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## Obama warns of veto action

By JULIE PACE  
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WASHINGTON— President Barack Obama declared Tuesday night that the “shadow of crisis” has passed America and urged Congress to build on economic gains by raising taxes on the nation’s wealthiest to pay for reductions for the middle class — an agenda more likely to antagonize the new Republican majority than win its approval.

In a shift from State of the Union tradition, Obama’s address to a joint session of Congress was less a laundry list of new proposals and more an attempt to sell a story of national economic revival. He appealed for “better politics” in Washington and pledged to work with Republicans, even while touting bread-and-butter Democratic economic proposals and vowing to veto GOP efforts to dismantle his signature achievements.

“We can’t put the security of families at risk by taking away their health insurance or unraveling the new rules on Wall Street or refighting past battles on immigration when we’ve got a system to fix,” Obama said. “And if a bill comes to my desk that tries to do any of these things, it will earn my veto.”

Obama’s address marked the first time in his presidency that he stood before a Republican-controlled Congress. Yet the shift in the political landscape has also been accompanied by a burst of economic growth and hiring, as well as a slight increase in Obama’s once sagging approval ratings.

With the economy on more solid footing, the president sought to move away from



President Barack Obama gives his annual State of the Union address to Congress on Tuesday evening.

a focus on austerity and deficit reduction. Instead, he called for increasing the capital gains rate on couples making more than \$500,000 annually, to 28 percent. The president’s tax plan would also require estates to pay capital gains taxes on securities at the time they’re inherited and slap a fee on the roughly 100 U.S. financial firms with assets of more than \$50 billion.

Much of the \$320 billion in new taxes and fees would be used for measures aimed at helping the middle class, including a \$500 tax credit for some families with two spouses working, expansion of the child care tax credit and a \$60 billion program to make community college free.

“Will we accept an economy where only a few of us do spectacularly well?” Obama asked. “Or will we commit ourselves to an economy that generates rising incomes and chances for everyone who makes the effort?”

With an eye on a swirl of foreign policy challenges, Obama also asked Congress to pass a new authorization for military action against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria, as well as for legislation to boost U.S. defenses against cyber attacks.



KEVIN FREEMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Carol Dugat stars as Sojourner Truth in Mission Waco’s MLK play, “A Woman Called Truth,” held on Monday at Jubilee Theatre.

## Mission Waco addresses racial tension with play

### Program, panel focus on past and future, honor MLK

By ELIZABETH ARNOLD  
REPORTER

Over 200 people of all ages, colors and backgrounds gathered Monday at the Jubilee Theatre for Mission Waco’s production of “A Woman Called Truth: The Story of Sojourner Truth.” The production was a part of a day long celebration addressing racial history and tensions of Waco.

“The play has a lot of parallels to what’s going on now in the world,” said Khira Hailey, program director for the Jubilee Theater. “No matter who you are, no matter where you come from, everybody has a voice.”

Hailey chose the play to emphasize social justice and remind viewers of a lesser-known figure in the abolition and civil rights histories.

“Even the young whites and blacks forget their history,” said Jimmy Dorrell, executive director of Mission Waco. “This is our history and we don’t need to live in it, but we’ve got to remember it so we don’t go back.”

Following the production, members of the community stayed for

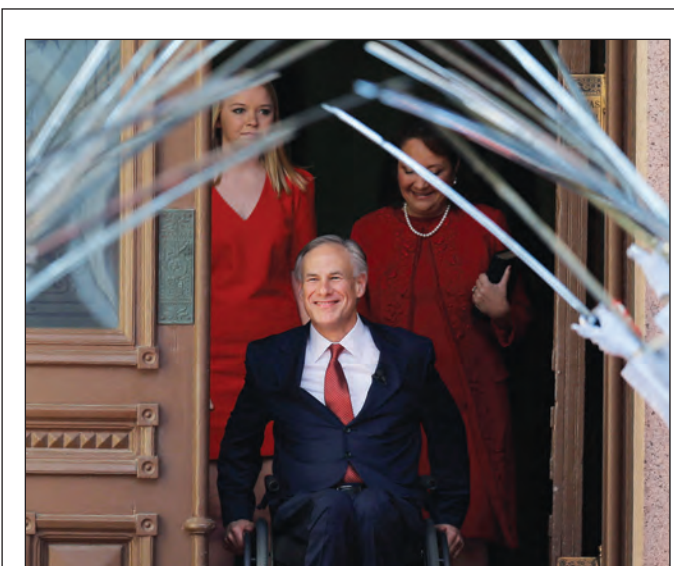
lunch and a discussion on racial issues in the Waco area. Nearly 150 volunteer groups and individuals also spent the afternoon serving at 13 project sites around the community.

