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Women's exit of IT studied at Baylor

By Amanda Yarger REPORTER

Women working in information technologies still represent a minority, but do have opportunity to expand due to today's tech-savvy culture, according to one Baylor professor's study.

Dr. Cindy Riemenschneider, associate dean for research and faculty development, co-authored a research study focusing on factors that have caused an "exodus" of women from the IT field and possible ways to reverse it. Pertinent factors include social factors and the work-family conflict.

"With people who have dualcareer marriages, the fact that you can end up with a child who's sick or needs to go the doctor, well, whose turn is it?" Riemenschneider said. "With both parents career oriented, delegating family responsibilities can be a challenge.'

Traditional society has possessed a perception of women being the primary child care provider regardless of career ambitions or placement; however, with the advancement of technology, women can still be accessible to both work and family units Riemenschneider said.

"You can have your laptop at home," she said. "We have the technology where we can take a laptop and sit at a child's soccer practice and finish something for work."

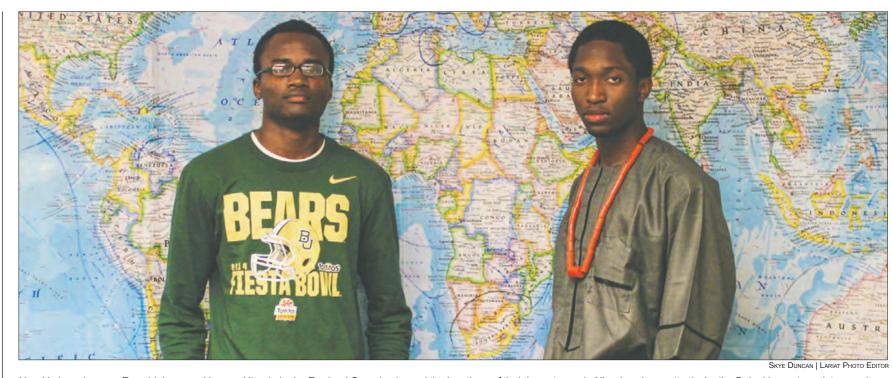
Factors that have also discouraged women from joining or staying in IT include knowledge of the fact that not many women are in it, Riemenschneider's report found.

Women may have a harder time finding mentors in their field, who are important to advancement in their career and knowledge. While a man could easily find a mentor in their same area of expertise, a woman may have to look outside of their group, according to the study.

"Because of the imbalance with regard to gender, a woman that wants that type of a mentor may need to seek out a mentor from another organization," she said. "She might participate in the Association of Information Technology Professionals and get in a professional group where she can find mentors for her. She has to be proactive."

In 2012, Yale University per-

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New York sophomore Ruru Idahosa and Lagos, Nigeria junior Raphael Ozoude showed the locations of their hometowns in Nigeria, where attacks by the Boko Haram terrorist group have claimed hundreds of lives. Ozoude is wearing a traditional Nigerian ceremonial outfit.

Students reflect on home, terrorists

BY RACHEL LELAND STAFF WRITER

After the Boko Haram terrorist group killed as many as 2000 people in Baga, Nigeria, Baylor students from the region expressed their concerns about this group's operations in their home

According to the Bureau of Counterterrorism, the Boko Haram advocates that Sharia law be instituted in all of Nigeria and are highly opposed to Western culture influencing the country. The group's name translates: "Western education is forbidden."

Many of their targets include federal buildings, schools, churches and even mosques.

"I think towards the end of my high school career, that's when they started bombing Christian

churches," said Horseheads, N.Y., sophomore Ruru Idahosa. "It stuck out to me as an issue."

Idahosa was born in Nigeria in 1995 but moved to the Caribbean island of Antigua when he was 3. His family then moved to the United States five years later.

"They are trying to promote Sharia law wherever they go," said Lagos, Nigeria junior Raphael Ozoude. "And most Nigerians don't want that, because why would you want Sharia law?" Though the Boko Haram has

been operating since the early 2000s, they have little support within Nigeria. "It's going to take the country

backwards," Ozoude said. "They want to open doors for themselves, not to close them."

Both students said lack of military resources and corruption as

which commands one of the largest militaries in Africa, has been unable to stop the terrorist group over the decade.

reasons the Nigerian government,

"If you look at the numbers, we outnumber those guys so bad," Idahosa said. "We have one of the largest militaries in Africa. We should be able to wipe out a

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Obama plans for Atlantic drilling

By Dina Cappiello ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON Obama administration floated a plan Tuesday that for the first time would open up a broad swath of the Atlantic Coast to drilling, even as it moved to restrict drilling indefinitely in environmentally-sensitive areas off Alaska.

The proposal envisions auctioning areas located more than 50 miles off Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia to oil companies no earlier than 2021, long after President Barack Obama leaves office. For decades, oil companies have been barred from drilling in the Atlantic Ocean, where a moratorium was in place up until 2008.

The plan also calls for leasing 10 areas in the Gulf of Mexico, long the epicenter of U.S. offshore

oil production, and three off the Alaska coast.

"This is a balanced proposal that would make available nearly 80 percent of the undiscovered technically recoverable resources, while protecting areas that are simply too special to develop," Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said in a conference call with reporters. "The areas off the table are very small in comparison to areas on the table."

The plan, which covers potential lease sales in the 2017-2022 time frame, drew immediate reaction from Capitol Hill, where Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, called it a war on her home state, and where Northeastern Democrats objected to the proposal for the Atlantic Ocean, saying an oil spill knows no boundaries. The pro-

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SKYE DUNCAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Happy bear-thday!

Baylor's two mascots, Joy and Lady, both have birthdays this week. Joy turned 14 yesterday and Lady turns 13 on Saturday. They both reside in the Bill and Eva Williams Bear Habitat.

