

Bears basketball brings back blackout

Men's basketball will play No. 20 West Virginia at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Ferrell Center.

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Bear Pit digs deep: Students rally

By Cody Soto
SPORTS WRITER

When fans and spectators sit down to watch a Baylor basketball game at the Ferrell Center, they will notice a lot of energy comes from behind the basket. Originally a club, the Baylor Bear Pit looks to create a unique fan experience for each spectator that walks through the doors of the stadium.

The tides have turned since the original installation of the former club, and after a Student Senate bill proposed to disband the Bear Pit in 2012, a number of changes have occurred.

In its original format, members were required to pay an initial fee and purchase a black and yellow striped jersey to wear to each game. Since it is no longer a club, none of those regulations exist.

The Bear Pit has developed its brand over the past few years and took a step forward this year with the installation of new bleachers at the front of the student section. Last year, the Bear Pit had its own bleachers courtside, creating a disjointed atmosphere within the student section.

"Whenever we had the section separated, the people on the



SKYE DUNCAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

The Bear Pit throws torn up newspapers into the air to get hyped up before the game begins at the Baylor men's basketball game against Oklahoma University. The Bears won 69-58 against the Sooners on Jan. 24, 2015, in the Ferrell Center.

ground were going crazy, but the other people in the stands were just sitting there with their hands in their laps," Belton senior Emily Waits said.

With the reconstruction of the student section along with the hashtag #BUnited as their season-long motto, Bear Pit leadership members want students to un-

derstand that the Bear Pit is the student body, Chico, Calif. senior Matt Strickland said.

"The entire goal we've been pushing is to be together," he said.

"We're a fan of the way the new student section is now, and it's helping them realize that it's not a separation. It's a community between all of the students."

The Bear Pit works closely with Baylor Athletics and the marketing department in order to provide fans with an optimal experience at the Ferrell Center.

The leadership team has invested its time to be involved with many promotions that happen throughout the season. The white-out game against Iowa State on Jan. 14 was a product of the collaboration between marketing and the student organization.

"It's really important that we work together and communicate closely," Great Falls, Va., senior Andrew Miner said. "The white-out game was something that leadership wanted to see come to life. Originally we wanted to do it for the Texas A&M game, but we learned that they were going to produce T-shirts for the Iowa State game, so we held out."

The unity of the leadership team has grown to be an essential part of the Bear Pit's success. Waits said one of the biggest goals of the Bear Pit is to create fans that will keep coming back.

"We want to establish a committed fan base rather than just the wild, crazy fans. We want people

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Speaker gives voice to unheard songs

By Shannon Barbour
REPORTER

Returning guest Tammy Kernodle sang and discussed the role of black women activists who used music as a nonviolent strategy Thursday evening in Castellaw Communication Center.

"I ain't gonna let nobody turn me around, gonna keep on walkin', keep on talkin', marchin' on freedom's way," Kernodle sang, leading the audience as the female activists did 50 years ago.

Kernodle, a professor of musicology at Miami University in Ohio, visited Baylor in October to speak at the Pruitt Symposium, three days of presentations, panels and gospel performances.

She was invited to speak this time by Dr. Mia Moody-Ramirez, associate professor of journalism, public rela-

tions and new media, who applied for a grant to host Kernodle.

The importance of the female song leaders of the civil rights movement is increasingly relevant around the world today, said Robert Darden, associate professor of journalism, public relations and new media.

"The civil rights movement is growing. The music that was sung there is being sung in China today," Darden said.

Baylor students, professors, church members from the community and Waco citizens attended the event.

"It warmed my heart to see people from the community here," Moody said.

Houston senior Mariah Arceneaux said she was inspired by Kernodle's lec-

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SKYE DUNCAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Dr. Tammy Kernodle, author of the biography "Soul on Soul: The Life and Music of Mary Lou Williams," presented the lecture "Over My Head I Hear Freedom in the Air: Black Women, Music and the Strategy of Non-Violence in the Civil Rights Campaigns of 1961-1964" Thursday evening in the Castellaw Communication Center.

Sanctions not filed against UT frat

By Eva Moravec
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — An investigation into a University of Texas fraternity whose portrayal of Hispanics at a party of offended students has been completed and no sanctions are forthcoming, a university official said Thursday.

Phi Gamma Delta did not violate any school rules during the Feb. 7 party at their house just north of campus, Dean of Students Soncia Reagins-Lilly said.

More than 20 complaints were filed with the university's Campus

"It is disappointing, and the university takes all of these matters very seriously."

Soncia Reagins-Lilly | Dean of Students

Climate Response Team, and records released to The Associated Press show the team received a complaint about "stereotypical Mexican clothing" that fraternity members wore at a similar party in January 2014. The fraternity president said the party was intended to have a Western theme.

Conversations with fraternity leadership "about their freedom of expression rights" and "where the line is when it becomes offensive or hurtful" are ongoing, Reagins-Lilly said in an interview Thursday.

"Our work is not done," she said. "It is disappointing, and the university takes all of these matters very seriously."

Last year, members of the fraternity also known as Texas Fiji wore sombreros, ponchos and mariachi

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Keston Center remembers USSR religious persecution

By Rachel Leland
STAFF WRITER

Though one would struggle to find evidence of persecution of Christians on Baylor's campus, students and researchers can visit the archives of the Keston Center for Religion, Politics and Society to learn what living in a society without religious freedom is like.

The center holds thousands of books, journals, documents and testimonies on the persecution of churches and religious expression in former communist countries, mostly in the former USSR.

The Keston Center hosted a lecture and panel discussion Thursday about religious persecution in the Russian Federation and former USSR titled "Defenders of the Faith: Then and Now."

Featured speaker Xenia Dennen traveled to Waco from England to speak about the origins of the institute and the religious oppression of the Soviet era.

