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SKYE DUNCAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

## Dramatic Bears go big with Italian drama

Women fawn over Belcore, played by Topeka, Kan. graduate student Brendan Boyle, in the opera "The Elixir of Love" on Thursday. The Italian opera is performed by the Baylor Opera Theater in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. Two more performances are scheduled for tonight and tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m.

## Student Gov. sends Wi-Fi bill to Edwards

By MADISON MILLER  
REPORTER

There is one thing that all Baylor students have in common: the use of AirBear, Baylor's beloved Wi-Fi system. Students, faculty and staff have access to the system throughout the buildings and common places on campus.

The Student Senate unanimously passed a bill in favor of enabling the enhancement of Wi-Fi throughout campus.

The bill, written by Frisco sophomore James Porter, a student senator, proposes that Wi-Fi be added to multiple locations, such as the deck outside of Marrs McLean Science Building, Fountain Mall and Bennett Auditorium, among others.

"We just wanted to create the best number of possible additional locations on campus to be able to add in additional Wi-Fi," Porter said.

According to the Information Technology Services website, the current Wi-Fi is "based on the proximity to a classroom or common area."

If the student government's bill is approved by regents, it will

not be an umbrella Wi-Fi, but more specific to locations where students study outdoors and in other buildings that may not have Wi-Fi.

"Because of the form of Wi-Fi technology the Baylor administration uses right now, there is not like a blanket Wi-Fi," Porter said. "It is 'Pick a location, put it here...' They do not have any problem whatsoever funding it. This is more so that they wanted students to be able to give their opinion of where it should go to."

Port Barre, La., sophomore Sen. Lindsey Bacque and Porter walked around campus with phones and computers finding out where the Wi-Fi was lacking. The areas listed in the bill were chosen specifically for enhancement.

"The areas that we tried to target were the areas where it seemed like the university had already put funding into areas for students to study," Bacque said. "Areas like outside Marrs McLean Science, there is already a deck built so the most concerning thing to us was that that deck was built and no-

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## Keystone XL approved by Senate; showdown with Obama imminent

By DINA CAPPIELLO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Republican-controlled Senate on Thursday approved a bipartisan bill to construct the Keystone XL oil pipeline, defying a presidential veto threat and setting up the first of many battles with the White House over energy and the environment.

The 62-36 vote advanced a top priority of the newly empowered GOP, and marked the first time the Senate passed a bill authorizing the pipeline, despite numerous attempts to force President Barack Obama's hand on the issue. Nine Democrats joined with 53 Republicans to back the measure.

This bill "is an important accomplishment for the country," said Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. "We are hoping the president upon reflection will agree to sign on to a bill that the State Department said could create up to 42,000 jobs and the State Department said creates little to no impact on the environment."

Still the vote was short of the threshold needed to override a veto, and the legislation still must be reconciled with the version the House passed.

"We hope President Obama will now drop his threat to veto this common-sense bill that would strengthen our energy security and create thousands and thousands of new, good-paying American jobs," said House Speaker John Boehner.

Most Democrats framed the bill as a gift to a foreign oil company that would have little benefit for the American people, because much of the oil would be exported. They tried and failed to get amendments on the bill to construct the pipeline with U.S. steel, ban exports of the oil and the products refined from it, and protect water resources.

The Senate agreed to add an energy efficiency measure, and went on the record saying climate change was not a hoax and the oil sands should be subject to a tax that helps pay for oil spill cleanups. Oil sands are currently exempt.



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Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., sponsor of the Keystone XL pipeline bill; Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska; and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., meet with reporters after winning a critical procedural vote on the Keystone XL Pipeline bill Thursday in Washington.

"This bill is a disgrace," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., the top Democrat on the Senate environment committee. "We tried on our side to make this a better bill and they turned us away."

TransCanada Corp., the pipe-

line's developer, disputed the export argument Thursday, saying it didn't make sense.

"Those who argue this pipeline is for export are not being factual," said Russ Girling, president and

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## County expanding rural transit stops

By RACHEL LELAND  
STAFF WRITER

The McLennan County representatives voted unanimously in favor of a new rural transit system Thursday evening at the McLennan County Courthouse.

Commissioner Ben Perry said the contract with the Waco-Transit System will expand the current routes and provide more vehicles for citizens in McLennan County.

Rural transit is provided by the Heart of Texas Council of Governments. McLennan County pools money with five other counties to service citizens in all five of the counties.

According to County Judge Scott Felton, McLennan County provides 30 percent of the funds

for these services.

Representatives said they partly supported this partnership because the new rural transit district will boost the economy by providing better transportation for workers in rural communities.

John L. Hendrickson, general manager of the Waco-Transit System, represented his company at the meeting. The company also operates the Baylor University Shuttle.

Since Waco-Transit already services the city of Waco, they plan to combine the rural transit with the city transit, in order to service more people.

Hendrickson's presentation pointed to shortcomings in the

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## Historic drum major marches to his own beat on and off the field

By JENNA PRESS  
ASSISTANT CITY DESK EDITOR

Although he has a passion for music, Garland junior Ceon Rumphs actually never intended to become a drum major. But this year, after three years at Baylor, he became the Golden Wave Marching Band's first African-American drum major.

"I wanted to see if I could be in a leadership position, and I actually auditioned for the position of undergraduate staff," Rumphs said. "But the directors recommend that I audition for other leadership positions as well, so I chose to audition for drum major."

Despite the title, Rumphs plays the saxophone, and has nothing to do with drums, an instrument he claims he can barely play.



Rumphs

"I do not play the drums," Rumphs said. "It's called drum major because when we're conducting, we're really communicating with the drum line, saying here's the tempo, here's the count sequence, things like that."

When Rumphs learned he would be a drum major, he was

surprised but excited. He did not know, going in to the position, that he was the first African-American drum major Baylor has ever had.

"After I was given the position of drum major, the director mentioned in passing that to the best of his knowledge I was the first black drum major that we've had and I was kind of shocked," Rumphs said. "It kind of came by surprise, I had no idea. I didn't have any intention of trailblazing, but it's definitely an honor."

Rumphs said being the first African-American drum major hasn't changed how he approaches the position.

"I hope I can be a quiet inspiration for other people, so they can see that it's not something that's

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JESS SCHURZ | PHOTOGRAPHER

## Nothing to see here, ma'am. Just killin' Zombies.

Freshman Priyanka Bhatia from New Delhi India and Rachel Davy, from Hoffman Estates, IL hold their Nerf Guns proudly. They are both playing in the Honor's Residential College's biannual game of Humans vs. Zombies, where Zombies run around campus trying to kill Humans.





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## Facebook's new policy on hoaxes is no joke

### Editorial

One of the most popular topics for false news is politics. It's almost impossible to scroll down a timeline without seeing someone post an article saying President Barack Obama is a secret Muslim, or Ted Cruz wants to deport you.

There are also those hoax stories telling harrowing tales of celebrity deaths, when really the celebrity is alive and well in his or her home.