During the discussion, members from the audience were encouraged to share their stories of racial tension and their hopes for community growth. Topics included interracial marriage, the rewriting of history in textbooks and racial representation. One man delivered a spoken-word poem.

“When you talk about love and unity one of the elements of love and unity is the ability to deal with truth,” said Dr. Stephen Reid, a George W. Truett Theological Seminary professor who led the discussion. “Unless we can be truthful about our history, it’s going to be hard to get to that place of love and unity.”

Al Pollard, 73, attended the play and discussion after marching

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## Abbott takes Texas reins

Gov. Greg Abbott makes his entrance Tuesday through ceremonial swords to be sworn in as the first new governor of Texas in 14 years. See Page 5.

## New provost to assume office in fall

By REUBIN TURNER  
CITY EDITOR

Dr. Edwin Trevathan, dean of epidemiology in the College for Public Health and Social Justice at Saint Louis University has been appointed executive vice-president and provost by Baylor President and Chancellor Ken Starr. His appointment will become effective on June 1.

This comes after the resignation of Dr. Elizabeth Davis in March of last year, who accepted a position at Furman University as president.

Following Davis’ resignation, Starr appointed a provost search

committee who led a global effort to recommend a new provost for the university.

“Dr. Trevathan brings outstanding credentials and genuine enthusiasm for Baylor’s unique mission and the community vision of Pro Futuris,” Starr said in a press release.

As the chief academic officer, Trevathan would be responsible for leading university efforts for academic advancement.



Trevathan

Like Davis, Trevathan grew up on a university campus and said his decision to enter academia was a direct result of his childhood.

After obtaining a bachelor’s degree in chemistry in 1977 from Lipscomb University, Trevathan went on to obtain a dual degree in medicine and a master’s in public health from Emory University, possibly the first in the country to do so.

He completed residencies and post-doctoral fellowships at

Yale-New Haven Medical Center, Yale University School of Medicine, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston Children’s Hospital and Harvard Medical School.

Trevathan said he has always combined his career with community work, citing his childhood once again, as the chief reason for this characteristic.

Trevathan said one thing he’s most excited about is interacting with the Waco community as the provost.

“One thing that attracted me

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## Philanthropy lab donates \$100,000 to Central Texas groups

By ELIZABETH ARNOLD  
REPORTER

Eight Waco nonprofit organizations are starting the new year thousands of dollars richer after Baylor’s inaugural “Philanthropy and the Public Good” course distributed \$100,000 to those select organizations through a semester-long process.

The course was offered as part of the Philanthropy Lab, a program of the Fort Worth-based private foundation Once

Upon a Time. The program works with universities across the country to teach students the value of philanthropy giving by providing them real money to give. Baylor is the 14th school in the program, joining Harvard, Yale, Stanford and others.

“It’s not every day you get a chance to work with \$100,000,” said North Richland Hills junior Madison Young, who took the fall class and is serving as a senior advisor for the spring philanthropy class. “It was something you wanted to be doing. There was not only an academic obligation but

also a moral obligation.”

The class began with a list of 70 different local nonprofits. After nearly four months of research, phone calls, board meetings and site visits, the class agreed on the eight to receive grants: Waco Habitat for Humanity, Waco Family Health Center, Shepherd’s Heart Food Pantry, Communities in Schools of the Heart of Texas, Talitha Koum Institute, Animal Birth Control Clinic, Compassion Ministries and Act Locally Waco. Each organization received a different amount

of money depending on the specific project grant funds.

Talitha Koum, for example, received a grant for \$7,000, to be used towards the training and implementation of brain mapping, a new approach to the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT) developed by Dr. Bruce Perry of the ChildTrauma Academy. The program is intended to identify areas of a child’s brain that have not been adequately developed and then, through appropriate therapy methods, nurture those areas into

recovery.

