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RUN GAME Members of the fraternity Kappa Omega Tau dress the 40 foot tree from on Burleson Quadrangle for last years Christmas on Fifth Street

Let there be music

Relient K will perform after KOT tree lighting

EMMA KING Staff Writer

Stress levels are rising for Fort Worth junior Craig Hatch, a member of Baylor's Kappa Omega Tau and one of their Christmas tree chairs.

Hatch and five other KOT brothers began planning in the spring for their Christmas on Fifth tree lighting and concert. Today, they start decorating the 40-foot tree in anticipation of Thursday, when it will be lit up prior to Relient K's performance in Waco Hall.

"It is a lot to think about for this week, but we all know it's going to work out and it's going to be a great event," Hatch said. "We're all looking forward to the moment when the concert starts so we can sit back."

Hatch is especially excited about the concert's artist this year. He said the Christmas tree chairs did a lot of brainstorming over the summer about who to bring in for the concert and he suggested one of his favorite bands, Relient K.

"I am the biggest Relient K fan ever," Hatch said. "They were available and they were in our price range."

Hatch said his brother had been a Christmas tree chair when he attended Baylor and that Hatch had always wanted the Alternative Christian Rock group to come to Baylor for Christmas on Fifth, thinking that they would be perfect for the occasion.

Hatch and his fellow chairs contacted the band in September, and after a few weeks, they booked them for the show. He said keeping it a secret was the hardest part for him.

"I am a Relient K fan, I know a lot of people are probably pretty skeptical of it, having not listened to him since middle school, but I think people will get there and end up having a blast," said Ryan McLoughlin, senior KOT member and former Christmas tree chair.

McLoughlin and the other chairs from 2014 spent some time helping Hatch and the current chairs learn who to contact and how to pull off such a large, campus-wide

Though KOT is only responsible for the tree, its lighting and the concert, the tree alone cost about \$5,400 and was driven in

Hatch said Baylor helps fund quite a bit of their event, in addition to donations from sponsors and outside companies.

McLoughlin said planning the tree

lighting was a great experience for him in 2014 and that he learned a lot, some of which was passed on to this year's team.

"We try to do our best to make it as smooth as possible for them," McLoughlin said. "It's really cool for them to experience it all ... they put in all the work."

Hatch said he and his fellow chairs weren't quite sure what to expect when they took their jobs planning the tree lighting, but he said it has been exciting to work through everything together, especially on the fiftieth anniversary of KOT's first tree

McLoughlin said that the tree lighting is an event that hasn't really changed much throughout the last few years. He also said that Christmas on Fifth is a celebration that community members, not just Baylor students, can enjoy.

"What we do with the Christmas tree is only a small part of everything that goes on, it's cool to see everything else come together," McLoughlin said.

Christmas on Fifth festivities will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday and the tree will be lit in the Burleson Quadrangle at 8:45 p.m. Relient K and his opener, Andrew Ripp, will begin their concert at 9:45 p.m. in Waco Hall

DIVERSITY

Baylor considers diversity officer position

HELENA HUNT

Staff Writer

Baylor's administration is considering the creation of a chief diversity officer position that will enhance the diversity of campus in accordance with the university's Christian mission of hospitality and unity.

The CDO would largely be responsible for facilitating increased diversity among faculty and staff. While Baylor's student body is the second-most racially and ethnically diverse in the Big 12 (after University of Texas at Austin), its faculty does not reflect the same level of diversity. 35.4 percent of the undergraduate student population is a minority. However, only 13 percent of Baylor's full-time faculty, and 17 percent of its full-time staff, have self-identified as people of color. And while 58 percent of the undergraduate student population are women, only 38.8 percent of full-time faculty are.

"Our goal is to ensure the creation and fostering of a welcoming environment that attracts, nurtures and retains the very best faculty and staff, representing both sexes, various racial and ethnic backgrounds, and individuals with disabilities," Baylor President Chancellor Ken Starr said.

The creation of the position has come out of years of efforts to increase diversity at Baylor. In his recent memoir "Baylor at the Crossroads," former Provost Donald D. Schmeltekopf said one of his goals when he was at Baylor, from 1991 to 2003, was to increase the university's level of diversity. Pro Futuris, the vision for Baylor that was first launched in May 2012, makes the attraction and retention of a diverse and well-qualified faculty one of its goals.

The university's five-year goal, approved by the Board of Regents in 2014, also underscored this mission. The five-year goal pledges to "develop and implement a plan to enhance outreach efforts to and recruitment of members of diverse groups that are underrepresented among faculty, staff and students."

While the university has long sought to create diversity on campus, the idea of a single office to fulfill this role was introduced relatively recently, said Dr. Elizabeth Palacios, dean for student development. Student groups and faculty have advocated for the creation of the CDO role, largely to create a faculty that

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COLORADO SPRINGS

Suspect in Planned Parenthood attack makes appearance

SADIE GURMAN

Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The man accused in the shooting rampage at a Colorado Planned Parenthood clinic made his first court appearance Monday and learned that he will face first-degree murder charges in the deaths of three people killed in the standoff with police.

Speaking in a raspy voice, Robert Lewis Dear appeared via a video hookup from the El Paso County Jail, where he has been held since surrendering after Friday's fivehour siege.

The white-bearded suspect wore a padded vest with black straps and gazed downward during most of the hearing. Victims' relatives watched from a courtroom.

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When asked by Chief District Judge

Gilbert Martinez if he understood his rights, Dear replied, "no questions."

Public defender Daniel King, who represented Colorado theater shooter James Holmes, stood beside Dear and will act as his attorney. The suspect is expected to be formally charged on Dec. 9.

