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Obama sets Hill on path to war vote

By DAVID ESPO AND NEDRA PICKLER
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WASHINGTON — Vowing that Islamic State forces are “going to lose,” President Barack Obama urged Congress on Wednesday to authorize military action against terrorists who are cutting a swath across the Middle East. Yet he ruled out large-scale U.S. ground combat operations reminiscent of Iraq and Afghanistan.

“I’m convinced that the United States should not get dragged back into another prolonged ground war,” the president said at the White House as he set Congress on a path to its first war-powers vote in 13 years.

Despite his words of reassurance, initial reaction in Congress amounted to bipartisan skepticism, with much of the dissatisfaction centered on his attempt to find a political middle ground with respect to ground forces.

Republicans expressed unhappiness that he had chosen to exclude any long-term commitment of ground forces, while some Democrats voiced dismay that he had opened the door to deployment at all.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., also

said Obama had ruled out air support for U.S.-trained rebels battling Syrian President Bashar Assad, adding, “That’s immoral.”

Under Obama’s proposal, the use of military force against Islamic State fighters would be authorized for three years, unbounded by national borders. The fight could be extended to any “closely related successor entity” to the Islamic State organization that has overrun parts of Iraq and Syria, imposed a stern form of Sharia law and killed several hostages it has taken, Americans among them.

“Make no mistake. This is a difficult mission,” Obama said in seeking action against a group that he said threatens America’s own security. He said it will take time to dislodge the terrorists, especially from urban areas. “But our coalition is on the offensive. ISIL is on the defensive, and ISIL is going to lose.” ISIL is one acronym for the Islamic State group.

The 2002 congressional authorization that preceded the American-led invasion of Iraq would be repealed under the White House proposal, a step some Republicans were unhappy to see. But a separate

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Order nullified by court revote

FROM LARIAT REPORTS

The brief dispute between Student Court and the Lariat regarding the issuance of a no-contact order to the press came to a close Tuesday evening.

At 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, Lariat editor-in-chief Linda Wilkins received a nullification document from Chief Justice Cody Coll, Roswell, N.M., junior, stating that the Student Court renders null and void the no-contact order issued to the Lariat.

The court voted unanimously to nullify the original order issued Thursday and the amended order issued Monday. On the same day the Lariat received the nullification document, the Department of Student Activities stated the Student Court’s authority in this case is limited to overseeing proceedings and

parties directly involved in hearings.

The no-contact order given to the Lariat pertained to the McCahill, Hardy v. Kinghorn case, in which two student senators filed suit against student body internal vice president. The attended order stated that no member of the press which the court has jurisdiction over could contact anyone on the court except for Coll.

The issuance started a six-day deliberation regarding Student Court’s jurisdiction over members of the press. According to the Student Body Constitution, the court is responsible for adjudicating matters between students versus students, organizations versus students, students versus organizations and other matters deemed

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JESS SCHURZ | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Hotdogs, polka and underpants. Oh my!

Baylor Theatre presents Waco-born Steve Martin’s adaptation of the 1911 German play “The Underpants” on Wednesday evening in the Mabree Theatre. This comedy pokes fun at traditional gender roles in the German middle class. “The Underpants” will continue to show in the Mabree Theatre for the rest of this week at 7:30 p.m. and two matinee performances at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Psychology prof receives top award

By AMANDA HAYES
REPORTER

After 57 years of teaching at Baylor, Dr. Roger Kirk, distinguished professor of psychology and statistics, said he received what he considers the most important award of his career.

Recently, he was honored with the American Psychological Foundation Charles L. Brewer Distinguished Teaching of Psychology Award.

“I feel so fortunate,” Kirk said. “There’s a lot of competition with so many great teachers.”

The Brewer award recognizes significant career contributions of a psychologist who has a proven track record as an exceptional

teacher of psychology, according to the American Psychological Foundation.

Dr. Charles A. Weaver, department chair and professor of psychology and neuroscience, nominated Dr. Kirk for the award.

“He is a legend,” Weaver said about Kirk. “Learning statistics from Dr. Kirk is like taking an art class from Michelangelo, or evolution from Darwin. He is that big of a figure.”

Over the course of his career, Kirk said he found unique methods to help students understand the material. Kirk understands that statistics can be a dull subject, and uses his dance skills to get students’ attention.

“If my students’ eyes look

glazed over, I will do a cha-cha step or tell a story about my wife, Jane,” Kirk said.

“That gets them to come out of their stupor.”

Weaver said Dr. Kirk literally wrote the book on experimental design, as he teaches from his own textbooks.

“It’s as if the award were created for him,” Weaver said. “National recognition is long overdue.”

Kirk also has another reason to celebrate, as in three months he will be a pancreatic cancer survivor of two years.

During his college years at Ohio State University, Kirk was a trombone player and earned two degrees in music. When he realized music was not the career path for him, Kirk went through career counseling.

“God gives us all certain talents,” Kirk said. “I was pointed toward psychology, and I’m so happy.”

Before coming to Baylor in 1958, Kirk had never been to Texas. He was interested to see what it would be like, and said he had no

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Kirk

Multistate dispute calls for BU help

By RACHEL LELAND
STAFF WRITER



HANNAH HASELOFF | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Dr. Ryan King, biology department graduate program director studies the aquatic ecosystems Tuesday in Waco Creek outside the Baylor Sciences Building.

Dr. Ryan King, biology department graduate program director, will counsel the Scenic River Joint Study Committee, which will finalize the phosphorous level of Oklahoma’s scenic rivers, a central point of numerous legal battles between Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Industrial fertilizer run-off from Arkansas is believed to be the cause of “nuisance algae” in Oklahoma which can cause oxygen depletion and kill fish.