“In a child from deep, deep poverty, there is almost nothing sequential in their life,” said Susan Cowley, covenant partner and cofounder of Talitha Koum Institute. “There’s almost nothing in their life they can count on. The system fails them and they fail it.”

Cowley said the brain-mapping program will allow Talitha Koum to more specifically meet the needs of the children enrolled in their program.

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Waco resident, Tommy Jones, pushes a shopping cart full of pipes in front of the East Waco Library on Elm Street. The street has been the focus of an effort by a group of Baylor business students and Dr. Marlene Reed, a senior lecturer, to renovate one of Waco's once busy economic centers.

## Business students and faculty set out to revitalize surrounding Waco community

By RACHEL LELAND  
STAFF WRITER

Though only two miles away from campus, few Baylor students have visited the street that once stood as Waco's cultural and economic heart.

Those who have visited find Elm Street bears more resemblance to a ghost town than the bustling economic center it once was.

Now, over 60 years since the community was devastated by a tornado in 1953 that claimed hundreds of businesses, a specialized team of Baylor business students led by Dr. Marlene Reed, a senior lecturer, have set themselves to the task of revitalizing the community.

Composed of a group of hand-selected senior business majors, the class organized itself into seven teams, which will home in on specific community needs the project would require, such as damage assessment and commu-

nity engagement.

The students met with a local councilman and business owners to better understand the changes and solutions developing on Elm Street, and what development would bring for home and business owners in the area.

The team researched the community's reaction to the development of previous buildings in the area, such as McLane Stadium.

"We wanted to make sure the people already in the community didn't feel left out of the picture," said Coppell senior Elizabeth Starr.

One of the group's chief concerns was that renovations could potentially introduce gentrification to the community.

Most of the homeowners in the area are low-income and might not be able to afford the higher property taxes that new businesses would bring.

"That's an area where the city can step in and do certain things like rent control," said Alamo, Ca-

lif., senior Michael Summers.

Aside from rising property taxes, many homes could face demolition if they have already been marked by the city.

The residential development team found that inexpensive housing could be provided for current residents if they introduced "container homes." Stylish and affordable, container homes are refurbished shipping containers that cost approximately \$52,000 to buy and transform into a house.

Though these homes could be made for little money, the entire development of Elm Street would be much more costly. Much of the infrastructure is old and decrepit. Pipes must be replaced and sidewalks repaved.

Fortunately, the students discovered that the city of Waco actually has Tax Increment Financing funds, which are public finances reserved for building infrastructure, particularly in poor communities.

"We kind of realized that it wasn't the lack of funding that was holding everything back," said senior Clayton Morris.

The students found the city was eager to contribute the TIF money to developing East Waco, but that it had not begun the process of determining where the money could best be used. Those who the teams presented before were impressed by the amount of in-depth research the students undertook.

"Baylor brings not only professorial expertise, but the passion, inspiration and brilliance of students like these amazing members of the business school," said Megan Henderson, executive director of the Waco Downtown Development Corp., who worked closely with the teams.

Though the students will graduate in May, Reed intends to continue connecting the skills and resources of her students with needs in East Waco in years to come.

## The Bottom Line

THOUGHTS FROM A STUDENT  
ECONOMIST

### Oil prices drop: good or bad?

By REUBIN TURNER  
CITY EDITOR

The recent drop in gas prices has caused quite a stir within economic circles.

While many economists are busy analyzing the impact this will have on the economy, one thing is certain — consumers are certainly happy. The extra money that consumers have been able to spend, which Federal Reserve Chairwoman Janet Yellen said resembles a tax break, have had a tremendous impact on several sectors of the economy, especially the retail industry.

What exactly caused this sharp drop in gas prices? Contrary to popular belief, it was not the president (nor is he to be blamed for high gas prices). This is simply an application of the laws of supply and demand.

For the past few years, the production of oil, especially in America, has been relatively high. We would expect this, however, considering demand has been relatively high as well. One important factor that changed, however, was an economic downturn in Europe this past year,

causing a decrease in foreign demand. Because production did not slow down when foreign demand decreased, there became an abundance of the commodity, causing prices to drop.