Some people actually believe these hoax stories, panicking that their favorite movie star has perished. It's gotten to the point that some people scroll by these type stories or read them with skeptical scrutiny. When someone actually does die or if Obama really is a secret Muslim, it would take some time to discover the truth.

Thankfully, Facebook has made a positive move to put an end to hoax stories. Facebook users have the option of reporting a story as a hoax or misleading news. Facebook does not remove these stories from the site, but it does flag stories with enough negative reports so

new readers will know it was reported as a hoax. In addition, when enough users decide to delete a post from their timeline – whether spam or misleading news – Facebook will automatically put a limit to the story's distribution.

Facebook's update should be considered a service to the people who use its site. It's easy to trick unsuspecting Facebook surfers, especially if the article is convincing enough. With this new feature, Facebook users can support and help each other by reporting false stories.

Some opponents of the new policy cried that Facebook was engaging in censorship. Facebook is a private company. While the basis of the company is a public forum, it already has the ability to control the content. Facebook already filters and deletes content it deems explicit or that goes against its policies. Facebook is not an open forum for people to write and post anything they like – no matter what people think. This is not an issue of free speech either – Facebook, as a private company, has the right to filter anything it wishes.

Other people complained that the

policy would put an end to satirical pieces that people actually enjoy reading. In response, Facebook officials said satirical pieces are rarely reported anyway. Because this policy relies on the information of several users, satirical pieces will be mostly unaffected.

Another concern was that frequent publishers to Facebook would lose money when their stories are no longer featured. However, as the Facebook policy states, "The vast majority of publishers on Facebook will not be impacted by this update. A small set of publishers who are frequently posting hoaxes and scams will see their distribution decrease."

Facebook officials thoroughly researched this policy before implementing it. It was not a split decision.

The benefits of the policy far outweigh the chance that a few frequent scammers lose business.

Facebook can be a tool for good. Most people would agree scammers and hoaxes are not good. If the creators can do anything to make Facebook a safer and more prosperous network for all, they have every right to make it so.

## Wi-Fi enhancement is great for campus



Danny Huizinga  
Guest Columnist

Ask any student (especially a freshman living in the residence halls) what they think about Airbear, Baylor's wireless network. Chances are, the comments you hear will be less

than stellar – the connection is spotty, the speed is slow and you never know which areas will have a connection.

A promising new bill passed by Student Senate by an unanimous vote Thursday took an important step to improve the wireless Internet access around campus. The "Extended Wi-Fi" bill recommended that the university find ways to improve Internet access in outdoor common areas where there is currently little or no signal.

This could "increase the overall amount of potential research and study locations on campus," according to the bill.

Sophomore senator James Porter, who is the chair of the Campus Improvements and Affairs Committee, introduced the bill – along with Lindsey Bacque, a sophomore senator who chairs the Public Relations Committee.

"This bill will help improve Wi-Fi for all students around campus, ensuring that their experience at Baylor is more productive, efficient and rewarding," Porter said.

He's right. Faster Internet can have a substantial impact on productivity, according to a 2011 study by Ericsson, a technol-

ogy company and the Chalmers University of Technology.

Porter said though this bill focuses on improving Wi-Fi in outdoor areas, it is a great first step toward encouraging better Wi-Fi

access in all areas of campus, something that is sorely needed. Just take a look at the "coverage maps" on the Baylor Information and Technology Services website (which, ironically, are supposed to enlarge when you click on them but currently don't work) and you'll see large splotches of red.

These "poor/no signal" areas are mostly concentrated in residence halls, though several buildings (such as Waco Hall) have seemingly random red classrooms or hallways. Technically, residence halls are supposed to have Wi-Fi access, but many freshmen still must use an Ethernet cable because their connection is so poor.

No doubt there are many important technology expenses on our campus – but certainly, the one that allows you to submit your paper, email your professor or check your grades while you walk to class without losing your connection should take a higher priority.

Good thing Student Senate saw it that way too.

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### Lariat Letters

#### Behave differently to make a difference

I thought your article, "Christians, show your love with actions," published Nov. 14, 2014, brought up a very interesting point which could be developed further.

It seems to be a repeating theme that Christians, in our desire to be Christ-like and set apart from the world, have separated ourselves from nonbelievers in a way that makes them believe we are extremely self-righteous and almost loathing of nonbelievers.

What non-Christians want Christians to hear, a woman wrote in: "I have no problem with God or Jesus—only Christians. It's been my experience that most Christians are belligerent, disdainful and pushy."

Naturally, this mutual atmosphere of hatred between Christians and nonbelievers immediately fosters defensive mechanisms on both sides the moment one feels they are being evaluated for their beliefs.

Unfortunately, these troubling interactions between Christians and

atheists could be contributing to the fact that in recent years, atheism has expanded exponentially (fivefold in only seven years!).

If, as Christians, we were more intentional about expressing our faith through actions, rather than through quarrelling and fighting for accurate representation in our nation, we would be able to actually live out the Great Mandate in a way that would largely impact the world.

When unbelievers observe Christians, they should be easily recognizable as believers through the way they live their lives; something should be different.

If we want to change the world in Jesus' name, we need to actually start behaving differently, not just talking about it.

— Claire Pedregon  
Business major  
Fredricksburg freshman

### From the Lariat blog



"It's a selfie, which is now apparently a real word, by Miss Israel with Miss Lebanon, Miss Slovenia and Miss Japan. And it was big 'news' in the Middle East."

— Jonathon S. Platt, news editor

Check out the Lariat's new blog "From the Wire." Kilgore junior Jonathon S. Platt, news editor and author of the weekly "How I see It" column, will provide commentary on current news, critique current politics and shed light on stories you may have missed.

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# Missing Malaysian flight an accident, according to officials

EILEEN NG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Malaysia's government formally declared still-missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 an accident on Thursday and said all those on board were presumed dead, paving the way for compensation claims but angering victims' families still waiting for evidence of the plane's fate.

Civil aviation chief Azharuddin Abdul Rahman said the search for the jet would continue and "remains a priority." The Boeing 777 disappeared on March 8, 2014, while flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 people on board.

The plane is believed to have crashed in the southern Indian Ocean, off the coast of western Australia. No confirmed debris has ever been found.

The declaration will help facilitate financial claims by families, and Malaysia Airlines is ready to proceed with the compensation process, Azharuddin said.

"After 327 days and based on all available data as well as circumstances ... survivability in the defined area is highly unlikely. It is therefore with the heaviest heart and deepest sorrow that we officially declare Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 an accident," he said in a pre-recorded statement broadcast on Malaysian television.

Transport Minister Liow Tiong Lai said the governments of Malaysia, China and Australia had agreed on the announcement, which was intended to "enable the families to move forward."

However, in China, where most of the passengers came from, some family members refused to accept the official position that the

plane was lost.

"There's nothing new. The Malaysian authorities have been covering up the truth from the get-go, and they have no credibility to speak of. We are not accepting the conclusion," said Wen Wancheng, whose son Wen Yongsheng was on the plane.

"Because you have no evidence at all. How can you come to such a conclusion?" said Wang Chung-jiang, who lost his brother Wang Chunyong. "Chinese New Year is coming up. Why did you choose

tion, commonly referred to as the "Chicago Convention," states the definition of the term "accident" includes "the aircraft is missing."