Oklahoma standardized a .037 mpl phosphorous concentration for six of its “scenic rivers” in 2002 to prevent harmful algal-blooms trig-

gered by high levels of phosphorous.

To settle the dispute, the committee sought an expert who had done similar work before, and who was not from an institution in Arkansas or Oklahoma, to gather data, analyze it, and inform the committee of an acceptable phosphorous level.

Dr. King responded to a request for proposals and became one of three candidates brought to Tulsa, Okl. to present how each would conduct the study. Baylor’s team was chosen.

Philadelphia graduate student, Lauren Housley, who assists Dr.

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Waco groups to come together Wednesday to make impact

By MADI MILLER
REPORTER

After ten years of preparation, Prosper Waco will host their inaugural event from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the Waco Convention Center in an effort to introduce themselves to the Waco community.

Prosper Waco is a collective impact initiative, where multiple groups come together for the sake of one cause, that has been in the works for almost a decade, geared towards the improvement of the education, health and financial se-

curity of the Waco.

“Collective impact is a collaborative approach across multiple sectors of the community to align resources and create progress towards a common agenda,” said Prosper Waco team member Kim Kazanas.

The initiative consists of eight board members who are considered community leaders, past and present, including Mayor Malcolm Duncan and former mayor Virginia DuPuy, according to the website.

“You don’t have to be a certain age or have so much experience in your field in order to be an active



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and engaged community member,” said Woodville senior Kristyn Miller, student body external vice president. “We as college students right now can be fully engaged and

fully supportive of community efforts and improvements.”

Prosper Waco has capped the registration on the inaugural event with around 500 community mem-

bers signed up to attend.

“We are kind of kicking off our organization at that event,” Kazanas said. “In two general sessions we will talk about the concepts of collective impact and what that means for Waco.”

During the first half of the event, the group will learn all about what the collective impact initiative is. In the second half of the event, the group of 500 will break into three groups, each relating to the different impact areas for open sessions to discuss goals and expectations for the future of Waco.

“Our structure is such that we

define goals for where our community needs to be,” Kazanas said.

In the groups, participants will work on goals for Waco for where the community members want to see the city improve in the future, Kazanas said.

In terms of accomplishing each goal, Prosper Waco will look to organizations for help in achieving their goals.

“We would begin to consider even funding some of those programs to support those goals,” Kazanas said. “We are kind of creating

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How should you respond to social injustice?



ASHER FREEMAN

Editorial

If you pay attention to the news, you probably hear about social injustices around the world. These injustices range from issues of race to religion to gender. Something you might not hear is how to actually solve or combat these social injustices.

It's difficult to pinpoint how any one social injustice can be fought. Take, for example, Michael Brown's death in Ferguson, Mo. Some people called this a social injustice, especially because the policeman who shot Brown was not charged. There were several responses to this situation — people rioted, participated in silent protests, took to the Internet to debate and spread awareness, and others did nothing. At Baylor, after an intramural team called itself "Ferguson PD," there was a panel discussion to raise awareness and have a conversation about race issues.

However, what came of these actions? The intramural team at Baylor changed its name. There was a march on campus during Christmas on Fifth to raise awareness as well. Did the march achieve its goal?

Perhaps a series of actions would work well together. A panel to start a discussion. A march to

raise awareness. Press conferences to express the underlying issues to a single social injustice. Petitions. Peaceful assembly. Social media campaigns. Letters to the local news outlets.

If even one person's mind was changed as to race relations or if someone now understands someone else's perspective, then, yes, these actions were successful. Even if it seems as though nothing changed — it has. Change can't always be instantaneous. Sometimes we never see the results of our actions until years later, or perhaps at all.

This does not mean, however, that every social injustice needs a riot or protest to see change. It doesn't mean a panel is necessary. It doesn't mean a silent march will make a difference.

We aren't advocating for violence in response to social injustice. It's easy to write off violence as criminal and therefore incredible — which doesn't solve anything. However, a panel discussion won't solve every problem either.

There should be a time of reflection before action when an injustice occurs. Before jumping to a solution that you think is best for a social injustice, you should be willing to understand every angle. Is it a social injustice or a misunderstanding? What would

be the most effective way to spread awareness of the injustice or prevent a future misunderstanding?

Speaking and acting with dignity and grace may not receive as much media attention as a riot does. But consider the type of press you want for an injustice — to be known as crazy rioters or reasonable, thinking people. People who can lend a face to the injustice and humanize it.

Human trafficking is a major social injustice in our society. People are still being kidnapped, beaten, forced to take drugs and made to work like slaves. Campaigns like 268Generation and Unbound have raised awareness by citing statistics of human trafficking, which are shocking alone, and have also told the stories of people who've experienced trafficking. These organizations provide faces for a social injustice many of us in America don't encounter on a regular basis.

Find a cause you are passionate about. Think about the many social injustices that still exist in our world. Consider how you can help. Someone who has thought out a problem rationally can make a bigger impact on a social injustice in the long term, over someone who acts rashly in one moment that is eventually lost in history.

@ManBunMondays is top notch

Monday. My favorite day of the week.

It didn't used to be my favorite day. That is, until I discovered the best Instagram account on my favorite topic.

And that topic is man buns, also known as "muns."

Every day, but especially on Mondays, @ManBunMonday graces my Instagram feed with portraits of tresses piled on top of men's crowning glory.

The man bun is truly a work of art, a delicate balance of masculinity, androgyny, irony and creativity.

Perhaps the trend started centuries ago with the stylish Terracotta Warriors.

Long hair on men used to be seen mainly on skaters, surfers, hippies or Rastafarians.