Dear, 57, is accused of fatally shooting a university police officer who responded to the attack, as well as an Iraq war veteran and a mother of two inside the clinic. Nine other people were wounded.

After Monday's hearing, District Attorney Dan May said Dear could face other charges, but he did not elaborate.

Police have declined to speculate on a motive for the attack. A law enforcement official said Dear told authorities, "no more baby parts," after being arrested. The official

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Associated Press

MOURNING LOSSES People attend a vigil Saturday on University of Colorado-Colorado Springs' campus for those killed in Friday's deadly shooting at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs, Colo. University of Colorado-Colorado Springs officer Garrett Swasey was among those killed in the rampage, police said.

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EDITORIAL

Politically intolerant



Political correctness more about not hurting feelings

In this day and age, it's almost impossible to avoid stepping on someone's toes, and no opinion or thought is sacred or respected.

Political correctness is an idea that people should not use language or behave in a way that could offend a particular group of people.

A recent short film on YouTube by Neel Kolhatkar titled Educayshun" explicitly deals with this around us. However, regardless of how issue of political

correctness the classroom. film, which The mocks the attitude toward extreme liberalism and microaggressions, shows frightening reality of where our education system is headed.

The film satirizes modern education representing

a classroom of students who are given equal grades regardless of their performance. To make sure the system was fair for everyone, students are given additional privilege points to their grades based on gender, race, sexuality and disabilities. When one of the students speaks out against the system, the teacher tells him it is more important to worry about the feelings of others rather than facts.

While the video illustrates an extreme example, Kolhatkar portrays the slippery slope of political correctness

our society is slowly heading down.

In today's vernacular, it's become the safe word for denying that other opinions exist. It's akin to the boy who cried wolf; the "PC" card is pulled all the time but is rarely welcomed when

More so now than ever, we constantly have to watch what we do and say to "Modern make sure we don't offend someone

> careful we are, many times it is to no avail, everyone still finds something to be offended by even when we just have a countering opinion or belief.

This year in particular has resulted in multiple instances of "go PC or go home." The adult cartoon "South Park" satirized the PC supporters of

Bruce Jenner's transition to Caitlyn, for example. But even after its airing, several publications criticized the show for not using the appropriate amount of the "she" pronoun to refer to Jenner.

However, there absolutely are times when it's hurtful or insensitive to use certain terms, such as "racist," "bigot," "sexist" or "homophobe." Certainly, no one likes to be labeled as these words, but even these words are often thrown around without full knowledge of what they mean.

The urge for political correctness

seems contrary to the unique opportunities given on college campuses for students to surround themselves with individuals from different backgrounds and beliefs. Political correctness, once an idea to foster professionalism and to filter out truly harmful comments, has gradually become an idea that means everyone must share the approved opinion, regardless of diversity in

Each time controversial topics like race or religion are brought up in a classroom, the heart of the topics are rarely discussed because many times people are too worried about offending someone else or looking like they are against a certain group.

The dark side to political correctness has been exhibited in history before. During the pre-World War II era in the Soviet Union, people were imprisoned, exiled or even executed for showing opinions different from Joseph Stalin's dictatorial ideology.

Quite frankly, too much time is spent beating around the bush and avoiding even the possibility that someone might disagree. Simply, the age of political correctness is hindering our educational

We need to be more mindful that it's OK to believe something different than the person next to us, and we need to be more tolerant of those opinions. While it is important to remain respectful of others even when you disagree, the slippery slope of political correctness needs to be stopped before contrasting opinions are silenced.

COLUMN

Hoverboard here to stay

Skateboard replacement better way to get to class

JENN WEBSTER

Reporter

Over the years, students have gotten creative in how they get around campus in the fastest way possible.

I have noticed various trends throughout my last threeand-a-half years at Baylor, including longboards, razor scooters and mopeds.

When I first arrived on campus in the fall of 2012, it seemed that everyone who wasn't walking or biking, which was the most common ways of getting around, was riding a longboard or skateboard.

These students make their way around campus constantly dodging the walkers, occasionally wiping out when they hit a pothole or nearly colliding with another

person. They often show up to class winded because of the energy they exert getting from point A to point B.

I have also noticed a number of people riding around on razor scooters. Just as with the longboards and skateboards, razor scooters require a decent amount of energy to get from one class to the next.

Mopeds have been another popular method of transportation over the past few years because students could pull right up to their classroom building. However, the new moped policies passed this year prevent students from driving on the sidewalks and parking anywhere on campus like they could before.

This has caused some students to rethink transportation and explore other unique options.

The latest trend I've seen on campus, which in my opinion is the coolest, most fun and arguably the most efficient is the

At this point, I'm sure you've seen students cruising around campus on what looks like a handsfree segway. That's exactly what it is.

Everyone has a different opinion regarding the hoverboard. Some think they're the coolest things to ever hit Baylor's campus, while others think they're annoying and should be banned on campus.

This toy became popular because of celebrity buy-in. Wiz Khalifa, Justin Bieber, Jimmy Fallon and Kendall Jenner are just a few of the celebrities who started showing them off.

I was first introduced to the hoverboard when my neighbor showed up with one at my front door. I had seen an Instagram video of a celebrity riding one the week before, but I was excited to actually see it in front of me.