He said investigations by the safety team and Malaysian police were ongoing, but both were limited by the lack of physical evidence, particularly the flight recorders.

"At this juncture, there is no evidence to substantiate any speculations as to the cause of the accident," he said. An interim report detailing the progress of the investigation is to be released on



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A man views a fleet of Malaysia Airline planes on the tarmac of the Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Malaysia. On Thursday, Malaysia's Civil Aviation Authority declared the MH370 crash an accident.

now to make the announcement?"

Azharuddin said Malaysia, China and Australia had spared no expense and resources in their search for the plane, but were still unable to locate it.

The Australian coordinators of the search have said the current underwater phase could take another year and there is still no guarantee of success.

Azharuddin said the Convention on International Civil Avia-

March 7.

"This declaration is by no means the end," Azharuddin said, adding that Malaysia is committed to resolving the tragedy with the help of Australia and China.

Jacquita Gomes, whose husband Patrick Gomes was a flight attendant on the plane, was angry that the kin were not informed ahead of the government's announcement.



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Protesters heckle a group gathered for the Texas Muslim Capitol lobbying day rally Thursday in Austin.

# Protesters interrupt annual Muslim rally at Texas Capitol

EVA RUTH MORAVEC  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — A small group of vitriolic hecklers and overt suspicion from one lawmaker greeted hundreds of Muslims who rallied Thursday during their biennial Texas Capitol lobbying day — the first time the event has drawn protesters.

As the Council on American-Islamic Relations opened the gathering on the Capitol steps, protester Christine Weick, who had been posing as a participant, grabbed the microphone.

"Islam will never dominate in the United States," the 50-year-old from Michigan said, "and by the grace of God it will not dominate Texas."

The microphone was quickly wrestled back and a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper led her back to the crowd. But throughout the hourlong rally, about two dozen protesters chanted things like, "No Sharia here,"

"One God," and "Remember 9/11" while holding posters and flags.

Despite the hecklers, the non-profit council continued the program. About 300 people, including dozens of middle and high school students, attended the rally and then met with lawmakers to share their concerns with several proposed bills.

Council Executive Director Mustafaa Carroll said the event began in 2003 and never drew opposition before, but that online threats prompted the council to contact the FBI. FBI spokeswoman Michelle Lee wouldn't confirm or deny the FBI's involvement, and there was a noticeable DPS and law enforcement presence.

Carroll said the group's agenda in no way encouraged passage of Sharia law, the moral code and religious law of Islam.

"It's not even logical," he said. "It's a shame that I even have to address that."

Inside the Capitol, an Israeli

flag — a symbol of support for the Jewish state — greeted visitors to Rep. Molly White's office. On Facebook, the first-year Republican lawmaker posted that she was out of the office but gave her staff instructions to ask visiting Muslims "to renounce Islamic terrorist groups and publicly announce allegiance to America and our laws."

The council responded by sending a note to House Speaker Joe Straus asking if White violated the chamber's rules by discriminating against religious minorities.

"Are House members prohibited from making constituents take oaths before meeting with their elected representatives or house staff?" the letter asks.

In a statement, Straus said only that all Capitol visitors should be treated respectfully, adding, "Anything else reflects poorly on the entire body and distracts from the very important work in front of us."



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# BAYLOR IN WASHINGTON



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KEVIN FREEMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

General manager of Transit Services John Hendrickson, left, listens to Waco mayor Malcom Duncan Jr. voice his support for the proposed merge of HOTCOG and Waco Transit Services on Thursday at McLennan County Courthouse

service of the current provider of rural transit, Heart of Texas Council of Governments.

Under the current service, trips must be scheduled two days in advance and the service is operable only from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Only two vans are designated for McLennan County with the current provider.

Because the service is only provided on weekdays, those who work over the weekend cannot use the rural transit services.

"Large number of routine trips are provided," Hendrickson said. "That limits the number of other

trips that are intermittent trips."

Waco-Transit has 26 vehicles to service McLennan County when they begin providing service. It will also have standby employees on call in case a driver cannot make it to work, a feature the current provider does not have.

For many people who lived in formerly rural areas that are now classified as newly urbanized, this will provide previously unavailable transportation opportunities.

Cindy Barnett of Chalk Bluff is visually impaired and relies heavily on public transportation. She has been without service since April 2013, after a 2010 census classified

her community as newly urban.

But with the Thursday's decision, transportation may again be provided to Barnett and her community.

"In my opinion the whole McLennan County needs to be provided with good public transportation and that's what they're trying to do," Barnett said.

Visually impaired citizens are not the only people who will benefit from the contract with the Waco-Transit. The new agreement will also help older citizens who can not drive and other people with disabilities.

"Especially as we're starting to

see the baby boomers get older," Hendrickson said. "We're recognizing more disabilities that prevent people from being able to operate vehicles, public transportation and walkable, livable communities is important to us to keep our competitive edge as a nation."

The proposal will make it easier for those living in rural areas, who make the majority of Waco's workforce, to travel to the city, said Waco mayor Malcolm Duncan.

The new contract will make transportation easier to and from Baylor's campus for rural residents.

"We have professors that live in the rural area or workers that work in the dining facilities and then they can access that service to get to the Baylor campus," Hendrickson said.

Hendrickson said he was pleased with the unanimous vote to contract with Waco-Transit. He also said council members see restructuring local transportation systems as imperative to the growth of McLennan County.

"I think the unanimous support shows that everyone realizes there is a need for these types of services," Hendrickson said. "And that everyone is starting to see the benefit of these types of services. And so as we move forward as a country and then as a state and then as a community we're starting to see the importance of this."

An exact date for when Waco-Transit will begin providing service has not been decided.

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served for somebody," he said. "I mean, you can do anything."

Cassandra Rumphs, his mother, knew he would be successful at Baylor.

"I knew he would make drum major if he tried out for it," she said. "He's that good. It's amazing to know he's part of Baylor history. We were over the moon."

Although Rumphs' position at drum major is a Baylor first, he doesn't like to make a big deal about it. Exceedingly humble, Rumphs downplayed his own successes, hesitating to talk about both his musical achievements and historic position in the band.

"I don't want to flaunt it," he said. "I thought it was interesting, but I guess to me it's more of a behind-the-scenes servant leader thing."

Rumphs has been playing music for almost his entire life. Starting with piano in first grade, Rumphs moved on to the saxophone and continued on to marching band in high school, where he was the drum major his junior and senior years.

"Ceon has an ear for music," Mrs. Rumphs said. "He was gifted with that. I think it's in his blood a little bit, from his dad."

Rumphs' father also played the saxophone in high school, and Rumphs has carried on his father's legacy, winning awards at both state and national levels, including first-division ratings at State Solo and Ensemble all four years of high school. His achievements culminated in a gold medal at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics, a national achievement program, his senior year.

"He just ran away with it," Mrs. Rumphs said. "When he auditioned for high school, he made honor band, first chair, and that was unbelievable, as a freshman. He was born for music."