Men who have rocked the man bun effortlessly and graciously include One Direction's Zayn Malik, Game of Thrones' Kit Harington, Ireland's Hozier and Mulan's Li Shang.

Even Bruce Jenner has tried the man bun, but that's another story.

The list of wearers of this trend goes on and on. But, whether it's half-shaved, fine, kinky or in dreadlocks, all hair



Shannon Barbour
Reporter

gender constructions. Or maybe it's because it's a sign of a man who will always have spare hair ties to donate. Man buns are a true win-win trend for everyone.

Although GQ claims the man bun will no longer be a trend this year, it's become even more popular as more and more men are beginning and middle stages of growing out their hair.

The numerous Tumblr and Instagram accounts, BuzzFeed posts and even YouTube tutorials prove the growing popularity of the hairstyle and that it's here to stay.

The man bun is quickly replacing the hipster mustache and beard trend. Muns may even make men forgo their regular trims and haircuts instead of throwing out their razors every November.

While not completely original, this trend has garnered more wearers, fans, tutorials and Instagram accounts and will continue to be seen on the red carpet, runways and on the streets.

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types can sport the man bun.

A truly versatile hairstyle, the man bun made its first appearance in my life last semester while I was studying in London.

The congested streets and public transportation were filled with seasoned man bun veterans and other men trying out the easy, effortless style.

After coming back to America in December, I noticed man buns were quickly gaining popularity and causing obsessions among its admirers on this side of the pond.

Maybe it's because it can save a guy's otherwise greasy or unsightly mane and make it look it attractive and put together. Maybe it's because it represents someone who is not defined by social

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Lariat Letters

I slapped a cow when I read the Lariat

One time I had a dream that coffee and ice cream would one day walk hand in hand. One day I woke up, read the Baylor Lariat and slapped a cow sideways while yelling yeehaw when I saw it was coming into reality.

After reading the Dec. 5 article "Common Grounds Owner Plans to Open Organic Creamery Next Door to Coffee Shop," I have come to the conclusion that Blake Batson may or may not be (but most likely is) the reincarnation of Einstein paired with an uncanny ability to be intuitive to the food cravings of a college student just trying to make it in a dog-eat-dog world. When I asked Megan Henderson, who is the executive director of Downtown Waco Development, what she thought of Batson's idea, she agreed.

"Great businesses work well on their own, but even better in clusters," Henderson said. "Batson's idea to open an ice cream shop next door to Common Grounds makes sense for several reasons, but I'm most interested in its potential to increase visits to the area, increase the length of visits and make it even more practical to visit on foot or bike. Expanding into a cluster is the next step for an emerging district and this is a great sign. Even better, ice cream is something folks love and his concept to use locally-sourced ingredients makes

this a strong and unique offering."

He is a genius and my only concern is that those at Homestead Heritage, 20 minutes outside of central Waco, don't feel like their wagon tracks are being tread on with the similar sounding name and similar style of organic, homegrown ice cream.

If I could personally give a shout-out of advice as a third-party outsider with actually a lot of interest in the matter, I would suggest this as a great opportunity to create unity with the Homestead community as a whole; where they could partner to make one heck of a timeless, home-good-ole-gourmet-comfort-rockin'-chaired-grassrooted ice cream. According to a former Common Grounds employee who has the scoops, "I heard they are making a baked potato ice cream flavor."

Another employee at CG, Tiffany, whom I talked to about the creamery earlier this year, said, "They use all-natural ingredients and the taste is very wholesome and the flavors are very unique." Needless to say it can't just be coincidence that I am writing this after MLK Day because it seems that my dream to see coffee and ice cream walk hand in hand is coming true oh so soon.

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From the Lariat blog



"It's important for satire news to be good, if only for my sanity. And for "The Daily Show" to stay at the top of a growing pack, they'll need a stellar replacement."

— 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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Student one of five to receive national award

AMANDA YARGER
REPORTER

After being prompted by the late Dr. Joe Cox, Emily McWhirter finally applied for the Society for Human Resource Management Foundation's student scholarship, despite personal reservations.

Now, since receiving the award after her mentor passed away, the Candenton, Mo., senior is glad she did.

The \$2,500 award is presented to only five undergraduate students in the nation each year, according to the SHRM site.

McWhirter, a human resources management major, said she did not expect to receive the award.

"I didn't feel like it was likely at all to get this scholarship. I just applied and hoped that they would select me," McWhirter wrote in an email to the Lariat.

According to the society's site, the award is based primarily on merit and contributing factors that include the applicant's involvement within their SHRM chapter, academic achievement and additional leadership activities.

As former president of the Baylor chapter of Delta Delta Delta, McWhirter is no stranger to leadership. The position allowed her to gain valuable experience with

skills for a future in human resources, she wrote.

Currently, she is co-president of the Baylor Association of Human Resources, a student chapter of SHRM sponsored by the Dallas division.

"The scholarship will help me graduate from Baylor debt-free," McWhirter said. "This will help me tremendously in the future because I won't be bogged down with massive student loans."

Cox, a former professor of management, not only supported McWhirter by encouraging her to apply for the scholarship, but also suggested she join the organization that awarded her the scholarship in the first place.

"He passed away over the summer and was unable to finish writing my letter of recommendation, but he always told me that I was an excellent candidate to receive a SHRM scholarship," she said.

Cox passed away in July 2014, and was the founder of the Baylor Association for Human Resources, serving as its faculty adviser for 30 years.

When Cox passed away, McWhirter asked her sorority advisor, Dr. David G. Henry Sr, to write her letter of recommendation.

