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The Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas will perform at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the Glennis McCrary Music Building Jones Concert Hall. The group, led by artistic director Cynthia Nott, reflects the diversity of the Dallas metropolitan area. This event is free and open to the public.



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Dia performer leaked on Twitter

By THE LARIAT STAFF
AND DANNY HUIZINGA
CONTRIBUTOR

Five for Fighting will perform as the headliner during next week's Diadeloso, Baylor Chamber confirmed Thursday night. The news was leaked after students noticed a tweet from Five for Fighting singer John Ondrasik, which said "Just locked in a last minute gig at @Baylor next Thursday Apr. 18th. What Up Bears? #54F"

Five For Fighting is the stage name of Ondrasik, a singer-songwriter who writes "deeply personal songs that include social messages," according to Five for Fighting's website. The performer is best known for songs such as "The Riddle," "100 Years" and "Chances."

The Lariat reported Thursday that Chamber planned to delay the announcement of the Dia headliner in order to allow publicity for other events throughout the day.

"When we start planning for the event, we have to start planning for 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The headliner is a big part of that, but it's not the entire day," Chamber Diadeloso chair Pauline Minnaar told the Lariat. "So we spent a lot of time focusing on the other things that were going on and wanted to publicize that stuff and get people excited about that, and hopefully create this idea that Dia is about more than just a person who plays a concert for an hour."

Though the tweet that leaked the news disrupted those plans, Minnaar said the organization is not upset.



COURTESY PHOTO

Five for Fighting leaked the news of his performance at Diadeloso on Thursday via his Twitter account. Chamber planned to wait until today to release the news.

"If anything, I think it starts a buzz or starts a rumor and we can confirm that, and I don't think

it really is a negative and I don't think it stands in contradiction to what we want to publicize," Minnaar said. "It's the same thing."

Minnaar said Chamber is excited about the band's appearance, noting that "we often aren't able to bring an artist that has that kind of credibility."

In choosing a band, Minnaar said Chamber looked for a popular artist that was Baylor appropriate. She said the process begins after the previous Diadeloso and continues until the time of the event.

"I think they've had some really good hits. If you go on YouTube their videos have had quite a few views," she said.

Student reactions to the news were mixed. Longtime fans of the performer expressed excitement.

"I'm super excited about Five for Fighting at Dia. I have liked

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StuGov votes against officer impeachment

By DAN HENSON
REPORTER

At the final Student Government meeting of the semester, it was discussed at length whether or not to impeach Sophomore Class President Ben Prado, who is also running for student body president.

Some of the student senators raised concerns regarding Prado fulfilling his duties.

"It had to do with following and not following guidelines for sophomore class president," said Student Body President Kelly Rapp.

There was a debate that lasted over two hours.

"It was a healthy debate," Rapp said.

The impeachment failed. In order for the impeachment to be successful, it required a three-fourths majority vote. This amount was not reached, according to Rapp.

At the time of publication, Prado declined comment.

Internal Vice President Brian Kim said Prado can still run for student body president. If he had been impeached, he would not have been able to run. Kim said that, at the beginning of the meeting, Prado was impeached and the proceedings were to decide if he should be convicted of not fulfilling his duties. Because the charges were not supported by the vote, the impeachment failed.

During the rest of the meeting, the senate passed and rejected several bills.

The Student Senate voted to pass an allocation of \$16,000 from the Student Government Allocation Fund for renovations to the SUB Bowl, with a vote of 30-4. Part of the renovations will include permanent speakers. Student Activities would pay an additional \$10,000 for renovations,

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Hold on for dear life

Rowlett senior Miguel Echiverri rides a bouncy bull during the 2013 Fiesta celebration, hosted by the Hispanic Student Association, on Thursday at Vara Martin Daniel Plaza.

Knife attack suspect kept on suicide watch

By JUAN A. LOZANO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — A man accused of stabbing more than a dozen people at a Houston-area college told investigators that he had fantasized about cannibalism and necrophilia and about cutting off people's faces and wearing them as masks, according to a court document made public on Thursday.

Dylan Quick also told an investigator that he had researched mass stabbings on his home computer about a week before the attack at Lone Star College



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Prosecuting attorney Joshua Phanco, who will represent the state against Dylan Quick, talks to the media Thursday in Houston. Quick is accused of stabbing more than a dozen people at LoneStar College.

in Cypress, according to a search warrant affidavit.

"He stated that he had read numerous books about mass killings and serial killers which are also located at his residence," the affidavit said.

Quick is being held without bond on three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for Tuesday's attack that injured 14 people. Only one person remained hospitalized Thursday, and that person was listed in good condition.

Quick's attorney, Jules Laird, said after a court hearing earlier Thursday that he was still looking into his client's background. Laird said he didn't think the 20-year-old had a history of mental illness. But he said Quick was on suicide watch and will stay in jail as he undergoes a psychological evaluation.

"Not every question has an answer that satisfies you or that says this is the root cause of why he did

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Texas House panel approves bill for guns on campus

By JIM VERTUNO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Two days after a knife-wielding attacker wounded more than a dozen people on a Texas college campus, a state House panel voted to allow concealed handgun license holders to carry weapons into college buildings and classrooms.

The House Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee pushed the bill up to the full House with a 7-1 vote without debate. Lawmakers had taken public testimony on the measure several weeks ago.

On Tuesday, authorities say a man used a razor utility knife to slash 14 people on two floors of the health science building at Lone Star Community College in Cypress.

Gun rights supporters say the bill, by Rep. Allen Fletcher, R-Cypress, is self-defense measure that will help prevent campus shootings and assaults. Oppo-

nents argue that allowing guns into campus buildings, particularly classrooms, only increases the chances for violence.

The guns-on-campus measure has been opposed by state universities in the past, and the question erupted into one of the most contentious issues of the 2011 session before it failed despite strong support from groups like the Texas State Rifle Association.

Fletcher's bill gives the state's public universities and colleges a chance to opt out of the provision if they first consult with students, faculty and staff. Private universities could opt in. For campuses that still ban weapons, the bill reduces the penalty for a violation by concealed handgun license holders from a felony to a misdemeanor, a crime that would still cause them to lose their license.

Texas is one of the strongest gun-rights states in the country and has allowed concealed hand-

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Don't push elementary teachers into carrying guns

Editorial

We've discussed concealed carry on college campuses extensively within these pages, covering several petitions from students and faculty who have offered support or a lack of support for the idea.

We haven't yet talked about arming elementary school teachers.

But the Texas Senate has.

Currently, Texas allows qualified teachers and administrators to carry guns into school, if the school board grants permission. Only three school boards have granted permission to this date.

However, Texas Sen. Dan Patrick (R-Houston) has proposed a plan to train armed teachers for gunfights in classrooms, sporting events and meetings. The bill cleared the Texas Senate Education Committee last Thursday and headed for the full chamber.

Those teachers would receive 16 hours of training to teach them to first conceal children and then return fire. The new proposal

would apply to charter and public schools that don't already employ armed guards.

