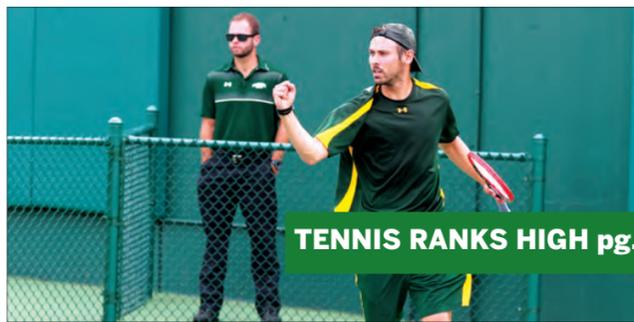


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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Bill to act on student moped grievances

Senior senator Chase Hardy pens the student government bill to address a new student moped parking policy.



HARDY

EMMA KING
Staff Writer

The new regulations for moped parking have had students up in arms all across campus. With the purchase of a \$125 moped permit, students were required to pick a single lot on campus to park in, all year long.

San Antonio senior senator Chase Hardy authored a bill he will be submitting for second reading at the Student Senate meeting tonight. Hardy titled the bill "The Moped Parking Reformation Act of 2015." He said it includes a petition of 600 signatures and testimonials. However, the bill went

before the senate's campus improvements and affairs committee earlier this week, and did not pass. Stephen Gentzel, chair of the committee, said they considered the pros and cons of the proposal and voted against it. He said it hasn't been long enough since the new moped parking policies

have been enacted to make it an issue for administration to investigate. The committee thinks it would be better to release a survey later in the semester, obtain student opinions then and resubmit the bill, Gentzel said. Hardy disagrees, however,

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CITY COUNCIL

City of Waco approves overlay expansion for Baylor University

Editor's note: The original report of this city council meeting published Wednesday was inaccurate. The Baylor Lariat regrets this error. Below is the correct information.

KATIE GROVATT
Reporter

Waco City Council unanimously passed Ordinance 544 on Tuesday night, which will expand the college and university overlay to the area bound by University Parks and East Loop 340 Access Road.

The College and University Neighborhoods District Ordinance will expand zoning restrictions to impede student housing development in that area. The new zone, called Zone Three, expands upon the housing restrictions currently in place in the areas bound by Third Street and Oakwood Avenue and 18th Street and Jack Kultgen Expressway. The new regulations will restrict building height, architectural features and parking

requirements.

Council members held a work session meeting before the voting took place in order to discuss the piece of legislation. The ordinance has propagated a great deal of concerns from residents and businesses of Waco. City Council members discussed these issues and possible resolutions.

The expanded overlay and addition of Zone 3 will include 12th Street in its regulations. The Planning Department is suggesting an exemption to be put in place for non-student housing for industrial and agricultural infrastructure.

"Fourth and 12th Street show no obvious boundary line, but there is a lot of development along 12th Street that is not associated with student development," City Planning director, Clint Peters said.

One exemption that may be extended to industrial buildings is the stipulation of the number of openings on new development. The newly passed ordinance will require that 30 percent of newly con-

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FOR THE LOVE OF PINK



Sarah Pyo | Lariat Photographer

PINK PARTY The Waco Hippodrome hosted the Victoria's Secret Pink Baylor's Welcome Back Party on Wednesday. Pink Baylor provided freebies, food and fun games for participants.

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ARRESTED

Muslim teen detained over homemade clock



Associated Press

TEEN SUPPORTED Ahmed Mohamed, 14, right, and his father Mohamed Elhassan Mohamed, left, thank supporters during a news conference at their home Wednesday in Irving, Texas. Ahmed was arrested after a teacher thought a homemade clock he built was a bomb.

DAVID WARREN
Associated Press

IRVING — A 14-year-old Muslim boy became a sensation on social media Wednesday and got an invitation to the White House after word spread that he had been placed in handcuffs and suspended for coming to class with a homemade clock that school officials thought resembled a bomb.

Police declined to seek any charges against Ahmed Mohamed, but his arrest and suspension ignited a wave of criticism of police and the school and raised suspicions that they had overreacted because of the boy's religion.

"I built the clock to impress my teacher, but when I showed it

to her, she thought it was a threat to her. So it was really sad she took the wrong impression of it," Ahmed said at a news conference in front of his family's home.