The Baylor School of Law adjunct professor said he has known



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Candenton, Mo., senior Emily McWhirter was one of five students to get the Society for Human Resource Management Foundation scholarship.

McWhirter for a little over three years and recognizes her as a great leader because of her ability to avoid delegating tasks to others that she herself could not do.

"Emily is eminently capable in everything I've ever seen her do—impeccable integrity, a quality individual, boundless energy," Henry said. "You rarely ever see anything but a smile on Emily's face, which is also important to me."

Henry said McWhirter's attitude also helps her be a great leader because she does not fake or force her positivity.

"A leader is supposed to inspire the people around them," he said. "You can't inspire the people

around you without an upbeat attitude...Just enthusiasm for the possible, excitement for the future."

McWhirter said she loves the HR profession because she enjoys problem solving and being available to help people.

"I love studying HR because of the marketability of the major upon graduation," she said. "Every company needs an HR employee and it makes me very marketable to get a job in any city."

McWhirter has accepted a job as a talent development representative for Lockheed Martin in the Missiles & Fire Control Division in Grand Prairie and will start immediately following graduation.

THE BOTTOM LINE

THOUGHTS FROM A STUDENT ECONOMIST

Financial illiteracy: Why is this a bad thing for students?

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CITY EDITOR

The results are in, and the prognosis looks grim. Half of Texas is one financial crisis away from slipping into poverty, according to a report released last week by the Corporation for Enterprise Development. The corporation also ranked Texas 41st among states that help its residents protect their assets.

Texas consistently ranks chief among states with low unemployment rates and consistently high job growth. Those within the lower and middle classes, however, still have difficult times climbing the economic

ladder and feel financially insecure. Unfortunately, financial literacy is one of the main reasons these problems persist.

Students should make conscious efforts to practice and learn wise spending, saving and investing habits early on, before it's too late.

The lifetime savings and consumption model describes the average person as being a primary consumer during the initial and latter portions of their lives. Decisions like attending college, buying a house and paying for a wedding are events economists assume most people will end up borrowing for, which would place them in consumption categories.

Even though college is considered an investment (and here, I use that word lightly), you still may have to borrow for it. Years down the road, you should eventually yield a return on your college investment with wages you

earn from a job. Soon, after paying off debts incurred during these early stages, you may even get to save. Saving is crucial during these years you work since you'll be mostly consuming during retirement. There's just one problem: if you do not save during these years, you could have serious problems ahead.

According to a report published by the Boston Consulting Group last year, millennials account for about \$1.3 trillion in spending. The trend in spending, which starkly contrasts previous generations, comes from the millennial need to engage with brands. However, this need to do so is causing a decrease

in savings, while consumption increases at a steady rate.

This increase in consumption during the "saving years," coupled with the existing cost of borrowing to attend college, could cause current students to have financial issues during their latter stages of life, and even before.

What's sad is that quite often consumers can take a few extra simple steps that could help decrease their consumption during these saving years. For example, credit card companies and banks who are looking to make a profit prey on the young who often don't know better. This especially applies to students. Asking questions about the terms of student loans, credit card interest rates and financing options for your first home or automobile could all lead to a brighter financial future.

Remember, when it comes to your money, there are no such things as dumb questions.



Reubin Turner

Greek talks with eurozone find no solution

LORNE COOK AND PAN PYLAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRUSSELS — Talks between Greece and its creditors in the 19-country eurozone broke down Thursday without agreement or even a plan of action on how to move forward on the country's debts and bailout.

Following an emergency meeting of the eurogroup in Brussels, the two sides failed to even issue a statement, a sign that a compromise deal over Greece's debts at next Monday's follow-up meeting will be a struggle.

Jeroen Dijsselbloem, the head of the eurogroup of finance ministers, said detailed proposals weren't even discussed, adding that there wasn't enough common ground to chart the road to the



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Pro-government protesters gather in front of Greece's parliament to back its demands of a bailout debt renegotiation Wednesday in central Athens.

next meeting.

"It was my ambition to agree on the steps to take the next couple of days so we could spend them well and make more progress between now and Monday," he said. "Unfortunately we've not been able to do that so we will continue our talks on Monday and move on

from there."

Europe has been embroiled in another Greek crisis following the election of the radical-left Syriza government last month. The new government was elected on a mandate to drastically reduce the burden of the country's bailout and the associated budget austerity

measures, which it blames in large part for the country's economic woes. Despite a recent modest return to growth, the Greek economy is around 25 percent smaller than it was and poverty and unemployment rates have swelled.

Not deterred by the failure to agree to a new plan, Greece's finance minister, Yanis Varoufakis, laid out the hope that progress could be made at Monday's meeting.

"We had a very constructive and extensive discussion of all the facets of the Greek crisis and the way in which the eurogroup can facilitate the transition to a new phase in the history of the Greek social economy so we overcome the debt deflationary crisis, the humanitarian crisis and so on," Varoufakis said.

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Tenured TV reporter dies in NYC crash

By Tom McElroy
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Longtime "60 Minutes" correspondent Bob Simon, who covered riots, Academy Award-nominated movies and wars and was held captive for more than a month in Iraq two decades ago, died in a car crash on Wednesday. He was 73.



Smith

"CBS Evening News" anchor Scott Pelley, his eyes red, announced the death in a special report. "We have some sad news from within our CBS News family," Pelley said. "Our colleague Bob Simon was killed this evening." "Vietnam is where he first began covering warfare, and he gave his firsthand reporting from virtually every major battlefield around the world since," Pelley said. A town car in which Simon was a passenger hit another car stopped at a Manhattan traffic light and then slammed into metal barriers. Simon was soon pronounced dead.

