?

A: The building is owned by Baylor University and it's leased to the Baylor-Waco Stadium Authority throughout the year. Its job is to basically bring events outside of football. Baylor University leased

the stadium to the BWSA and retain several days for personal use, primarily for football but also as they request.

Q: How is the monster truck event looking for this weekend?

A: We're pleased and have great weather coming in. We're optimistic of the final outcome. We'll be selling until intermission of the event. You can buy them now on Ticketmaster, by phone, at Walmart or at our box office.

Jurors shown graphic photos of theater shooting

By DAN ELLIOT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CENTENNIAL, Colo. — The bodies lay where they fell, sprawled on steps or wedged between rows of seats, surrounded by spent ammunition, scattered popcorn and shoes left behind in the panic to escape.

Prosecutors showed jurors graphic crime scene photos Thursday in the Colorado theater shooting trial, the first time images of the bloodshed were made public since the July 20, 2012, attack.

One juror briefly turned his head after looking at one of the photos displayed on a video screen. Most jurors studied the images intently but showed no emotion.

Some spectators in the gallery wept. A woman broke down in

sobs and left the courtroom.

Twelve people were killed and 70 injured in attack at the Century 16 theater in the Denver suburb of Aurora.

Ten victims died at the theater, while the other two were pronounced dead at hospitals.

If James Holmes — who has admitted he was the shooter — felt any reaction to the photos, it wasn't visible.

He watched from the defense table, where he is tethered to the floor by a harness and cable under his street clothes.

The photos could not be seen on a video feed made available to news organizations, which are sharing it online.

It was a grim ending to the first short week of the trial, which won't resume until Monday to accom-

modate plans that one juror made before the case got underway.

The photos added still more emotional weight to the prosecution's case.

Since testimony began Tuesday, jurors have heard victims describe the burning pain of gunshot wounds and the agony of watching loved ones collapse before their eyes.

Police officers — some so overwhelmed by grief they had to pause to pull themselves together — described rushing to hospitals with gasping victims in their patrol cars.

Holmes pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to multiple counts of murder and attempted murder.

Defense attorneys say his mind is so distorted by schizophrenia that he didn't know right from

wrong.

If the jury finds he was insane, he would be committed indefinitely to the state mental hospital.

Prosecutors have described Holmes as calculating and smart, and they say he believed killing others increased his self-worth. They are asking jurors to convict him of murder and sentence him to be executed.

Police officers testified Thursday that Holmes seemed keenly interested in the attack's aftermath, peering out the window of a squad car as injured victims were treated nearby.

He first wore a vacant expression and seemed calm and detached — but sweaty and smelly — after police handcuffed him in the parking lot behind the theater, the officers said.

But when they placed him in the police car near a back door to the theater, "he would look around like he was taking it all in," Aurora police officer Jason Oviatt said.

It was a tumultuous scene, with emergency responders treating the wounded and loading them into police cars to be rushed to hospitals because no ambulances had arrived.

"He would sort of look around whenever a car went speeding past or when there was something else going on, somebody shouting outside the car," Oviatt said.

Prosecutors called four law-enforcement officers as witnesses Thursday.

For the first time since testimony began, the defense cross-examined some of them.

Questioned by defense law-

yer Daniel King, the officers said Holmes had disheveled, reddish-orange hair, that his pupils were extremely dilated and that he appeared disoriented and stared off into space when he was first arrested.

King's questions mirrored an argument the defense made in opening statements — that Holmes' behavior was shaped by his mental illness.

Holmes' mother, Arlene, attempted to pass a note to the defense table from her seat nearby in the gallery Thursday, but a deputy intercepted it.

Arlene Holmes then left the courtroom with her husband, Bob, and defense attorney Tamara Brady.

It wasn't clear what the note said or why they left.

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Cafe from Page 1

Last year, Waco Tribune Herald ranked World Cup as the No. 2 restaurant in Waco, right behind George's, said Jimmy Dorrell, director of Mission Waco.

In the past, however, World Cup was not as well known. According to Dorrell, the neighborhood that the café sits in today was historically rich. It contained the Texas Theater and a nice shopping center. The poor, mostly African-Americans, lived on the other side of the Brazos River.

"The history is really fascinating," Dorrell said. "The 85-year-olds come in and talk about the theater they went to, which cost nine cents."

According to Dorrell, however, housing got older, suburbanism grew and African-Americans began to move into the neighborhood. In the 1960s, white flight occurred. The neighborhood became poor and filled with mostly blacks, Dorrell said.

"As it got worse, crack dealers and prostitutes came here," Dorrell said. "This was the worst neighborhood. People wouldn't drive over here. People avoided the whole neighborhood, especially the middle class."

The Texas Theater became The Capri, a pornography theater. The shopping center became a row of bars. In 1988, the city of Waco condemned the property. In 1994, Dorrell bought one of the bars. Then he bought The Capri, which was sitting in water. Slowly, Mission Waco began to reform the condemned area.

"We began to work, raise money, and get volunteers," Dorrell said. "We knew volunteers would come. But middle class Waco was still on the other side of town. We knew we had to bring some kind of reason for people to come over here."

With that, the idea of a restaurant was born. According to Dorrell, 70 percent of restaurants fail and knowing that, the café was a big risk.

"Our board of directors was wise enough to know we should treat the café as a way to get people in the door and introduce them to Mission Waco," Dorrell said.

Originally, the café was a children's center. It was just a couple of board games and couches that were used as a children's camp. Then it became a coffee shop. Today, it's a restaurant.

"My greatest joy is seeing the neighborhood change and people come with their families and business associates and knowing the stories of the neighborhood," said Shannon Williams, Fair Trade manager.

Attached to the café is the Fair Trade Market. This room houses jewelry, food, clothes and trinkets such as finger puppets from across the globe. A separate shop in and of itself, this area often hosts meetings and parties.

"As Fair Trade grew and got its own niche, it



COURTESY PHOTO

World Cup Cafe was ranked No. 2 restaurant in Waco by the Waco Tribune-Herald last year. The café's mission is to serve its community by providing a place for people of all backgrounds to congregate.

became symbiotic with the café," volunteer Kathy Allison said. "People come here to buy and then go eat, or people would eat and then come here to buy."

The wide variety of food completes the experience at World Cup. For breakfast, the café serves omelets, pancakes and oatmeal along with other breakfast staples until 11 a.m. For lunch, some customer favorites are the World Cup burger and chicken salad, Sauter said. Prices are around \$7 per entrée. They also serve drinks, such as smoothies, tea and coffee into the afternoon.

"It's easy to grab a cup of coffee in Waco," Craft said. "But at World Cup, I get the feel that I'm really in Waco and not just another chain restaurant." Caulfield said regular customers are key to the community built at World Cup.

"We get some amazing people that come here daily and become family," Caulfield said. "Some people come in here pregnant, and a year later their baby's walking."

Customers also come from outside of Waco. Because of reviews online or by word of mouth, people from across the country and world have ended up at World Cup, Dorrell said. People have

come from Nevada, Missouri and India, to name a few.

"The crazy thing is, I'll come to the café and there will be people from another state," Dorrell said. Dorrell said what's even crazier is the fact that people on the other side of town don't know where the café is.