Storm continues to stack snow on Northeast; cities unprepared

By Bob Salsberg and Denise LAVOIE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Its winds howling at more than 70 mph, the Blizzard of 2015 slammed Boston and surrounding parts of New England on Tuesday with none of the mercy it unexpectedly showed New York City, piling up more than 2 feet of snow.

The storm punched out a 40-to-50-foot section of a seawall in Marshfield, Massachusetts. In Newport, Rhode Island, it toppled a 110-foot replica of a Revolutionary War sailing vessel in dry dock, breaking its mast and puncturing

The blizzard's force and relentlessness stunned even winterhardened New Englanders.

"It's a wicked storm," Jeff Russell said as he fought a mounting snowdrift threatening to cover a window at his home in Scarborough, Maine.

The snow in New England began Monday evening and continued most of Tuesday. A blizzard warning for Boston ended Tuesday evening as the snow tapered off, but one remained in effect for the south coast, Cape Cod and nearby islands.

The area also was dealing with bitter cold: The low in Boston on Wednesday is expected to be 10 degrees, with wind chill minus 5, and forecasters said it will not get above freezing for the next week.

The Philadelphia-to-Boston corridor of more than 35 million people had braced for a paralyzing blast Monday evening and into Tuesday after forecasters warned of a storm of potentially historic proportions.

The weather lived up to its billing in New England and on New York's Long Island. But in the New York City area, the snowfall wasn't all that bad, falling short of a foot. By Tuesday morning, buses and subways were starting to run again, and driving bans there and in New Jersey had been lifted.

The glancing blow left forecasters apologizing and politicians defending their near-total shutdown on travel.

"I think it's like the situation with Ebola: If you over-cover, people are ready and prepared, rather than not giving it the attention it needs," said Brandon Bhajan, a New York security guard.

National Weather Service director Louis Uccellini said his agency should have done a better job of communicating the uncertainty in its forecast.



Pedestrians make their way through snow Monday in New York. More than 35 million people along the Philadelphiato-Boston corridor rushed to get home and settle in Monday as a fearsome storm swirled in with the potential of 1 to 3 feet of snow that could paralyze the Northeast for days.

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Invest in economy with free two-year community college

Editorial

President Barack Obama tackled many issues in his State of the Union address, but the most groundbreaking was his proposed plan for community colleges. Obama proposed making two years of community college free for all students if they maintain good grades, a minimum 3.0 GPA and stay on a graduation track.

The plan has received mixed support, with critics saying the plan would lead to increased taxes and costs across the board.

Making two years of community college free is an investment in the people of America and a necessary change heading toward the future economic climate.

A 2013 Georgetown study reports that 55 million jobs will open in the economy through 2020. However, 35 percent of the jobs will require a bachelor's degree or higher, 30 percent will require some college or an associate's degree and only 36 percent of total job openings are expected to require only a high school education.

In order to adjust, more stu-

dents than ever will need to attend college. Unfortunately, the cost of a college degree has risen faster than almost any other price over the past 30 years.

A 2012 Bloomberg study reported the price of a college degree has increased by 1,120 percent, nearly twice as much as healthcare and almost six times higher than the Consumer Price Index since

Baylor is a perfect example of the cost explosion. In 2001, a freshman or transfer paid merely \$12,804 in required tuition and fees for an academic year. For the 2014-15 school year, a freshman or transfer student will pay \$38,560 in required tuition and fees, a 201.2 percent increase over the course of only 14 years.

Perhaps most troubling, student loan debt has increased to over \$1.2 trillion, or almost \$4,000 for every man, woman and child in America. With the increase in college costs, it is no longer feasible for a student to work his or her way through college debt free. The University of Texas estimates its total cost of undergraduate education to to work almost 70 hours per week to come close to affording that, not taking into account other bills he or she may have. To pay the expected \$54,160 at Baylor, a private institution, a student would have to work 144 hours out of 168 total in a week.

Having millions of Americans in debt is not only negative for individuals, but has a huge effect on the economy. When individuals are in debt, consumer confidence and discretionary spending plummets, creating depressed economic

Government-funded community college would attack the issue right at the source.

Individuals can use these two years to prepare themselves for a transfer to a larger institution, as the first two years tend to focus on prerequisites. At the end of the day, they could still graduate with a degree from a major institution if they so choose. If not, getting vocational training or an associate's degree can also make a significant impact on future earnings.

In the short term, estimates say



the program could cost the government \$60 billion over the course of 10 years, which is certainly not an insignificant number.

However, the United States budget was over \$3 trillion in 2014. The military budget in itself was more than \$600 billion. In the grand scheme of the U.S economy, it isn't much.

Spending this money is not a waste, but rather an investment in the future of the United States economy. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, those possessing an associate's degree earn over 33 percent more than those with a high school diploma. Individuals with a four-year degree earn 50 percent more.

The best way for an economy to grow is to take full advantage of the people within it. Providing two years free for community college, like France, Germany, Finland and many other nations do, would be a first step toward making the economy as productive as possible for everyone.

Life after graduation: Don't settle

If you're anything like me, you're absolutely terrified right now.

And I don't mean terrified in an "I-say-literally-butactually-mean-figuratively" manner. I mean terrified in an uncomfortably paralyzing sort of way.

I'm a junior, which means I have just a little over a year

my peers are excited about that reality. Others of us are their lives, while I remain uncertain of whether or not not. We are terrified.

Somewhere along the way, our brilliant dreams of becoming hard-working individuals in our respective industries lost out to the lackluster reality of bills, long work hours and the possibility of never jettisoning the "poor college student" budget.

Although being a real live adult is probably more satisfying than being a broke college student, the process of getting there requires a lot of awkward and uncertain steps that don't look appealing from this side of graduation.

We attend college in hopes of attaining financial stability and occupations we love, but the pressure of successfully flying the coop makes the college experience

less enjoyable for some students. The transition from college to the workforce is not

always easy, but it's obviously not impossible. Generations of people have approached the uncertainty of life after graduation, and they've been perfectly fine. Just like every other new phase of life, it may be rough initially, but people are built to adapt and thrive.