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necessary by Dr. Kevin Jackson, vice president of student life. Though all Lariat employees are students, the Lariat is a publication of the university, rather than a student organization. This means it does not fall under the umbrella of organizations presided over by the Student Senate, as confirmed by a

statement from Student Activities. The Student Court does, however, have the authority to issue orders to parties directly involved in the case. Should the order be violated, the court has the right to issue the violator a recommendation for disciplinary action.

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King in his research, said she hopes the study can inform the public on the environmental risk that fertilizer poses. "It's such a struggle to get people to think about what they put in their water and it's a struggle when you think, 'If I pour this toxic chemical down my drain, they don't realize that things like fertilizer are bad,'" Housley said.

Oklahoma hoped the standardized phosphorous level would prevent unesthetic algae from overpopulating Oklahoma's few pristine-clear watered streams, including the Illinois River, which draws as many as 10,000 visitors on summer weekends.

"If you've got people floating the river what you have is sometimes they complain about and they talk about how they're not coming back," King said. "Often people are barefoot and people say it's gross. To feel that tickling your legs and getting your toes in that and then it washes up on the bank and starts to stink and it attracts flies."

This conflict of interests led to numerous legal battles, including one that went to the Supreme Court in 1992, where the justices

ruled unanimously that Arkansas was obliged to comply with Oklahoma's water standards.

According to King, northwest Arkansas is the second largest producer of chickens. And chicken waste is often used to fertilize land where cattle graze.

"In order to get rid of it, cow farms got the chicken waste," Dr. King said. "The problem is that it saturates the soil with phosphorous and then it gets into the water."

Although these industries are important for Arkansas' economy, the runoff is devastating for the popular destination spots on the scenic rivers.

"It ends up flowing down and causing problems for people who really aren't the ones who should be paying for it," said King.

King said Arkansas made attempts to limit the phosphorous runoff that crosses the state's border, but that the efforts are not enough.

Derek Smithee of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board said in 2012, phosphorous levels in some areas were 5 times that. He is also the co-chair of Oklahoma's half of the joint-committee.

The 2002 agreement gave Okla-

homa and Arkansas 10 years to reach the phosphorous level of .0375 mpl.

"That was greeted with some displeasure and a bunch of concern that the number was too stringent," Smithee said.

To conduct the research, which he hopes to finalize by the end of 2016, King and a group of graduate students will frequent 35 sites in both Arkansas and Oklahoma to collect data and returning to Baylor to analyze it.

For legal reasons, King could not comment on whether he thought the new phosphorus level would be greater or smaller than the current standard.

Whatever the standard will be, both Oklahoma and Arkansas are legally bound to respect it.

If the number is lower than the current standard, Arkansas may have to increase its efforts to prevent runoff phosphorus from crossing the border. This could cost the state millions of dollars.

Housley said he hopes that the study will have implications that reach.

"Having a study where were really looking at a lot of different sites and parameters," Housley said.



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If life is a highway, it runs through Fifth St

Waco senior Josh Brinzo shows off Waco senior Daniel Rager's red Nissan 350Z in an effort to attract new members to the Baylor Driving Club on Wednesday up and down Fifth Street. The warmer temperatures and excellent weather brought the Baylor Driving Club together. Almost a dozen cars were out Wednesday in the center of campus.

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idea he would find a home here.

Since then, Kirk has seen significant changes in Baylor facilities. When he first began teaching, the psychology department which have since been torn down. The facility was in such poor condition, he once had a student whose chair went through the floor.

Kirk said his experience at Baylor is different from other universities because of its strong

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a strategic plan for Waco."

Baylor students can get involved with this initiative by volunteering their time in seeing the initiative projects through.

"Baylor students should want to see Waco prosper," Miller said. "For four years, this place is our home and for four years we should care for it in the most thorough and compassionate way possible."

While this is not a student government-led initiative, Miller said she wants students to get involved and do what they can to help.

commitment to religious values and an emphasis on research that has increased throughout his career.

Kirk met his wife, a pianist in the Baylor School of Music, shortly after he came back to Waco from teaching a year in Fukuoka, Japan, in the early 1970s. He was interested in getting back to his roots in music, Kirk said, and a mutual friend in the music school introduced them.

Kirk said he now lives vicari-

ously through her musical talent, Kirk said, and the couple uses their shared passion for music in the form of dance. Together, they have studied ballroom dancing for 23 years and taught for 15 years.

In August, Dr. Kirk will give an address at the annual American Psychological Association convention, held in Toronto this year. He will present what he has learned about teaching over 57 years.

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authorization that was approved by Congress after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks would remain in force, to the consternation of some Democrats.

At the heart of the debate, the struggle to define any role for American ground forces is likely to determine the outcome of the administration's request for legislation. White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the proposal was intentionally ambiguous on that point to give the president flexibility, although the approach also was an attempt to bridge a deep divide in Congress.

While asking lawmakers to bar long-term, large-scale ground combat operations like those in Afghanistan and Iraq, Obama said he wants the flexibility for ground combat operations "in other more limited circumstances." Those include rescue missions, intelligence collection and the use of special operations forces in possible military action against Islamic State leaders.

While he proposed legislation to terminate in three years, Obama said, "It is not a timetable. It is not announcing that the mission is completed at any given period. What it is saying is that Congress should revisit the issue at the beginning of the next president's term."

Whatever the outcome, Obama's request puts Congress on the path toward a vote that could reverberate unpredictably for years.

A post-9/11 request from then-President George W. Bush for authorization to use military force against Iraq was intensely controversial, and it played a role in Obama's successful campaign for the White House in 2008.