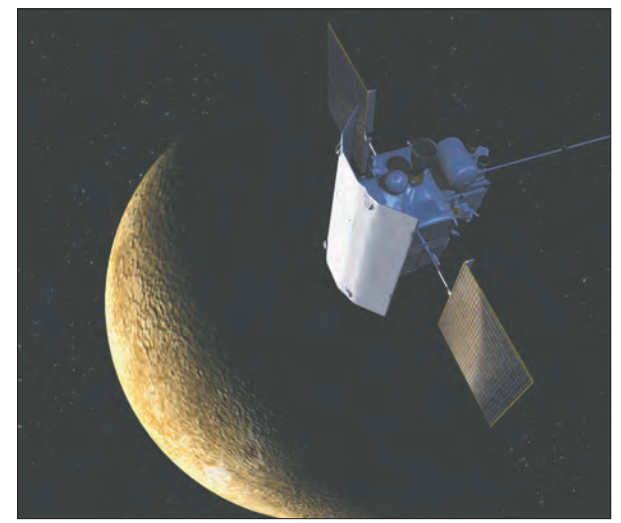
The quiet atmosphere during the afternoon along with free Wi-Fi and good drinks draw some Baylor students.

"I benefit from getting outside the Baylor bubble," Craft said. "I can only study at the library at Baylor for so long, and World Cup is one of the best off-campus options."

In the future, Dorrell wants to increase the business at World Cup by possibly adding dinner hours. His dream is to eventually own the building that houses the liquor store across the street from the café. But for now, World Cup will continue making Waco happy, one person at a time.

"I like to see people smile and put smiles on peoples' faces," Caulfield said. "You don't have to give me anything but a smile in return. My goal is to surround myself with happy people and be happy."

NASA from Page 1



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This artist's rendering provided by John Hopkins University shows the sunshade on Mercury's surface, the planet Messenger crashed on.

Flight controllers managed to keep the spacecraft going a few extra weeks by using helium gas not originally intended as fuel. But the gas tank finally emptied and gravity's relentless tug did Messenger in.

Mercury is the last of the rocky inner planets in our solar system — also counting Mars and Venus — to be littered by mankind.

Thursday's crash occurred on the side of Mercury facing away from Earth and telescopes. Several minutes passed before NASA received confirmation. Controllers received no signal from Messenger when it was supposed to be back in the coverage zone — a sign that the spacecraft, measuring 10 feet solar wingtip to wingtip, had, indeed, succumbed to gravity.

"Well I guess it is time to say goodbye," the Messenger Twitter feed stated as the end drew near.

Then after the impact: "On behalf of Messenger, thank you all for your support. We will continue to update you on our great discoveries. We will miss it"

Astronomers who used Messenger to detect Mercury's frozen water-covered poles and significantly off-center magnetic field called it an end of an era. Other discoveries: volcanic deposits that are evidence of the planet's eruptive past, and noticeable global shrinkage.

"It has been an amazing journey of discovery," said the University of British Columbia's Catherine Johnson, a senior scientist at the Planetary Science Institute. Data analyses will continue for at least another year.

Messenger's \$427 million mission began with a launch from Cape Canaveral, Florida, in 2004. Johns Hopkins University handled everything for NASA.

Until Messenger, the only spacecraft to visit Mercury was NASA's Mariner 10 back in the 1970s. That was only a fly-by mission.

The Europeans and Japanese are teaming up for Mercury's next guests, a pair of satellites known as BepiColombo. They're scheduled for launch in 2017 and arrival in Mercury's orbit in

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don't know why people care so much, but I'm incredibly humbled that they did.

Did the Rockets detail why they felt strongly enough to let you go?

The Rockets said the tweet did not reflect the values of the organization, but they were not real specific other than that. The owner [Leslie Alexander] is a big animal rights advocate. There was no discussion or opportunity for me to give my side of the story. It was already decided when I got to work. There are no hard feelings from my side. I understand their reaction.

What has it been like to go from working behind the scenes to an Internet celebrity in a day?

Marriage from Page 1

our society now is not something exclusive to procreation or heterosexual couples. That official legal status and social recognition should be extended to same-sex couples as well."

Holden said the purpose of the forum is provide a safe place for student in the LGBT community, questioning or just interested in learning more about sexual and gender identity.

While SIF is not a political or activist organization and is also not sanctioned by the university, Holden personally supports the legalization of same-sex marriage.

Another conservative concern is that expanding the definition of marriage to include same-sex marriage might eventually lead to further changes in the way society values marriage, said Frisco sophomore Emily Martin.

"I think we have societally tended to make marriage really arbitrary," Martin said. "Due to divorce culture, marriage is some sort of idea of achieving happiness for both parties. It's more of a contractual kind of thing that's easily broken off. To me, I see marriage as something that is very distinct and sacred."

Martin worries that expanding the definition of marriage to include same-sex couples could eventually lead to the acceptance of currently taboo relationships, such as polygamy and incest.

Katy sophomore Taylor Phillips, a SIF member, said she hopes the Supreme Court will rule that marriage is a constitutional right for same-sex couples. Phillips said the definition of marriage as a union between a man and a woman is a religious issue, so same-sex marriage should be legalized because of the separation of church and state.

"The issue I have with people making religious arguments against it is that lots of different religions practice marriage, and people who do not identify with a particular religion can still get married," Phillips said. "Trying to make marriage a religious institution doesn't make sense. I believe it should be secular."

Other Baylor students question whether the Supreme Court should be responsible for making the decision. Grove said many conservatives think states should be allowed to determine for themselves whether marriage is strictly between a man and a woman.

"A lot of people think it should be the right of states to decide," Grove said. "Obviously, a lot of people think that it shouldn't be legalized at all. Most conservatives believe that marriage is between a man and a woman."

Another conservative argument raised before the Supreme Court is that same-sex marriage is a relatively new institution in modern countries. Only 18 countries have legalized same-sex marriage nationwide. The Netherlands was the first country to do so in 2001. Since same-sex marriage is relatively new, some conservatives argue that it's impossible to know how legalizing same-sex marriage will impact society in the long run.

Liberals, on the other hand, argue that no one is harmed by same-sex marriage and so it should not be banned.

"Trying to stop gay marriage is like saying that people aren't allowed to love other people," Phillips said. "Why would you stop something that has no effect on you?"

The Court is still in the process of hearing oral arguments, but will have reached a decision by the end of June when the court's term ends.

I don't really know how to handle it. Nothing like this has happened to me before. I went from about 400 to 4,000 Twitter followers in one day and I've gotten countless requests on Facebook and LinkedIn to connect. I've gotten several media requests, and some Houston TV guys showed up at my house last night. I've never been one to seek attention. I kept it pretty quiet about me being behind the account. When it came to media in the press box or things like that, people knew, a few fans that I grew close to knew who I was, but most didn't.

How did people figure out it was you?

The Rockets site ClutchFans

said it was me who sent the tweet. I knew a guy from the site and he posted and linked to my tweets. One thing led to another and it blew up. I thought I might get some message, but I didn't know I'd be getting messages on ESPN Radio.

You are, of course, a Baylor graduate and former staff member at the Baylor Lariat. What did you take away from Baylor and working at the Lariat that helped you heading into the job market?

I took a long path. I didn't go to Baylor for undergraduate, but took part in a master's in journalism program. I always thought I was a good writer and had a love for writing. I eventually did an in-

ternship at the Waco Tribune-Herald, but I got my first experience through [Baylor Lariat assistant media adviser] Julie Freeman. I got to know her in a master's class and I told her what I wanted to do and she helped me get into the Lariat ad department.

After a few weeks, a staff writer spot opened up and I took over covering the Waco beat. Since I lived off campus, I understood the storylines of Waco. It was my first published writing. Even though I only worked there for a semester, my experience was invaluable. I left with clips and interviewing experience. There are some things you can't learn without doing it.

How did you end up with the

Houston Rockets?

I graduated with my degree and went to work at the Digital Media Studio at Baylor. It was originally in the bottom of Moody Library, but I don't think it's there anymore. We were a one-stop shop for professors' tech needs, whether print, design, audio or visual.