Now in his third year at Baylor, Rumphs is the first African-American drum major the Golden Wave Marching Band has had in its 112-year history.

When Rumphs came to Baylor, he knew he wanted to be in the marching band, but wasn't sure how the experience would differ from his high school years.

"I started freshman year not really knowing what to expect,"

he said. "I had only seen a little bit of the Golden Wave band, but I knew I wanted to do marching band because I had a lot of fun in high school. I really liked it freshman year, and I knew I would be coming back."

Being a drum major means having a great deal of responsibility, Rumphs said, but that's something his high school experience helped him prepare for. He enjoys being drum major, and works hard to make sure he's the best he can be, going above and beyond his position in the band.

"Being drum major really means being a leader and a role model to the rest of the band," Rumphs said. "Someone that people, especially freshman, can look to and get some sort of insight from. If they have questions about anything they can come to me, and I do everything that I can to really make their transition from high school to college easier, because it's not always easy."

Although it's a lot of work, Rumphs said, being drum major is also fun.

"I would say my favorite thing we do right now is the mace work that we have, the routine," Rumphs said. "It's really an interesting thing that's uniquely us, but it's also something that has been a part of the drum major position for decades. It goes all the way back to military bands, and so it's kind of a nice tribute we have to the older drum majors, but at the same time it's kind of a new thing, more contemporary, something that's just uniquely us."

The mace is a five-foot tall staff that the drum majors spin and toss, adding some additional pageantry to their show.

Rumphs will be auditioning for the same position in next year's band during the coming weeks. A music education major, Rumphs hopes to become a music professor someday.

"I would like to pursue further degrees, get a master's and a doctorate because I want to teach at the university level," Rumphs said. "I think that's an ideal fit for me, something I've wanted to do for several years, so that's the path I'm taking."

His goal to work as a music educator is something his parents support wholeheartedly.

OIL from Page 1

CEO of TransCanada. "It's time to approve Keystone XL so we can transport Canadian and American oil to fuel the everyday lives of the American people."

In Philadelphia, anti-pipeline protesters chanted outside a hotel where Obama was addressing a retreat of Democratic lawmakers: "Hey, Obama, we don't want no Keystone drama."

First proposed in 2008, the \$8 billion pipeline project has been beset by delays in Nebraska over its route and at the White House, where the president has resisted prior efforts by Congress to force him to make a decision. In 2012, Obama rejected the project after Congress attached a measure to a

payroll tax cut extension that gave him a deadline to make a decision. The pipeline's developer, TransCanada Corp., then reapplied.

The 1,179-mile pipeline is proposed to go from Canada through Montana and South Dakota to Nebraska, where it would connect with existing pipelines to carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day to refineries along the Texas Gulf coast.

Obama has said he will not be forced to make a decision on the pipeline, which requires presidential approval because it crosses an international border, until the review process concludes. Federal agencies' comments on whether the project is in the national inter-

est are due Monday.

Environmental groups have called on Obama to reject the project outright, saying it would make it easier to tap a dirty source of energy that would exacerbate global warming. The State Department's analysis, assuming higher oil prices, found that shipping it by pipelines to rail or tankers would be worse for the planet. It also concluded that the project, after construction, would create only 35 permanent jobs, a figure Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., compared to a fried chicken franchise.

"The facts are clear: the Keystone XL pipeline will only create 35 permanent jobs while dumping millions of tons of carbon pollu-

tion into the air and threatening waterways and communities across the Midwest," said Tom Steyer, the investor and philanthropist who founded the NextGen Climate political action committee.

Supporters say the pipeline is a critical piece of infrastructure that will create thousands of jobs during construction and boost energy security by importing oil from a friendly neighbor.

"We urge the president to make the right decision and approve KXL because it is in this nation's best interest," said Jack Gerard, the president and CEO of the American Petroleum Institute. "The fact is that if all other infrastructure projects are delayed,"

WI-FI from Page 1

where on that were we able to pick up Wi-Fi."

The passing of this bill will benefit the students and their ability to study in more locations around campus. The supporters of the bill believe that it will help with the overcrowding of the libraries around finals time, and for people who have certain data plans on their phones, this provides more locations to be able to use the In-

ternet.

With Baylor's use of Internet resources such as Blackboard, Canvas and other systems, the Wi-Fi enhancement bill will help students to utilize these systems more effectively.

"It is better to have more Wi-Fi that can be spotty at times than to have a dead zone whatsoever," Porter said. "I think any improvement is going to be better for students

than the status quo."

This is an ongoing process and there is not a set time frame for when all of the locations may acquire the enhanced Wi-Fi, Porter said.

The bill is awaiting Student Body President, Dominic Edwards', signature, Bacque said. If he signs, it will then go to various administrators.

"We want to create a more tech-

nologically advanced campus," Porter said.

Other bills passed at the meeting were a mobile safety app for students to keep in touch with the Baylor Police Department, a bill proposal to add news stands on campus and feature newspapers from different locations.

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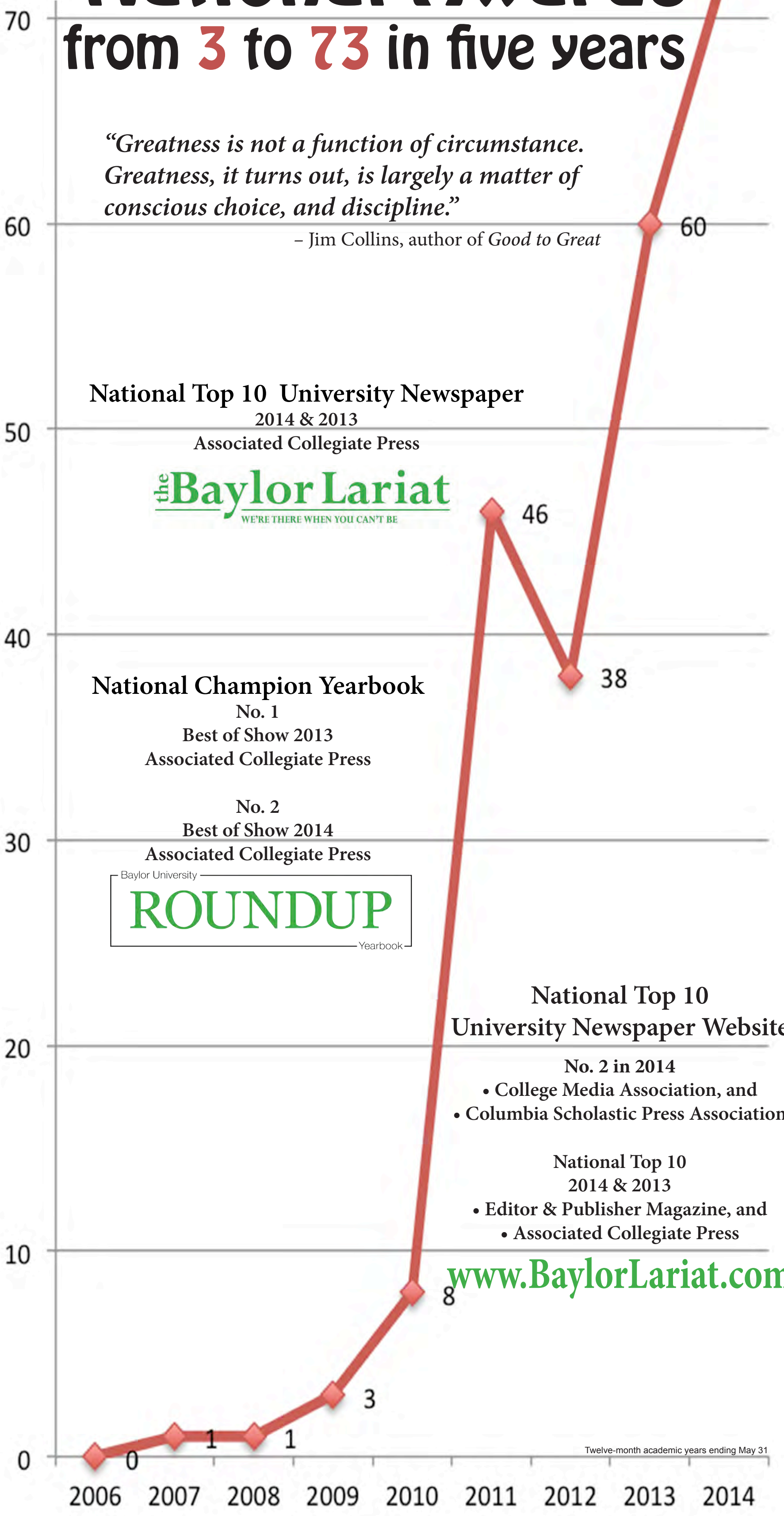