Ahmed was pulled from class Monday and taken to a detention center after showing the digital clock to teachers at his suburban Dallas high school.

Irving Police Chief Larry Boyd said the clock looked "suspicious in nature," but there was no evidence the boy meant to cause alarm at school. Boyd considers the case closed.

Ahmed said he plans to transfer out of MacArthur High School.

Asked what he would say to other kids who like tinkering, he replied: "Go for it! Don't let

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COLUMN

Pro Futuris, not for us

Five-year goals do not help students now

EMMA KING
Staff Writer

Baylor's "Pro Ecclesia, Pro Texana" motto gained another Latin term a while ago, but I'm still not sure what Pro Futuris (for the future) is doing for current students like me.

Baylor Proud's website describes the Pro Futuris vision as focusing on five guiding ideas and then developing more concrete ideas in the coming months and years.



The official plan and five-year goals were adopted by the Baylor University Board of Regents in May 2014, just a few months before my freshman class (the largest one in Baylor's history) arrived on campus.

I realize the importance of growing and improving our university. I definitely think the world around us is changing and has high expectations of prestigious educational institutions. I applaud Baylor for its efforts to stay in the running for top ranks, but I still have questions about their methods.

These five-year goals fall into five categories: transformational education, compelling scholarship, informed engagement, committed constituents and judicious stewardship.

In a nutshell (or in layman's terms), based on their incremental steps, I would title the categories as follows: maintain and improve educational standards and continue renovating campus; add some more research and degree programs; keep alumni and communities informed about and involved in Baylor's impact; increase event attendance and outside financial support while analyzing and protecting the strength of Baylor's brand; and establish a fixed tuition and raise money for scholarship funds and university development.

All of these things sound like good ideas in the long run, but they all sound vague and confusing, too.

I'm excited about the idea of more scholarships, but I don't know when that step will be completed or if I will get to benefit from it.

I am definitely not excited about dealing with more construction on campus, especially if that's the only part of this five-year plan that I get to experience.

In President and Chancellor Ken Starr's letter introducing "Pro Futuris," he said the future is now. He also said the university has gone through much growth and development, but that we will continue to move even farther forward.

Sometimes I start to feel left out already, even though I'm still strolling around campus.

Baylor has done and is still continuing to do some wonderful things, but it might be near impossible to reach everyone.

A strong alumni network is important and a strong freshman class is important, but now I feel like the estranged middle child.

I'm part of Baylor's class of 2018. We broke the class size scale, and we christened the new stadium. Now what?

Emma King is a sophomore journalism major from Chandler. She is a staff writer for the Lariat.

EDITORIAL



ASHER @asherfreeman

In the holy hot seat

Religion should play small part in presidential campaigns

During the first Republican presidential primary debate, Fox News Channel's Megyn Kelly, one of the debate moderators, introduced one of the final portions of the show. Kelly tasked herself with asking questions almost exclusively about the candidates' spiritual and religious principles. There were many parts in this segment of the debate that were cringeworthy, to say the least.

"We want to ask [the candidates] an interesting closing question from Chase Norton on Facebook, who wants to know this of the candidates: 'I want to know if any of them have received a word from God on what they should do and take care of first,'" Kelly said. "Senator Cruz, start from you. Any word from God?"

Fox News clearly has a certain audience that has helped make the network arguably the most successful (based on ratings) of the three main cable news stations (Fox News, CNN, MSNBC). Fox News draws its ratings from people of conservative, often Christian, background. It's no surprise Fox News would pull a stunt like this, but that does not justify the use of this question in the debate.

It's disgraceful that Fox News would even entertain the premise

of this question, let alone ask presidential candidates for an answer on it. There are glaring issues with this question that reveal a bigger problem with the way people strong-arm politics with religion.

This question is bloated with an unnecessary spiritual angle. It shouldn't matter whether the future president's actions were inspired by a word from God or not. What matters is whether he or she got the job done efficiently and effectively.

Let's listen to the candidates' ideas to make the country better, then put them to the test with research and reason. History shows that many people of power have justified their abusive, tyrannical, maniacal decisions by saying it was the will of God in one way or another. Over and over again, these powerful rulers would use religious authority as the ultimate trump card. We should not fall into the same trap of letting our rulers essentially make up their own will of God in their answers to these ridiculous questions.