This is one of several measures that states are employing that may increase the presence of guns on college campuses or schools in response to the Newtown shooting earlier this year.

Now, the proposal allows for armed teachers — presumably, those who have concealed handgun licenses — to receive this training and serve in lieu of armed guards. Why hire an armed guard when you have armed teachers?

The bill approved by the Senate Thursday authorizes \$1 million in funding, with the stipulation that schools could collect donations to supplement their funds.

Our question is this: Why not just raise funds to hire armed guards to serve instead? We're not thrilled about teachers turning into vigilantes. In our opinion, it would be more prudent to hire someone who is already employed in the capacity of armed guard, instead of just giving more responsibility — and a heavy one at that — to teachers.

Furthermore, it would be those with CHLs who are trained for

gunfights. Current requirements include a 10-hour class to obtain the license, but another bill that was put on an expedited calendar to clear the full Senate that same day proposed to cut the training time down to four hours, complaining that the current class is long and redundant.

Putting those two together — a potential four measly hours to obtain the license and only 16 hours more to be trained to respond to gunfights — gives teachers a scant 20 hours of training before they are expected to fulfill this new role.

We find it ironic that it takes more time and schooling to actually become a teacher than to be trained for a role that could result in the power to end life.

All states, for example, require a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution, in addition to "a minimum of 18 semester hours of professional teacher education course work," according to the Department of Defense Education Activity website.

In our opinion, packing heat shouldn't be part of the teacher job description.

Let's all dodge a bullet and shoot this bill down.



LARIAT LETTERS

'Assault' game unfair

I fully agree with Coach Kim Mulkey's assessment of the Louisville "assault" game on March 31. I said they literally "clawed" their way to the championship game, where they got what they deserved: a 33-point loss.

How the referees let that game go as they did with punches

thrown at Brittney Griner, hits to the face, breast, kidneys, etc. is deplorable. Worst, that coach prepared them to do what they did.

Kudos to Mulkey and Griner and Simms for staying cool. I didn't, just ask my wife.

Guess what? I'm an Aggie, class of 1961. I have enjoyed watching

Griner for four years and Kevin Durant at the University of Texas. It's always great to watch the great ones. Breanna Stewart is the next.

Any chance she will transfer? I doubt it.

- Michael Bozardt,
Texas A & M alum, class of '61

PETA editorial misleading

I am writing in response to your April 11 editorial "Hypocrisy of PETA Gets Our Goat." We're grateful for the opportunity that this editorial—despite its deceptive intent—gives us to discuss the animal-overpopulation crisis. We're on the front lines in the battle to help unwanted dogs and cats, and we need your readers' help.

PETA's caseworkers strive tirelessly to rescue homeless animals from environmental dangers and situations involving cruelty or neglect. They crawl through sewers, poke around junkyards, climb trees and dodge traffic in order to reach animals in danger.

During floods and storms, we are out saving animals' lives at all hours, often because no one else will.

Some of the animals PETA rescues are beloved companions who have gotten lost. We are always happy to return such animals to their homes. However, most of the animals we receive are damaged beings for whom euthanasia is without a doubt the most humane option.

For example, our caseworkers were able to gain custody of a starving and severely emaciated dog whose collar was attached to a 15-pound chain.

We had to carry her into the emergency clinic because she could barely walk. On the veterinarian's advice, we gave her food and water and a comfortable place to sleep and monitored her progress overnight. But the next morning, she couldn't keep any food down, so we rushed her back to the vet. Because of the severity of her condition, he recommended euthanasia.

She was in a lot of pain and faced an agonizing, lingering death otherwise. The most humane option for her was a peaceful and dignified release from her suffering.

We pursued criminal charges against those responsible for her condition, which led to their convictions for cruelty to animals.

People have every right to be upset about euthanasia, but we must place the blame for animal overpopulation on those who deserve it.

Breeders and pet stores con-

tinue to churn out animals while healthy, deserving cats and dogs languish in animal shelters. For too long, shelters have had the heart-breaking task of taking in and having to euthanize unwanted animals while breeders and pet stores keep breeding more.

Buying an animal from a store or breeder means a death sentence for an animal in a shelter. The best way to save the lives of homeless animals is to reduce their numbers through spay-and-neuter programs such as PETA's three mobile clinics, which provide low-income neighborhoods with low-cost and free sterilization surgeries and other procedures.

Since starting our first mobile clinic in 2001, we have sterilized more than 87,000 animals, including more than 9,200 in the 2012 fiscal year alone.

Students who are interested in finding out other ways to help animals can visit peta2.com.

-Kenneth Montville
College Campaign Assistant

Gun laws ridiculous; Texas should secede

Concealed carry laws: They're all over the news.

Congress can't come to consensus on the issue. Here's the answer: Texas should secede. Then we will be free to make our own laws. It's the only logical solution.

Texas is the Lone Star State. If we're so alone, then why are we a part of this huge union anyway? Texas flourished as a republic for nearly 10 years. America's barely been holding together for almost 237 years. The numbers are clearly in our favor. Texas is better off alone. Still not convinced? Consider this:



- 1) Guns. We have them. We've all heard the saying 'Guns don't kill people. People kill people.' But people with guns definitely kill people. So let's have those Texans with guns aim their weapons at Texas' enemies. Look at Baylor's campus. According to a recent Lariat survey, 53.8 percent of the Baylor students that responded already own a handgun. Perfect. Haphazard citizens flailing around deadly weapons will be more effective than a trained militia any day. I can't wait to see disgruntled students traipsing across campus at 8 a.m. with a cocked gun in their pocket.
- 2) Our governor. Gov. Rick Perry has already proven his leadership capabilities on the national stage in his astounding run for president during the last election. If only America had been ready to receive his brilliant leadership. Before he bowed out to give those other guys a chance, he revealed his ability to make government exciting. Remember the Republican presidential debate in Michigan? Perry brought up three government agencies he was planning to cut, but kept the audience guessing as to the last one, the Department of Energy, until just the right time. The moment he remembered it himself. But that's his charm. You never know what Perry is going to do next, and neither does he.

- 3) The Texas Legislature. Another fantastic track record. I could sit here all day listing the tremendous triumphs of the Texas government, but let's focus on its crowning achievement in 1971. The Legislature passed a bill honoring Albert de Salvo for his contribution to population control. De Salvo confessed to being the Boston Strangler in 1965. The strangler killed many women in the Boston area in the early 1960s. The exact quantity of the victims is unknown, but estimates put the number around 11.
- 4) Borders. Texas has already proven its ability to control its borders. Look at our border with Mexico. Border patrol agents in Texas have done a fantastic job keeping illegal immigrants out. The Federation for American Immigration Reform reported that illegal immigrants in 2009 were only costing the state \$8,878,402,789. So it's settled. Texas needs to secede. But why stop at Texas? If we really want to settle this debate, Baylor needs to create a nation of its own. We have two Starbucks, a Panda Express and a workout center where we can burn off all of those calories. It's everything a nation needs. Baylor Nation, it's time to make our name a reality. Disclaimer: Aggies need not apply for citizenship.