While transitioning from high school to college, it took about the first semester to really get my bearings on how I would function as an independent adult in a brand new environment. I have no doubt that life after college will be the same.



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Rae Jefferson | A&E editor

Over the course of this past school year, I've started to realize that much of my stress originates within me, and I dare to say that's probably the case for other students as well. There's an unspoken comparison that often occurs between students, leading us to base our success off of the achievements of our peers. I

until society will claim me as a worker bee. Some of have friends who have planned out the next 10 years of I want to change my major.

It's easy to get caught up in the undergrad rat race where everyone aims to trade their cap and gown for a suit and briefcase as quickly as possible, but it's one of the most stressful places to be. College is an interesting mix of relationship and independence.

Our peers are essential to our growth as young adults, but they shouldn't be in the picture when it comes to making decisions that will determine the course of our lives.

It's important for students to remember that life after graduation is unpredictable. Having plans and goals is an excellent way to make sure we are on our way to living productive lives, but there's no

way of ensuring those plans will be fulfilled. I may work immediately after leaving Baylor, but

I also may not. I may decide to receive further education. I may choose to travel.

The possibilities are endless. Rather than letting this uncertainty stress us out, we ought to let it bring us freedom. Nothing is set in stone, but that also means our paths in life are wide open.

That's pretty exciting.

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From the Lariat blog



"My dad told me bringing my dog to college would be a huge mistake. But despite my father's warnings that my GPA would drop, I brought Bachelor anyway.

— Austin senior Ada Zhang

Check out the Lariat's weekly blog "Food & Feminism" by Austin senior Ada Zhang. This week, Zhang discusses what she's learned from having her dog, Bachelor, on campus.

Flee from running just to fit in

Now well into the new year, throngs of neon Nike tennis shoes still thump the Bear Trail's packed pavement. The evening sun casts a sacred glow on the dozens of heads bobbing to various choices of music. The gym's treadmills, too, are revolving doors for students running to uphold their mantra "new year, new you."

But, I wonder, what if I like myself as I am? Am I inept if I choose not to join the running masses?

Running, it seems, has become a god in our image-consumed culture - a god college campuses worship with unparalleled devoutness. Every red cheek, black legging and weathered shoelace is a badge of honor proudly telling the world, "I run, therefore I have my life together." It's become a tangible divide among students: there are those who run and those who don't.

While I may occasionally run a few laps, I certainly have never professed an undying love for the heart pumping, mind-numbing, am-I-dying sensations inherent to running. It's just not for me. In fact, my left knee still carries the scars from an embarrassing Bear Trail tumble over a year ago that landed me flat on my face. Yes, I was that girl.

Though running in itself is a powerful, proven way to increase overall health, I'm not convinced the motives behind the run are always as beneficial. Running because everyone else is running isn't healthy - it's torture. Running because it looks "cool" to run isn't healthy — it's silly. And running because the skinny people run isn't healthy — it's

Each body is uniquely designed for physical activity, but not all for the same activity. Such mo-



notony would be boring and is certainly not the way God crafted us. In reality, those who run are no more physically capable than those who choose other, less public, forms of exercise. I love yoga and hiking, others choose rock climbing or Zumba. The point is not what exercise we do, but rather that we enjoy the activity while doing it. Life is too short to not love what we do with the time we're given.

As I walk around campus and see dozens panting for breath while pretending jogging is as easy for them as taking a bubble bath, I wonder how many really enjoy their strides, and how many are torturing themselves just to fit in.

If the true goal of running is to live a full, healthy life that honors the body and fulfills the soul, then other forms of exercise should be celebrated with equal energy. College ought to be a time we celebrate who we are, not mold into who we are not. I'm not a runner. And that's fine by me.

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In the Jan. 27 article "Lady Bears face TCU in small Ft. Worth arena," the arena for the game is misidentified. The game will take place at University Recreation Center in Fort Worth. This has been corrected in the online

The Baylor Lariat apologizes for the error. The Lariat strives for accuracy. If a correction is needed, email Lariat_Letters@baylor.edu.



Activist Anthony Grimes, right, consoles Jose Castaneda as he waits to speak about his cousin who was shot by Denver police as they head into a meeting on Tuesday with officials of the district attorney's office.

Police killing of teen opens investigation

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DENVER — Prosecutors on Tuesday promised a thorough investigation and asked angry protesters for patience after police shot and killed a 17-year-old girl who authorities said struck an officer with a stolen car.

The request came after about 20 people rallied outside District Attorney Mitch Morrissey's office and called for a special prosecutor to investigate the Monday death of Jessica Hernandez.

It was the fourth time in seven months that a Denver police officer fired into a moving vehicle because he perceived it as a threat. That prompted Denver's independent monitor to announce his own investigation into the department's policies and practices related to shooting at moving vehicles, which he said poses unique safety

Morrissey wasn't there during the tense confrontation at his office, where chief deputy district attorneys Doug Jackson and Lamar Sims spoke over shouts and obscenities from some of the pro-

Jackson said he could not discuss the facts of the case but assured the group that the findings of the investigation will be made public when it's finished.

"You can decide whether we made the right decision or not," Jackson said.

The girl's cousin, Jose Castaneda, said he was frustrated and didn't want to wait months to find out what happened.

"Let me ask you one question, how would you feel if it was your kid?" he yelled before storming

Protesters said they don't trust Morrissey's office to handle the case because the last time a Denver police officer faced charges in

a shooting was 1992. "We are sick and tired of these kinds of things happening and there seems to be no true objective investigation," said the Rev. Patrick Demmer of the Greater Metro

Police released few details about the shooting in a middleclass, residential neighborhood of Denver. They said Hernandez was one of five people in the stolen car

Denver Ministerial Alliance.

and she drove at a police officer.