Religion is important. It shapes people, nations, even entire generations. There is a place for it in politics. But it must be incorporated into our political discussions carefully and competently.

Moving past the question from the debate, there is a much bigger issue in this country with religious analysis and criticism.

First, we have to be open to criticizing religion, all religion, a topic which many people in this country shy away from discussing.

Look at it this way. In the same way that Ravi Zacharias, a globally influential speaker, theologian and Christian apologist, once put it:

"A mood can be a dangerous state of mind because it can crush reason under the weight of feeling," he said. "Every religion must face the responsibility of answering the questions posed to it. The reality is that if religion is to be treated with intellectual respect, then it must stand the test of truth."

The problem isn't that people are wondering where their political figures stand in terms of spirituality or religion. The religion by which he or she abides is very important, considering politicians make laws and decisions that are heavily influenced by their morality, which can be heavily influenced by their religion.

Naturally, religion is what people look at to categorize a politician's moral code and applicable tendencies from that moral code. It makes sense to want to know a

politician's religion.

Rightly so, we should never give any politician a pass on religious issues or his or her religious stances. They're possibly going to be running the country. It's absolutely ludicrous to think religion isn't something that should be questioned, no matter what religion it may be.

The problem is that we're not asking the right questions about religion, and that starts in everyday conversation. Consequently, this makes the conversation on a national stage, in this case a presidential primary debate, muddled and hollow.

We do commend CNN for Wednesday night's GOP debate, which refrained from direct religious questions.

The presidential primary is where we test candidates for their qualifications, or lack thereof to be the president of the United States. The test could go on forever. There is never really a perfect fit for the job.

Though religion is immeasurably important to government, we have to ask meaningful, productive questions of our presidential candidates in this crucial process for the progress (good or bad) of the nation.

CORRECTION

Wednesday's story, "City nixes zoning plans," inaccurately reports city council voted down new zoning regulations. This has been corrected in our online story. See baylorlariat.com for the full correction and revised story.



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people change who you are, even if you get a consequence for it. I suggest you still show it to people, at least show them your talent.”

In a matter of hours, the clock made Ahmed a star on social media, with the hashtag #IStandWithAhmed tweeted more than 1 million times by Wednesday evening.

Linda Moreno, an attorney representing Ahmed, said the family is considering taking legal action against police after officers interrogated, handcuffed, searched, booked and fingerprinted the teen. She would not give details on questions he was asked by police.

Groups including the American Civil Liberties Union condemned what they called the school’s heavy-handed tactics.

“Instead of encouraging his curiosity, intellect and ability, the Irving (school district) saw fit to throw handcuffs on a frightened 14-year-old Muslim boy wearing a NASA T-shirt and then remove him from school,” Terri Burke, executive director of the ACLU in Texas, said in a statement.

Among those messaging their support on social media were President Barack Obama, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg.

In a tweet, Obama called Ahmed’s clock “cool” and said more kids should be inspired like him to enjoy science, because “it’s what makes America great.”

Asked if bias was involved, White House press secretary Josh Earnest said it was too early “to draw that direct assessment from here.” But, he added, Ahmed’s teachers had “failed him.”

“This is an instance where you have people who have otherwise dedicated their lives to teach our children who failed in that effort, potentially because of some things in their conscience and the power of stereotypes,” he said.

The boy was invited to participate in an astronomy night the White House is organizing sometime next month with premier scientists.

The case also came up briefly during a debate among the second-tier GOP presidential candidates, with Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal saying the greatest discrimination in America is against Christians.

In a post to his site, Zuckerberg said, “Having the skill and ambition to build something cool should lead to applause.”

“Ahmed, if you ever want to come by Facebook, I’d love to meet you,” Zuckerberg posted. “Keep building.”

Ahmed’s father, Mohamed Elhassan Mohamed, said his son is a wizard at electronics, repairing the family’s clocks, phones and electricity. Ahmed said he has built a go-kart.

The father, a Sudanese immigrant, said he was moved by the support for his son from across the country.

“I am grateful to the United States of America,” he said, attributing the widespread support to “something that was touching the heart for everybody.”