It didn't take long before I was riding it around my house. It requires a lot of balance, but once I got the hang of it and felt more comfortable, I didn't want to give it back. Unlike the longboards, scooters and bikes, the hoverboard

requires little to no energy. You need to have balance, but as I said, once you get used to it, it's as if you're just standing on something that's moving around. To be honest, I get a little jealous every time I see

someone riding one. I wanted one for myself until I found out how much they cost, and let's just say it was more than I With Christmas just around the corner, I think it's safe to

assume there will be a lot more hoverboards on campus next semester. Be prepared to dodge people making their way to class on these electric, hands free scooters or join the fad and

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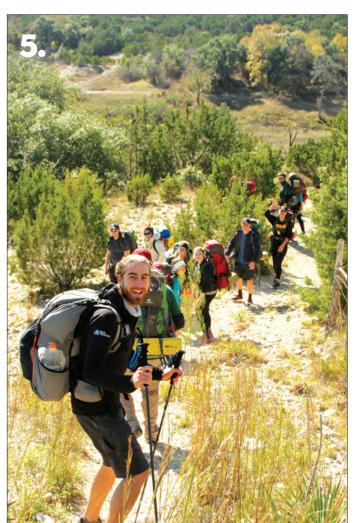


Baylor backpacking and camping class puts its skills to the test





- 1. The backpacking and camping lifetime fitness class takes a weekend camping trip at the end of each semester, allowing students to use the skills they have been learning in the classroom. This year's trip took the class to Lake Georgetown near Austin last weekend.
- 2. Mile three marked the point in the trail where the students hiked up their pants and took off their shoes and socks and crossed the 65 degree water to continue their journey.
- 3. Each person carried a roughly 25-pound backpack with everything they needed for the trip. Items included warm clothes, a tent, cooking materials, food, flashlights and water.
- 4. The trip ended at Tajas Camp at the North West side of the lake, where students had a fantasitc view of the river that feeds the lake.
- 5. Students in the class grab a breath and take in the view at the end of the journey at Tajas Camp.
- 6. Cooking and eating becomes an even larger community event since groups have to work together to carry and prepare the
- 7. The entire class surrounds a campfire that they made to tell jokes and stories.







Central Library plans new renovations

KATIE GROVATT

Reporter

The downtown Waco Central Library is expecting parking renovations to begin early next month. The project plans to expand parking and improve aesthetic appeal around the library.

City council members approved the renovation contract at their council meeting on Oct. 20.

"The contract has been awarded, and we expect construction to start in early December and take about four months," said Facilities Program Manager Vince Tobola.

Library director Essy Day is involved with the planning. Currently, the parking lot has issues with traffic flow, there are no sidewalks in the back of the facility and entrances and exits are not clearly marked. Cars leave at the same time people come in off 18th Street, which often obstructs traffic flow, Day said. The upcoming project will address these problems.

"The entrances are going to be more defined, which will allow for better flow, which will increase safety for library users and pedestrians," Day said.

The plans also include removing a large area of dirt that currently takes up potential parking spaces.

"Right now, we have an empty lot behind our parking lot that is just dirt. They are going to pave over that, so it's going to expand our parking," Day said.

One of the most exciting aspects of the renovations is



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RENOVATIONS The Waco Central Library underwent an extensive interior remodel from summer 2011 to February 2013. There are now plans to begin expanding the library's parking lot, adding new sidewalks, improving lighting and updating landscaping starting early next month. These developments should aid traffic flow in and out of the parking lot and will enhance the library's aesthetic appeal.

the increase in aesthetic value, Day said. Improvements such as landscaping, increased lighting and an added sidewalk and ramp will all be implemented.

"It will be brighter, it will be prettier and it will just flow a lot better, which will make it safer for the pedestrians and the library users," Day said. The Central Library was closed from summer 2011 to February 2013 while undergoing a \$5.8 million interior renovation. The project included stripping the walls in order to add more space, color and light.

The current parking lot project's goal is to have the outside of the library better match the appeal of the inside. Day said when the project is finished, the library and the library's surrounding areas are expected to better complement each other.

"We're really excited about it; it's going to be really nice. I saw a rendering of it, and it's going to be really pretty," Day said. "The library will be more complete."

City Manager Dale

Fisseler commended Day's hard work and vision for the library. Day has been working as the director of the Waco McLennan County Libraries since May.

"Essy Day has been with us just long enough to help us understand a better vision for our library system," Fisseler said

The representative for

the council of the Library Commission, John Kinnaird, said although Day has not been with the city long, she took initiative in this project and has done a lot quickly.

"I have gotten to see Essy work firsthand, and I can say that she's done a lot in a short time period, and we are happy to have her," Kinnaird said.

Police shooting cited in Chicago threat

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Associated Press

CHICAGO — Federal authorities said an online threat that led the University of Chicago to cancel classes Monday targeted whites and was motivated by the police shooting of a black teenager, video of which was released last week and led to protests.

Jabari R. Dean, 21, of Chicago, threatened to kill 16 white male students or staff at the school on Chicago's South Side, according to the criminal complaint.

Dean, who is black, was arrested Monday morning. He did not enter a plea later in the day on a charge of transmitting a threat in interstate commerce in court.

The threat was posted Saturday, just days after the city released a video of Officer Jason Van Dyke, who is white, shooting 17-year-old Laquan McDonald, who was black, 16 times. Van Dyke is charged with first-degree murder. His bond was set for \$1.5 million earlier Monday, and hours later, he paid the \$150,000 needed and was released.

Authorities said Dean posted online from a phone that he would "execute approximately ... 16 white male students and or staff, which is the same number of time (sic) McDonald was killed" and "will die killing any number of white policemen that I can in the process."

The criminal complaint said someone tipped the FBI Sunday to a threat that was posted on a social media website. The FBI was unable to find the threat online and was provided a screenshot by the person who reported the threat.