The four other people in the car were not injured by the gunfire. All were questioned as part of the investigation, but none has been charged.

The shooting happened early Monday after an officer was called to check on a suspicious vehicle. A colleague arrived after the officer determined the car had been reported stolen, Police Chief Robert White said.

Police said in a statement that the two officers then "approached the vehicle on foot when the driver drove the car into one of the officers."

Both officers then opened fire. One was treated and released from a hospital for a leg injury. Department spokesman Sonny Jackson wouldn't elaborate on the officer's injury or comment further about the case.

The medical examiner said Iernandez was shot multiple times but did not release further details.

Bobbie Diaz, the mother of a 16-year-old girl in the car, criticized the way police handled Hernandez after the shooting, saying officers pulled her from the car and handcuffed her even after she was motionless.

Diaz said she was lying in bed when she heard four gunshots followed by an officer yelling, "Freeze! Get out of the car! Get down!"

Diaz said she came outside to see officers with their guns drawn pulling people out of the car, including Hernandez.

"She seemed like she was not responding, not moving," Diaz said. "They just yanked her out and handcuffed her."

Meanwhile, Diaz said, she heard another person screaming, "She's dead! She's dead!"

A shrine of red and white flowers and candles, and a white teddy bear marked the shooting scene on Tuesday.

By law, police are allowed to use force to stop and overcome the resistance of another person. They can use it to match the force and overcome it.

Both officers involved in the shooting have been placed on administrative leave pending the investigation.



Nazzi McDonnell, left, joins protesters in waving posters during a vigil near the scene of the police shooting of Denver teen on Monday.

Ukrainian government moves to declare separatist republics as terrorist groups

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KIEV, Ukraine - The Ukrainian parliament on Tuesday declared the Russia-backed separatist republics in the east to be terrorist organizations, formally eliminating the possibility of holding peace talks with their representatives, as fighting escalated.

The move came after Russian President Vladimir Putin pushed the Ukrainian government to speak directly to the rebels in effort to end the fighting that has killed about 5,100 people in eastern Ukraine since April, according to U.N. figures.

The Kiev government has long called the separatists in the self-proclaimed Donetsk and Lu-



Ukrainians mourn death of serviceman Serhiy Nikonenko who was killed in combat against pro-Russian rebels, during a funeral on Jan. 20.

hansk people's republics "terrorists," but now they can be subject to the counter-terrorism law, said Oleksiy Melnyk, a defense analyst

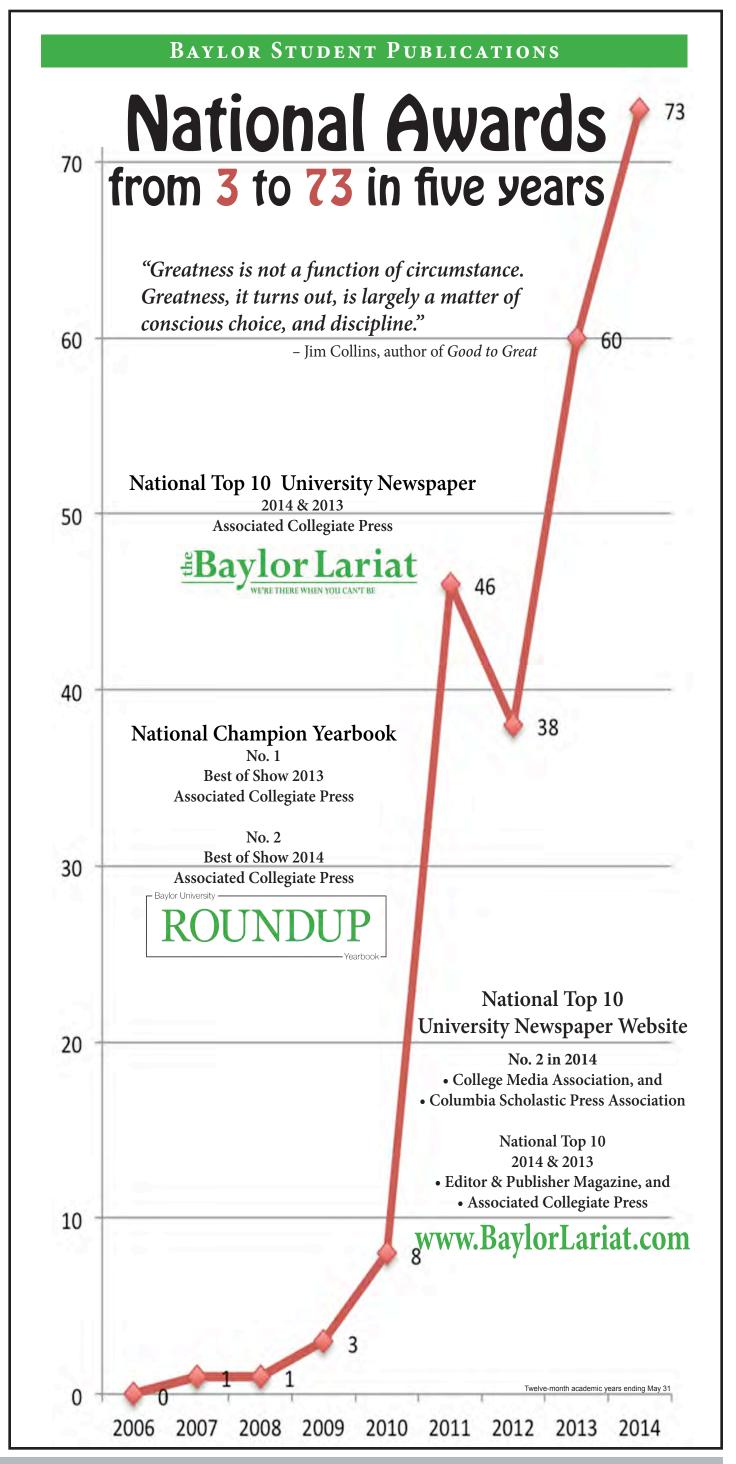
at the Razumkov Centre. That means the government has the right to restrict their movements within Ukraine, block their bank

accounts, and most importantly stop them from participating in peace talks, he said.