At one point during the news conference, he gestured toward the family home and said, “We’ve been here in his house for more than 30 years.”

Ahmed said he was suspended until Thursday.

School district spokeswoman Lesley Weaver declined to confirm the suspension, citing privacy laws. Weaver insisted school officials were concerned with student safety and not the boy’s faith.

The police chief said the reaction to the clock “would have been the same regardless” of his religion.

“We live in an age where you can’t take things like that to school,” Boyd said.

Police have an “outstanding relationship” with the Muslim community in Irving, Boyd said, and he planned to meet the boy’s father Wednesday to address any concerns.

This spring, the city council endorsed one of several bills under discussion in the Texas Legislature that would forbid judges from rulings based on “foreign laws” — legislation opponents view as unnecessary and driven by anti-Muslim sentiment.

Khalid Hamideh, a spokesman for the mosque the family attends, appealed for politicians “to be careful with the words that they use when they refer to Muslims, because this event is not an isolated event.”

The Council on American-Islamic Relations is reviewing the action against Ahmed.

“This all raises a red flag for us: how Irving’s government entities are operating in the current climate,” Alia Salem, executive director of the council’s North Texas chapter, told the Dallas Morning News.

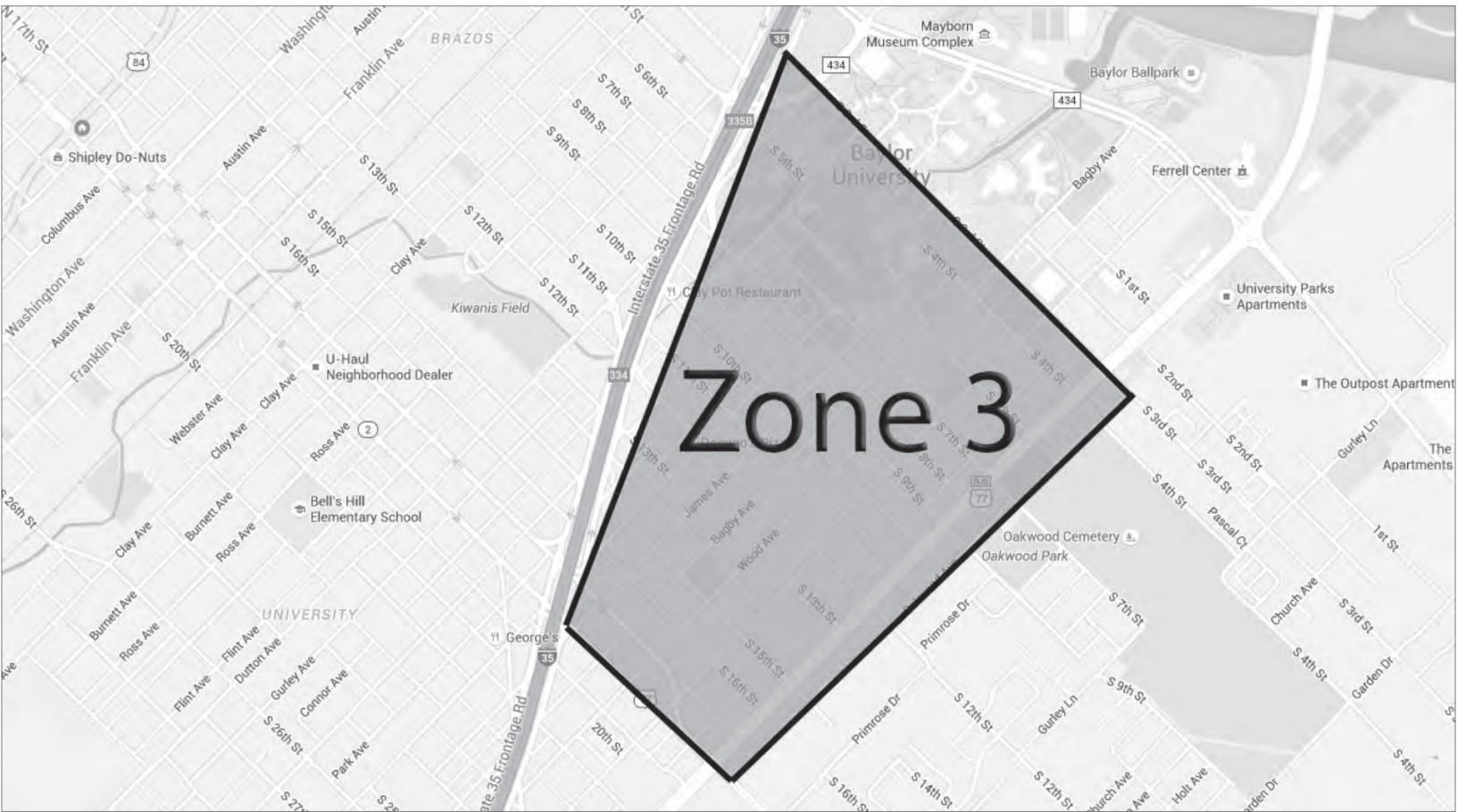


Illustration by Richard Hirst

NEW ZONING Here is a depiction of the rezoning that has been approved by the City of Waco. The areas in Waco and around Baylor’s campus that are affected by this change are found inside the “Zone 3” structure.

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structed buildings to be made up of window and door openings. Peters said that since the 12th Street area stretches so far from campus, the regulations on industrial buildings just doesn’t make sense.

Another specific problem addressed during discussion of the ordinance was the recent complaints brought forth by Waco city residents.

At a Plan Commission meeting discussing this piece of legislation in August, residents introduced a long list of complaints regarding Baylor students’ living habits. The residents specifically criticized the many trash cans left rolling in the streets when students left town for summer break. Homeowners challenged the council’s lack of student etiquette enforcement.

Council member Alice Rodriguez reminded council members of this issue, and the need to address the problem.

“The trash cans in the middle of the streets is true. I went down Second and Third Street and those streets are narrow. When those trash cans stay out there you have to pull over to let someone pass you by,” Rodriguez said.

Another Council member, Wilbert Austin Sr., also confirmed Rodriguez’s experience when