That was my first step into the digital world. Then I worked in the marketing department at the Hankamer School of Business. I left Baylor well-rounded and took a job in the market department at Moody Gardens in Galveston. The Rockets then hired me in 2012.

Did you do social media right away?

I originally did email mar-

keting. Social media existed at the time, but it was seen as more person-to-person interaction. I managed it, but it was a secondary responsibility. It's grown a whole lot and now we have Instagram, Pinterest and Snapchat among others. I eventually transitioned to a full-time social media content producer, which I did until I guess Wednesday when I was let go.

What's next for you?

There's been quite a few groups asking if I'm interested in job possibilities, but I'm not in any state of mind to be making long-term life decisions. But a lot of companies are reaching out and I'm going to listen to what they have to say eventually.



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This finals season, the Baylor Lariat is helping students figure out ways to manage the avalanche of papers, finals and group projects.

By Rae Jefferson | Arts & Entertainment Editor

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De-stress like a Lariateer

Some of the Lariat staff responded to the question, "How do you deal with stress during finals week?" Their answers range from finding every distraction possible to just curling up in the fetal position. We're going to need more Kleenex.

"I forget the fact that I have finals, so I go out with people. I go to the movies, go to Hastings, play cards for like four hours. Then I remember I have finals and cry on the inside, but then I put that crying aside and go back to playing cards."

Cody Soto | Sports Writer

"I don't."

Shehan Jeyarajah | Sports Editor

"I only have one final this year. I think senioritis has hit hard because I'm like, 'I'll study when I want to.' But I only do it for 30 minutes."

Linda Wilkins | Editor-in-Chief

"I buy a lot of music. It's quiet indie music to listen to while I study."

Magen Davis | Videographer

"I craft. It's always relaxing to sit out on my porch and paint or make stationery."

Rae Jefferson | Arts & Entertainment Editor

"I watch the Duggars on '19 Kids and Counting.'"

Jessica Babb | Assistant Web Editor

"I eat lots of sour gummy worms and have 'Harry Potter' running in the living room, even if I'm not in there."

Rebecca Flannery | Staff Writer

"Sleep."

Didi Martinez | Copy Editor

"I really don't, I just kind of freak out. Maybe cry?"

Maleesa Johnson | Copy Desk Chief

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Kick the finals blues with a little bit of fun

Finals week is one of the most taxing parts of the year, but that doesn't mean the pressure of performing well on exams has to take control of students' lives. Self-care, which involves maintaining one's overall health, includes managing stress. Here are a few activities that can help keep stress levels at bay between all the exams and study sessions.

1. Eat yummy food (especially dark chocolate — it's proven to decrease stress).
2. Do something you love to get your mind off the stuff you don't love.
3. Don't over do it with fun or studying.
4. Take a nap. Surely you've missed some Z's over the semester.
5. Watch a movie in a genre on Netflix that you've never tried before.
6. Check out the "New Releases" section of Spotify.
7. Do some online shopping if you have some extra cash.
8. Pretend you are a cat. Pretend the cat is you. Send it to your finals.
9. Play Wii tennis.
10. Go to Cameron Park, especially if you have a dog.
11. Play Rock Band.
12. Check out the \$1 section at Target.
13. Eat cookie dough.
14. Go get froyo or snow cones.
15. Roller skate around campus.
16. Like all of your friends' old Facebook photos (lol).
17. Hide behind bushes and scare people.
18. Go hammocking.
19. Perform social experiments (safely).
20. Put whipped cream in a mayonnaise jar and eat it somewhere publicly.
21. Go to Hastings.
22. Explore downtown Waco.
23. Visit a neighboring town.
24. Make creative Snapchat stories.
25. Make a music video.
26. Leave clues in Moody to a scavenger hunt that doesn't exist.
27. Take a trip to Austin or Dallas.
28. Go cliff jumping.
29. Bake cupcakes.
30. Eat a bagel.
31. Find new ways to use a pipe cleaners.
32. Make your own play-doh.
33. Pick flowers (not Blue Bonnets).
34. Ambush your friends with copious amounts of glitter (first, be sure you know how to run).
35. Play football in Fountain Mall.
36. Inhale helium.
37. Go to Cameron Park Zoo.
38. Have a bonfire at Waco Lake.
39. Have a picnic at Indian Spring Park.
40. Get a jump start on returning your textbooks.
41. Finish filing your tax returns.
42. Watch cat videos. Repeat.
43. Google videos of babies falling down or seeing their shadows for the first time.
44. Watch all your favorite kids' movies.
45. Start a new hobby.
46. Learn to knit and then quit.
47. Make some Kool Aid.
48. Go to Katie's Frozen Custard.
49. Eat sushi.
50. Order pizza.
51. Try a new restaurant in Waco.
52. Read the Lariat!
53. Dress up nice and go to Whataburger.
54. Try the hottest flavor of wings at Buffalo Wild Wings.
55. Make candles.
56. Tie-dye a shirt (or some underwear).
57. Learn to hula dance.
58. Plan a vacation that you'll never take.
59. Buy a new swimsuit.
60. Go to the beach at Speegleville Park in Waco wearing said swimsuit.
61. Don't go to your finals. Just kidding.

For your body: try these exercises to boost energy, mood

By DEVEN HOPP
BYRDIE (TNS)

It would be impossible for your workout to include every muscle-toning, calorie-torching move you've heard/seen/read about in your life — at the very least, it would be an incredibly long workout. So we called up a few fitness experts and asked them to name one exercise women aren't doing enough of. While many protested that choosing just one essential exercise was extremely difficult, they all complied. The result? A list of six indispensable moves that we can almost guarantee you're not already doing (we certainly weren't). You don't have to ditch your existing gym routine; just sprinkle a couple into your existing workouts.

Calm shells

Celebrity trainer and fitness expert Patrick Murphy said he has all of his clients preform the "happy clam move" because it prevents injury, while toning your glutes. "The average person sits all day, crossing their legs," Murphy said. "When we do stand, we favor one side and collapse into it, putting our body weight on one leg." Consequently, we end up with weak glutes and hip muscles and impaired stabilization. So Murphy suggests doing the clam move with a resistance band wrapped around your thighs to strengthen the

area. Additionally, the majority of the time we spend moving, we are in forward movement (walking, hiking, biking). We rarely move side to side. "But when you develop the lateral side of your glutes with this exercise, it gives your bum the ability to defy gravity," Murphy said. Training your glutes in all planes of motion is a must.

Walking lunges

Stationary lunges aren't cutting it. "Walking lunges work a large number of muscles (thighs, hamstrings, calves, glutes and core), while also engaging your cardiovascular system," certified personal trainer and ISSA director of wellness, John Rowley, said. You get a full lower-body workout with the added benefit of cardio in one movement.

Windmills

"This single exercise provides a full-body strength movement that will challenge your abdominals, strengthen your core, and improve balance and coordination by calling on all of your stabilizing muscles to fire," Equinox Beverly Hills group fitness manager, Jason Schneider, said. And you can do this move anywhere because Schneider said it doesn't require a lot of weight to get results. "Even body weight will work

your core." So just choose a weight that won't compromise your form.

Down dog and scorpion sequence

Lifting heavy weights isn't always the best option for women, so Angela Leigh, national manager of Equinox training camp, recommends this sequence as a great way to build strength without external stimuli. "Down Dog is a static pose that builds shoulder stability, extends the spine, elongates the back of the legs, and strengthens the front of the thighs," Leigh said. "Simply holding Down Dog alone for two minutes is an excellent way to sculpt the outer upper arms, as well as build trunk stability, which for women is difficult to do. I like to add a Scorpion for rotation and an additional challenge for core strength and mobility in the upper back. Extension of the spine, core stability, shoulder strength, and mobility in the upper back are essential for good posture as well as overall healthy movement patterns."