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## Singing sinks and chiming crickets



COURTESY PHOTO

Glenn Kotche, drummer of rock band Wilco, will perform at the Baylor Percussion Symposium at 8 p.m. today at the Waco Hippodrome.

## Wilco drummer brings freshness to Baylor Percussion Symposium

By ALLIE MATHERNE  
REPORTER

Though some people may dance in their kitchens, most don't think of faucets as instruments – unless you are Glenn Kotche.

Kotche, drummer of rock band Wilco, will take the Waco stage at the Baylor Percussion Symposium tonight. He will join Baylor assistant professor of percussion Todd Meehan and partner Doug Perkins, along with the Baylor Percussion Group at the Waco Hippodrome for a series of percussion performances.

"We're not talking about going to the orchestra where you have to sit still for two hours," Meehan said. "It's as close to a rock show that we, in the classical music world, get."

The Wilco song "Jesus, etc." touts "you can combine anything you want." Kotche seems to see things along that same vein – especially when it comes to music. Some of the pieces in tonight's show will incorporate tracks Kotche recorded while on tour

with Wilco, Meehan said.

On his days off, Kotche recorded auxiliary sounds in Berlin, Tokyo and Dresden on a portable recorder, and then integrated them into his percussion pieces. Kotche

### Baylor Percussion Symposium

8 p.m. today  
Waco Hippodrome  
\$15 admission

plays cricket chirps at the beginning of his piece "Monkey Caller," and they sound so close to real crickets that Meehan said even he was duped.

"For me, composing is about being honest with myself," Kotche wrote on his website. "I have a degree in classical percussion but I'm not a trained composer, so I bring a different approach and perspective."

In the past, Kotche wrote many pieces for the percussion group "So Percussion," which Perkins and Meehan founded during their time at Yale.

Some of these songs will be featured in tonight's show.

"He's been intentional about staying involved in the classical music world," Meehan said.

Kotche studied percussion in college and now brings his knowledge of classical music paired with creativity to the rock world, Meehan said. Kotche has been drumming with Wilco for 14 years, and combines his love for rock music with his insatiable search for innovation in music.

About two years ago, Kotche starred in a Delta Faucet commercial in which the percussionist used touch-sensitive sink faucets, pots, colanders and a toothbrush to recreate a song by 1960s Motown group The Four Tops.

"Glenn is charming. He drips with sincerity, honesty and curiosity — the result is really engaging," Perkins said.

## what's coming up?

### >> Pre- Super Bowl XLIX party

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### >> 11th Annual Battle on the Burning Sands

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Step show hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. Tickets are \$10 for balcony seats and \$15 for floor seats, and can be purchased at the Waco Hippodrome box office or at wacohippodrometheatre.com.

## Suspect charged in executive's murder

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — A convicted drug dealer was charged Thursday with the murder of a 20th Century Fox executive, who mysteriously disappeared more than two years ago and whose remains were found in a northern Los Angeles County desert area in October.

John Lenzie Creech, 42, was charged Thursday with 57-year-old Gavin Smith's death, according to the Los Angeles County district attorney's office.

Smith was last seen leaving a female friend's home in Ventura County's Oak Park neighborhood on May 1, 2012. Hikers discovered the remains about 70 miles away, near Palmdale in the Antelope Valley, on Oct. 26, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said.

Smith was with Fox's movie distribution department for nearly 18 years and was a branch manager for several theaters. He was also a former UCLA bas-



ASSOCIATED PRESS

The remains of Gavin Smith, a 20th Century Fox executive, were found in a northern Los Angeles County desert area in October. John Lenzie Creech, 42, was charged with Smith's murder Thursday.

ketball player and had three children.

Authorities said earlier they had found Smith's Mercedes-Benz at a Simi

Valley storage facility nine months after his disappearance. Its condition along with witness statements led them to believe Smith was killed. Investigators found Smith's blood and body tissue, including skin stuck to the car's seat.

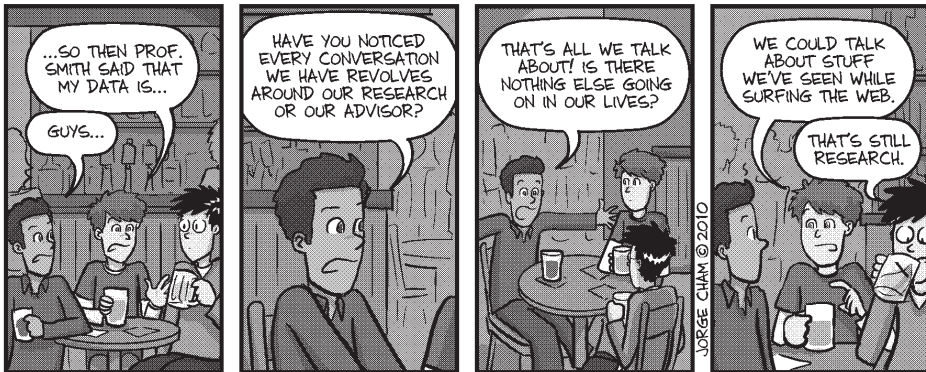
Creech has been a longtime person of interest in the Sheriff's Department investigation.

The storage facility where Smith's car was found was linked to Creech, who is serving an eight-year jail sentence after pleading no contest to one count of transportation for sale of a controlled substance in September 2012.