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March to promote prolonged pregnancy

By Ashley Pereyra
Reporter

March of Dimes will step up fundraising this weekend to help support research and programs dedicated to infant health.

The nonprofit is hosting a walking event from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday behind the Mayborn Museum at the Governor Bill and Vara Daniel Historic Village. The actual walk does not start until 9 a.m., according to Becky Goss-Shepherd, March of Dimes division director in Waco, Temple and Killeen.

The event is free and will feature activities like face painting and games as well as free food and beverages. While free, March of Dimes will accept donations on site or online. Their mission is to “help moms have full-term pregnancies and research the problems that threaten the health of babies,” according to the March of Dimes website at www.marchofdimes.com.

Goss-Shepherd said this event is not just for people who have children or are planning on having children.

“This walk is just for everybody, not necessarily just for those with a family,” Goss-Shepherd said. “It’s really just for everybody. It’s planning for your child-bearing years.”

The March of Dimes sponsors many programs devoted to infant health and awareness including Becoming A Mom and Healthy Babies Are Worth the Wait.

Becoming a Mom is a zip code-targeted program that works with moms who do not get prenatal care.

The program offers them prenatal care education and support throughout their pregnancy. Healthy Babies Are Worth the Wait is a program that promotes awareness about the health benefits of keeping a baby in the womb until 39 weeks.



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Phi Iota Alpha fraternity stand on Thursday in front of the Baylor Sciences Building. The group will host a soccer tournament to help fundraise for cancer research with Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Phi Iotas seek goal against cancer

By Kara Blomquist
Reporter

Students will kick it to cancer in the Ninth Annual Fiota Cup.

The all women’s soccer tournament will take place from 3:30 p.m. to sunset today and from 2:30 p.m. to sunset Sunday at Edge Field.

The event will benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Phi Iota Alpha is hosting the tournament.

Teams have already been created, but students are encouraged to attend the event, said Queens, N.Y., sophomore Jay Joseph, provost and rush chair for Phi Iota Alpha. There is no cost to watch the soccer games. Each participant gets a T-shirt. There will be food for the players at the event.

Competitors paid \$10 or \$12 to compete, for early and late registra-

tion respectively. Part of the money went toward tournament costs, such as the T-shirts and food. All excess funds will go to the Komen foundation.

Joseph said he wants the event to make the Baylor community think about the impact of cancer on people’s lives.

“I hope it will raise awareness that this is a serious issue,” he said.

Paris freshman Peyton Chapman, who will compete in the tournament, said the event seemed like the perfect fit for her interests.

“I’ve always done Susan G. Komen walks for breast cancer with my church back home,” she said. “I’ve played soccer since I was 4 years old.”

Chapman signed up as an individual, but organizations also created teams.

BU publications win 70 awards at convention

By Ashley Davis
Copy Editor

At this year’s annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention on April 4-6 in Fort Worth, The Baylor Lariat, the Round Up yearbook, Focus magazine and the Lariat Online won 70 awards in dozens of categories.

The Baylor Lariat won 23 awards total, including an Overall

Excellence award and four first-place awards in the Editorial Cartoon, Critical Review and Feature Stories categories. The Round Up yearbook won 25 awards, including a Sweepstakes and Overall Excellence award. Focus magazine won nine awards in categories including overall excellence, story packages, news photos, feature photos and picture stories.

The Lariat Online won six

awards, including a sweepstakes award and first place in general website excellence as well as best video, best slide show and best interactivity.

Student Publications also won six on-site awards in copy editing, yearbook design, feature writing, magazine design, sports action photo and Kansas City, MO, junior Derek Byrne’s Designer of the Year award.

Ciao nightmares, hello art on Elm

By Kaitlin Ramby
Contributor

Art on Elm, an annual event that features local artists, aims to bring people in the Waco community together to promote local Waco artists and businesses. The event will be held Saturday by Neighbor Works Waco. The event will display local artists’ work and feature live music from local musicians.

People can venture to Elm Street, walk around, look at artists’ creations and inspect booths from both local craft and food vendors. There are also kids’ activities such as crafts and bounce houses. Art on Elm will be at the corner of Elm Avenue and Dallas Street and starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

“These kinds of events enrich both the individuals involved and the community as a whole,” said Dallas junior Josh Stone, a featured musician at last year’s event. “After I played, one of the local artists walked up and handed me a painting he had made earlier that day — for free. How cool is that? It’s exchanges like these that events like Art on Elm can bring. These are the kinds of things that work to grow a community.”

In addition to fostering the community, Art on Elm presents an opportunity for people to become familiar with the east side of Waco, said Honey Jenkins, director of marketing, communication and I.T. at Neighbor Works Waco.

“Our overarching goal for the event is to bring out local business owners who will potentially open up shops and build that part of the city up,” Jenkins said. “We would really like to see that part of the community become a sort of art hub with little coffee shops and art galleries.”

Jenkins said this will be an event where people can experience Waco’s local art scene, and will be an

opportunity for Neighbor Works to raise awareness about that part of town. Elm Street is located on the opposite side of the suspension bridge to where downtown Waco is located.

This region was a pivotal area in the development of the city of Waco, according to the Elm Avenue Improvement Plan, although in recent years it has deteriorated. However, because Elm provides easy access to downtown and has plenty of space for potential activity, there is potential for possible growth for that area, according to the Elm Avenue Improvement Plan by the city of Waco. Neighbor Works’ goal is for Elm to eventually become the cultural and artistic heart of Waco, Jenkins said.

Art on Elm will be an event where people come and leave as they please. It’s appealing for college students because of all the young artists and musicians who will be attending, said Waco senior Katherine Adkins, a featured artist this year. “I thought (Art on Elm) would be a fun way to meet other artists and art-lovers,” Adkins said. “It’s good practice for submitting to shows and preparing art for display. I’m also interested in anything that promotes the visual arts in Waco.”

Jenkins said Elm Street is an area of Waco most are unfamiliar with and don’t experience very often.

“I think it will be an awesome showcase of local talent,” Round Rock junior Cimarron Parker said. “I didn’t attend Art on Elm last year, but from everything I’ve heard about it I’m really looking forward to going to it this year.”

Jenkins said those who want to experience local culture and check out a less-visited part of Waco will thoroughly enjoy the event, as it could potentially become a staple event to the Waco community and bring businesses to the East side of town.

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In this March 26, 2011, photo, spectators at the Heart of Texas Community Tailgate enjoy food, games and baseball at the Baylor Ballpark. This year's tail gate will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the same location.