Calf raises

"Many women tend to overlook isolation training of their calves," said Angeles Burke, director of fitness and wellness at Celsius. "Tight glutes are all the rage, so squatting and lunging have become staples in most

women's training routines. Yet, when we wear shorts or dresses, it's our calves that tend to be exposed." Your calves do get recruited in many basic exercises, but that's not enough to properly develop the area. Burke recommends adding two calf isolation exercises, like calf raises, after your leg routine twice a week. "Keep the weight light and focus on controlling the movement."

Turkish get up

"This is a phenomenal exercise that many women often overlook because it can either be intimidating or confusing to do (these are the same reasons men don't do it also)," director of Equinox fitness training institute, Mathew N. Berenc, said. The Turkish get up is great for improving stability and total body strength, preventing injury and reaching weight loss goals. "You're using your entire body at the same time to go from floor to standing. Every muscle together has to work, and as a result of this increased unified stress on the body, you adapt and get stronger as a whole — rather than just the individual parts." You also burn a lot of calories because, again, every muscle has to work. "After just three reps — no matter how good you are — you're sweating bullets," Berenc said. You have to be focused throughout the exercise, and when an exercise does that, Berenc said it ramps up your metabolism.



Zac Brown and the Zac Brown Band perform on May 11, 2012, at Time Warner Cable Music Pavilion at Walnut Creek in Raleigh, N.C.

Zac Brown attempts crossover move, fails

By JONATHAN S. PLATT
WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

It seems like all the albums I've reviewed for the Lariat have been over artists making crossover jumps in genre. So when I sat down with Zac Brown Band's new release, I was a little disappointed to learn it was following this trend.

The Zac Brown Band released its fourth studio album, "Jekyll + Hyde" (No Reserve, Inc.), on Tues-

The band also always has that Jimmy Buffett-esque song (sometimes sung alongside Buffett himself, like with "Knee Deep"). This time it's "Castaway." This is the song I probably appreciate the most on "Jekyll + Hyde."

It incorporates everything I hoped for when I saw Brown's new album in the iTunes store. From beginning to end, it's such a great sea shanty tune. Truly, all it's missing is Jimmy Buffett.

A major bump upward for this album is the incorporation of new accompaniment voices. Stacked back-to-back are "Mango Tree" with Sara Bareilles, who promised not to write us a love song, and "Heavy Is The Head" with Chris Cornell, Rolling Stone's ninth best lead singer of all time.

"Mango" is like "Castaway" meets Frank Sinatra. Very islandy, but also very show-tunish. Brown and Bareilles sing a story of a pair of lovers who want nothing more than to think about only tonight in paradise.

"Take your time 'cause we got time to borrow," Brown sings. "I

love you. Say you love me too. We can turn the whole world upside down."

"Heavy Is The Head" is a completely different animal. This song is like nothing the Zac Brown Band has done before. The hardcore rock tone favors Cornell's vocals much better than Brown's, but the song is not diluted.

It's a refreshing splash of different in the middle of a quite predictable album.

In hearing "Heavy" for the first time, I was reminded of when Tim McGraw did a crossroads single with Def Leppard. The contemporary country king and rock icons did "Nine Lives" much justice, and the same can be said of Brown and Cornell's work.

Also on the album is Brown's cover of Jason Isbell's "Dress Blues." While country music does often paint neo-patriotic strokes, Brown's honest attempt at owning this military-themed anthem is overshadowed by his inability to escape a wannabe singer-songwriter sound.

In short, I'd give this album no more than two stars. While there are several great four and four-and-a-half star songs on it, they just don't work well stacked next to each other.

I'm normally all for artists challenging the assumptions placed on them by the industry and by fans, but this go-around I'm going to have to say that the Zac Brown Band needs to stick with its tune.

Because, honestly, this isn't really a genre jump. It's the same band playing generally the same songs but with a few different instruments.

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Zac Brown Band's "Jekyll + Hyde"



Reviewer's favorites:

1. "Heavy is the Head"
2. "Castaway"

Wife of 'Sniper' author publishes book on grief

By JAMIE STENGLE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — The widow of famed "American Sniper" author Chris Kyle says in her upcoming book that she struggled with the idea of whether her husband's killer should be executed.

Taya Kyle writes in "American Wife," which will be published next week by William Morrow, that she concluded she would be fine with either the death penalty or life in prison. "That was as far as I could go toward forgiveness," she wrote.

Kyle describes her life with the famed former Navy SEAL sniper and coping after his 2013 death at a Texas gun range. The Associated Press purchased an early copy of the book, written with Jim DeFelice, who also co-authored her husband's bestselling memoir of his Iraq tours that was turned into an Oscar-nominated movie.

Kyle and his friend, Chad Littlefield, were shot to death by former Marine Eddie Ray Routh, whose mother had asked Kyle to help him. The prosecutor decided not to seek the death penalty, so Routh was automatically sentenced to life in prison after his capital murder conviction in February.

Taya Kyle said that while she still believes in the death penalty, she also has "come around to the view that life without parole may in fact be a worse punishment than death."

Trial testimony revealed Routh had been hospitalized for psychiatric treatment and prescribed medication to treat



Widow of "American Sniper" Chris Kyle, Taya Kyle, center, throws out the first ceremonial pitch on Military Opening Day before a baseball game between the San Diego Padres and the San Francisco Giants on April 12 in San Diego, Calif.

schizophrenia. But jurors found the insanity defense mounted by his lawyers failed to meet the legal threshold: a mental illness so severe he didn't know right from wrong.

Erath County District Attorney Alan Nash told the AP Thursday that he decided not to seek the death penalty after weighing several factors, including that the jury and higher courts could consider Routh's military service and mental health records. He said it also led to a faster conclusion as opposed to years and years of appeals.

Chris Kyle met Routh for the first time the day he was killed, Taya Kyle wrote, adding: "Chris

didn't know the young man, nor was he told the vast depths of his problems."

She writes about deciding to have her husband laid to rest at Texas State Cemetery in Austin instead of Arlington National Cemetery. They had talked about it after a friend's funeral and she wrote that her husband told her: "I just want to be wherever is best for ya'll."

He also told her: "I want a big funeral. I'm gone, right? Blow it out."

Thousands attended his memorial service held at AT&T Stadium, where his coffin was placed at the Dallas Cowboys' star at midfield.

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T-Rex documentary rekindles legal controversy

By KEVIN BURBACH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIERRE, S.D. — Pete Larson has discovered thousands of fossils around the world, co-authored three books and led the team that unearthed the largest and most complete Tyrannosaurus rex ever found. But there's one black mark on his record: a federal conviction that landed him in prison almost 20 years ago.

His name could soon be cleared because of a documentary released last year at the Sundance Film Festival, which has brought his legal blemish back into the public eye and spurred South Dakota residents — and Larson himself — to push for President Barack Obama to give him a pardon.

"Dinosaur 13" details the discovery of "Sue," a Tyrannosaurus rex that was more than 90 percent complete when it was discovered in 1990 in South Dakota. Federal agents seized the fossil in 1992, alleging that Larson's Black Hills Institute of Geological Research and its employees took it from federal trust land.

While those charges never stuck, the federal government investigated the institute and brought more than 150 unrelated charges against its employees. Only Larson and two others were found guilty, and the paleontologist was sentenced to two years in federal prison for lying on customs documents about thousands of dollars used for fossil deals in Peru and Japan and illegally taking fossils from a national forest in Montana.

Larson's backers have argued for more than two decades that he was overzealous-



Peter Larson excavates a Triceratops femur on June 26, 2013, in a quarry near Newcastle, Wyo. Larson has discovered thousands of fossils around the world and led the team that unearthed the largest and most complete Tyrannosaurus rex ever found.

ly prosecuted. The movie's release has reignited that conversation, leading his supporters to push for the president to correct what they see as the government's mistake.