Parliament is sending a message that Ukraine will negotiate only with Russia and not with its "puppets" in the separatist republics, Melnyk said.

The parliament also declared Russia to be an "aggressor state" and called on the United Nations, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and parliaments in other countries to formally recognize it as such.

Ukraine and the West accuse Russia of backing the rebels with troops and weapons. Russia denies that, but Western military officials say the sheer number of heavy weapons under rebel control belies that claim.





Dear Texas, what gives? It's still winter.

Midland freshman Anthony Madrid studies in his hammock Tuesday in Vara Martin Daniels Plaza. While much of the northeastern United States is experiencing extreme winter weather from storm Juno, temperatures in Waco peaked at 82 degrees yesterday, bringing many students outdoors to enjoy the warm temperatures.

Convictions made in Vanderbilt rape case

By Sheila Burke ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A jury convicted two ex-Vanderbilt football players on Tuesday of raping a former student, rejecting claims that they were too drunk to know what they were doing and that a college culture of binge drinking and promiscuous sex should be blamed for the attack.

The jury deliberated for three hours before announcing that Brandon Vandenburg and Cory Batey were guilty of aggravated rape and aggravated sexual battery.

Batey was stoic, staring ahead and Vandenburg shook his head "no," appearing stunned. His father had an outburst and abruptly left the courtroom.

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The victim, a 21-year-old neu-

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a participant said. "Women are not

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and oversight is what's causing this

large scale, it has not been able to

contain this group. However, au-

thorities have kept terrorists from

launching rockets in the south of

been criticized a lot, which I think

is unfair because it takes a lot

of money to fund the military,"

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tries may be helpful, Ozoude said

he doubts that military-planned

drone strikes will efficiently ad-

lem than a solution because you're

going to kill innocent people too,"

"This could be more of a prob-

Both students are from the

south. Neither of their families

have been directly affected by any

attacks, which are estimated to

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roscience and economics major at the time of the June 2013 attack, cried as each guilty verdict was announced. The men face decades in prison when they are sentenced March 6.

The jury heard two weeks of dramatic testimony from a parade of witnesses, including police, former and current Vanderbilt students and the woman, who said she didn't remember what happened that night, only that she woke up in a strange dorm room. They also saw cellphone images from the night of the attack that Vandenburg sent to his friends as it was

Despite the photos and video, and witnesses seeing the woman unconscious and at least partially naked in a dorm hallway, no one reported it.

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Kristin Bogar, a mechanical engi-

neering major, said she's found a helpful female mentor to guide her

through her major in the STEM

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women into STEM field positions.

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Dr. Sergiy Kudelia, assistant

professor of political science, stud-

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work," Kudelia said. "It will gen-

erate more resentment and give

the impression that the Nigerian

government is weak and needs

Western support. It may also fur-

ther alienate Nigerian people on

the ground because they would see

the government as working for the

does not keep Ozoude from fearing

for those in the north. He said he is

concerned about the well-being of

276 girls who were kidnapped last

used as suicide bombers because

it's possible to get a thirteen-year-

old girl to press a button and blow

"I fear that the girls are being

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tor's advice.

The victim said in a statement she was hopeful the publicity from the case would lead to a discussion of how to end sexual violence. In Nashville, where the prestigious private university is located, hundreds of college officials from across the state were meeting this week to discuss exactly that.

"Finally, I want to remind other victims of sexual violence: You are not alone. You are not to blame," she said.

Vandenburg and Batey were on trial together, but represented by different attorneys. Attorneys for Vandenburg, who had been seeing the woman, said he did not assault

Testimony showed Vandenburg passed out condoms to the other players, slapped her buttocks and said he couldn't have sex with the woman because he was high on cocaine.

Batey raped the woman and urinated on her, prosecutors said. His attorneys argued the images didn't show that.

Defense lawyers argued that Vandenburg and Batey were too drunk to know what they were doing and that a college culture of binge drinking and promiscuous sex should be partly to blame.

During closing arguments, Deputy District Attorney Tom Thurman told jurors that the college culture argument was a "red herring" and that the athletes thought the law didn't apply to

"That's the culture that you really saw here," Thurman said. "Their mindset that they can get away with anything."

midst of an oil boom and when the administration has allowed on prices, and pump prices, are at near-historic lows.

"Opening up the Atlantic coast to drill for fossil fuel is unnecessary, poses a serious threat to coastal communities throughout the region, and is the wrong approach to energy development in this country," said New Jersey Sens. Cory Booker and Robert Menendez, and Rep. Frank Pal-

But many politicians from Southeastern states support offshore drilling, and had lobbied the administration to open fed-

"Exploring for energy off the coast is a critical economic development issue," said South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, a Republican. "It will mean jobs and investment for our state, and, while we will always make safeguarding our rich natural resources a priority, it's encouraging to see the federal government finally acknowledge what we've been fighting for with our federal delegation for years."

cautioned that they were in the early stages of a multi-year process, with Jewell saying they were only "considering' a lease sale in the Atlantic and that areas could be "narrowed or taken out entire-

For Alaska, President Barack Obama issued a memorandum Tuesday placing 9.8 million acres of the state's offshore resources off limits indefinitely. The memorandum withdraws from leasing parts of the Beaufort and 30-mile shelf in northwestern Alaska called Hanna Shoal, citing their importance to Alaska

"There are some places that are too special to drill, and these

Obama in early 2010 announced his intention to allow drilling 50 miles off the Virginia coast, only to scrap it after the BP

posal comes as the U.S. is in the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. But oil and gas companies to explore for oil and gas in the Atlantic in the meantime, which is the initial

> Environmental groups were quick to criticize the proposal, saying offshore drilling had not gotten safer in the years after the BP disaster. Congress, despite recommendations, has not passed any new laws to deal with the lapses identified in the wake of the spill, which was the largest offshore incident in U.S. history.