That led them to Dean, who

admitted to FBI agents that he posted the threat and took it down shortly after posting it, the complaint said. Despite the threat mentioning three guns, a prosecutor told Monday's hearing that Dean did not appear to pose a threat. The complaint did not say whether Dean possessed any weapons.

Dean is a first-year undergraduate student in electrical engineering at the University of Illinois at Chicago, UIC spokeswoman Sherri McGinnis Gonzalez.

Phillip Rutherford, who later identified himself as Jabari's uncle, said loudly in the courtroom as the hearing adjourned, "Hey Jabari. ... Just be cool, OK?" Rutherford later told reporters that Jabari was never serious about an attack and had done something "silly" and "stupid" because he'd had too much time on his hands

Jabari's lawyer declined comment Monday. A judge ordered Dean be held until Tuesday's bond hearing, when prosecutors will likely agree to let him be released to his mother.

The University of Chicago first alerted students and staff Sunday night about a threat that mentioned the quad, a popular gathering place, and 10 a.m. Monday. The school urged faculty, students and non-essential staff to stay away from the Hyde Park campus through midnight Monday and told students in college housing to stay indoors.

The normally bustling campus was almost desolate Monday morning as Chicago Police Department and campus security vehicles patrolled streets. Security staff guarded campus walkways, including the quad mentioned in the threat. The time mentioned in the threat came and went without incident.

The university had said the decision to close was taken following "recent tragic events" at other campuses nationwide. On Oct. 1 at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon, a gunman opened fire and killed nine people. Other shootings have happened in Arizona and Tennessee.

Classes will resume Tuesday after what university President Robert Zimmer said was a "challenging day."

Students closed their books, shut down their laptops and hurried home Sunday when the school first alerted people to the threat, according to student body president Tyler Kissinger.

Police have said that McDonald was carrying a knife, and an autopsy revealed that he had PCP, a hallucinogenic drug, in his system. Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez said last week in announcing the first-degree murder charge against Van Dyke that the 3-inch blade recovered from the scene had been folded into the handle.

In the audio-free video, McDonald can be seen walking down the middle of a four-lane street. He appears to veer away from two officers as they emerge from a vehicle, drawing their guns. One of the officers, Van Dyke, opens fire from close range. McDonald spins around and crumples to the ground. The officer continues to fire.

Van Dyke's attorney maintains that Van Dyke feared for his life, acted lawfully and that the video does not tell the whole story. He told reporters Monday that Van Dyke "absolutely" can defend his actions in court and that the officer is "very scared about the consequences he is facing."



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is more reflective of the diversity of the student body.

"We have a need. If we keep doing what we're doing, nothing's going to change. Even though we have resources and knowledge and expertise on campus, but it's just in little pockets or silos. With a chief diversity officer, we're actually going to have the opportunity to have an office that is going to be able to bring expertise but also walk alongside us as we look at the recruitment of faculty of color and women, as we look at the campus climate," Palacios said.

Provost Edwin Trevathan has convened a chief diversity officer Implementation Group (CDO Group) to determine the roles and responsibilities of a CDO at Baylor. Since August, the CDO Group has been collecting information on similar diversity officer positions at other universities and benchmarking their success.

While similar positions exist at other schools, the administration is committed to ensuring that the CDO embodies the unique Christian mission of Baylor University.

"The chief diversity officer will be right in line with the Judeo-Christian mission of Baylor," said Dr. Heidi Bostic, the chair of the CDO Group.

The CDO would largely be responsible for creating an atmosphere of Christian inclusion at Baylor. The CDO Group would like the roles of the officer to include broadening the candidate pool that academic departments hire from and ensuring that good hiring practices are followed throughout the university. The CDO would not mandate preferential hiring of people of color or women in faculty and staff positions, but simply ensure that the hiring process looks at the most diverse pool of candidates possible for each field. The CDO would ultimately ensure that Baylor is following its Christian mission, Palacios said.

"Jesus embodied social justice. Jesus was inclusivity. Our faith was based on the belief that God loves us all. How can we be Christians and not believe that God created all of us with uniqueness and difference?" Palacios said.

Indeed, she said that enhanced diversity would not only embody the Christian ideal inclusiveness, but enable students to pursue excellence.

"With excellence comes responsibility. We can't be excellent and be exclusive or homogeneous," Palacios said.

The CDO group has held two town hall meetings with faculty and staff this semester to collect their feedback on the position's roles and responsibilities. Based on that feedback, and from faculty letters written to the committee, the CDO Group will compose a final report, due to the Provost on Dec. 4, 2015. From there, the creation of the position and delegation of its duties will be the decision of Provost Trevathan and other members of administration.

Bostic said, so far, response from faculty to the position has been largely positive. Dr. Jerry Park, who teaches in the sociology department at Baylor, said that a CDO is a great first step in improving the climate of the university.

"The natural disposition is to have our unconscious biases and policies affect the way recruitment occurs. A chief diversity officer could come in and say, why don't we make a change in our policy," Park said. "We need some sort of structural accountability that helps us to see where our problem areas happen to be. We did this with the Civil Rights Act. People said, 'Why don't we just let things be? We'll have equal education for our kids, we'll have equal access to jobs for our adults, we'll have equal pay for women.' These things don't happen. You have to legislate it and create accountability."

Park suggested, for example, that the CDO could open interviews to three candidates current number of interviewees for an open position is two), and ensure that the third candidate is a woman or a person of color. This policy would, again, not mandate preferential hiring, but ensure that a diverse pool of candidates is being considered for open positions.