Heart of Texas tailgate spells family, friends, fun

By TAYLOR REXRODE
STAFF WRITER

Baylor will host its seventh annual Heart of Texas Community Tailgate on Saturday. The event is free and open to the Waco community. The tailgate will be at Gettman Stadium and Baylor Ballpark in conjunction with the baseball game against Oklahoma University at 3 p.m. and the softball game against Oklahoma State University at 2 p.m. Jana Hixson, director of com-

munity engagement at Baylor, said the tailgate will start at 1 p.m. She also said giving back to the Waco community helps celebrate the Baylor and Waco partnership. "This is a way to invite the community to campus," Hixson said. "It creates a fun atmosphere and builds goodwill with the Waco community." Tailgaters will receive free baseball and softball tickets and can pick them up at the start of the tailgate. The event will also include inflatable bounce houses, face paint-

ing and carnival games. A hot dog lunch and Blue Bell ice cream will be served and a Jack In The Box food truck will pass out hamburgers. The cost of the event is covered by donations and money raised through Baylor's Division of Constituent Engagement. The event is meant for the Waco community and students are still encouraged to go to the games. Hixson said it's a great way to get the community on campus and engaging with Baylor athletics. "Baylor benefits because the

success of Baylor and Waco are tied together," Hixson said. "Fostering that relationship helps it succeed. It provides access to the game and it creates new fans." She recalls one Wacoan who came to the tailgate a few years ago: an 85-year-old woman who grew up near campus and had never been to a baseball game. "She brought her three grandchildren and her friends," Hixson said. "It was great to see her have a good time and for them to experience a baseball game for the first time."

Honors Week to feature student thesis presentations

By BROOKE BAILEY
REPORTER

Honors students will present their theses as part of a 21-year-old tradition known as Honors Week. The week long event will take place Monday through Friday. The students will present the results of their theses that they have been working on for at least one to two years. Seniors in the program are required to present their thesis material to an audience of faculty and students during Honors Week. All students and faculty are invited to attend the presentations Monday through Friday at 115 Alexander Hall. The schedule can be found online at the Honors College website, www.baylor.edu/honorscollege/. The purpose of Honors Week is to recognize student scholars, Dr. Thomas Hibbs, dean of the Honors College, said. "It's an opportunity for the whole university to honor the most outstanding seniors," Hibbs said. Hibbs said he wants the week to be memorable for seniors. "I hope the graduating seniors who are finishing their theses or who have been named as outstanding students get a sense of Baylor's commitment to academic excellence, and they get a sense of our appreciation as faculty," Hibbs said.

"It's yet another opportunity to reflect on what Baylor has meant to them." Senior honors students and their faculty mentors will also be recognized at a banquet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Barfield Drawing Room. The dinner is invitation only. The week will conclude with the Honors Week Convocation at 2 p.m. Friday in the Barfield Drawing Room. Seniors are selected by every department to attend the convocation. The event is invitation only due primarily to limited seating. Every year a speaker is selected for the convocation. Hibbs said the selection of the speaker alternates between alumni and people involved in the academic community. Alumnus James Nortey will be this year's keynote speaker. Nortey graduated from Baylor in 2008 and is an associate in the public law section of Andrews Kurth, LLP in Austin. "He is an example of the success a student can have at Baylor and afterwards," said Petra Carey, the coordinator of communications, recruitment and external relations for the Honors College. More information about Nortey and the Convocation can be found online at the Honors College website.

Campaign to put guns in schools hits snags in states

By DAVID A. LIE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — When a gunman killed 26 children and staff at a Connecticut grade school, proposals to let teachers carry hidden guns into the classroom soon proliferated in many Republican-led states such as

Texas. But less than four months later, the quest to put guns in schools has stalled in many traditionally gun-friendly states after encountering opposition from educators, reluctance from some governors and ambivalence from legislative leaders more focused on economic initiatives.

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Baylor Opera transports audience back to roaring '20s

By MALEESA JOHNSON
REPORTER

The Prohibition era is returning to Baylor through Baylor Opera Theater's exhibition of the "Underground Opera: The Roaring Twenties," an event aimed to make opera more audience-friendly.

"I want to first of all present a program that is accessible to everybody," said Octavio Cardenas director of Baylor Opera Theater. "Sometimes people are kind of intimidated by opera. So this way we may be able to attract those kinds of people."

Cardenas said he plans to carry out this goal with the repertoire. It centers on music from the Prohibition era and several decades beyond, with works from popular musicians of their time, including Cole Porter, George and Ira Gershwin, Irving Berlin and more.

To begin the evening, the Opera Theater will perform Joe Garland's "In the Mood" followed by "Mack the Knife" from The Three-Penny Opera by Kurt Weill.

Other songs include "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "They Are Writing Songs of Love" by the Ger-

shwin brothers as well as works by Berlin such as "Stepping Out with My Baby" and "Putting on the Ritz."

"All of the songs tell a story; they are all like little mini-operas," Cardenas said. "They require a very full voice and you have to be very expressive. I'm using this as a vehicle to make students more expressive on the stage and we're doing it through English, which is their own language, which to me is the best way to learn how to be expressive on stage — in your own language. Another reason why we are using this repertoire."

The pianist for the event, Stephanie Mettler, also acknowledges the difference of this opera in comparison to others. She said the event would show a side of opera that average people who do not typically listen to opera could relate to.

"It's a compilation of love songs and other songs that show the underside of life," Mettler said. "A lot of it is from the Prohibition era and I find it easy to connect with. It connects music to life."

Mettler said the preparation has been intense. The Opera Theater

began working on the show last fall and started rehearsing for it in February.

Last semester, The Opera Theater presented "Rita" by Gaetano Donizetti. Cardenas said it was well attended and that he hopes to grow this audience.

"We could always use more," Cardenas said. "I really hope more people show up. We are trying to build an audience, and so far all of our shows have been very well attended."

The push for a greater audience is to educate them on another art form.

Though opera may not be the most common art form in America, Cardenas said it is important for multiple reasons.

"To me, it is an art form that requires all forms of art," Cardenas said. "Dancing, singing, music, theater, painting for the sets, costume design. It's a very complete form of art."

The "Underground Opera: The Roaring Twenties" starts today at 7:30 p.m. followed by another performance Saturday night at the same time. The event is free and open to the public.



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Vocalists from Baylor Opera Theater perform "Underground Opera: The Roaring Twenties" in the Roxy Grove Hall. Baylor Opera will be performing the Roaring Twenties Cabarets Friday and Saturday nights.

Eddie Money headlines local concert, hopes to appeal to all ages



COURTESY PHOTO

This year Brazos Nights concert will feature artist Eddie Money. The concert will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at Indian Spring Park.

By REBECCA FIEDLER
REPORTER

For anyone wanting "two tickets to paradise," this weekend, Indian Spring Park might just be the place, as Eddie Money will be headlining the Brazos Nights concert from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. today at the downtown venue. Opening for Money will be historic Waco musician Classie Ballou Sr. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Brazos Nights concerts have taken place in Waco since the late 1980s, said Jonathan Cook, who works in community promotions with the city of Waco.

Over the years, big names in music have performed for these concerts, Cook said. Many times the concerts have featured more country music, he noted. Some performers have been artists who later became big names in music but were not yet as famous when they performed at Brazos Nights, Cook said. Blake Shelton and the Dixie Chicks have played at Brazos Nights. Eddie Money is one of the bigger names that they've had perform, Cook said.

"Eddie Money obviously is a huge rock star from the '70s and the '80s," Cook said.

"For several years now we've wanted to get some classic rock artists onto the bill, and when it comes to name recognition, you don't get much bigger than Eddie Money."