> stroy our coastal economies for decades to come, costing future generations the fishing livelihoods that have been part of their local fabric for generations," said Oceana's vice president Jacqueline Savitz.

> But the oil industry applauded the move, saying much of the U.S.'s offshore potential remains untapped. Production from offshore areas accounts for 16 percent of the oil produced in the

> Association of America said in a statement that while the proposal is a step in the right direction, it "urges the administration to keep all offshore areas available to ex-

> tained by The Associated Press mation Act, at least four firms duct wide-scale seismic imaging surveys in the Atlantic to explore

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seismic air guns behind vessels for hundreds of miles, over months and years. The guns emit strong bursts of air and sound, which allow crews to create twoand-three-dimensional images of

Perry's criminal case to continue

By Will Weissert ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — A Texas judge on Tuesday refused to dismiss a felony abuse-of-power case against former Gov. Rick Perry on constitutional grounds, ruling that criminal charges against the possible 2016 presidential candidate should stand.

In 44 pages of decisions and orders, District Judge Bert Richardson, who like Perry is a Republican, rejected calls from Perry's pricy defense team to toss the case because its client was acting within his rights as chief executive of America's second-most populous state when he publicly threatened, then carried out, a 2013 veto of state funding for public corruption prosecutors.

Richardson wrote that, "Texas law clearly precludes a trial court from making a pretrial determination regarding the constitutionality of a state penal or criminal procedural statute as the statue applies to a particular defendant."

Perry was the longest-serving governor in Texas history but chose not to seek re-election last year and left office Jan. 20. He is seriously considering a second run for president after his 2012 White House bid flamed out in a series of public gaffes, however, and says he may announce a final decision as soon as May.

Perry has spent more than \$1.1 million of his campaign funds on his defense - and Richard's ruling means it will likely continue for several more months at least.

David Botsford, one of Perry's defense attorneys, said the legal team had filed a notice of appeal. Another attorney, Tony Buzbee, issued a statement saying that the former governor "acted lawfully and properly exercised his power under the law" and that his continued prosecution "is an outrage and sets a dangerous precedent in our Democracy."

Perry was indicted in August on charges of abuse of official power and coercion of a public servant. He is accused of publicly threatening — then making good on — the veto of \$7.5 million in state funding for a public corrup-



Perry

tion division within the office of Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg. That came after Lehmberg, a Democrat whose county includes Austin, rebuffed Perry's calls to resign following a conviction and jail time for drunken driving.

Texans for Public Justice, a left-leaning watchdog group based in Austin, raised concerns that gave rise to the criminal case. The group's executive director, Craig McDonald, released a statement Tuesday saying, "The prosecutor and a grand jury have said there's compelling evidence against Perry. That evidence should be presented in court for all to see. The chances of that happening improved today."

In a 60-page motion filed in August, Perry's attorneys had said the law being used to prosecute him is unconstitutionally vague and decried "attempts to convert inescapably political disputes into criminal complaints."

Richardson did rule Tuesday that one of the charges against Perry was vague, but he gave the state time to correct it.

A grand jury in Austin indicted Perry. If convicted, the former governor faces a maximum 109 years in prison. Perry calls the matter a political witch hunt and says he would issue the veto again if given the chance.

Top national Republicans initially lined up to praise Perry and decry the criminal charges against him — but they've been less vocal about their support as the case drags on.

An exception was fellow Texan and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, who's also mulling a presidential run. The tea party favorite on Tuesday night called Perry "a good man, a man of integrity, and a friend."

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New year, new waffles

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Alphas bring fire

Step show tickets are \$10 for

balcony seats or \$15 for floor

seats and can be purchased at

wacohippodrometheatre.com

or the theater's box office.

By Bresha Pierce REPORTER

The Tau Alpha chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. will host its 11th annual Battle on the Burning Sands step show at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Waco Hippodrome.

The show is a competition among fraternities and sororities from Baylor and other universities that come together to celebrate the art

of stepping. "Stepping is using your body as an instrument," said

Sachse junior and Alpha Phi Alpha member Kyle Fuller.

Along with cool art and rhythm, the step show will feature a guest host and DJ. In the past, the fraternity has invited celebrities such as Shawty, who was featured on the TV show "Wild 'N Out;" Fonzworth Bentley from "Making the Band 2;" and Pooch Hall from the BET hit series "The Game."

"We expect a great turnout as we have every year due to our special guest host, talented acts and entertaining after party," said Missouri City junior and Alpha Phi Alpha member Jordan Campbell.

Fuller said stepping requires intense teamwork and dedication.

"The key is for everyone to be on the same page because if not the sound can be off," Fuller said. "It requires coordination and often weeks of practice."

Campbell said the event will be

used to give back to the Waco community.

"It is a fundraiser that allows us to provide scholarships, and also enables us to positively impact the community as we reinvest money ticket sales into

our local boys and girls clubs," Campbell said.

Alpha Phi Alpha began holding the event, which serves as a marketing tool for the fraternity, in 2005 and has a history of being the largest step show in Central Texas. First- and second-place finishers from both the men and women's groups will win prize money.

"I encourage people to go and see what it is all about," said Richardson junior and Kappa Alpha Psi member Corey Coleman.

"Last year the show was amazing and it was cool seeing people come together to support all the groups and have a good time."

Tween dancer quickly shoots to stardom

By Maria Sciullo

PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE (TNS)

PITTSBURGH - Fame might well be fleeting, but Maddie Ziegler is keeping pace.

It has been quite the year for Maddie, who has a global following from her appearances on Lifetime's "Dance Moms." She dwells in that fuzzy realm of reality television, which often crosses from "actually real" to "not-at-all-real," but there's little doubt her star is ascending.