However, some members of faculty have expressed confusion or resistance to the creation of a CDO position. Dr. Elizabeth Corey, a political science professor at Baylor, published an article that called for Christians to examine closely what diversity means, and to seek it in a wide range of viewpoints in a unified environment rather than in the establishment of a hiring quota. Corey declined to comment for this article.

Dr. Steve Bradley, who teaches in the Hankamer School of Business, expressed concern that the university intends to finance the hiring of a high-level administrative position that might pull funding from academic departments or programs.

"Regardless of the intention of

the position, I'm not sure it's in the best interest of students," Bradley said. "I think that what's drawn so many minority students already is that we've focused on what brings us together, and not what takes us apart."

Dr. Stephen Evans, who teaches in the philosophy department, agrees that the CDO may divert funds from other projects but is open to the creation of the position.

"I wholeheartedly agree that Baylor needs to work hard at becoming more diverse. I'm all for anything that will help us achieve those goals, and I'm quite open to hiring a CDO if that will do that,"

Evans wrote a letter to the CDO group, one of many from faculty and staff at Baylor, urging that there be a thorough discussion to define the Chief Diversity Officer's role and

the meanings of diversity at Baylor University. He expressed some doubt as to the cost of the position, and to the need for a single figure to achieve diversity.

Palacios, however, said that the effects of a CDO would go beyond the cost to the university.

"If we look at the disparity in the numbers of faculty of color, the numbers of women with full tenure position, that tells us we're not doing the best we can. If we have someone whose job or role is to help us see things from a different perspective and create opportunities, maybe that one office will help us attract faculty of color. How are we going to transform students if we don't give them those resources and knowledge and expertise to interact with people who are different?" Palacios said.

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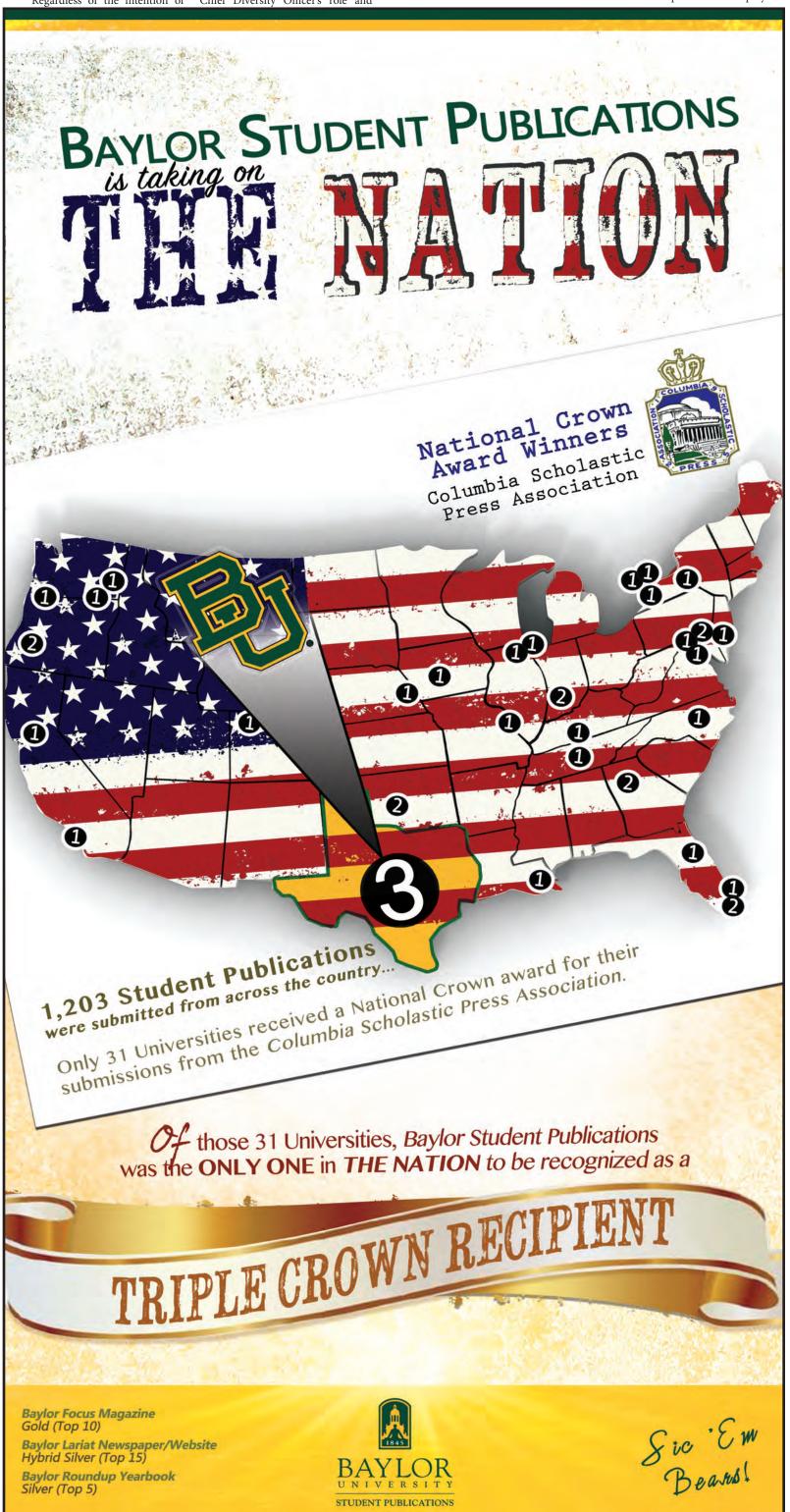
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spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not allowed to publicly discuss the ongoing investigation.