His chief rival for the Democratic nomination, then-New York



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President Barack Obama leaves the Roosevelt Room of the White House on Wednesday in Washington, followed by Vice President Joe Biden, left, Secretary of State John Kerry, and Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, after speaking about the Islamic State group.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, voted in favor of the Bush proposal. Obama, who was not in Congress at the time of the vote, said later he would have opposed it, and he made it an issue in the presidential race.

Clinton, who served four years as Obama's secretary of state and is now a likely presidential candidate, had no immediate reaction to the new White House proposal.

Lawmakers were not as reticent, although outright supporters of the president's plan were relatively scarce.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, expressed doubt it would "give our military commanders the flexibility and authorities they need to succeed and protect our people."

He said changes are likely before the measure comes to a vote,

although one House committee set an initial hearing for Thursday.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., like Boehner, said the proposal would receive serious consideration.

Democrats had a different reason to question the proposal.

The House Democratic leader, Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, issued a statement that refrained from endorsing Obama's request. It said Congress should act judiciously and promptly to pass legislation "narrowly tailored" to the fight against Islamic State fighters. She has said previously she opposes deploying U.S. "boots on the ground."

Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the Senate's longest-serving Democrat, cautioned that any legislation must be in a form that avoids "repeating the missteps of the past and that

does not result in an open-ended authorization that becomes legal justification for future actions against unknown enemies, in unknown places, at unknown times."

In a letter to lawmakers accompanying the three-page draft legislation, Obama referred to four American hostages who have died in Islamic State custody — at least three of them beheaded. He said the militant group, if left unchecked, "will pose a threat beyond the Middle East, including to the United States homeland."

Among the four hostages was Kayla Mueller, a 26-year-old humanitarian worker whose death under unknown circumstances was confirmed Tuesday.

Obama said coalition airstrikes were disrupting terrorist supply lines their training grounds and the oil and gas facilities.

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OSO victorious

Baylor a cappella takes vocal lead at region quarterfinals

By ALLIE MATHERNE
REPORTER

Baylor's a Cappella group VirtuOSO placed first in the Varsity Vocals' International Championship of Collegiate a cappella quarterfinal last weekend in Knoxville, Tenn. The group advanced to the semifinal competition scheduled for March 21 in Gainesville, Fla.

Marshall senior Ross Tarpley, VirtuOSO's student director, said the team consists of many talented individuals.

"This year we have a really solid group of really intuitive musicians who have great showmanship," said Tarpley.

The annual quarterfinal was one of several regional quarterfinals held by Varsity Vocals. The two highest-scoring teams in each quarterfinal moves on to the regional semifinal, with the ultimate goal of competing for the title of Grand Cham-

pion at the finals held in New York City. VirtuOSO was awarded first place, best arrangement and best vocal percussion at the quarterfinal, totaling up to three of the six awards given this weekend.

Houston sophomore Othaniel Tay said he believes the team's success was partially due to the planning and preparation of its leaders.

"Caleb Moore, one of the tenors on the team, is really diligent about researching and knowing what the judges want," said Tay, VirtuOSO's beatboxer.

The team has placed fourth for the past two years in this competition, and has never before advanced to the semifinals. Tarpley said the team is already tweaking its set list and preparing for the semifinals.

On March 21, the team will face off with the 10 other first-place winners of their respective quarterfinal rounds in Gainesville, Fla.



Members of a cappella group VirtuOSO rehearse for a performance in October. VirtuOSO won first place at the Varsity Vocals' International Championship of Collegiate a Cappella quarterfinal last weekend. The singers advanced to the regional semifinal competition, which will be held on March 21 in Gainesville, Fla.

Kanye explains Grammys gimmick

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Kanye West says he has nothing but respect for Beck. The Grammys? Not so much.

West paid a visit on Ryan Seacrest and his "On Air" radio show Wednesday to expound on his post-Grammy diss of the surprise Album of the Year winner.

The rapper walked up the steps at the Staples Center in Los Angeles as Beck was accepting his award Sunday night but retreated before re-enacting his interruption of Swift at the VMAs. During an aftershow on E!, West ranted



Singer Beck accepts an award for best rock album at the 57th annual Grammy Awards on Sunday evening. Beck was the subject of a near-repeat of Kanye's 2009 VMA stunt with Taylor Swift.

that Beck should "respect artistry" and turn over his statue to fellow nominee Beyonce.

West told Seacrest of his stair-climbing antics: "It was kind of a joke like the Grammys themselves."

And the post-show rant? "This is our Super Bowl, you know, and someone's gotta be mad that Marshawn didn't get the ball," he said. Marshawn being Beyonce in this scenario but Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch in actual life.

As for "respecting artistry,"

West explained he was upset that Beck didn't mention other nominees as worthy in the category during his speech.

"Beck is one of the nicest guys and one of the most respected musicians in the game, so it's nothing that I would want to do as a fellow musician, to disrespect him in any way," he said.

"That was a miswording on my part."

West went on to describe the Grammys thusly: "They're like a broke clock. They're right only, like, twice a day."

Students receive '50 shades' puzzle

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONESSEN, Pa. — Parents in a Pennsylvania school district are turning 50 shades of red over word search puzzles given to middle school students based on an erotic novel and movie.

The students in Monessen were given puzzles based on "Fifty Shades of Grey" that contained terms including "spanking," "submissive," "leather cuffs" and "bondage." Other words on the list were more explicit.

Parent James Carter complained about it at Tuesday night's school board meeting, saying he tried to question the school's principal and dean of students, but they refused to talk when he insisted on recording their conversation.

"I wanted to record the conversation because a lot of parents had questions about it, and I was denied that," Carter told the board.