"I have a lot of hopes," said Maddie, 12, who lives in Murrysville, Pa., with her mom, Melissa Ziegler-Gisoni, little sister Mackenzie and stepfather Greg Gisoni. "But I don't know what's going to happen tomorrow, let alone in the future."

Here's a start: Maddie, her mother and sister are in Los Angeles for three weeks shooting "Dance Moms." The show - starring studio owner Abby Lee Miller - will shoot in Ireland next month. Then it's on to Australia and more time in Los Angeles as Miller works on establishing a West Coast version of her Abby Lee

"It's crazy; I feel like I spend more time on airplanes or in the car than at home," said Maddie, who studies with a tutor.

Much of her recent time in the spotlight can be attributed to Australian singer-songwriter Sia. The notoriously camera-shy artist, who often dons a blond bobbed wig as part of her public persona, was planning the music video to her single "Chandelier."

Reportedly a fan of reality television, she chose Maddie as the video's only actor. Directed by Sia and Daniel Askill, with contemporary choreography by Ryan Heffington, "Chandelier" has been viewed on YouTube almost 500 million

Rolling Stone named it the top video of 2014, noting, "... it's not only Ziegler's charisma that makes this video mesmerizing. Her dancing makes your memory tingle, with every gesture recalling ordinary activities that you cannot exactly place," wrote Jessica Suarez. "Each familiar movement is repeated until it becomes grotesque and threatening."

Maddie has worn the platinum wig and the signature beige leotard for other performances, including "Dancing With the Stars" in September, a performance at the Hollywood Bowl and, biggest of all, Sia's musical guest appearance on the Jan. 17 "Saturday Night Live."

This time, she and an adult dancer, Denna Thomsen, whirled around Sia to her more recent single, "Elastic Heart."

"It was a little difficult because the stage was super small and Sia was in the middle of it, but it was fun," she said.

The official video for "Elastic Heart" has been viewed more than 80 million times since it was posted to YouTube Jan. 7. Shot in one day, it stars Maddie and actor Shia LaBeouf and has become somewhat of a sensation. As both are dressed in minimal, flesh-colored clothing and covered in dirt, there also were some complaints of pedophilia. Sia said this wasn't the intent.

"All I can say is Maddie and Shia are the only actors I felt could play."



Courtesy Photo

Dancer Maddie Ziegler is becoming synonymous with the blonde wig and nude leotards of singer Sia's artisitc music videos. The 12-year-old performer also stars on Lifetime's "Dance Moms."

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The Baylor Lariat

No. 3 Lady Bears claw past TCU 89-67

By Jeffrey Swindoll Sports Writer

The No. 3 Lady Bears handled the TCU Horned Frogs with a 89-67 victory Tuesday night in Fort Worth to extend their winning streak to 18 games and remain perfect in the Big 12 Conference.

Nationally, the only team with a better streak the Lady Bears is No. 1 South Carolina. The Lady Bears, though young, are shattering their critics' preseason expectations and are still on track for another Big 12 title and NCAA tournament appearance.

TCU's University Recreation Center, the venue for Tuesday's game, seats just under 1,100 fans; 1,700 TCU fans crammed into the small arena. Just 100 of the 1,800 sold tickets were allotted to Baylor's fan base.

The Lady Bears thought the tiny arena and underrepresented fan support might become an issue, but they overcame it with a decisive victory over TCU on Tuesday.

Baylor (19-1, 8-0) was led by sophomore forward Nina Davis and sophomore post Khadijiah Cave combining for 45 points and 20 rebounds. Cave had a careerhigh 21 points.

Going into Tuesday night's game, Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said it would be a challenge to figure out how exactly she would plan to defend and attack against TCU's unorthodox playing style that uses five guards at times.

Mulkey certainly had their number. The Lady Bears shut down the Horned Frogs' five-guard system, forcing TCU (12-7, 4-4) to cough up 17 turnovers and keeping their leading scorer to single-digit



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baylor forward Nina Davis (13) goes up for a shot after getting past TCU's Chelsea Prince (4), Natalie Ventress (24) and Donielle Breaux (33) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game on Tuesday in Fort Worth.

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Two of Baylor's most experienced players turned in good performances against TCU. Junior guard Niya Johnson, now past the 500 all-time assists mark for Baylor, earned nine assists Tuesday night. Senior

post Sune Agbuke totaled a season-high 12 points with four field goals and four free throws in 19 minutes of play. Agbuke was part of a successful night for Baylor's bigs on Tuesday night.

The Lady Bears used players like Da-

vis, Agbuke and Cave to overpower the Horned Frogs in the paint. Kansas State head coach and former TCU head coach Jeff Mittie commended Baylor's effectiveness and dominance when it comes to their work on the inside.

Baylor dominated the offensive and defensive boards, winning each of those battles by a double-digit margin. The Lady Bears eliminated the majority of TCU's second chance efforts that way and held the Horned Frogs' guard-heavy team to just 10 assists.

The Lady Bears continued to struggle from the free throw line, shooting only 53.8 percent from the charity stripe. However, Baylor found success from downtown, shooting 4-for-10 in three-pointers, and 39-for-79 in field goals.

Freshman guard Kristy Wallace shot 3-for-13 from the field for the Lady Bears. Two of her three made field goals were three pointers that boosted Baylor in a big run in the first half to maintain momentum of a close opening period. The Lady Bears had total control of the game at half-time with a 46-34 lead. Wallace totaled eight points Tuesday night.

TCU, a trigger-happy squad, could not get into a rhythm with its shooters Tuesday night. The Horned Frogs shot merely 26.7 percent on three-pointers.

TCU leading scorer, Zahna Medley, had a nightmare of a night. Baylor held her to just six points, converting just one of her 11 field goal attempts. Veja Hamilton scored 15 points and Chelsea Prince added 13 points, but Medley absence crippled the Horned Frogs' effort against a relentless Lady Bears team.