Eddie Money has had hit songs like "Take Me Home Tonight" and "Two Tickets to Paradise." He's been featured recently in a Geico commercial. He still tours across the world, Cook said.

This is a concert that will appeal to multiple age groups, Cook said. Younger people respect Eddie Money because of the 1980s vibe and nostalgia of his music, while older people remember Eddie Money music from when they were in high school.

"So it sort of fits in with the vibe that we try to offer with our downtown concerts," Cook said.

Ballou will play with his band before Money, performing with his own children and grandchildren, Cook said.

"Classie is, oh, I'd say 75 or 76 years old now, and has played all his life," Cook said.

Ballou is known for blues and zydeco music, Cook said, which is a type of Cajun Louisiana blues. He's originally from Louisiana and was a pioneer of zydeco, Cook said.

"Classie's got a really interesting story. We've worked with Classie before. He's lived in Waco an upwards of I think 40 or 50 years now."

In the 1960s and 1970s Ballou played with artists such as Ike and Tina Turner. Any time a blues or R&B group came through Central Texas, Ballou always opened up for them with his band Cook said. Two weeks from now he'll be in New Orleans playing the New Orleans Jazz Festival.

"He's sort of an unknown treasure that we have here in Waco," Cook said.

Historically, Ballou played at Walker's Auditorium in Waco, which isn't standing anymore, but in the 1960s and 70s it was a mecca of blues and motown artists, Cook said.

"There's not really a festival in Waco that Classie hasn't played," Cook said.

Ballou will open for Money at 7:15 p.m. and Money will perform at about 8:30 p.m., Cook said.

Cook expects about 7,500 people to attend Saturday's concert and encourages people to come early. It's a free outdoor event with free parking around downtown.

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Baseball team set to take on No. 9 Sooners

By DANIEL HILL
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 8 Oklahoma Sooners head to Waco for a three-game weekend series against the Baylor Bears. The Bears are 17-16 overall and are 5-3 in conference play. The Sooners, on the other hand, are 27-6 on the year and have posted a 7-2 record in Big 12 play.

“Yeah, it’s definitely a big series,” junior right-handed pitcher Dillon Newman said. “I think this weekend we definitely are going to treat it like it’s postseason and do everything we can to win this series and put some pressure on them and give our team a little boost.”

After a slow start to the season, the Bears have won six of their last eight games and have found their stride in Big 12 play.

“I think up and down, guys are hitting,” senior right fielder Nathan Orf said. “There’s no real hole anymore and guys are putting together better at-bats at key moments and getting the key hit. We had so many chances early on in the year where a key hit would have won us the game and didn’t get it, and now we are starting to get the bases loaded double or the single to score two. Just getting that momentum and hits are contagious.”

Baylor is currently third in the Big 12 standings at 5-3 and the Sooners are in sole possession of first place at 7-2.

“Every series in the Big 12 is a big series,” head coach Steve Smith said. “You don’t play that many of them, and places in standings and all that sort of stuff turns every which way it can all throughout the year. We’ll have our hands full. OU is a very talented team, par-

ticularly on the mound.”

Last season, the Bears easily won the Big 12 regular season title, but they have a chip on their shoulder because Oklahoma performed well against Baylor last season.

“They beat us five times last year,” Newman said. “I think that sticks in the back of everybody’s mind and this weekend we just really want to go out there and get it done.”

“We’ve played too many good teams to be intimidated. We’ve faced this before and it’s one of those weekends where we’ll face it again. We play such a good schedule that we kind of handle that OK.”

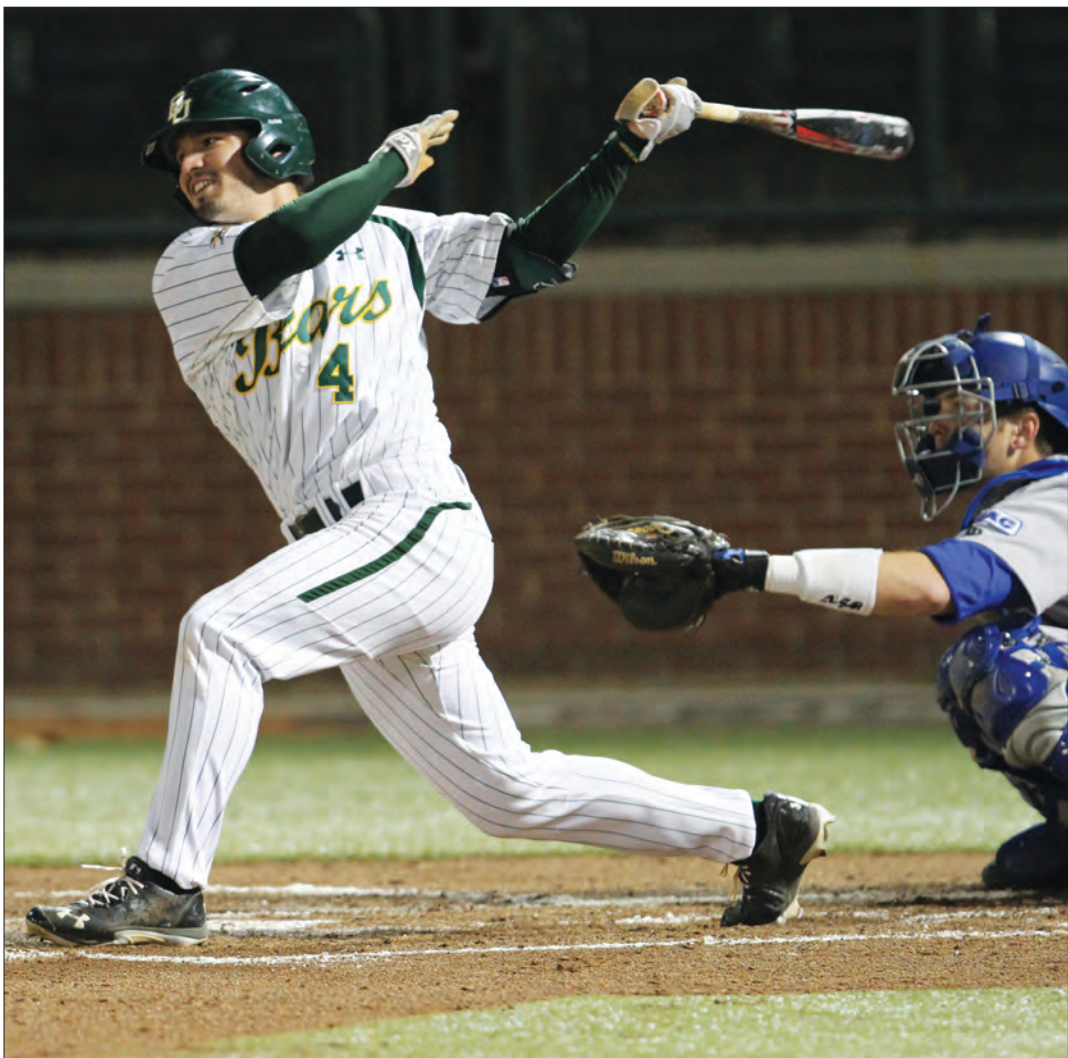
Steve Smith | Head Coach

Newman will be the starting pitcher tonight and senior right-handed pitcher Max Garner will take the mound on Saturday.