Monessen district officials said at the meeting that they couldn't



Jamie Dornan and Dakota Johnson star in the controversial "Fifty Shades of Grey" film, opening in theaters Friday.

discuss the issue because they just learned about it Monday. Superintendent Leanne Spazak said the circumstances of the puzzle are under investigation.

One school board member who didn't attend the meeting told WTAE-TV that the puzzle was a big mistake.

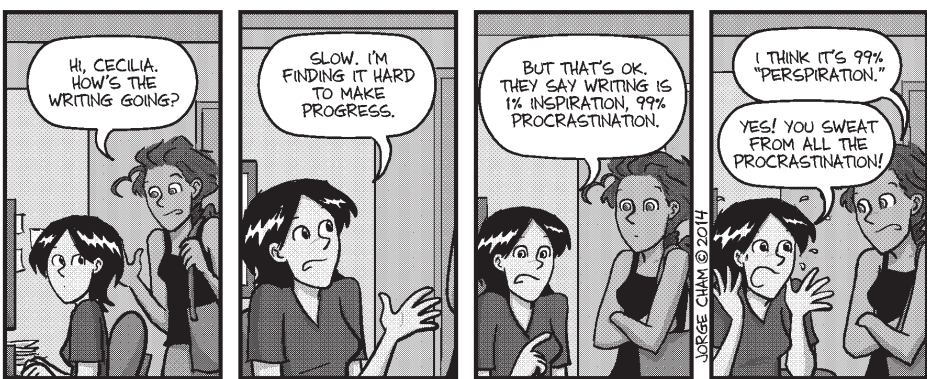
"It was a huge but unintentional error and collected from the five students involved as soon as it was

realized," Roberta Bergstedt wrote in an email.

"Unfortunately one copy was taken by a student who then posted it on social media."

The movie opens in theaters Friday. It's based on a best-selling book by E L James about a college student and her torrid affair with a 27-year-old billionaire with a penchant for bondage, discipline, sadism and masochism.

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- Grand Forks locale: Abbr.
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Johnson's dimes lead No. 3 Baylor past OU

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 3 Lady Bears extended their lead in the Big 12 to three games after a 89-66 destruction of the Oklahoma Sooners, who currently sit in second place of the Big 12 standings, on Wednesday night at the Ferrell Center.

Baylor (23-1, 12-0) has a commanding grip of the Big 12 right now on a 22-game winning streak; the Big 12 title is within reach for the Lady Bears.

It was hyped as a heavyweight fight before tip-off on Wednesday. The Big 12's best two teams finally get to play each other. The first half showed that the matchup was not all it was cracked up to be, as the Lady Bears played a thrilling opening to the game and the crowd at the Ferrell Center suffocated the visiting Sooners.

"Early, we didn't make a lot of shots and we let it snowball," Oklahoma head coach Sherri Coale said. "They're the type of team that if they smell you being weak, or they smell you being frustrated, then they come at you even harder, and we were the recipient of that."

Sophomore forward Nina Davis played one the best games of her career against the Sooners. Davis drew several and-ones, victimizing a usually proficient Oklahoma defense.



Junior guard Niya Johnson surveys the defense during the Lady Bears' matchup with the Oklahoma Sooners on Wednesday. Johnson dished a Big 12 record 17 assists without coughing up a single turnover as the Lady Bears cruised by OU 89-66.

Every BU starter had one of her best nights against Oklahoma. Junior guard Niya Johnson earned 17 assists, an all-time Big 12 women's basketball record. Moreover, Johnson committed zero turnovers.

"I was shocked when I heard I had 17 assists and zero turnovers," Johnson said. "My whole team congratulated me. I'm just glad they can finish the shots. I didn't know. I was just playing."

Davis scored 31 points, 20 of which were in the first half. Sophomore guard Alexis Prince scored 16 points with two three-pointers and 11 rebounds. Senior post Sune Agbuke added 10 points.

Baylor had no problem dishing the ball off to Prince, Wright or even freshman guard Kristy Wallace against Oklahoma's press. The Lady Bears had enough options on offense to cope with Oklahoma's

defensive looks. Oklahoma did plenty of good things to put themselves back in the game, but the Lady Bears' first half dented a crater so deep into Oklahoma's score, a comeback was not plausible.

The Sooners' best chance at completed the comeback came in the final five minutes of play. Oklahoma's guards were driving and shooting well, succeeding on many of their trips to Baylor's half of the court. A whopping 33 of Oklahoma's 66 points came off three-pointers. The Sooners nailed nine of their 11 three-pointers in the second half.

OU guards Peyton Little and Gabbi Ortiz were Oklahoma's workhorses in the team's failed attempt at a comeback. Little and Ortiz led the Sooners' runs in the second half, but the Lady Bears responded, blow-for-blow, halting any chance at Oklahoma playing itself back into the game.

"We matched [Oklahoma], pretty much," Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said. "Not necessarily with threes, but every time they would go on a run we'd come back and we'd go match them. We never just let it get out of hand."

The Lady Bears punched back with defensive stops turned into fast break points that lifted the crowd to deafening levels. No chance for Oklahoma.

Midseason All-Big 12

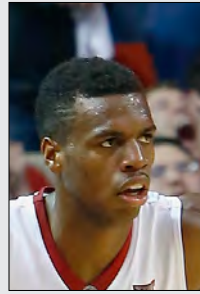
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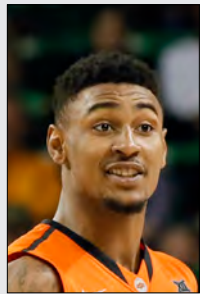
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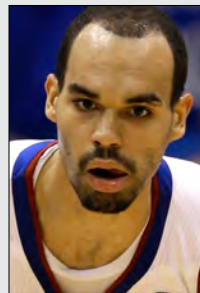
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Big 12 MBB impact performers

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor: Rico Gathers
Line: 11.2 points per game, 12.6 rebounds per game

The 275-pound junior has been the most impressive performer for the Baylor Bears so far this season. Gathers has a league-best 12 double-double games in 24 games of action at the forward position. His dominance on the glass and aggression inside the paint has helped Baylor stay in each Big 12 matchup.