Next up, the Lady Bears host the Kansas Jayhawks (11-9, 2-5) who currently sit in a four-way tie at ninth in the league. Last time the Lady Bears played the Jayhawks, Baylor won 71-63. Tip-off is at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Ferrell Center.

No. 20 Baylor basketball drops to Oklahoma State in Stillwater

BY CODY SOTO SPORTS WRITER

No. 20 Baylor men's basketball couldn't overcome poor shooting and a late deficit to drop its second straight Big 12 road game to Oklahoma State 64-53 in Stillwater, Okla., on Tuesday night

The Bears (15-5, 3-4) shot a disappointing 34.5 percent on 19-for-55 shooting in the conference matchup to drop its fourth Big 12 game this season. Junior guard Lester Medford led Baylor with 13 points and was 5-for-8 from the field. Junior forwards Taurean Prince and Rico Gathers both contributed 12 points and accounted for 20 rebounds in the loss.

Oklahoma State's Phil Forte III led the Cowboys with 16 points and was 4-for-7 from the three-point line. Le'Bryan Nash added 13 points, and Tavarius Shine was a perfect 3-for-3 from beyond the arc for 11 points.

Baylor started out the game winning the jump ball, and a jumper by Gathers put the Bears up on the board early. However, this prompted a 6-0 run by the Cowboys with a Michael Cobbins jumper to give Oklahoma State the 6-2 lead.

A dunk by Gathers ended the Cowboys run and prompted another run in the game, this time by Baylor. After the Cowboys struggled to score on the offensive end, Baylor took advantage of the situation and went on a 11-0 run to lead 13-6 with 13:42 left in the first half.

Oklahoma State's Forte scored a three-pointer put the Cowboys back in the game, and from then on the momentum was in favor of the home team. Senior guard Kenny Chery connected with freshman guard Al Freeman on a fast break for a smooth jumper, but Forte drilled an NBA-style three-pointer to tie up the game 17-17 with 6:41 left in the half.

From that point, Oklahoma State went on a 13-4 run with help from Nash, Anthony Hickey Jr. and Shine to end the half as the Bears missed on multiple opportunities to get back on the board. With a dismal shooting percentage in the first half, Baylor trailed 30-21 heading into the locker room.

Both teams started out the second half in a bit of a slump; no player made a basket for two minutes, and the scoreboard was kept the same until Prince broke the ice with a two-point jumper for the Bears.

Gathers added two free throws to the board before Jeff Newberry dunked on the other end to extend the lead for Oklahoma State. While Baylor stepped up its offensive rebounding game, poor shooting continued to cripple the Bears, forcing a timeout by head coach Scott Drew. Medford made a jumper coming out of the timeout, but a layup by Michael Cobbins made a layup on the other end.

Forte and Shine took over from beyond the arc quickly after that. Both Oklahoma State guards scored nine points from three-point range, and Hickey made a jumper as the Bears continued to trail 45-33 with 9:58 left in the game.

Two free throws by freshman forward Johnathan Motley and back-to-back three-pointers by Medford pulled Baylor within six, but the Bears could not get their defense rolling and allowed the Cowboys to continue to pull away.

A jumper by Prince put the Bears back into a six-point deficit, but Baylor could not put together a late rally in the final few minutes of the matchup. Free throws by Forte, Newberry and Nash sunk free throws while the Bears missed three consecutive three-point shots to drop a 64-53 decision to Oklahoma State in Stillwater.

The Bears will look to bounce back quickly as they host No. 19 Texas on Saturday night at the Ferrell Center. Tipoff in Waco will begin at 5 p.m. and will be broadcast live on FSDN2



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Baylor forward Rico Gathers (2) dunks over Oklahoma State forward Jeff Newberry (22) during Baylor's 64-53 loss in Stillwater, Okla. on Tuesday.

State to revoke Prime Prep charter

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — An administrative judge cleared the way Tuesday for Texas education officials to revoke the charter of a Dallas school co-founded by Pro Football Hall of Famer Deion Sanders.

The judge granted a default judgment against Prime Prep Academy's appeal Tuesday in Austin after no school representatives appeared at a hearing, The Dallas Morning News (http://bit.ly/15QznFh) reported.

All that is left for the Texas Education Agency to formalize the charter's revocation is to present an order for the judge's signature. In the meantime, a board of state-appointed managers has scheduled a meeting for Friday in Fort Worth to vote on when to close.

The campuses in Fort Worth and Dallas will continue to operate while the board and its state-appointed superintendent review the school's troubled finances.

The state has provided more than \$8.5 million in aid to the school, in addition to hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal aid. The school received nearly \$175,000 in private donations in 2014, with almost all coming from Sanders, the newspaper reported.

The sports programs of Prime Prep have faced scrutiny for recruiting and eligibility allegations. The school also has fought employee turnover, and last April had to repay more than \$45,000 it received for providing subsidized meals in 2013 because the school provided no documentation those meals were served.

Texas Education Commissioner Michael Williams earlier this month announced that he would appoint a board of managers to run the school, effectively placing it under state control.

The Dallas school founded in 2012 is in financial straits after years of management disputes that led to a state takeover. Prime Prep

could close in the middle of the semester if found insolvent.

T. Christopher Lewis, board president of Uplift Fort Worth, which holds the Prime Prep Academy charter, had told the newspaper before the hearing that a default judgment against the school had been expected and that the nonprofit expected the revocation.

"We as a board fought as hard as we could to turn the ship around," Lewis said. "At the end of the day, we just couldn't overcome the obstacles."

In a statement posted on his Twitter account Monday morning, Sanders said he hoped the TEA and the school's board would allow the school to complete the school year.

"While I remain proud of the many accomplishments made during my tenure at Prime Prep, I realize this is the best way forward and I wish the newly appointed management team much success in the future," Sanders wrote.