Although this has put money into the pockets of many consumers, it is important to be aware of the dangers of deflation. Especially deflation for a commodity that brings a lot of revenue for the state of Texas.

First, workers in the oil field can expect to see a decrease in the demand for their labor, meaning shorter hours and layoffs for some.

More importantly, both Texas and my native state of Oklahoma will face budget cuts as a result of the decreased revenue from falling oil prices.

These cuts will likely be seen, unfortunately, in areas of public education. As production slows down and becomes on par with demand, prices will start to rise again, meaning higher gas prices, but more money for the state of Texas.

It seems economics proves that age-old saying that you can't have your cake and eat it too.



Reubin Turner

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# Spit in your soup might not be unintentional

By AMANDA YARGER  
REPORTER

A Baylor professor's study is gaining national attention for finding that 6 percent of food service industry employees contaminate food and engage in other deviant workplace behaviors.

Dr. Emily Hunter, assistant professor in management, said the causes behind these attitudes vary.

"We perceive deviance or bad things at work happening because of a few bad apples, but the research shows it's all a part of a circumstance or situation," Hunter said. She said often, an employee can inappropriately react to a situation. Hunter co-authored an internationally recognized ten-year study focusing on workplace deviance. Workplace deviance is any behavior that may negatively impact the establishment atmosphere.

A survey of approximately 400 service industry participants found a majority of servers have engaged in deviant behavior. Almost eighty percent talked poorly of a customer, while 72 percent lied to a customer. Approximately 43 percent argued with a customer and 6 percent contaminated food.

As of May 2013, over 3 million Americans were working in the food service industry, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Known for its fast-paced atmosphere, the service industry's environment provides many stressors that can affect employees' interactions with customers, Hunter said.

Some servers, however,

have the natural tendency to become agitated. Employees who have the inclination to be angry may have a difficult time controlling that anger.

Inability to hide that anger could lead to direct conflict with a customer through a passive-aggressive attitude. Employees may ignore customers or offer fewer services because they feel the risk of punishment from their company is low.

"The majority of bad behaviors are those less likely to have consequences," Hunter said. "They're less likely to get fired for ignoring a customer or talking about a customer behind their back. Even arguing with a customer is not as bad as contaminating food or stealing a tip."

Fraudulent tipping and food contamination represent two of the worst offenses recorded in the study. Eleven percent of Hunter's survey participants admitted to adding a tip to a customer's bill. Often a server may act defensive in response to customer's attitude without a full consideration of the complaint by the customer, causing a situation to escalate.

Robinson junior Coleman Swoveland bartends and serves at Torchy's Tacos. He admits he ignores a customer

who acts rude.

"I'm more likely to not upsell or save them money," Swoveland said. "I wait until they leave and then I'll make a comment about them."

A business can use different methods to help ease the frustration employees may experience at work, including allowing servers to give small discounts or take periodic rest breaks.

Edinbury freshman Elvia Cardenas, a server at Pizza Hut, said her supervisors allow employees to stop service to patrons who are rude or disruptive.

"We have a policy that if a customer is rude, we actually tell them, 'I'm sorry, but let me speak with the manager,'" Cardenas said. "Then we go and get the manager and tell them they're being rude."

Instead of reacting defensively, Hunter suggests allowing servers to offer small incentives to the customer in exchange for the complaint.

"Allowing employees to offer small discounts or reparations to try as a first step to help a customer feel satisfied when they leave, you may never need the supervisor," she said.

Other methods employees may use include emotionally distancing themselves from the customer. The customer can also do their part to not provide additional stress for the server.

Interactions can become "tit for tat" between the customer and server, Hunter said.

"By being impatient or demanding, the server may want to get back at them," she said.



Hunter



Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, left, with daughter Audrey, center, and wife, Cecilia, waves during an inauguration parade, Tuesday in Austin.

# Abbott becomes first new Texas governor since 2000

By WILL WEISSERT AND  
JIM VERTUNO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Republican Greg Abbott was sworn in Tuesday as Texas' first new governor in more than 14 years, though he's expected to keep the state's conservative focus as he concentrates on border security, education and economic issues.

Abbott was inaugurated in a ceremony on the Capitol steps that also featured new Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick. That kicked off daylong festivities that organizers raised more than \$4.5 million to stage, which include

a parade through Austin, a barbecue with four tons of beef brisket, a ball and a concert featuring Lady Antebellum.