The South Dakota Legislature overwhelmingly passed a resolution this session that's been sent to Obama requesting a pardon for Larson. And Larson is working with an attorney on a formal pardon

request — a move he hopes could clear his name and also allow him to travel to Canada, where he said more fossil work is to be done.

"It's something very special for me personally to have this piece of paper that says I'm pardoned for these offenses," Larson said. "It's an important mile marker to reach. Like climbing Mt. Everest, or find-

ing your first T-rex — or finding your 10th T-rex."

But not everyone thinks Larson's name should be cleared or that the documentary, which portrays the paleontologists in the mid-1990s trial in a fairly sympathetic light, should prompt a pardon.

The lone two lawmakers — out of 105 — who opposed the resolution said

they personally know people who were involved in the investigation, believe Larson's crime was serious and that the conviction was justified.

"It's possible that he was overzealously prosecuted but yet guilty of the crimes on which he was found guilty of," said Rep. Mark Mickelson, R-Sioux Falls.

Neither he nor fellow Republican Rep. Lee Schoenbeck, of Watertown, has seen the film.

"Unless it had a detailed review of the criminal investigation file, I probably wouldn't spend my time watching it," Schoenbeck said. "There is no chance that any legislators knew the details of that criminal case that would warrant them for voting for that resolution."

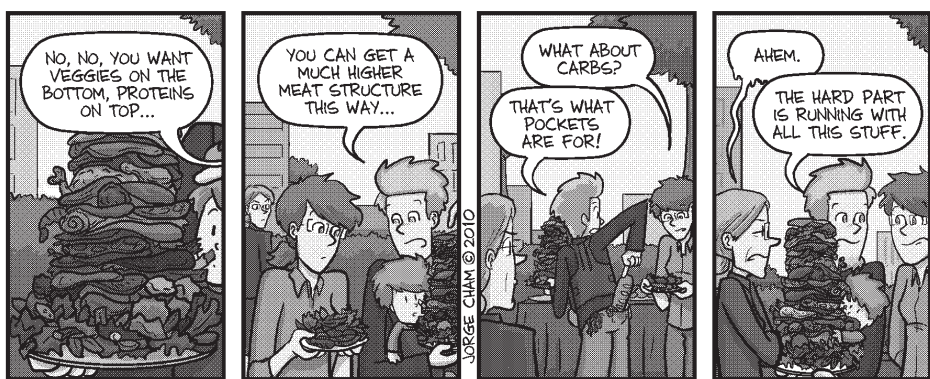
Rep. Mike Verichio, a Republican from Larson's home of Hill City, said he introduced the resolution after an outpouring of requests from constituents who had watched the documentary and thought Larson was unjustly imprisoned.

The film aired worldwide and played in tiny theatres across South Dakota last summer, from Mitchell to Hill City, where the geological institute is headquartered.

"There were people who really weren't aware of the background of the situation and how it happened and that seemed to be the catalyst right there," said Verichio, who has watched the film several times. "It built up a tremendous amount of support here."

It's unclear how Larson's pardon request and the support from the state of South Dakota will be received by the president. A White House spokesman said they don't usually comment on individual cases.

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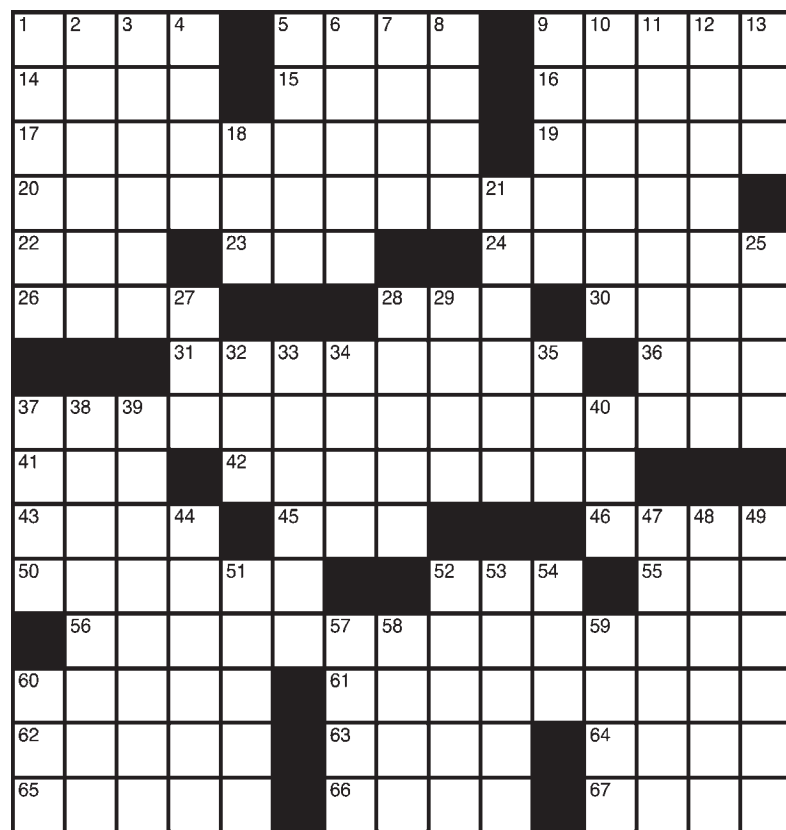
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- 63 Not at all pleasant
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- 65 Frauds
- 66 Barnyard meal
- 67 Cocker spaniel of film

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- 39 View from Liverpool
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- 44 Crown jewels item
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- 49 Insignificant
- 51 Conductor's calls
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No. 17 softball preparing for postseason run

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

Six games remain in the regular season for No. 17 Baylor softball, and the Bears are trying to make the final push in order to have a chance to host first and second rounds in Waco.

Baylor sits in second place in conference standings, and with a strong finish in the next few weeks, the Bears can head into the postseason strong.

"I think we're in the position to host still. We need to finish real strong though to do that," head coach Glenn Moore said. "We need to win nearly all of them to be in a good position to host. These are games we can win, but we must bring our best effort every game."

The Bears won a three-game series over Iowa State last weekend but failed to bring in an extra run in the team's 2-1 loss to UTSA on Wednesday night. So many runners have been left on base, and that needs to change.

"We hit the ball well, and we had a line drives caught, but we didn't have timely hits," senior rightfielder Kaitlyn Thumann said. "That's what ended up losing the game for us. We couldn't get across the plate."

Although the Bears have had problems converting hits into runs, there are several aspects of

the game that Baylor is performing well. The bulk of the success can be attributed to Thumann and senior shortstop Jordan Strickland.

Both seniors have provided Baylor softball with dynamic offense and defense over the past few years, and the duo has shown different strengths in the 2015 season.

Thumann was 3-for-5 from the plate in the team's loss to UTSA, including a big double in the seventh inning that set up the Bears in a good position to score. Strickland, on the other hand, has struggled offensively this season. She has shined in her shortstop position, taking out several players with her strong throws to first base from across the field.

The two seniors have had the difficult task of leading a relatively young team this season, pushing their envelopes to the brink. The team has had great triumphs, including wins over then-No. 2 Oregon, No. 5 Oklahoma and No. 16 Arizona. In all three games, the Bears fired away from behind the plate and took control of the situation.

However, in losses to then-No. 9 Louisiana Lafayette, No. 7 UCLA and Iowa State, the offense just stalled. When Baylor is on a role, the team can beat any team. But when the team is struggling at bat and on base, there's a big chance the Bears will come away empty



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Junior catcher Robin Landrith runs the bases during Baylor's 6-0 win over Iowa State on Sunday.

handed every time.