driving down Third Street. He said he was over there a month ago while school was still out of session and had to pull over to let another car pass due to a trash can in the middle of the street.

“Because they [students] just didn’t take them in,” Austin said.

Both Rodriguez and Austin questioned Peters as to who would be enforcing the collection of trash cans and tidy streets in that area.

City manager Dale Fisseler assured both members that they have departments looking into the problem and developing solutions.

“Solid waste and code compliance will have to work together in order to enforce these issues,” Fisseler said.

Council Members unanimously agreed that they would pass the current ordinance as is written but revisit the legislation in the next meeting to include specific and needed exemptions via resolution.

“We didn’t do a good job in zone one and two because it got ahead of us, and what we are trying to do now is stay ahead of the development and protect homeowners in that area,” Rodriguez said.

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and said he is planning on pushing it through anyway.

“Parking is at an all-time constriction,” Hardy said.

There are a limited amount of spaces, according to Baylor department of public safety’s parking and transportation website. All four moped lots put together come to a total of 413 moped parking spots. However, the site lists only one of the four lots as sold out as of press time.

Hardy said his bill proposes more designated moped spaces, including lots for mopeds at the Student Life Center and the Baylor Science Building and the ability to move mopeds from lot to lot. Gentzel said the bill also included a lot by the library and the ability to park mopeds by bicycle racks, which was allowed prior to the new policy.

Hardy said these new parking regulations are bad for the environment, both the global environment and the environment between students and administration, calling it an “arbitrary act” by student parking services.

“The best thing student government can do in a situation like this, is give a concrete piece of paper that tells the administration that the student body feels this way and that we would really appreciate it if you would look at this possible solution,” Gentzel said.

Despite the fact that Gentzel and his committee did not vote in agreement with Hardy’s solution, Hardy said he guarantees it will be heard in the Student Senate meeting Thursday.

“I am willing to propose it tomorrow, even if it means appealing the committee,” Hardy said.

The Student Senate will meet at 5 p.m. on Thursday in Cashion 103. Their meetings are open to the public and there is an open forum allowed to five speakers, for one minute, to discuss any topic before the meeting begins.

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OFF THE MOUND, ONTO THE STAGE Curtis Grimes got a scholarship to pitch for Centenary College of Louisiana before he transferred to Texas State University. There, he quit baseball and began his country music career. He will be playing at 8 p.m. Friday at Wild West.