The 57-year-old Abbott succeeds Rick Perry, who took office December 2000 and says he'll announce an expected second presidential run perhaps as early as May or June. Perry, who took over after George W. Bush was elected president, was the longest-serving governor in Texas history.

Politics in the nation's second most-populous state aren't expected to change much under Abbott, who says he'll be as strongly conservative

as Perry. But Abbott, a former state attorney general and Texas Supreme Court justice, brings a lawyerly mentality different from his predecessor's political cowboy persona.

Abbot has said his top priorities are securing the Texas-Mexico border, bolstering transportation and water infrastructure, improving education and encouraging job growth through state-directed economic development programs. He's largely avoided hot-button conservative issues raised by the tea party-backed Patrick and other top Republicans, including immigration and school vouchers.

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Taylor Young breaks conventions for Baylor football

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH  
SPORTS EDITOR

Freshman linebacker Taylor Young sits in the interview room after Baylor's 38-27 win over Kansas State with a grin across his face and a Big 12 Championship hat on his head.

After he finishes here, he can go home. He can go to his mirror, where he has his goals written in marker. He can mark through "Win a Big 12 Championship."

Within the next few weeks, Young will also be able to cross out "Be a Freshman All-American," from Athlon, and "Win Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year," from the Associated Press.

Young came out of nowhere for most Baylor fans in 2014, but that doesn't bother him one bit.

"This is exactly how I want it," Young said, sitting in that postgame media room with his sly smile. "Proving everybody wrong."

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Taylor Young was never supposed to be here.

He was an All-American for Texas powerhouse DeSoto High School, he cleaned up state defensive awards as a stud linebacker, including winning defensive player of the year for the highest level of Texas football.

It didn't matter. The phone didn't ring. "I always thought eventually my play would get me to where I needed to be," Young said. "But it was really tough. At times, I thought I was just going to be done with football after high school."



Young

man linebacker was deemed "undersized" to play at the highest level of college football. At a generous 5-foot-10, Young was rated a two-star prospect by Scout.com.

"I kept trying to tell every recruiter who came through here about Taylor Young because I knew what he could do," former DeSoto head coach Claude Mathis said. "I saw it every day. I knew what kind of player he was."

Even though Mathis knew what kind of player Young was, college programs did not follow. He got some attention from schools in the Mid-American Conference, but only was recruited heavily by Louisiana-Monroe from the Sun Belt Conference.



DREW MILLS | ROUNDUP PHOTO EDITOR

Freshman weakside linebacker Taylor Young runs from the Michigan State offense after an interception during Baylor's 42-41 loss in the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 1. Despite being rated a two-star prospect out of high school, the DeSoto native was named a Freshman All-American and Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year by the AP.

"It wasn't good enough; I wanted to reach the pinnacle," Young said. "I want to be great. That's everything."

Young had his eye on one of the fastest-growing programs in college football: the Baylor Bears.

"My dad always said eventually this school would be the program in Texas," Young said. I thought to myself, they have something to prove, I have something to prove, why not go to Baylor, you know what I mean?"

Baylor had a fine season in 2012, finishing 8-5 with a win in the Bridgepoint Holiday Bowl, but fielded one of the worst defenses in the nation. Young saw the situation and thought he had the potential to be an impact player.

However, with only a week to go until National Signing Day, Young didn't hold a Baylor offer. Young went to Mathis and told him that whatever it took, he wanted to be at Baylor.

*"I kept trying to tell every recruiter who came here about Taylor Young because I knew what he could do. I saw it every day."*

Claude Mathis | Former DeSoto coach

"I was busting my [butt] trying to find him a place to go, but he told me that if he had to, he would go down to a junior college and try to work his way back up. He didn't want to be anywhere else right now," Mathis said.

With signing day rapidly approaching, Young decided not to sign anywhere.

It was Monday, Feb. 4, 2013, and National Signing Day was only two days away. Young sat in class, but his mind was elsewhere. He thought about all the work

ensive coordinator Phil Bennett said in a later interview. "I just kept watching and I was like, you know, am I going to let two inches decide whether I take this kid? If he was 5-foot-11, 6-foot, I'd take him. Eddie Lackey didn't give you the numbers you wanted, but he was a heck of a player."