"The seniors are doing their job," Moore said. "They're doing a good job. It really boils down to timely hitting. Right now, I'm happy with what the seniors are doing for us. They're making good plays and playing a good ballgame for us, and the rest of the team has got to follow."

Does Baylor have the ability to finish the season strong? Yes. There have been large stretches in the season where the Bears have held their own against any opponent.

"We're in a good position," Moore said. "We've fought hard to be in this position, and we need to take advantage of it. Ari and Shelby

are leading the case, and I like what they're doing."

But is there a chance that Baylor will not host the first and second rounds of the NCAA Softball Championships? Yes. The Bears can prevent that from happening, and that will begin with winning the next six games against Big 12 opponents.

"We need to win out; we can't afford to lose any conference games right now," sophomore second baseman Ari Hawkins said.

Baylor faces Kansas at 5 p.m. today in Lawrence, Kan. Games two and three are scheduled for 2 p.m. on Saturday and noon on Sunday.

Baseball hopes to finish 2015 strong

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

A number of issues hit Baylor baseball this season. This debilitated head coach Steve Smith from stopping the recent decline in form for the Bears. Just three years ago, Baylor was on top of the Big 12 baseball world holding up the regular season championship trophy.

The Bears (17-24, 6-12) had the injury bug from the start of the season, losing key players in the batting order, infield, outfield and on the mound. Baylor was hurting in just about every spot on the field. On top of that, the Bears' roster was already relatively young, even without the injuries. It was a recipe for Baylor to face many hardships this season.

"We're either too young or not good enough, take your pick," Smith said after a midweek loss this season.

Optimism would sometimes creep in after the Bears would scrape out a win in the middle of the week. However, it would all come crashing down over the weekend in conference play. The Bears have not been a threat on the road and dropped some key games at home this season.

Smith called the Bears "real thin" after an 11-0 loss to Houston at home this season in regards to his team's current lack of depth. Over and over, Baylor's shortcomings were exposed on the field.

The season has been a constant cycle of teaching the players humility, Smith said. In many

ways, Smith knew his team was bound to lead a mediocre season in 2015. He feels its almost inevitable to fail before even having the chance to succeed. Especially in college sports, teams go through cycles. Periods of starkly different ups and downs.

"Nobody's going to feel sorry for us," Smith said. "Part of being a good baseball player is more than being able to hit, run, throw - it's being able to think the game and being able to play the game. The only way it seems to me that you learn is almost by failure, and failure costs you ballgames."

Senior pitcher Ryan Smith, son of coach Smith, suffered an injury just weeks into his previously expected final season. Ryan will undergo Tommy John surgery and is expected to return next season. His son's return to the team should bolster the pitching staff's experience and depth, Smith said.

In addition to Ryan coming back another year, Smith recently announced the signing of San Jacinto College right-handed pitcher Alex Phillips. Phillips will be one of the six total incoming players for the Bears next season, four of which are pitchers.

Baylor signed five Texas high school standouts fall for the 2016 campaign - Collin Garrett from Montgomery High, Kyle Hill from Calallen High, Cody Moos from Medina Valley High, T.J. Raguse from Georgetown High, Jon Skidmore from Highland Park.

The Bears will return as many as 28 players for 2016 after losing only seven seniors.

Baylor ready to take step forward

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor athletics garnered a program-best eight Big 12 titles in the 2014-2015 season, and Baylor volleyball looks to join the elite ranks next season under first-year head coach Ryan McGuyre.

The team was one of only two across the board that had a losing record this year, prompting a coaching change and a new motivation for the program. The team finished in eighth place in Big 12 standings and finished the year with a 14-17 record. Injuries crippled the team in 2014, taking

out several key players at the net. With the loss of size and athleticism, the Bears suffered its second-straight losing season.

However, the Bears return a majority of their roster, including five seniors for the 2015 season, and the veterans' expertise could make a difference.

The biggest weapon Baylor brings back is senior outside hitter Andie Malloy. The All-Big 12 selection recorded 447 kills and averaged 3.89 kills per set to lead the team in that category. She also had the most digs on the team, totalling 348 during her first season on the court for Baylor.

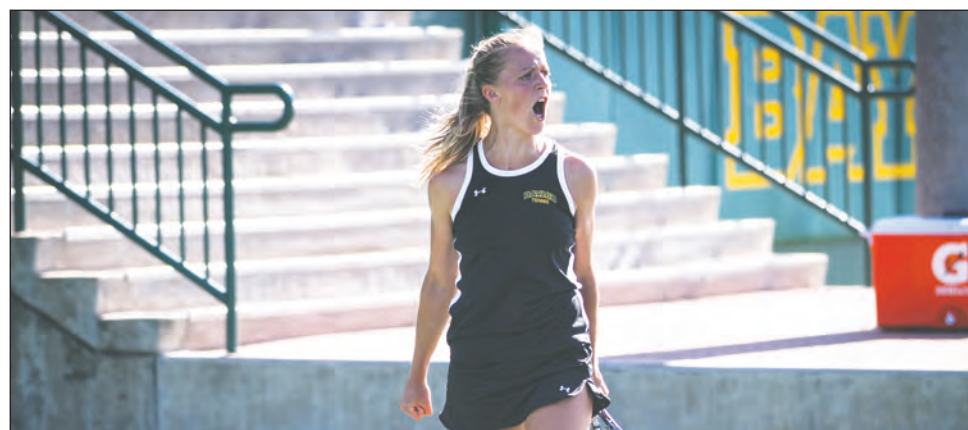
The Bears have to include

Malloy in the system and not solely rely on her athleticism and all-around abilities to win games. The talent that Baylor brings back can grow into a more complete team with the new freshmen and experienced underclassmen.

"With the tempo and rhythm, I don't think we've reached our full potential yet," Malloy said. "But if we keep working hard, we'll eventually reach there. If we play to the best of our ability, we can pull out some big wins this season."

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Six tennis players qualify for NCAA tourney

Senior Ema Burgic celebrates a point during Baylor's 4-0 win over TCU on Saturday. Burgic was one of six individual qualifiers for the NCAA singles and doubles championship. Other qualifiers include: junior Julian Lenz, seniors Tony Lupieri and Diego Galeano and sophomores Max Tchoutakian and Blair Shankle.

RICO VS.

Basketball does offseason drills against other sports

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

Offseason never looked so fun. The Baylor men's basketball team experienced a much different offseason training over the past month. The Bears cross-trained with seven other teams, which included football, rowing, gymnastics, tennis, lacrosse, soccer and baseball.

This is the first time the program has participated in such an event, and the mastermind behind it all was Charlie Melton, the director of men's basketball athletic performance. Melton coordinated practices with each team, and in turn the Bears learned the dynamics and fundamentals of each sport for a day.

"I just finished my 10th year here, and for we've done postseason the same way for 10 years in a row," Melton said. "This is the only chance we get to step out of basketball, get outside, do something a little bit different. We still want to get better, but we don't just want to be in the weight room going for sets and reps, doing the same old reps, the same old monotony."

Training with other sports teams has allowed the players to condition in a different way this offseason, and it is a different type of soreness when the team wakes up in the morning, Melton

said.

"(Tarean Prince) said he had to use his hands to pick his legs up on Saturday to get in the car," Melton said. "It's kind of the feeling for it, to stay in shape, to work on athleticism, create new relationships and see the campus."

While the cross training allows the basketball team to get out of the weight room for a few hours to do a different type of workout, the m e a n - i n g b e h i n d i t i s a l s o v e r y s i m p l e : h a v e f u n .

"Any-time we can compete and laugh, I think it's a great thing," Melton said. "That's part of the focus now, just relax and let the season go and shift gears for the summer. It was more successful than I ever imagined it was going to be."