Planned Parenthood has said witnesses believe the gunman was motivated by his opposition to abortion. But Dear has been described by acquaintances as a reclusive loner who did not seem to have strong political or social opinions.

The Colorado district attorney said he has been in touch with U.S. Attorney John Walsh's office about the case. Walsh said investigators have been consulting with the Justice Department's civil rights and national security divisions, a move that suggests authorities could pursue federal charges in addition to state homicide ones. He did not elaborate.

One possible avenue could be the 1994 Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act, which makes it a crime to injure or intimidate clinic patients and employees.



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>>Today

8 p.m. — Classic Christmas Movies: "It's a Wonderful Life." Waco Hippodrome

>> Wednesday

8-10 p.m. — Open Mic Night, Common Grounds

>> Thursday

Noon-10 p.m. —

Multicultural Greek Council Christmas on 5th Marketplace, Third floor of the SUB

6-10 p.m. — Christmas on 5th, Fifth Street

>> Friday

7-11 p.m. — Baylor Swing Dance Society Yule Ball, Barfield Drawing Room in SUB (\$5 for nonmembers)

8 p.m. — Jimmy Needham and Art Wellborn concert, Common Grounds







WHAT'S YOUR BEEF? Dave's Burger Barn is located about 10 minutes north of campus, off the beaten path. The small shop has expanded with a food truck which is planted regularly in downtown Waco for special events like Baylor football games and seasonal festivals.

LAUREN FRIEDERMAN

Reporter

Today, I drove down I-35 North, out of the Baylor Bubble, in search of a good burger. I didn't want just any ol' burger, though. I wanted a burger that would make my taste buds sing. I ended up at Dave's Burger Barn, located at 600 N Patricia St.

I pulled up to Dave's and realized just how fitting the name is. The building looked like a real farm fixture, complete with metal sides and red accents. I took a tentative step toward the door. My hunger and craving for a beef patty propelled me forward, so I opened the door and stepped inside.

The concrete floor, metal walls and ceiling helped complete the barn atmosphere of Dave's. The smell of fried food hit me and I felt my mouth begin to water. The menu was simple — no frills or complications. From fried steak and hot dogs to chili dogs and onion rings, this place is a

smörgåsbord of fried delights. I, however, was in the market for a burger.

"Would you like fries with that?" the man behind the counter asked me, interrupting my train of thought. Is this even a valid question? Of course I want fries with that. What is a burger without fries? I handed him my credit card, he handed me

sat down. As my eyes examined the interior of the restaurant, they rested on a sign near where I was

displayed proudly alongside hundreds of pictures of those attempting the beastly feat.

Participants in this eating challenge have a measly 12 minutes to eat a burger with five patties, five slices of cheese and five pieces of bacon, as well as a pound of fries and a drink. My stomach churned thinking about that volume of food entering my stomach.

The bulletin board holding all the pictures was divided into two sections: the wall of fame and the wall of shame. The shame portion was about two times as large as the fame section — a clear picture of just how nearly unattainable the challenge is. As I stared at the faces of the poor souls that tried and failed to eat their weight in fried goodness, my thoughts were interrupted as the cheeseburger basket I ordered was set down in front of me.

I unwrapped it and took a bite. It was one of the best burgers I've had, hands down. Next, I tried the fries. The crispiness of the thick-cut spuds accompanied the juicy burger perfectly. I devoured the burger in minutes and munched on the fries, trying to make the meal last as long as possible.

When all was said and done, I had a full stomach and a feeling of contentment. Driving 10 minutes off the beaten path was absolutely worth it for a Dave's Burger Barn burger. If you're ever in the mood for a savory fried meal, the Barn is the

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Today's Puzzles

Across

16 "Nope"

17 Started to sneeze and cough,

20 Basil or rosemary

24 Musical Apple 26 Exposed

28 Really worked hard

34 Critter that sleeps floating on its back

35 National Anthem starter

37 Gen-__: post-baby boomers

40 Wait

41 Small S.A. country 42 Red Sox star Big_

52 Holiday tree

62 Aragon aunt

64 Hit half of a record

65 Home of the Cardinals: Abbr.

1 Scot's swimming spot

4 Wounds from an aggressive pooch

1 Beatle Paul's first wife 6 Second-string squad 11 Tummy muscles

14 Lunchbox cookies 15 Hardship

19 Org. promoting hunter safety

21 IV monitors 22 Honor __ thieves

36 Kitten cry

38 Camera setting

43 Panama divider 44 Paid for everyone's dinner

48 Exhausted 49 Fit for sainthood

50 Catcher's position

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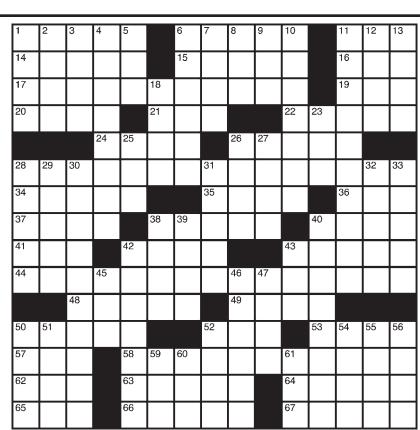
66 Small and glittering, like eyes 67 Terminate the mission

2 "Dies __": hymn 3 Nerve: Pref.