For Young, it was nothing short of a dream realized.

"It was one of the happiest days of my life," Young said. "I committed on the spot."

DeSoto's former head coach has a twinge of what can only be described as paternal pride in his voice when he recalls the experience.

"I knew this was there the whole time," Mathis said. "I'm just glad Coach Bennett believed in me and believed in us and that he and Coach Norwood and Coach Briles were getting a player that Coach Mathis believed he could play."

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The gamble has more than paid off for Baylor's defense. Young crossed out almost every football-related goal off his mirror, and then some.

Halfway through the season, Young pushed out sophomore Aivion Edwards at starting linebacker, a player with a year of experience and offers from Oklahoma, TCU and Stanford out of high school.

Despite starting only half the season, he finished second on the team with 92 tackles, first among linebackers with 4.0 sacks, second among linebackers with 8.5 tackles for loss and tied for third on the team with two forced fumbles.

Baylor ended up losing the game, but Young was named Defensive MVP of the Cotton Bowl after leading the way with 15 tackles and an interception that would have been a pick-six if not called back thanks to a block in the back.

"He's got instincts," Bennett said. "He's got things you don't coach. He has the ability to be a playmaker, and we saw that throughout the year. When he gets his knowledge to a high level, that playmaking will go to another level."

Young is only one player, but Baylor football has made a living off of finding these diamonds in the rough. Despite never fielding a top 20 recruiting class, the Bears have finished off their season as Big 12 Champions and in a marquee bowl game two years in a row.

With his performance, Young has virtually locked up a starting spot on Baylor's defense for his remaining three years of eligibility at weakside linebacker.

"Who is better than you???" the last line on Young's mirror reads. With plenty of Baylor football left to play, the answer could soon be "no one."

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# Power Five conferences vote to raise athletic scholarships

By RALPH RUSSO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OXON HILL, Md. — Two huge video screens flanked a banner that stretched about the length of a third-and-long and hung behind the dais at the front of an expansive ballroom.

On the banner and the screens were the logos of the five wealthiest and most powerful conferences in college athletics: the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12 and Southeastern Conference.

The future of the NCAA, big-time college sports and the definition of the term student-athlete is now in their hands.

Their first order of business came Saturday when the so-called Big Five used its newly granted autonomy to pass NCAA legislation that increases the value of an athletic scholarship by several thousand dollars to cover the federally determined actual cost of attendance.

It's not pay for play, but athletes will now get a bigger cut of the billions of dollars generated by college sports.

"You can't miss the significance of the day," SEC Executive Associate Commissioner Greg Sankey said. "The five conferences showed the ability to use this opportunity in a meaningful and positive way."

Legislative autonomy for the Big Five was voted in last year and this year's NCAA convention was its first chance to use it.

The group of 65 schools can pass legislation on its own, without the support of the schools in the other 27 Division I conferences.

"It's historic, first of all, in that these 65 schools are in a room by themselves with the ability to pass legislation. That's never happened before," ACC Commissioner John



Cliff Owen | Associated Press  
Jim Delany, Big Ten Commissioner, speaks with reporters at the NCAA's Autonomy Business Session on Saturday during the NCAA Convention in Oxon Hill, Md.

Swofford said. "I've never attended a convention where the primary focus of most of what was being discussed was about the student-athlete and the student-athletes' experiences."

And for the first time in NCAA Division I history student-athletes were involved in the voting process, making up 15 of the 80 total delegates. They provided some of the most spirited debate during the discussion forum when a proposal to guarantee four-year scholarships that cannot be revoked because of athletic performance was introduced. That proposal passed, but five athletes voted against it.

"We literally walked in here with a vote that was equal to the president of the school, that was equal to the compliance director, that was equal to the guy with 17 degrees," Oklahoma foot-

ball player Ty Darlington said. "That may seem ludicrous to some people but I think it's important because we're the ones that are going through the experience."

The new structure requires approval from three of the five conferences and 60 percent of the schools to pass legislation. A proposal can also be passed with a simple majority of schools if four of the five conferences approve.

The cost of attendance proposal passed with overwhelming support, by a 79-1 margin, drawing a smattering of anticlimactic applause from the delegates. It will go into effect Aug. 1.