Sophomore right-handed pitcher Austin Stone is slated to start on Sunday, but that could change depending on if Stone’s arm is needed for either of the first two games.

For Newman, having the opportunity to be the game one starter and set the tone for the series is a challenge he gladly accepts for the team.

“For me, it’s huge. I care more about my team than I do myself,”



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Senior outfielder Nathan Orf hits a ball during Baylor’s game against Louisiana Tech on March 5. Baylor won both games of the series against the Bulldogs.

Newman said. “As long as at the end of the day the team gets the ‘W’ then that’s all that I really care about. I think it’s huge, you know. If I can start my team off to a good start then that’s all that I really care about.”

At the plate, Orf leads the Bears in batting average at .421.

Orf has 20 RBIs and has scored 22 runs with a .513 on-base percentage.

“They are a great club and they had our number last year, so for us, it’s about going out and playing our game,” Orf said. “We’re going to be the underdogs you know, and for the team we have this year, I don’t think that’s a bad place to be at all. No matter what the score is, I think we are going to go to work

and keep fighting for 27 outs. They have some good starters but they are going to have to beat us for 27 outs so I like our chances to get some wins this weekend.”

The Sooners are in first place in the Big 12 and ranked No. 9 in the nation according to Baseball America, but the Bears are not intimidated.

“We’ve played too many good teams to be intimidated,” Smith said. “We’ve faced this before and it’s one of those weekend’s where we’ll face it again. We play such a good schedule that we kind of handle that OK.”

Oklahoma’s strength is undoubtedly on the pitchers’ mound. The Sooners boast two 2013 pre-season All-American pitchers.

The Bears will face a pair of the best starting pitchers in the nation in Oklahoma junior right-handed pitcher Jonathan Gray and junior lefty Dillon Overton.

“They have big arms, hard throwers with good off speed,” Orf said. “They can really pitch and it’s going to be a grind for us offensively, but they have to get us out 27 times and if we can get a guy on and grind out some at-bats and get some runs then we’ll be fine. They had great arms last year too. They had really good match-ups out of the bullpen and we played them tough and never really got the win. We never got the key hit to win the game. I just think that if we continue to play our game then hopefully we’ll get some wins this weekend.”

Tennis to battle Sooners

By PHILLIP ERICKSEN
REPORTER

The No. 15 Baylor men’s tennis team will continue conference play against the No. 12 Oklahoma Sooners at 6 p.m. today at the Hurd Tennis Center. The Bears (15-4) are 1-0 in conference play this season and are coming off of a 6-1 win at Texas Tech last week and a five-match win streak.

“I think it’s guys trying real hard to win tennis matches, which is great,” head coach Matt Knoll said. “Everybody just goes out and fights, and I think they do a great job with their guys. I feel like our guys are going to compete well and I think it’ll be just a great tennis match.”

After tonight’s match, the team will finish its regular season with matches against Oklahoma State, Texas and TCU.

“I think we should focus more on us than on them,” junior Patrick Pradella said. “Because if we do our job, I think we can beat everybody, so we shouldn’t think too much about our opponent. We just focus on our tennis, and we’ll be good.”

Pradella is the team’s top-ranked singles player at No. 29; also ranked are freshman Julian Lenz, sophomore Tony Lupieri and sophomore Mate Zsiga at 55th, 74th and 91st respectively.

“Oklahoma is a really good team,” Lupieri said. “In my opinion they’re a top-10 team in the country, and they have a really good coach also. It’ll be tough. We know it’s going to be tough on Friday. But I think with this team, we’ve shown we can beat top-10 teams.”

Lupieri has won his last seven singles matches.

“I think that we can win the conference, but we need to play good to beat Oklahoma,” he said.

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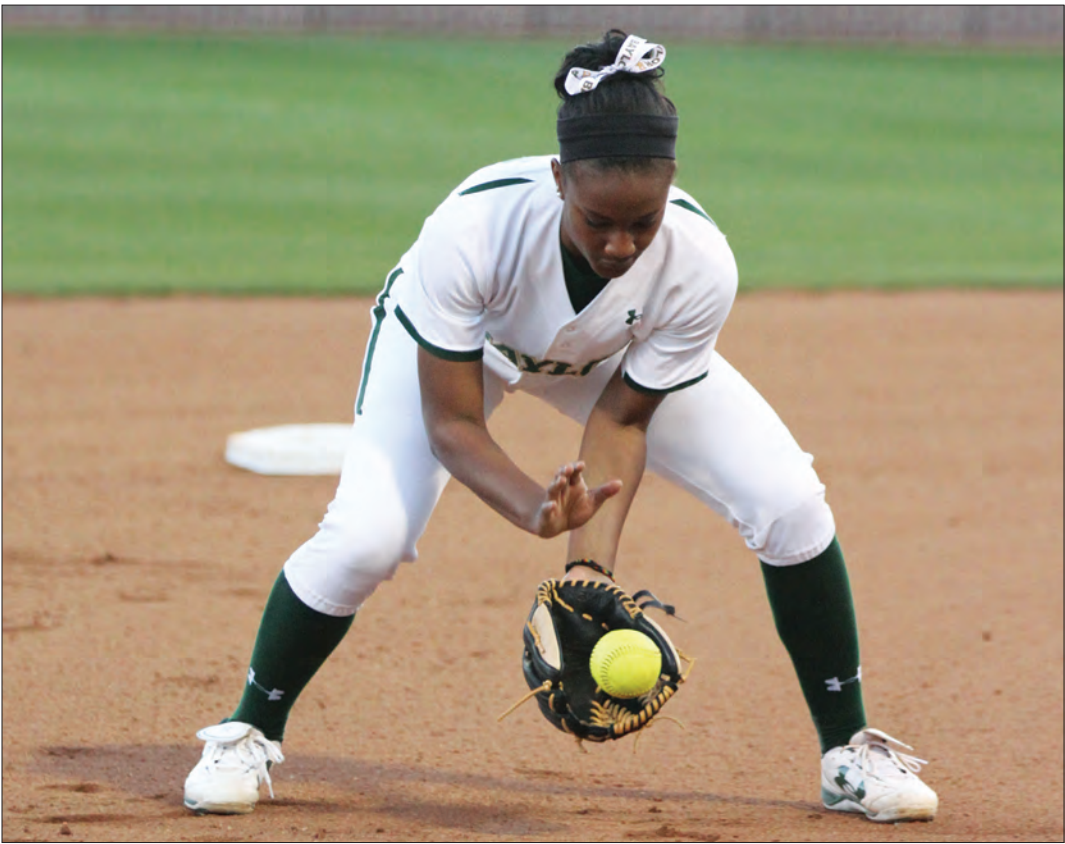


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Freshman third baseman Sarah Smith fields a ground ball against Illinois State on Feb. 7. The Lady Bears won the game 5-0.