5 Silvery gray 6 Godfather portrayer

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The phrase "Zipper Ripper Challenge" was



7 Muscle twitches 8 Self-image

9 "You've got mail" company 10 Elizabeth Bennet's suitor in "Pride

and Prejudice" 11 In the year of the Lord, in dates

12 Farm building

13 Layered haircut

18 Walked

23 "Not so great"

25 According to 26 Kiss from Carlos

27 "Do it yesterday!" on memos 28 Pack in cartons

29 Wombs 30 Like earthquake damage 31 Inept waiter's comeuppance

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33 "Peachy!"

38 Gradually vanish

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40 Nursery furniture with bars

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45 Seoul-based Soul maker 46 Minimum age for a U.S. senator

47 Jewish wedding dance

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55 -friendly 56 State, in France

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-Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett

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Volleyball pounds KSU in season finale

JOSHUA DAVIS

Sports Writer

Baylor volleyball ended a four-game skid to close out its 2015 campaign with a statement win against Kansas State, 25-13, 25-18, 25-22, on Saturday night at the Ferrell Center.

In the final game of their careers, the seniors helped give Baylor its first straight set victory over the Wildcats since Oct. 20, 2010. In what would be their last game at home, the seasoned veterans saved their best for last.

The performance from Baylor (17-13, 5-11) started with the defensive effort that limited Kansas State to a .103 attacking percentage.

Defense played a big part in the Bears' victory to wrap up the first winning season since 2012.

Senior libero Mackenzie Mayo and senior outside hitter Andie Malloy led all players with 21 digs apiece. Malloy set a new career-high in her final game at home. The Bears were able to ride an 84-72 dig advantage to a 3-0 victory.

Head coach Ryan McGuyre was pleased with his team's finale.

"The defense is something we needed to improve all season," McGuyre said. "The blockers did a good job. The girls put in great days of practice. It definitely kicked off with a

great job from the service line."

Aside from the defensive numbers, several players helped the Bears remain effective on the offensive end.

Baylor was led by senior middle hitter Adrien Richburg, who had 10 kills with a .600 attacking percentage. Malloy, who was more consistent on the defensive end Saturday night, and junior middle hitter Tola Itiola finished with 10 kills as well.

The 10 home victories for McGuyre in his first season matched Baylor's highest home win total since 2009. After wrapping up a winning campaign in his first year, McGuyre will be looking to continue that trend moving forward.

But Saturday's win was about the seniors, he

"Amy and her leadership [really helped us], she was in the flow tonight and did some great things," McGuyre said. "Adrien played the best I've seen her play all season. Andie means so much to the program - just the sacrifice she made to come and play here at Baylor. Mayo was just one of those diamonds I found unintentionally, and she makes the people around her better. She was really consistent tonight, such a lovable and likeable girl."



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CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES Baylor celebrates a point during the team's 3-0 loss to in-state opponent TCU on Nov. 11 at the Ferrell Center. BU finished with its first winning season since 2012, posting a 17-13 overall record.

Malloy, Fanning honored with All-Big 12 selections

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Two Baylor volleyball players earned All-Big 12 honors on Monday after completing the team's first winning season since 2012. Senior outside hitter Andie Malloy and freshman outside hitter Shelly Fanning played key roles for the Bears in 2015.

The pair of awards marks the first time Baylor has landed three Big 12 honors since 2012.

Malloy earned an All-Big 12 First Team selection, while Fanning secured an All-Big 12 Second Team selection and Big 12 All-Freshman Team award.

The senior was a steady presence for Baylor all season, and her first team accolade made her the fifth BU player to earn two first-team honors. She earned a first-team selection in 2014, ranking second in the Big 12 in kills per

Malloy finishes her second and final season with Baylor after transferring from Iowa State. She led Baylor in kills (308), kills per set (3.05), and service aces (33) in her junior and senior

years. She also finished with 10 double-doubles in 2015 and 28 in her career in Waco.

Fanning, another stalwart player on the Bears roster, made an impact in her first season. She became the first freshman in program history to be named to both the All-Freshman and All-Big 12 teams.

The outside hitter was one of only two Big 12 freshmen to earn recognition on both lists.

The newcomer's keen on-court awareness combined with her imposing athleticism made her one of the top offensive threats for the Bears. Fanning played a huge role for the Bears, starting every match and playing in all but two sets in her freshman season. Shelly was third on the team in kills and fifth in blocks, while her .244 attacking percentage was the best among Baylor players with 400+ total attacks.

The duo helped first-year head coach Ryan McGuyre finish with a 17-13 record, going 5-11 in Big 12 play. Under McGuyre, Baylor recorded the most wins in the Ferrell Center (10) since 2009. After a noteworthy campaign, the Bears narrowly missed the program's first NCAA Tournament selection since 2011.

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Drenched in Disappointment

Bears drop overtime thriller in Fort Worth, fall to TCU 28-21

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Sports Writer

As rain poured down upon Amon G. Carter Stadium in Fort Worth, the remembrance of last year's Baylor-TCU game rang loudly in everyone's mind.

Sixty one and 58 were the two most talked about numbers in college football last season and rightfully so. The Baylor Bears and the TCU Horned Frogs had played one of the Big 12's greatest games last season. Baylor came back in the fourth quarter to win on a last-second field goal. Fans stormed the field at McLane Stadium.

In 2015, there were new players, new conditions, a new venue. And it was a new outcome.

The No. 19 TCU Horned Frogs defeated the No. 7 Baylor Bears in double overtime, 28-21 Friday night in Fort Worth, capping off another 10-win season for TCU and ending the Bears' hopes of a third consecutive Big 12 title.

For both teams, offense was out of the picture. Torrential downpour and sub-30 temperatures held back the two programs that have established themselves as elite offenses in the past few seasons.