A law enforcement official previously told the AP that Smith was believed to have had a romantic relationship with Creech's wife, Chandrika, after meeting her in drug rehabilitation several years earlier.

Creech is scheduled to be arraigned on the new felony charge Monday. If convicted, he faces 25 years to life in state prison.

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## DAILY PUZZLES

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### Across

- Some portrait frames
- Noble \_\_\_
- Singsong syllable
- With 15-Across, accounting unit
- See 14-Across
- Like some aces
- Manage
- Walking \_\_\_
- Sound after a satisfying swig
- Scotch cocktails
- Zenith
- "I won't hurt you"
- Not as deliberate
- Toothbrush-endorsing org.
- With 31-Across, anathema
- See 29-Across
- Worlds
- \_\_\_ legend
- Question about change, which hints at the hidden feature of four two-part puzzle answers
- Blue Grotto locale
- "Ramona and Beezus" co-star Gomez
- With 47-Across, some receivers
- See 44-Across
- Set-\_\_\_
- Malady in the 2000 film "Memento"
- Like the best occult films
- It's about a foot
- Yield figures
- Figure under a line
- Five-and-drum drum
- Two cents
- Bardic before
- With 66-Across, National Book Award-winning novel by Don DeLillo
- See 65-Across
- "M\*A\*S\*H" titles
- Private
- Mount

### Down

- Pigs out (on)
- Center of gravity?

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- Presidential nickname
- Petrol unit
- Gave up a seat
- One of six British kings
- Year in Tuscany
- "Wait for me"
- Pension law signed by Ford, briefly
- Jordan neighbor: Abbr.
- Gillette razor
- Hole enlarger
- Cleave
- Comes to the surface
- Harsh-sounding, to some
- Traffic stopper?
- Notion
- "Elf" actor
- Shoshone Falls river
- Shroud city
- Chinese evergreen
- Zoo security features
- Droopy-eared hound
- Wonderful container?
- Bordeaux bean?
- "The Dukes of Hazzard" officer
- Tammany Hall caricaturist
- Mortarboard frill
- "That upset me!"
- Speakers of Tolkien's Noldorin language
- Costing more
- Corporate raider Carl
- Jockey's handful
- "This \_\_\_ a drill!"
- Mechanical repetition
- Prefix with light or night
- "Easy as \_\_\_!"
- Wear and tear
- Former Ohio governor Strickland



# No. 1 Baylor equestrian bests NMSU

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL  
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 1 Baylor Bears started off the spring equestrian season with a dominant 13-3 win over No. 10 New Mexico State on Thursday at the Willis Family Equestrian Center.

Baylor (9-0, 3-0) swept all four Most Outstanding Player honors. Sophomore Alicia Gasser (equitation on the flat), senior Sam Schaefer (equitation over fences), senior Parris Rice (horsemanship) and sophomore Ginger Chant (reining) were the recipients of the awards.

"The girls rode phenomenally," head coach Ellen White said. "[New Mexico State] is not a bad team. That is a ranked team and we really rode well. We're just that good."

Thursday's win over NMSU extended the Bears' winning streak to nine meets. The Bears finished their fall season with a perfect 8-0 overall record, including two massive victories of then-ranked No. 1 Georgia and No. 2 Kansas State. Baylor has kept the No. 1 ranking since October.

"We're so blessed to be able to do this anyway, and to be able to have such a successful fall season was huge for our team," Gasser said. "We've always been really united as a team. We come together very well, but to see it all come together and succeed for everyone involved it's really exciting for us. We really proved that we're here to win, and to be the very best that we can be."

Baylor shut out NMSU 5-0 in equitation on the flat and won equitation over fences 4-1. The Bears commanded the hunter seat discipline, nearly claiming all 10 available points. Baylor claimed a 9-1 edge in hunter seat.



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Sophomore hunt seat Erika Rodenski competes in horsemanship during Baylor equestrian's meet against New Mexico State University on Thursday. The Bears triumphed 13-3 to move to 9-0.

Schaefer led the Bears with the highest overall score (92) in equitation over fences. Schaefer also had the highest score (91) in equitation on the flat. Gasser and sophomore Savannah Jenkins followed just one point behind Schaefer, both scoring 90 in equitation on the flat.

"Today I felt great," Gasser said. "I got two very good draws so I was really excited about that and I felt great all week in practice, so I felt very confident com-

ing into today. I got two very good horses to ride today and it turned pretty well for me."

Baylor's excellence with hunter seat gave their Western discipline teammates quite a bit of slack to guarantee the overall points total win.

The Bears won the Western event 4-2. The eight-point deficit from the hunter seat totals paid off for Baylor after the Bears won Western discipline by just a two-point margin.

"We've been working on getting that momentum and that fire lit back underneath," Chant said. "It was exciting to come back and dominate like we did today. It was a good win for us and for us to come back that strong really proved that we deserve to be the number one team in the nation."

Rice and junior Mary Brown earned the highest scores (73.5) in horsemanship. Reining was the only event the Bears did not win outright. NMSU's Haley Newkirk and Kimmy Ferrante got the Aggies the 2-1 victory over the Bears.

"This was our first competition to come back and that's always a little like everyone is just kind of trying to get in the swing of things," White said. "This was our chance to get back and test the waters and make sure we're as good as we think we are."

The Bears have a busy, road-heavy schedule ahead of them. Just one home meet remains during the season until the final three days of the conference championship, which will be hosted in Waco in April.

"It kind of gets the momentum going for the next couple meets coming up," Gasser said. "We do have a pretty hard schedule for this spring season. I think we're definitely strong enough as a team. We have the team. We have the coaches. We have everything going for us right now."

Next up, Baylor meets Texas A&M at 10 a.m. Feb. 7 at Willis Family Equestrian Center. It will be the two teams' first meeting since Texas A&M's departure from the Big 12 in 2012.

"I think having the two home meets at the beginning of the season is good for us," Gasser said. "It gets us going again on our own horses, on our own turf so it's really helpful. We'll just take them one at a time, take them as they come and see what happens."

# Men's tennis sweeps Louisiana

By CODY SOTO  
SPORTS WRITER

When the No. 10 Baylor men's tennis team wants to defend their home courts, they mean it. The Bears obliterated Louisiana-Lafayette 7-0 on Thursday afternoon at the Hurd Tennis Center for their third straight sweep this season.

Baylor (3-1) was able to answer back after its season opening loss to then-No. 11 Illinois and since then has held its own in Waco. The win gives Baylor a 12-5 all-time series lead against the Ragin' Cajuns, including a 11-0 stance under head coach Matt Knoll.

"I thought we got off to a great start in singles, on five courts particularly," Knoll said. "Our level of intensity was good. Up and down, it was a really good day."

The Bears continued their winning ways in doubles play as fans saw different faces on the court. Junior Julian Lenz, No. 5 in the nation in men's singles, did not see game time during Thursday's matchup to prepare for the team's next competition in Dallas this weekend.

Freshman Juan Benitez and sophomore Max Tchoutakian stormed past Louisiana-Lafayette's Jake Wynan and Vlad Kramarov on court six for a 6-2 win in the duo's first appearance in doubles play this season.