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Softball takes on Cowgirls

By PARMIDA SCHAHHOSSEINI
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 16 Baylor Lady Bears will continue conference play with a three-game series against the Oklahoma State Cowgirls. The first game will be at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Getterman Stadium.

The next two games of the series are on Saturday and Sunday. Oklahoma State is 29-20 against Baylor, but Baylor won two out of three games in the series last year.

After losing three straight games against No. 1 Oklahoma, Baylor (30-10, 3-5 Big 12) got a much needed win against Texas State on Tuesday. Junior left-handed pitcher Whitney Canion struck out 10 batters in the win, and junior first baseman Holly Holl went 3-4, hit a home run and had four RBIs.

Oklahoma State (24-17, 2-4 Big 12) has lost four of its last six games after getting swept in the series against Iowa State. The Cowgirls are better offensively in Big 12 games with a .291 batting average. The Cowgirls also have a .400 fielding percentage overall and a .404 fielding percentage in Big 12 games.

Baylor and Oklahoma State started their seasons in similar fashions. The Lady Bears had a 14-game winning streak and the Cowgirls had a 12-game winning streak before hitting a rocky stretch in their schedules.

Both teams have also lost three consecutive Big 12 games, the only difference being that Baylor lost to the No. 1 team in the nation in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma State has four players hitting over .300, with junior catcher Tarah Ettinger leading the team with a .355 batting average. Ettinger also has 43 hits, seven home runs and 31 RBI to her credit. Senior Tamara Brown is hitting .330 while scoring 27 runs. Brown also has 38 hits, including 10 doubles. Junior second baseman Ari Morrison is batting .455 and has hit a home run. Morrison also has 15 hits and two doubles.

Baylor's pitching staff needs to remain consistent if they want to win. Collectively, the pitching staff is ranked No. 14 nationally and No. 3 in the Big 12 with a 1.76 ERA.

Freshman right-handed pitcher Heather Stearns (9-4) is No. 6 in the Big 12 with a 1.65 ERA. Stearns has only allowed 19 earned runs,

while striking out 100 batters. She has shown promise in high-pressure situations as she helped the Lady Bears to a comeback win against Iowa State by not allowing any hits.

Canion is No. 7 in the Big 12 despite struggling as of late. Canion has a 1.83 ERA, allowing 36 earned runs while striking out 183 batters.

Inside the circle for the Cowgirls, junior right-handed pitcher Simone Freeman (11-7) has a 2.18 ERA and has struck out 145 batters. Senior right-handed pitcher Kat Espinosa (13-10) has a 2.26 ERA and struck out 160 batters.

The Lady Bears have struggled offensively, but senior center fielder Kathy Shelton has displayed her leadership by producing on the field. Shelton is No. 2 in the Big 12 with 53 hits and sophomore outfielder Kaitlyn Thumann is No. 3 with 51 hits.

The duo also is first and second respectively in stolen bases with Shelton stealing 27 and Thumann stealing 23.

Holl's batting average is below .300, but she has drawn walks frequently. She is currently No. 8 in the Big 12 at 25 walks drawn.

Garcia 6-under par, leads after first round at Masters

By DOUG FERGUSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Sergio Garcia might have written himself off too quickly at the Masters.

When last seen walking off the course at Augusta National, the impetuous Spaniard was moping about his bad luck at this tournament and said last year it was increasingly evident he would never be fitted for a green jacket.

Garcia matched his best score at the Masters on Thursday, a 6-under 66 with no bogeys on his card, to share the lead with Marc Leishman of Australia. And he still wasn't entirely happy, although this time with good reason. He hit the ball so well his score could have been so much better.

"To tell you the truth, if I manage to make a couple of the putts that kind of stayed around the lip, I could have been probably 7- or 8-under par through 10," Garcia said. "It was that good. And it wasn't like I was hitting pitching wedge every single time. I was hitting 4-irons and 5-irons and 6-irons, so it wasn't that easy."

It sure felt easy for several players in a gentle opening round — even for an eighth-grader.

Guan Tianlang, the 14-year-old from China and youngest to compete in a major in 148 years, played well beyond his age and holed a 15-foot putt from just off the 18th green for a respectable round of 73 and a reasonable chance of making the cut.

Tiger Woods wasn't far off as he began his quest for a fifth green jacket. Wild at the start, including a tee shot that knocked a cup of beer out of a spectator's hand, Woods settled into a groove and opened with a 70 as his girlfriend, Olympic ski champion Lindsey Vonn, watched on a few holes.

In his four Masters wins, Woods has never opened with a score lower than 70. His key is not

to shoot himself out of the tournament.

"It's a good start," he said. "Some years, some guys shot 65 starting out here. But right now, I'm only four back and I'm right there."

Garcia and Leishman had a one-shot lead over Dustin Johnson, who has a game that fits perfectly for Augusta and he finally brought it. Johnson hit a 9-iron for his second shot on the par-5 13th and made a 15-foot eagle putt, and he smashed his drive on the par-5 15th and hit pitching wedge just through the green for an easy birdie.

Fred Couples, the 53-year-old wonder at his favorite major, made bogey on the 18th and still was in the large group at 68. There were a dozen rounds in the 60s, and nearly half the field shot par or better. Three-time Masters champion Phil Mickelson recovered from a rough start by running off four birdies in a five-hole stretch on the back nine to salvage a 71, while Rory McIlroy had a 72.

Woods said he struggled with the slower pace of the greens, and so did defending champion Bubba Watson, who opened with a 75.

"They're soft and they are slow, and consequently we have 45 people at par or better," Mickelson said. "But that means I've got to change my whole mindset and just get after these pins, because the ball's not running like it used to and I'm giving this course way too much respect because of my past knowledge."

It's not about respect for Garcia. Augusta National is the ultimate love-hate relationship, and Thursday was a rarity. He loved it.

Garcia began his round with an approach that danced by the hole and left him a tap-in birdie. He rolled in a 20-foot birdie on the par-3 sixth, and then shot up the leaderboard with a pair of tough, downhill putts from 8 feet on the ninth and 15 feet on the 10th.

"It's obviously not my most favorite place," he said. "But you know, we try to enjoy it as much as we can each time we come here."

That was a far different attitude than last year on the weekend, when he went from one shot out of the lead going into the third round to back in the pack with a 75. He told Spanish reporters that day he had been trying his entire career to win a major and "I don't feel capable of winning. ... After 13 years, my chances are over. I'm not good enough for the majors. That's it."

Not so fast. Garcia struggled off the tee on the back nine, and he three-putted for par at the 13th.

He also made tough par saves on the 11th and 17th for his first bogey-free round at the Masters since 2002.

Composure is everything to Garcia, a 33-year-old who still acts like a kid. Only three weeks ago, he hit a tee shot at Bay Hill that settled on a large branch in a tree. Garcia climbed the tree, played a remarkable backhanded shot to the fairway and then jumped some 10 feet to the ground. He withdrew a few holes later when the rain arrived.