Country star returns to Waco to play Wild West Friday night

LAUREN FRIEDERMAN
Reporter

Curtis Grimes is a self-taught guitarist who turned from a life of baseball to pursue a career in country music. He will be revisiting Waco at 8 p.m. Friday, when he performs at Wild West.

Grimes, a Texas native, said he picked up a guitar from a pawn shop his freshman year at Centenary College of Louisiana. After he transferred to Texas State University, he quit baseball and began playing country music. Ever since, he said he's had a passion for performing his music.

"I like being on stage," Grimes said. "I like the actual playing shows part of the thing, singing songs and entertaining and giving people a reason to come see us again when we roll back through town."

Mark Easterling, Wild West director of marketing and promotions said he is excited that Wild West gets to host Grimes.

"He fits the image of what we're trying to be, he's a young up-and-coming Texas artist and we believe in him," said Easterling. "I won't say we're responsible for growing these artists because that's not true,

but we're glad to be their venue of choice as they get more popular."

Anyone who goes to watch Grime's play on Friday can expect to have a good time, Easterling said.

"We have fun. We don't make it too awkward or too serious or too big time for everyone. We try to be very relatable to the crowd," Grimes said. "My main goal is to one put on a good show and give people their money's worth and give them a reason to come back and bring someone and tell their friends how much they enjoyed the show."

Fans can also be sure that the concert will be personalized to their location, Grimes said.

"We try to tailor each show to the specific audience that's there that night," Grimes said. "We try not to just go and play the exact same show every night because you're not in front of the same people every night."

Grimes has visited Waco several times in the past and said he is excited to be back because he has such a longstanding relationship in this market compared to others.

"Coming to Waco, we'll probably have a few more people that know the older songs, so we'll probably play some of the older stuff, even

though we are there promoting a new record," Grimes said.

According to Grimes, the purpose of his tour is to promote his new EP, "Bottom of the Fifth," which was named after a song with the same title. This song centers on Grimes' time as a baseball player, touching on his failed engagement and his team's loss at state. The EP has five songs on it, three of which Grimes wrote himself.

"That was one of the songs I wrote and it kind of has a lot of personal experience in there for me and most of it is pretty factual. I only had to change a couple of things to make it rhyme," Grimes said. "For the most part it's pretty accurate with my journey so far."

Grimes started playing with his band seven years ago, but said he hasn't forgotten the fans who support him in everything he does.

"I'm all about the fans because I never forget that's pretty much the only reason why we have that job, or that opportunity to play that night is because of the people that support you, and come out and spread your music, and listen to your music, download your music and all that stuff," Grimes said.

Grimes competed in a music

competition and dropped out of school to pursue his music dreams. Although he doesn't play baseball anymore, he said he finds similarities between being on the mound and being on stage.

"It's very similar. The only difference is when you're on the mound you're trying to block everyone out," Grimes said. "But when you're on stage you're trying to entertain everyone and you want them to feel that you're singing directly to them."

Grimes said although he hopes to someday work his way to the national stage, given the choice between being a country music superstar and a Rangers pitcher, he would choose the latter. For now, his music career has taken off and he said he's looking forward to where he can go from here.

THE FACTS

Pre-sale Tickets:
\$8 in advance
Day of the show:
\$10 (ages 21+) or \$12 (ages 18-20)

This week in Waco:

>> Today

7 p.m. — Third Thursday Open Mic, Tea 2 Go.

9:17 p.m. — BearsForOrphans Worship Concert, Garden of Contentment at Armstrong Browning Library

>> Friday

ALL DAY — Family Weekend (Schedule of events at baylor.edu/familyweekend)

8 p.m. — Dueling Pianos, Waco Hippodrome

8 p.m. — Curtis Grimes Concert, Wild West

8 p.m. — After Dark, Waco Hall (Purchase tickets at the **Bill Daniel Student Center**)

8 p.m. — David Ramirez concert, Common Grounds

>> Saturday

ALL DAY — Family Weekend (Schedule of events at baylor.edu/familyweekend)

9 a.m.- 1 p.m. — Downtown Waco Farmers Market

8 a.m. — Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Heritage Square

6-9 p.m. — Silent Auction and Art Exhibition, Art Forum of Waco

8 p.m. — After Dark, Waco Hall (Purchase tickets at the **Bill Daniel Student Center**)