"I was on court six for doubles, and I thought they competed really well," Knoll said. "We haven't coached them a lot in doubles, and they came out and fought really

hard. It was impressive."

Quickly after that, seniors Diego Galeano and Mate Zsiga handled their opponents on court four as the duo took a steady 6-2 win to end doubles play and give Baylor a 1-0 lead early against the Ragin' Cajuns. On court five, sophomore Vince Schneider and junior Felipe Rios were down 4-3 before the game was called due to new Intercollegiate Tennis Association rules for non-conference matches.

Singles play was underway shortly after doubles concluded and the Bears took control quickly.

All the Bears cruised in their opening set, except senior Tony Lupieri. With Lenz out, Lupieri was the No. 1 singles player for Baylor, and he got off to a slow start. Down 3-1, he was forced to fight back on court four.

"Tony got off to a bad start," Knoll said. "He didn't get to the court as ready to play as I would like. He didn't play doubles, and I think that kept his mental preparation not as good as it should have been."

Schneider didn't look to have much trouble on court six and did not drop a single game until late in the second set before defeating Kramarov 6-0, 6-1 in a timely fashion. Less than five minutes later, Galeano took down Jarred Wynan in a heated match 6-2, 6-0 on court five.

With Baylor leading the match 3-0, No. 121 Rios sealed the deal all the way on court one as he fought off Rok Sitar for the 6-1, 6-1 win to give Baylor its third straight win at

home.

The rest of the singles matches were played out, and the winning streak did not change. No. 2 seeded Tchoutakian blanked Edgar Lopez in the opening set, but he was able to break a 2-2 tie in the second set to win 6-0, 6-3 on court three.

"At the beginning, I was focused and ready for this match," Tchoutakian said. "We compete hard. I was playing very well from the beginning and gained confidence."

Since the season opener, Knoll has fluctuated the lineup depending on what players would compete. Tchoutakian has steadily climbed his way from No. 4 to No. 2 and will be in the mix for the rest of the season, Knoll said.

"Max had a strong ending today and played really well," he said. "He loves pace; the harder you hit it the better he plays, and that's what we're going to have to continue to think about when doing the lineup."

Zsiga followed Tchoutakian's match with an exciting 6-0, 6-3 match victory on court two, and Lupieri shook off the early start to defeat Jake Wynan 6-4, 6-3 to hand Baylor a clean sweep in every single match.

The Bears travel to Dallas this weekend to participate in the USTA \$100,000 RBC Tennis Championships Baylor will face Tulsa in Tulsa, Okla. on Feb. 6 before competing in the National Indoor Championships in Chicago, Ill. Baylor returns home on Feb. 20 to host Purdue at the Hurd Tennis Center.

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#### Texas Hazing Law, Subchapter F, Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code

**§ 37.151. DEFINITIONS.** In this subchapter: (1) "Educational institution" includes a public or private high school. (2) "Pledge" means any person who has been accepted by, is considering an offer of membership from, or is in the process of qualifying for membership in an organization. (3) "Pledging" means any action or activity related to becoming a member of an organization. (4) "Student" means any person who: (A) is registered in or in attendance at an educational institution; (B) has been accepted for admission at the educational institution where the hazing incident occurs; or (C) intends to attend an educational institution during any of its regular sessions after a period of scheduled vacation. (5) "Organization" means a fraternity, sorority, association, corporation, order, society, corps, club, or service, social, or similar group, whose members are primarily students. (6) "Hazing" means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in an organization. The term includes: (A) any type of physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity; (B) any type of physical activity, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, calisthenics, or other activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student; (C) any activity involving consumption of a food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, liquor, drug, or other substance that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student; (D) any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism, that subjects the student to extreme mental stress, shame, or humiliation, that adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student or discourages the student from entering or remaining registered in an educational institution, or that may reasonably be expected to cause a student to leave the organization or the institution rather than submit to acts described in this subdivision; and (E) any activity that induces, causes, or requires the student to perform a duty or task that involves a violation of the Penal Code.

**§ 37.152. PERSONAL HAZING OFFENSE.** (a) A person commits an offense if the person: (1) engages in hazing; (2) solicits, encourages, directs, aids, or attempts to aid another in engaging in hazing; (3) recklessly permits hazing to occur; or (4) has firsthand knowledge of the planning of a specific hazing incident involving a student in an educational institution, or has firsthand knowledge that a specific hazing incident has occurred, and knowingly fails to report that knowledge in writing to the dean of students or other appropriate official of the institution. (b) The offense of failing to report is a Class B misdemeanor. (c) Any other offense under this section that does not cause serious bodily injury to another is a Class B misdemeanor. (d) Any other offense under this section that causes serious bodily injury to another is a Class A misdemeanor. (e) Any other offense under this section that causes the death of another is a state jail felony. (f) Except if an offense causes the death of a student, in sentencing a person convicted of an offense under this section, the court may require the person to perform community service, subject to the same conditions imposed on a person placed on community supervision under Section 11, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, for an appropriate period of time in lieu of confinement in county jail or in lieu of a part of the time the person is sentenced to confinement in county jail.

**§ 37.153. ORGANIZATION HAZING OFFENSE.** (a) An organization commits an offense if the organization condones or encourages hazing or if an officer or any combination of members, pledges, or alumni of the organization commits or assists in the commission of hazing. (b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by: (1) a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$10,000; or (2) if the court finds that the offense caused personal injury, property damage, or other loss, a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than double the amount lost or expenses incurred because of the injury, damage, or loss.

**§ 37.154. CONSENT NOT A DEFENSE.** It is not a defense to prosecution of an offense under this subchapter that the person against whom the hazing was directed consented to or acquiesced in the hazing activity.

**§ 37.155. IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION AVAILABLE.** In the prosecution of an offense under this subchapter, the court may grant immunity from prosecution for the offense to each person who is subpoenaed to testify for the prosecution and who does testify for the prosecution. Any person reporting a specific hazing incident involving a student in an educational institution to the dean of students or other appropriate official of the institution is immune from civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of the report. Immunity extends to participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from the report. A person reporting in bad faith or with malice is not protected by this section.

**§ 37.156. OFFENSES IN ADDITION TO OTHER PENAL PROVISIONS.** This subchapter does not affect or repeal any penal law of this state. This subchapter does not limit or affect the right of an educational institution to enforce its own penalties against hazing.

**§ 37.157. REPORTING BY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES.** A doctor or other medical practitioner who treats a student who may have been subjected to hazing activities: (1) may report the suspected hazing activities to police or other law enforcement officials; and (2) is immune from civil or other liability that might otherwise be imposed or incurred as a result of the report, unless the report is made in bad faith or with malice.

The following student organization has been disciplined for hazing or convicted for hazing during the previous three years:

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| Alpha Kappa Alpha Fall 2012 | Delta Sigma Theta Fall 2012 | Phi Gamma Delta Spring 2012 & Spring 2013 |
| Pi Kappa Phi Spring 2013    | Alpha Kappa Psi Spring 2014 |   |

Baylor's Statement on Hazing can be reviewed online at: [http://www.baylor.edu/student\\_policies/hazing](http://www.baylor.edu/student_policies/hazing).