He smiles. He sulks. And he always says what he's thinking, which sometimes gets him in trouble.

Garcia doesn't regret his comments at Augusta last year, only that he didn't choose his words carefully.

He chalked it up to frustration, but says he is trying just as hard as he did when he was 19 and challenged Woods at Medinah in the 1999 PGA.

"Every time I tee it off, I try to play as well as I can, hope that my best that week is really, really good," Garcia said. "And if I manage to do that, I will have a chance at winning. If my best is not that good, then I'll struggle a little bit. Today, my best was pretty good. And I'm looking forward to doing the same thing the next three days."

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Bust a move

Poppers, Lockers & Breakers, Baylor's only hip-hop group, showcase their solo and group choreography on Thursday in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den.

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them for forever, and all my friends are super pumped, too," Waco freshman Hannah Bradley said.

Tomball sophomore Zach Heefner also expressed excitement about seeing the performer.

"The rumor I'd heard for the past few months is that we should expect someone old school for Dia and they weren't kidding. He may not be the most current act, but seeing Five for Fighting will be a fun throw-back. My junior-high-self is ecstatic," Heefner said. Marshall sophomore Ross Tarpley said he's been a fan for years. "I really enjoy their unique style. I think students will be more than pleased," Tarpley said.

Others were disappointed. Louis, Mo., senior Jake Brown said with the money Chamber was allotted, they should have picked a better band.

"Chamber had almost \$90,000 for Dia this year, and they got Five for Fighting? Thanks, but no thanks, Chamber. What a letdown," Brown said.

When asked how much money was allocated to pay for the headline performance out of the \$90,000 budget, Chamber declined comment.

Minnaar said she knew Chamber's selection — whatever it might have been — wouldn't please everyone.

"You hope everyone can find something in the day and find something they like and can latch onto that and enjoy it."

And indeed, some students remain unconcerned with the headliner performance. Tomball junior Robert Lewis said he's never even heard of Five for Fighting, but that it didn't matter.

"I hope they're good. I'll probably be spending more time hanging out with friends than listening to the bands," Lewis said.

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which would include lighting.

"It is practical. We can use it every year," Colorado Springs, Colo. sophomore Chaplain Meagan Rowell said.

The student government also passed an appropriations act that would allocate \$18,075 from the Student Government Allocation Fund to purchase three Big Belly Solar recycling and garbage bins.

"We are looking to buy three units," senior senator Nick Pokorny said. These units will measure the amount of material inside of them, and will notify the house-keeping staff when they need to be emptied.

Pokorny said the university would start to add more of these units if they prove to be successful. This bill passed with a vote of 20-14.

Student senator Meredith Meece discussed a bill she had authored which proposes an all-way stop at the intersection of M.P. Daniel Esplanade and 8th Street.

"It would fit with the flow of traffic," Meece said.

Meece also proposed a bill to decrease the amount of papers the Baylor Lariat prints.

"The Baylor Lariat currently prints too many copies of its issues," Meece said.

Regarding the Lariat app on smart phones, Meece said, "It's a great source for news when I'm not on campus."

This bill failed in its first reading during yesterday's meeting.

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this ... with a knife. We are going to see if we can reach that," Laird said.

The affidavit released later in the day named nine items that were seized from Quick's home, including one listed as "Hanibal Lecter Mask." Hannibal Lecter is the cannibalistic serial killer from the 1991 movie "The Silence of the Lambs."

Other items seized included a laptop, an animal dissection kit and several books, including ones called "Hit List" and "Hitman." The affidavit does not say what the books are about.

Laird had described Quick as a voracious reader who had thousands of books.

The affidavit said Quick told the investigator that in preparing for the campus attack, he had sharpened various things, including a hairbrush and pencils, to use as weapons. However, authorities have said Quick used only a razor utility knife to slash at his victims on two floors of the college's health science building. They said a scalpel was found in a backpack he was carrying when he was arrested.

Authorities have said students tackled Quick and held him down outside the building until police arrived.

Texas does not permit people to carry handguns on campuses, but lawmakers are considering allowing concealed permit holders to take their weapons into college buildings and classrooms.

A Texas House panel approved such a bill Thursday, sending it to the full House.

Supporters say it's a self-defense measure that will help prevent campus shootings and assaults. Opponents argue that allowing guns into campus buildings increases the chances for violence.

Quick had been set to make his first court appearance Thursday, but Laird waived the reading of the probable cause statement so his client would not have to be in court. Quick's next hearing is May 10. If convicted, Quick faces up to 20 years in prison.

"We just didn't want to have a media circus at this point in time," Laird said.

When asked about claims by the Harris County Sheriff's Office that Quick admitted to having fantasies about stabbing people since he was 8 years old, Laird said, "They've got a statement from him, but that's not the whole story."

"There are other things that I need to find out about and then we will provide the whole story to the public so that they can understand what happened," he said.

Laird said Quick had been home-schooled for most of his life and that he had been enrolled at Lone Star in part so he could be around other people and "get some type of feel for what the rest of the world is like as opposed to just living at home ... and being home-schooled by his mother."

Laird said Quick's parents hadn't had any major problems with their son, though he did apparently go missing for a few days in January 2011.

Quick's parents had contacted Texas EquuSearch, a private Houston-area group that searches for missing people, after getting a text message from their son saying "he was leaving because he might possibly harm himself," said Frank Black, a case adviser with the organization. Black said he and others with his group were set to begin a search for Quick when his parents contacted them three days after the initial report, saying they had found their son and he was safe.

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gun licenses since 1995. License holders must be at least 21 years old and pass a training course. They are allowed to carry their weapons many places, including the state Capitol where simply showing their license to security will allow them to bypass metal detectors.

Rep. Dan Flynn, R-Van, a co-sponsor of the bill, called Thursday's vote a key step, considering the full House never voted in 2011. He refused to predict its chances of

passing this year.

The only committee member to vote against the campus-carry bill was Chairman Joe Pickett, D-El Paso.

The committee also considered a measure requiring criminal background checks before gun sales at gun shows. The bill by Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, would require that buyers at gun shows be run through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

Federal law requires licensed gun retailers to call the FBI or other designated agency to make sure a customer does not have a criminal record or otherwise ineligible to purchase a firearm. According to the FBI, the system has been used for more than 100 million background checks, leading to more than 700,000 denials over the last decade.

Licensed dealers at gun shows are required to conduct background checks, but unlicensed

sellers are not, Anchia said, noting his bill does not stop private guns sales.

"I don't want (drug) cartel members, criminals, the mentally ill to get their hands on guns through anonymous sales at gun shows," Anchia said. "It's a public safety issue."

The bill was left pending without a vote and Flynn said it will have a hard time passing the committee.

"He should pay more attention

to the makeup of this panel. The members are strong in their support of the Second Amendment and don't want any more restrictions."

Some lawmakers questioned whether more gun owners should be tracked by the government.

"None of us want criminals or people who are mentally deranged to have guns," said Rep. Ron Simmons, R-Carrollton. "But we're more skeptical of Big Brother knowing that we own a gun."

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