Iowa State: Georges Niang
Line: 14.9 PPG, 5.3 RPG, 3.5 assists per game

Niang has helped lead the Cyclones to an impressive 17-6 record, including a perfect 13-0 home stance in Ames, Iowa. The 6-foot-8 junior is a proficient shooter and uses his body to run through the paint but still has the athleticism to hit three pointers for Iowa State.

Kansas: Frank Mason III
Line: 12.5 PPG, 4.3 APG

The sophomore guard has taken charge of his relatively young team and manages the ball for the defending Big 12 champions. Mason is fast and isn't afraid to take a shot, but he also dished assists to his other teammates. With Mason leading the way, the Jayhawks are in contention for yet another Big 12 title this season.

Kansas State: Marcus Foster
Line: 14 PPG, 41.9 percent shooting

Foster is a talented sophomore guard who has kept Kansas State above water for a majority of the season. The Wildcats haven't had great success without Foster, and they have to find a way right now. Both Foster and teammate Malek Harris have been suspended for violating team rules, and there is no word on when either player will return.

Oklahoma: Buddy Hield
Line: 17.6 PPG, 5.5 RPG, 44.6 percent shooting

Hield has been a consistent contributor for the Oklahoma Sooners since last season. The star junior has cut down on personal fouls committed and turnovers per game for a cleaner game and posts an offensive threat from beyond the arc.

Oklahoma State: Phil Forte III
Line: 17 PPG, 2.1 steals per game, 41.7 three-point percentage

Forte has stepped up as one of the leaders for Oklahoma State, taking charge after the departure of former guard Marcus Smart. The 5-foot-11 junior has been able to change momentum of a game with the accuracy of his shot, and he has guided the Cowboys to a four-game winning streak, including wins over No. 8 Kansas and No. 16 Baylor.

TCU: Kyan Anderson
Line: 13.1 PPG, 4.0 APG

Anderson is the best player on TCU's roster right now, but the Horned Frogs have been unable to capitalize on his ability since starting Big 12 play. The team will need to include the Fort Worth native in order to have

a chance at making the postseason. They'll need a lot of help though; the Horned Frogs are 1-9 in conference play but still maintain a 14-9 overall record.

Texas: Isaiah Taylor
Line: 14.5 PPG, 4.2 APG, 41.1 percent shooting

The sophomore guard may have had an early season injury, but he has come out and had impressive performances in conference play to make up for it. He only sits out for nine minutes or less during game action, and he has helped balance the diverse guard position for Texas.

Texas Tech: Devauntah Williams
Line: 10.5 PPG, 39.1 percent shooting

The Red Raiders have had a rough season, but Williams has helped the team play in some really competitive games. In their most impressive win, the 200-lb junior put up 22 points, six rebounds, and two assists in Texas Tech's 78-73 win over Iowa State on Jan. 24. Since then, the Red Raiders have struggled and have plummeted down the conference rankings.

West Virginia: Juwan Staten
Line: 14.4 PPG, 40.9 percent shooting

The standout senior was named the Big 12 Preseason Player of the Year before the start of the season, and he's guided the team to an impressive 18-5 record. Staten is consistent in providing production. Most recently, Staten had a disappointing performance against then-No. 19 Baylor in the team's worst home loss since 1988.

LLWS team stripped of USA title

Don Babwin
Associated Press

CHICAGO — A Little League team that captured the attention of the nation and the hearts of its hometown was stripped of its national title Wednesday after an investigation revealed that team officials had falsified boundaries so they could add ineligible players to the roster.

Only last summer, the all-black Jackie Robinson West team was the toast of Chicago and was honored with trips to San Francisco and to the White House.

But the sport's governing body announced that team officials had engaged in a Little League version of political gerrymandering. Instead of politicians redrawing district maps to pick up votes, it was local league officials who changed the boundaries that determined where players must live. And after learning that their scheme had

been exposed, they scrambled to persuade surrounding leagues to go along with what they had done.

"This is so heartbreaking," said Stephen D. Keener, president and CEO of Little League International. "It is a sad day for a bunch of kids who we have come to really like ... who did nothing wrong." But "we cannot tolerate the actions of some of the adults involved here."

The organization suspended the manager, Darold Butler, and suspended the team from Little League tournament play until the local league's president and treasurer have been replaced. A district official who is believed to have helped change the boundaries was also removed.

"I'm super proud of the boys and what they did," Butler told the Chicago Sun-Times. "They always will be champions in my eyes, and they'll always be champions in a lot of people's eyes. They did it on the field in between the lines, and I'm

the proudest coach in the world to be a part of a group of 13 boys like that."

All of the team's victories were thrown out, meaning that the wins will be awarded to other teams. Mountain Ridge Little League, the team from Las Vegas that lost to Jackie Robinson West in the national championship game, will be awarded the title.

It was a stunning end to a story that began last summer as the team marched through the Little League tournament. Their odyssey ended with a loss to South Korea in the world championship game in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

In an interview, Keener said Jackie Robinson West officials expanded the boundaries of their league at the expense of three neighboring leagues, so that the boundaries included the homes of several players on the team who would not otherwise have been eligible.

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