By the same margin, the schools also passed a resolution to "modernize the collegiate model." The only school to vote against both measures was Boston College.

"I never assumed that it was just, check a box," said Sankey, who has been one of the leading architects of the new NCAA governance structure. "When I woke up this morning I said, 'I wonder what's going to happen?'"

Also passed was a proposal that requires all schools have a written concussion protocol approved by a concussion safety protocol committee.

The move toward autonomy began after a proposal to add a \$2,000 stipend to the value of a scholarship to help cover the cost of attendance for athletes was shot down in 2011 by schools concerned they could not afford it and it would create a recruiting advantage for those that could.

Now those schools can't stand in the way on certain issues, though the legislation passed Saturday allows any school to opt in — or out.

The exact value of cost of attendance will vary from school to school. Currently, an athletic scholarship covers the cost of tuition, room and board, books and fees. The new scholarships will cover the cost of additional expenses, up to the full amount a traditional student might spend annually.

Some outside the Big Five fear the cost of attendance increase is a step in the wrong direction for college athletics.

Monmouth University President Paul Brown called it "a slippery slope that is not only wrong, but also financially unsustainable for many institutions, including my own," in a recent editorial for NJ.com and The Star-Ledger.

Those in the room Saturday pledged to keep Division I together and think beyond their own best interests, but they are clearly shaping the future of college sports

## CFB Playoff result proved its success

SPORTS TAKE

By CODY SOTO  
SPORTS WRITER

With the crowning of the Ohio State Buckeyes as the 2014 NCAA national champions on Jan. 12 in Arlington, the college football season has officially come to an end.

The No. 4 seed was the final team to receive a bid in the inaugural college football playoff after knocking off both No. 1 Alabama and No. 2 Oregon to claim the brand new national championship trophy.

There was plenty of controversy over whether or not the Buckeyes deserved the final spot in the college football semifinals, but head coach Urban Meyer and his team was able to silence any doubt with a 42-20 win over Oregon in the title game.

Were the other three teams the correct teams to include as well? Yes. However, did a Big 12 team deserve to make the playoff as well? Yes. The four-team playoff system excluded several quality teams who were all national title contenders.

No. 5 Baylor was the first team out, and the adversity the team overcame to capture its second Big 12 title makes them stand out.

However, the Bears didn't have a convincing enough resume following the team's 38-27 win over Kansas State in their final regular season game.

No. 6 TCU was left out to dry after dropping three spots even after the Horned Frogs smashed Iowa State 55-3 on Dec. 6. Head coach Gary Patterson and the team embarrassed No. 9 Mississippi 42-3 in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl on Jan. 1, proving they deserved a spot as well.

However, the Big 12 conference's decision to not name an outright champion hurt both Baylor and TCU in the long run. Baylor and TCU play a high caliber of football, and for both teams to not be included in the first college playoff shows there weren't enough spots in the postseason system.

It's been a crazy ride for all college football spectators, fans and analysts, but the end of the season leaves great anticipation for August to come around quickly.

Many people may not want to admit it, but the college football playoff worked. The champion was a team that deserved to win, and that's the reason for the new system. End of story.



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most to Baylor was the extremely unique relationship that the community and Baylor seem to have," Trevathan said. After meeting with city officials last week, Trevathan said the two entities seem to understand each other's missions.

His love for the community also played a role in his decision to go into teaching, Trevathan said.

"He has a passion for students," said Lori Fogleman, assistant vice president for media communications.

And although Trevathan has worked for the Centers for Disease Control and taught at a medical school, he said the career transitions he has made

throughout his career haven't been as drastic as they might appear.

"It seems that I've always found my way into teaching," Trevathan said. He said he's never gone longer than nine months without teaching, and some of the times he taught he did not get paid for it.

When asked if he would teach in the Robbins College of Health and Human Sciences, Trevathan said he had no immediate plans to do so, and that he first needed to learn in depth about the position of the provost.

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in Waco's annual peace march Monday morning. In the early 1960s Pollard marched with Dr. King during a peace demonstration at Tennessee State University, where Pollard was a student. To him, Monday's celebration was a time to reflect.