### HONOR CODE REPORT Spring 2015

The Baylor University Honor Council is charged with the responsibility of reporting each semester to the campus community violations of the Honor Code.

During the fall 2014 semester, there were 84 reported violations of the Honor Code; 23 of these cases proceeded to Honor Council hearings. The other 61 cases were handled by faculty. Some cases are still pending.

The types of violations and sanctions for each may be reviewed on the Academic Integrity Web site under the [Honor Council Reports](http://www.baylor.edu/student_policies/honorcode) at: [http://www.baylor.edu/student\\_policies/honorcode](http://www.baylor.edu/student_policies/honorcode).

Copies of Baylor's Statement on Hazing and the Honor Code are available from Judicial Affairs and the Office of Academic Integrity.

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# No. 20 Baylor MBB prepares to hook No. 19 Texas Longhorns

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No. 20 Baylor men's basketball returns home to the Ferrell Center as the No. 19 Texas Longhorns come into town for another top 20 matchup on Saturday.

The Bears (15-5, 3-4 Big 12) are in the middle of the pack in the Big 12, winning three games over two ranked opponents at home and against an improved TCU team in Fort Worth. However, the team has not been able to perform on the road as well as they've needed to, dropping three contests against Kansas State, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State since the start of conference play.

After a crowd-pleasing 69-58 win over then-No. 19 Oklahoma, the Bears stumbled in their next conference game in Stillwater, Okla. to drop a 64-53 decision to

the Cowboys. In the game, the offense could not pull together a late run while it continued to shoot 34.5 percent.

"We couldn't get buckets in transition or inside," head coach Scott Drew said. "It seemed all night that we didn't have any easy things."

While the Bears had 35 rebounds in the Tuesday night matchup, the team didn't get any luck when it did get the rebound. The Cowboys made it difficult to get both the offense and defense going for the Bears.

"Oklahoma State is very good in defensive rebounding," Drew said. "They did a better job than us on the boards, we didn't make some shots, and that's where you've got to give them credit where credit's due. They had some guys stepped up and make good shots tonight."

If the Bears want to come out

victorious against a very talented Longhorn team, they've got to learn from their mistakes in Stillwater.

"We've got to do a better job taking care of the ball," Gathers said. "We got up quick shots. The momentum was going their way, and we have to be poised down the stretch. We did a real good job on defense, but not a good job on the offensive end, and that made it hard."

The Longhorns started the season on a hot streak and only dropped a game to No. 1 Kentucky on the road and a close overtime loss to Stanford in Austin. Since then, the Longhorns have had their highs and lows in the Big 12.

After they trampled Texas Tech to start out conference play, the Longhorns went on an unusual win-lose pattern. Texas dropped a 21-point loss to Oklahoma and

an 11-point contest against Oklahoma State, then went and topped then-No. 16 West Virginia and TCU. The team then made a full turn right after that to lose to then-No. 11 Kansas and most recently No. 15 Iowa State on Monday.

The Longhorns have four players who averaged double-digit points per contest with Isaiah Thomas leading the way with 13.4 per game. Texas has an aggressive front court and a balanced guard position where it averages 70 points each game.

The Bears have a chance to take advantage of their home court and get back on track this Saturday with another ranked foe in their territory. As a motivation for the matchup, Baylor lost both meetings last year to the Longhorns.

"We've bounced back successfully so far this year, and that's what we need to keep doing because we



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Junior forward Taurean Prince lays in the ball during Baylor's game against Oklahoma on Saturday. The Bears won 69-58.

all know how tough it is on the road," Drew said. "The key is to protect our home court, and fans are a lot more important than they may realize."

The Bears and Longhorns showdown starts at 5 p.m. at the Ferrell Center on Saturday night. The matchup will be broadcast live on ESPN2.

## Former Baylor WR Josh Gordon could be playing with fire

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### SPORTS TAKE

Last week, the NFL issued a one-year ban to Cleveland Browns receiver and ex-Baylor Bear Josh Gordon failing a team drug test, testing positive for alcohol. It is not the first time Gordon has been part of a drug violation. It has been something he has fought for all of his life, even before his professional career.

Gordon left Baylor after getting suspended indefinitely by the team for multiple drug violations.

He has a problem. We all know it. He even publicly admitted it in

an open letter he published online on Thursday. He is deeply burdened with a drug problem, but he is also magnificently gifted.

Gordon was the receiving yards leader in the 2013-14 season, even with the two-game suspension he had to serve at the beginning of the season. A two-game jump was not enough for the rest of the NFL's receivers to catch him.

With the chance of becoming one of the greatest receivers of his generation, possibly of all time, Gordon is playing with fire.

As the reports of his one-year ban from the NFL began circulating sports media sites and chan-

nels, TV personalities like Charles Barkley and Stephen A. Smith voiced their opinions about Gordon's status.

Gordon took note of the media blitz and published an open letter specifically made out to Barkley and Smith. Gordon goes on to talk about how Barkley and Smith, along with the rest of those in sports media, don't know him personally.

Their moral judgements were unfair in Gordon's eyes because they do not know all that he has

been through. Furthermore, he saw their comments as disingenuous because they have never shown interest in a personal relationship with him. That's where it seems Gordon's main problem lies, aside from the obvious drugs.

Granted, not all of the media is actually concerned with Gordon's well-being. Their words may indeed be hollow. However, there

is something in the comments from Barkley, Carter and Smith that could actually be meaningful for Gordon.

Instead of heeding the words of the many people who have spoken out in support of him he chooses to quarrel with ex-players via the Internet about how they don't understand where he's coming from.

Could it be that some of the sports media members criticizing him do, in fact, understand the type of background he has? Could it also be that some of the media members criticizing him are also trying to assist him in changing his ways for the better?

I'm not so sure Gordon has considered their intentions or the value of the attention they have given him with their platform. I find that problematic for Gordon, an NFL player who is on the edge of losing the chance to millions upon millions of dollars playing professional football.

He doesn't have his priorities straight and now he's doing a bit of damage control for his moral reputation. I wish I could watch him every Sunday doing what he's best at doing. The guy is incredible, but there are rules in the NFL and he has broken them over and over.



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# Baylor Founders Day Celebrating 170 Years!

On February 1, 1845, officials of the Republic of Texas established Baylor University – the state's oldest continuously operating university. Our founders – R.E.B. Baylor, James Huckins and William Tryon – envisioned a University that would grow and advance over time and that would remain dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in education grounded in Christian faith.

Today, and every year on this Founders Day anniversary, the Baylor family celebrates the foresight of our founders and the vision of the generations that followed.

In honor of our founders, the University annually selects members of the Baylor family to receive an award called the Founders Medal. These recipients reflect a love for and service to Baylor that is evident in their actions and support across many areas of the University. Today, we also celebrate and say "thank you" to 2015 Founders Medal recipients **Gale (BBA '52) and Connie Galloway.**



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