What is interesting about this concept is not only the peculiarity of it, but the valuable relationships that the players are building with other student-athletes.

"This was my first time being on a tennis court," junior forward Rico Gathers said. "It made us challenge ourselves and our minds to compete. It's a lot of footwork, a lot of detail, a lot

of skill, so I really admire these dudes."

Most recently, Baylor men's basketball met up with No. 2 men's tennis at the Hurd Tennis Center for some one-on-one lessons on the basic fundamentals of serving, hitting and returning. Senior men's tennis player Mate Zsiga will not forget seeing a tennis ball sailing out of the park on Wednesday afternoon, he said.

"Rico came in here and hit the first ball out of the stadium, and at the end he actually made a few serves in, so he made quite a progress," Zsiga said. "They tried hard, and it was great. It seemed like they enjoyed it."

Not only is this cross-training proving to benefit the men's basketball squad, but the tennis team enjoyed the company on the court. The men's tennis team is busy preparing for the 2015 NCAA first and second rounds, so a break from routine was well worth it, Zsiga said.

"The grind can be a little tiring, so it was good to have a little fun," he said. "Right now we are practicing for the NCAA's, so we didn't have to take this seriously. It's good to mix it up a little bit. We never did this before. It was awesome."

The basketball team has even invited the men's tennis team to play a competitive five-on-five game in the fall, during the tennis team's offseason. Wonder who would be the starting five for tennis? Zsiga has an idea.

"For point guard, I got Diego (Galeano) for sure," Zsiga said. "He is good, he played basketball before. I got Vince (Schneider) as a center because he's a tall, strong guy. For power forward I got my-



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Freshman forward T.J Maston and sophomore tennis player Vince Schneider celebrate as the men's basketball and tennis go through workouts together on Wednesday at the Hurd Tennis Facility.

self. Maybe Will (Little) can be another point guard, and (Felipe) Rios we can put in there."

Although the men's tennis team may have a starting lineup, the massive size of the men's basketball team may overpower them just a bit. Gathers against Zsiga in the paint? That might not be pretty.

"I don't know if we could score at least. They are way too tall for us," Zsiga said. "To go up against Rico would be painful I would feel like. It's not an easy task. On the half court maybe we can make

money shots, but it's a different level out there."

The Bears' most successful sport, besides basketball of course, was flag football with junior quarterback Seth Russell. Melton said fans might not see the hidden footage of Gathers on the field, but Gathers was not quiet about his abilities.

"I was in the pocket like I was Bryce Petty working on my arm, moving the sticks and focusing on getting the ball to receivers and scoring touchdowns," Gathers said.

"I put the ball in other people's hands but they cost us the game. I'm not saying any names."

With the success of the offseason Olympics this year, Melton and the team are planning on making cross-training an annual ritual at the end of every season. The team will look to add different sports to its schedule as well, some that would entertain fans.

"We'd like to do equestrian but we'll see about that," Melton said. "Rico on a horse, it better be a Clydesdale."



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Other 'Coach Mulkey' leads Baylor to elite

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

Not even a full year ago, Baylor welcomed a new head coach to the acrobatics and tumbling program. With four consecutive national titles at the University of Oregon, Fee Mulkey's resume spoke for itself when the school hired her.

Mulkey has been at the helm of Baylor's awakening in the national picture of acrobatics & tumbling, a sport very much in its early stages.

Now with the Bears, Mulkey (no relation to women's basketball coach Kim Mulkey) had one of the toughest challenges of her coaching career in front of her. After establishing Oregon as a national powerhouse, Mulkey moved to uncharted territory.

"It was tough to leave," Mulkey said. "I had been at Oregon for six years. I continue to have a great relationship with the girls on that team and the administration there. I was not unhappy at Oregon."

"Oregon is an amazing place. It's beautiful and the people there are special, but I made the right decision coming here. I love the community. I love that I get to have my office in the middle of campus and feel all this energy all the time. I have zero regrets."

Mulkey valued family and community above most of the reasons she considered for her move. Originally from Georgia, Mulkey resided on the opposite side of the country while at Oregon. Taking the job at Baylor allowed her the chance to connect with her family in simple ways she could not before.

"My family is one of the main

reasons I took the job," Mulkey said. "I'm closer to my mom now. She lives in Georgia so I got to drive home for Christmas and stay for two weeks. Those type of things are very important."

Mulkey's time to settle in was brief. She received the job in June. She arrived in Waco for her first time in August and quickly hit the ground running with team practices and workouts.

"I got into Waco for my first time on a Saturday in August," Mulkey said. "Sunday, I went and bought an air mattress so I could have a place to sleep because my stuff wasn't here. On Monday, I started at 8 a.m. and I promise you I have not come up for air yet."

Her bedding situation was the least of her concern. Mulkey's biggest obstacle was feeling out a brand new team for the first time. She was aware of Baylor's already existent talent. Her recruiting experience as a coach at Oregon actually gave her previous knowledge of the program, she said.

"[Oregon and Baylor] recruit a lot against each other, being the two bigger division one schools in the [NCATA]," Mulkey said. "Because of that, I knew a lot of these kids before I came down."

Knowing the talent exists is totally different from getting the talent to its full potential, Mulkey said. Her chance to be coach that could establish a winning tradition for Baylor acrobatics & tumbling was one of the greatest thrills a coach could feel.

"Just the opportunity to come down here, walk into an existing team and hopefully change a culture and uncover what was already

here. We didn't create any talent. I had not done that as a coach. Anybody who stood across the mat from Baylor in all of these past years could see the level of talent that was over there," Mulkey said.

"It has definitely been a challenge, but it has been one of the most invigorating, fun things that I've ever done as a coach."

In the same way she had never coached these players before, the players had never worked under Mulkey. Their trust had to be earned too. It did not take long for that to occur.

"I remember coming back from summer, we were all just a little rusty and just not sure what to expect with [the coaching change]," senior Ally Cheatham said. "They consistently encouraged and instilled this confidence that is unbelievable. Every day in practice it kind of just slowly sunk in that we can do this. We can be that team, represent Baylor and get that national championship."

Mulkey helped ring in a new era of Baylor acrobatics & tumbling, senior Danielle Hardman said. Hardman has been on the team for four years. She said there was a clear advantage that Mulkey's experience brought to the table.

"She definitely has more experience," senior Danielle Hardman said. "She knows what to say and exactly how her team needs to be coached."

The newly found relationship between Mulkey and her players was a runaway success. The Bears finished the season with a perfect 12-0 record, claiming the NCATA national title.

In addition to the national



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Baylor acrobatics & tumbling competes against No. 2 University of Oregon on April 13 at the Ferrell Center. The Bears won their first national championship under head coach Fee Mulkey in 2015.

championship, the Bears earned eight individual titles (the most of any school this season) at the NCATA Individual Event Finals, the NCATA Freshman of the Year award (Shayla Moore), the NCATA Most Outstanding Athlete of the Year award (Kiara Nowlin) and three All-American selections. Baylor dominated from top to bottom.

"Our team has worked so insanely hard," Cheatham said. "It's a blessing to have been undefeated. It's not all about winning, but it's such a confidence booster seeing the change from last year to this."

Mulkey led the Bears to unprecedented success this season. Baylor ended the year with its highest scores on the season at the national championships. The Bears would up their scores and start values each met. That is something that most teams cannot really do,

Mulkey said.

From the first home meet, there was just a different atmosphere engulfing Baylor acrobatics & tumbling. Fans filled the stands, breaking program attendance records with each passing home meet. Just by looking at the crowd, one might have mistakenly thought the crowd at the Ferrell Center was cheering on a basketball game. The fan support was an incredible boost to the team's morale and momentum evidently behind the team.