"If you like games like [Friday], I guess you would think it was a good game," said head coach Art Briles. "The two teams fought hard and I thought the two teams battled hard. The effort on both sides was extremely (good). I thought our guys played extremely hard. I think at the end of the day, turnovers were the telling tale in the game. You just can't have that many turnovers and win a football game, especially this late in the year."

The game was anything but enjoyable for Baylor fans. A combined seven turnovers, five of which were Baylor's, and 21 punts were no fun to watch. Both offenses were held to under 340 yards for the first time all season.

"I think the elements had a whole lot to do with our play," Briles said. "It's just hard to execute in those conditions. It's just hard to be real effective in those conditions."

Effectiveness was certainly an absent aspect of the contest. Baylor's third-string quarterback Chris Johnson, a sophomore, made his first career start Friday night in place of the injured



Associated Press

TOO SHORT Baylor running back Devin Chafin (28) is tripped up by TCU safety Denzel Johnson (30) as Chafin runs the ball during the second half on Friday in Fort Worth.

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No. 7 BAYLOR	14	0	0	0	7	0	21				
No. 19 TCU	7	7	0	0	7	7	28				

freshman quarterback Jarrett Stidham.

While Johnson captivated Baylor Nation with his sensational play in the second half against Oklahoma State, the rain in Fort Worth took away what could have been another good performance for the third-string quarterback. Johnson was just seven of 24 for 62 yards with a touchdown and an interception. Johnson would also fumble twice, accounting for three of Baylor's five total turnovers.

"I thought Chris played hard. I thought he played valiantly," Briles said.

Johnson fumbled in the opening seconds of the fourth quarter on third down as he was about to throw a pass. Sophomore receiver KD Cannon had broken away from his defender on a double move, leaving him wide open in the end zone.

When Johnson finally saw Cannon, it was too late, as TCU's Josh Carraway stripped the ball from behind him. The ball was recovered by TCU, and the Bears' best chance at breaking the deadlock slipped away.

With neither team scoring in the second half,

Briles said in the postgame press conference he believed a score on that drive would have sealed the deal.

"We were actually playing for a field goal," Briles said. "We felt like we had a guy open in the end zone. It just didn't work out."

With the game going into overtime, both teams started the first overtime period with seven points apiece. After TCU scored on the first possession of the second overtime period, the Bears were stopped on third down with just a yard to go.

After a Baylor timeout that negated a close Johnson sneak, Johnson handed the ball off to Devin Chafin. Chafin had played well throughout the game, carrying the ball 26 times for 119 yards and two scores, but this time TCU got the better of him.

Chafin took a handoff from Johnson and was stuffed on the right side of the line, barely getting back to the line of scrimmage.

"It's not Devin's fault, though. He got us there, and he's going to get us there again," Briles

The scene that ensued on the field was familiar for Baylor fans, except this time they were on the other end. Amon G. Carter Stadium was covered in purple and black, as the fans that weathered the storm rushed the field after the final whistle.

TCU's regular season is over, but Baylor still has one more regular season contest this Saturday against Texas. Should the Bears defeat the Longhorns, they will be tied for second in the conference.

"I was sad and heartbroken about [Friday's game]," said junior receiver Corey Coleman said. "But I just told them that we still have football to play. It's hard to win, and we've won a lot of football games this season. So now we just have to beat Texas and get to the Sugar Bowl."

With the Bears holding the tiebreaker in point differential with both TCU and Oklahoma State, Baylor will go on to the Sugar Bowl with a win on Saturday.

"[Going to the Sugar Bowl] is still big for us, and that's what we're aiming for going into this week," Johnson said. "We just want to go in focused and make sure we are ready to do what we do."

Cowboys' Jason Garrett says team still in NFC East title mix

ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — While Tony Romo is done for this season after breaking his collarbone for the second time this year, the Dallas Cowboys somehow still have a chance to defend their NFC East title and get to the playoffs.

Coach Jason Garrett said Monday that Romo has a lot of football left to play in the future. But so do the Cowboys this season without the quarterback, and part of the message the coach has for his Cowboys (3-8) is that they still have a chance in the division race.

"It's part of our message to provide perspective," Garrett said. "Oftentimes you have to provide a perspective about where we are, where we are, where we want to go and how we want to do it."

Dallas has five games left and is two games behind Washington and New York, both 5-6 after the Redskins beat the Giants on Sunday.

The Cowboys play next Monday night at Washington, giving them an extended break

after playing Thanksgiving Day. They host the Redskins in their regular season finale Jan. 3, and have already split their two games with the Cianto.

For now, Romo will stay involved with the team and connected with quarterbacks Matt Cassel and Kellen Moore.

The Cowboys are 0-7 this season without Romo, including four games started by midseason acquisition Cassel during Romo's first absence after Brandon Weeden lost three. Weeden was released when Romo returned, and Garrett anticipates Moore being brought up from the practice squad to be Cassel's backup.

"One of the things I thought (Romo) did a really good job of was just staying involved and staying engaged," Garrett said.

"At the same time you've got to let those guys take charge of the team and understand what that balance is. I thought he did a good job understanding that day to day and certainly on Sundays."

Garrett believes Cassel's experience with the



Associated Press

SHORT FUSE Dallas Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett argues with an official in the first half of the Nov. 1 NFL football game against the Seattle Seahawks in Arlington.

Cowboys in those earlier four games will benefit him the second time in the starter's role.

"He came in, had to learn during the season,"

Garrett said. "So there's a lot of things you're kind of catching up on when you come into a football team at that position at that time."