>> Sunday

7 p.m. — JAMFest Open Mic, Waco Hippodrome

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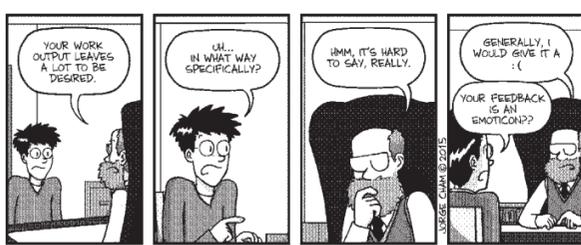
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Rallying with the best

Baylor tennis stars rank high in ITA preseason list

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Baylor tennis is thriving after both the men's and women's teams claimed the Big 12 title last season. Ahead of the 2015-16 season, Baylor placed three players in the men's ITA pre-season rankings, and two in the women's ITA pre-season rankings.

Senior Julian Lenz leads the men's side at No. 4 and the Lady Bears are led by junior Blair Shankle, who was ranked No. 25. Junior Max Tchoutakian and senior Felipe Rios rank at No. 36 and No. 87 in singles, respectively.

Senior Kiah Generette came in at No. 53 in the women's preseason rankings.

MEN

The team's success rides on the shoulders of senior Julian Lenz, who finished last season 26-9 while earning All-America honors in singles. At one point last season, the German native was ranked No. 1 in the country, but fell to No. 4 after losing in the second round of the NCAA Singles Championships.

"[Lenz is] getting better all the time," head coach Matt Knoll said. "He's a guy that's got a real fire for trying to become a pro, and that's the direction he's headed. He's just scratching the surface."

The Bears also hope to improve

upon their recent men's doubles performances by partnering up Lenz and Tchoutakian. The two players enter this season ranked No. 15 in the country.

This year marks the first time that the duo will pair up on the court. However, both players experienced success in 2014 in doubles.

Lenz ended last season with a 23-2 record in doubles play and a 26-3 mark overall with partner Diego Galeano. The pair tied the record for the second-most wins (26) in program history.

The Bears saved their best for last in 2015, as three of the final five victories for Lenz and Galeano came over top-10 teams. The pair finished with a 14-2 record against ranked opponents.

Last season was the first time a Baylor doubles team had made it to the semifinals of the NCAA Doubles Championship and the first time a BU tandem ended the season at No. 1.

"We have nine guys competing for spots in the lineup, so that helps within the team to have good practices because everybody is trying to get a spot," Lenz said.

Both Lenz and Tchoutakian will kick off the season Friday at the Oracle/ITA Master's in Malibu, Calif.

Another senior who looks to provide a boost to the Bears lineup is Felipe Rios. Rios hopes to get started on the right foot when he plays in the qualifying draw of the ITA All-



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A FISTFUL OF VICTORIES Senior Julian Lenz pumps his fist after winning a match during the Bears' matchday against Oklahoma State at the Hurd Tennis Center April 12, 2014. Lenz ranks No. 4 in after ITA's rankings list was released Wed.

American Championships on Oct. 6.

WOMEN

Junior Blair Shankle and Generette will lead the Lady Bears this season.

At the end of the 2015 season, Shankle was selected to the NCAA Singles Championships after a 29-7 record, which led the team in wins

and dual-match singles wins (23-2).

Shankle earned All-American doubles honors for a second-straight year and was named to the 2015 All-Big 12 singles and doubles teams last season.

Generette, who ended last season at No. 74, tallied a 19-10 overall record and was named to the All-Big

12 singles team.

Both Lady Bears were selected to play in the qualifying singles and doubles draws of the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships on Oct. 6.

Baylor opens its fall schedule on Sept. 18 by hosting the Under Armour/H-E-B Kickoff which will run through Sept. 20.

Malone funeral to be held in Houston



Associated Press

Basketball Hall of Famer Moses Malone will be remembered at a funeral service at 12 p.m. Saturday in Houston at Lakewood church. Malone, a three-time NBA MVP, died Sunday at age 60. The church is in the same building where the Houston Rockets played during Malone's time with the team from 1976-1982 when it was called The Summit.

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