"The crowd's been amazing, thanks to [the media coverage] helping us out. I think we hit a record high at the last meet. I don't even know exactly how much it was, but standing on the floor and the crowd actually has to go around the side sections of the Ferrell Center for more seating, that gives you chills. The team is just so grateful for it."

It took no time for Mulkey to bring the Bears their first national championship. She sees the national title in a different light, though. Mulkey is excited to be part of Baylor's rise as a university and athletic department, not just acrobatics & tumbling, she said.

"They say that it's a family feel before you come here, and it really is. The leadership between Ian McCaw and Judge [Ken] Starr is second to none. I noted it when I went through my orientation as an employee, not just as a coach. Where [Baylor is] on the growth cycle, athletically, is so much fun to be a part of. We definitely haven't peaked as an athletic department."

Mulkey won four straight national championships at Oregon. Longevity has never been her issue. She cares about family, community and winning culture. At Baylor, she may have found her perfect match.

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BU football setting sights high in 2015

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
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In 2013, Baylor football took a big step toward national prominence by winning the Big 12 for the first time in program history. In 2014, the Bears proved they are here to stay with a second straight conference crown.

Now, Baylor football looks to take the next step nationally in 2015 and qualify for the College Football Playoff.

"Every time we step on the field, we expect to win and other people expect us to win," head coach Art Briles said. "But at the same time, there's a lot of responsibility that comes with that, for our players, coaches and fans."

It's no secret, Baylor's success is dependent on production from the quarterback position. Baylor has finished with a winning record each of the last four seasons; Bear quarterbacks Robert Griffin III, Nick Florence and Petty have averaged over 4,160 passing yards and 32 touchdowns per season.

With Petty gone to the NFL, junior quarterback Seth Russell steps into the fold. The Garland native threw for 438 yards and five touchdowns in his lone half starting and has already thrown for over 1,200 yards and 11 touchdowns in a backup role. Now, he is set up to be the starter.

"It's a huge responsibility being able to go out there and be able to continue this legacy," Russell said. "I'm following some big shoes with the past quarterbacks, so it's going to be fun."

Baylor lost Petty and former All-American receiver Antwan Goodley to graduation, but return the rest of the rotation. Briles' offense starts with domination in the trenches and this team is poised to be elite. Senior left tackle Spencer Drango is returning for his senior year and will fortify a line that returns six players with starting experience.

At receiver, it's still an embarrassment of riches. Junior wide receiver Corey Coleman and sophomore KD Cannon became the sixth and seventh players in Baylor history to accumulate over 1,000 receiving yards in a season. Cannon was the first to do it as a freshman.

After a disappointing collapse in the 2015 Cotton Bowl, Baylor's defense has plenty to prove.

"It's a big chip because we have so much to prove," sophomore linebacker Taylor Young said. "We are a good defense that can be great. We have so much potential"

While Briles' offenses start on the lines, defensive coordinator Phil Bennett relies on dominating opposing frontlines. On the defensive line, senior All-American Shawn Oakman is complemented



No. 1 sophomore inside receiver Corey Coleman runs in the second touchdown for Baylor during the Bears 49-28 win over Oklahoma State on Nov. 22

by fellow All-Big 12 member junior defensive tackle Andrew Billings. The duo were part of a unit that advanced statistics outlet Football Outsiders ranked No. 12 nationally. Baylor returns every player in the defensive line rotation.

Linebacker is the lone place where the Bears saw significant attrition on defense. Three-time All-Big 12 middle linebacker Bryce Hager leaves a void in the middle that BU will have a hard time replacing.

"It's weird but that's life," Young said. "It's time to move on. Bryce was a great linebacker and a great leader. If anyone needed anything or had a question to ask, Bryce was always there. The coaches have no other goal but for me to get there."

Former junior college transfer Grant Campbell was listed as the starting middle linebacker on the post-spring depth chart, but junior Aiaivon Edwards is also

expected to compete for the role.

The secondary is arguably where Baylor saw the most issue in 2014. The Bears' defense gave up 264.2 yards per game, good enough for No. 107 nationally out of 125 teams. However, Baylor had three new starters last year who will all return in 2015.

"It is going to be a big difference because we really did struggle on that end last year," junior safety Orion Stewart said. "With everyone back and having a year of experience I feel that next year we are really going to be good."

Baylor has built on its resume each of the last three seasons and only two goals remain incomplete: winning a major bowl game and qualifying for and winning the College Football Playoff. It seems as though this would be the year to do both.

Soccer ready for anticipated 2015 season

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor soccer hit some snags in the regular season, but closed the year in strong fashion. The Bears bowed out of the Big 12 tournament in the semifinals after finishing the regular season.

Excitement surrounds Baylor soccer ahead of the 2015 season. The Bears welcomed in a bright, new signing class earlier in this semester. Furthermore, the Williams Family Soccer & Olympic Sports Center is nearing completion.

The facility will serve as the new home for Baylor soccer along with tennis and softball. Players are thrilled to finally have a permanent home after going through a year in a temporary portable building serving as their locker room.

The Bears graduated a relatively small class of seniors in 2014, leaving shoes to be filled, but manageable enough for head coach Paul Jobson.

While the Bears have worked through spring training, playing various exhibitions, junior midfielder Bri Campos has been up to other things. Campos was one of 24 players selected for Mexico's pre-2015 FIFA Women's World in Canada.

Campos played with Mexico's youth women's teams on numerous occasions. This time, Campos trained at the highest level with Mexico's senior women's national team throughout March and April. In her previous tournament representing Mexico, Campos scored two goals in four games played. Much like Niya Johnson to the Kim Mulkey's Lady Bears, Campos is the anchor to Baylor's game-plan on the pitch.

Apart from Justine Hovden, Natalie Huggins, Alexa Wilde and Michelle Kloss, the Bears return nearly their entire starting lineup. Sophomore forward Sara Moghadas and junior midfielder Ashley York should be recovered from injury by the 2015 season rolls around in August. Baylor's midfield and back-line will look relatively the same. Baylor's front line of forwards will be the biggest change from 2014 to 2015.

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three very skilled liberos: senior Mackenzie Mayo, and sophomores Jana Brusek and Ashley Myer. Mayo returns to the roster after sitting out last season, and Brusek and Myer received significant playing time last season. The sophomore duo accounted for 437 digs in their first season in a Baylor uniform.

Senior Amy Rosenbaum returns at the setter position along with junior Morgan Reed. In the spring season, both setters were rotated rather equally in the lineup. Reed will be in a good position to take of-

fer after Rosenbaum's graduation, but the leadership will come from Rosenbaum in her final season.

Junior middle hitter Tola Itiola returns at the net and could potentially earn All-Big 12 honors in her third season, which all starts with her consistency and ability to dominate and defend the front line.

Senior outside hitter Thea Munch-Soegaard can have a breakout season after fully recovering from a bad injury her sophomore season. That inevitably affected her performance last season.

Will Baylor volleyball join in the elite ranks with Final Four contender and Big 12 opponent Texas, or be able to compete with two-time defending national champion Penn State next season? Probably not. Maybe in five to 10 years from now? Possibly. However, time is not a factor for Baylor volleyball.

"If there's one thing I take great pride in it's that the teams that I've coached have finished strong," McGuyre said. "They've played their best of volleyball at the end of the year."

McGuyre is determined to build a different part of the program and allow it to sink in over the next few seasons. It will not be easy, but the Bears are ready to take their level of play to a different level.

"The expectation is that we want to win a national championship," McGuyre said. "We want to do something to the best of our ability for something that is bigger than ourselves. The next day, we wake up and try to win the championship again and hope we're one degree better than yesterday."

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