"It's a day of remembrance, to keep the dream alive," Pollard said. "We still have an awful long ways to go but I'm optimistic that things will improve as we go along."

Since founding Mission Waco with his wife, Janet, in 1991, Dorrell has made racial reconciliation a priority for the ministry. Today the staff of 60 is purposely multicultural.

"I think Jimmy's always been proactive trying to bring races together," said Mary Evans.

Evans, 44, first met Dorrell as a teenager in the Dorrell's north Waco neighborhood. Evans, after living in Houston and California, now teaches math at Brazos High School.

Dorrell's passion for racial reconciliation began during his undergraduate work at Baylor. Coming from the racially divided of Conroe, Dorrell served as a youth director and sought to teach his students an

understanding of other races he was never taught.

"I didn't hate black people," Dorrell said, "I just had no part of their culture."

According to Dorrell, Mission Waco seeks not only unity between races but also between economic classes.

"This is not just a black and white issue for us. Any racial or ethnic barriers are wrong, and so the divide between rich and poor is just as big as the black and white."

This is the tenth year Mission Waco has celebrated the holiday with efforts to further promote reconciliation, and the fourth year the celebration has been a day long affair. According to Dorrell, the numbers have continued to grow every year.

"I have seen significant change," Dorrell said. "At the same time, there are so many ways it has not changed. The fact we have to say black and white churches to me is a problem. Biblically, foundationally, it's just wrong to be divided."

The play will run again Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., and Thursday at 3 p.m. Adult admission is \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door.



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**The unfortunately ugly duckling**

A bird is mired in oil on the Louisiana coast. Lawyers representing the federal government were in a New Orleans courtroom Tuesday, outlining their case for adding some \$13.7 billion in penalties to costs already incurred by BP after the 2010 Gulf oil spill.

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Animal Birth Control Clinic plans to use its \$17,300 grant to promote the spaying and neutering of larger dogs in the low-income areas of Lacy Lakeview and Bellmead. According to Executive Director Carrie Kuehl, because larger dogs typically have more puppies, the grant's efforts will reduce the overflow in local animal shelters. The clinic offers spaying and neutering free of charge.

"It's really important to reduce barriers for families that need to spay or neuter their dogs," Kuehl said, "and reducing cost reduces one of those barriers."

The class of 30 was divided into five six-person teams, each responsible for selecting at least one organization in

a given nonprofit sub-sector. Sections included health and human wellness, education and mentoring, arts and others. Each team distributed one grant, though some voluntarily chose to double their workload and write a grant for two different organizations.

Prairie Village, Kan., junior Jack Steadman was a part of one such team.

"Waco is crying out for people who are going to lay their lives down for them," Steadman said. "I'd encourage people philanthropy isn't just something that starts when you graduate. We really can change lives now, especially carrying the cross of Christ."

Students and nonprofit executives alike

found the collaboration process rewarding and look forward to future partnership. Each organization selected for a grant last semester is eligible for the program again.

"We're hoping it's just a start," said Rachel Salazar, outreach coordinator for Communities in Schools of the Heart of Texas. "We're hoping it opens up more grant opportunities. It's helping us keep the program going."

Dr. Andy Hogue, lecturer in political science and director of Civic Education and Community Service Program, teaches the philanthropy course. Hogue said he is pleased with the semester's success and hopes to make the course a permanent part of the curriculum.

"Philanthropy is not a series of transactions but transformations," Hogue said. "If we can do that and nothing else I'll be thrilled."

The Philanthropy Lab approached Baylor in the fall of 2013 asking if the university would like to apply for the program. Baylor officially announced the partnership in February of last year. Since then, Hogue has been able to collaborate with other universities involved and design a program for the Baylor and Waco communities. Of the 14 different programs, Baylor's is the only course that works solely with local organizations.

"We developed something that worked uniquely well for us," Hogue said. "We

decided to build this on strong, durable partnerships."

The class taught students to study philanthropy, do philanthropy and, ultimately, become lifelong philanthropic citizens.

"There was a deep sense of understanding that philanthropy isn't something old rich guys do but something that is for all of us," Hogue said.

This semester's philanthropy class was capped at only 22 students, after Hogue and the fall class found 30 to be too large a class size. Students must apply directly with Hogue in order to join the course, and each semester he has had to turn people away.



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