Dennen has chaired the Keston Institute, a research organization that documented religious persecution in the USSR, since 2002. The institute's extensive archive and library were moved to Baylor in 2007.

Q&A with Xenia Dennen

Xenia Dennen, chairman of the Keston Institute, speaks about the history of her organization and the religious climate in Russia and the former USSR.

How did the institute gather data in societies that are tightly controlled?

We were sent masses of unofficial literature called samizdat, which means literally self-published material that are types of scripts that were produced clandestinely and distributed secretly. You would have a top sheet of paper which impressed the letters into the sheet underneath. I suppose Michael, people just found out he was interested so he

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The Keston Center is housed in the third floor of Carroll Library.

Dennen spoke of Michael Bourdeaux, founder of the institute and the man who the Michael Bourdeaux Research Center is

named after. Bourdeaux traveled from England to the Soviet Union in 1959, where he found heavy religious persecution despite the Soviet Constitution, which guaranteed freedom of conscience and religion, Den-

nen said.

He said his trip inspired him to found the Keston Institute in 1969 to document human rights abuses suffered by the many religious groups in communist countries.

The institute relied on books, journals and samizdat, which were copies of censored documents secretly distributed by dissidents.

"You felt as you read this material you were directly in touch with the persecuted and called to widely spread the details of what was happening to them," Dennen said.

Three panelists spoke at the event: Dr. Stephen Gardner, Baylor's chairman of the Baylor economics department; Dr. Wallace Daniel, a former Baylor professor; and the third panelist, Dr. James Warhola is chair of the political science department at the University of Maine.

Daniel honored Soviet dissident and priest Gleb Yakunin, who was sent to Lefortovo prison for five years on the charge of anti-Soviet agitation for his activism to expand freedom of conscience. Yakunin, who wrote many materials which can be

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Broaden your tastebuds

Break the monotony and try new foods in Waco



Editorial —

Food does different things for different people. For some, it has the power to create friendships through fellowship. For others, it's ability to bring back fond memories can be comforting. In a way, food also serves as a source of identity for cultures. One thing is certain — the food experience is universal.

While in college, it is easy to forget the benefits of experiencing great, well-prepared food. Due to time constraints, students generally skip balanced, great-tasting food for sustenance (if one can call it that) on the go. Often times these food items, filled with empty calories don't taste good, are also not good for you. It would benefit students to slow down on the fast food, and try quality restaurants and diners right here in Waco.

Saying that Waco is a melting pot is an understatement, as there are sev-

eral dining options for those looking to broaden their taste palate. Some dining venues such as Lula Jane's off of Elm Street, even offer food that contains locally grown, organic items.

Many of the items offered on the menu contain foods that were locally grown. This practice helps to lower costs for both the consumer and producer, while students are able to experience a combination of new flavors.

Studies have also shown that spicier foods, which are often found in Asian, Indian and Mexican cuisines, can do wonders for the body.

According to a health article published by the Huffington Post, spicy foods can help reduce the effects of a high-fat meal, boost moods and increase metabolism in the body.

Those who live hotter climates often use hot spices to internally cool themselves when temperatures are high.

They also help, according to the article, to curb appetite by allowing diners to feel full

faster. The benefits are immeasurable.

International cuisine can be scary for some students, especially those who grew up on the traditional southern meal of steak and potatoes (speaking of which, Diamondbacks has a great steak). Exotic cuisines such as Indian and Greek sometimes use ingredients that we may or may not be familiar with, causing caution when it comes to trying such foods.

But the fact of the matter is, you really don't know whether you will enjoy something until you try it. Did you know when you were a toddler you would or wouldn't like apples? As you got older, were you hesitant to try different types of bread like rolls and toast? Probably not. Your childlike, inquisitive nature likely encouraged you to try such foods that you now enjoy.

Try to have a childlike approach to trying new foods, even those you might not be acquainted with.

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Waco, Texas 76710

As an Italian restaurant, Baris III offers a large selection of homemade pastas and pizzas. Their dessert menu also includes favorites such as tiramisu and strawberry cheesecake.

Clay Pot Restaurant

920 S Jack Kultgen Expressway
Waco, Texas 76706

This Vietnamese restaurant attempts to give its customer's an authentic cultural experience with a floor seating option and Asian-inspired decorations. They serve a wide variety of teas and pho.



Survey

What is your favorite Waco restaurant? Let us know by Tweeting at us @bulariat or messaging us on Facebook (The Baylor Lariat).

We own time, not objects

The concept of ownership is something we learn fairly early on in life. It is not uncommon to hear a toddler utter the word "mine" to another kid as they wrestle over a toy. Even men we revere in history for conquering foreign lands have put down their country's flag as a way of claiming ownership. However, these kinds of actions pose a greater question: What does it really mean to own something?

The answer: You don't. We don't really "own" anything in this life, just time with it.

To illustrate this point, here is an example. You walk into a bookstore looking for the perfect book to add to your growing collection. After looking through countless selections, you finally find just the book you were looking for. Quite content with yourself, you walk up to the register ready to make your purchase. The register employee tells you the total, and you hand him the amount in cash. The employee finishes the transaction and hands you the book in a bag with the company's logo on it. You then grab it and walk out of the store with a bag in hand that declares to the world that you are now the proud owner of whatever is inside. A surge of happiness swells into you at the thought that you now own the book that you were looking for.

While no one is here to say that you are not entitled to your own happiness, you would be misled in believing that



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get to take with you after you die. What you got with your purchase was time spent with an object. After all, the object itself has no limit to the amount of owners it can give its time to. The only restriction on the object really is the promise that one can never keep it forever because inevitably, either the book or owner will outlive the other.

To be clear, this mostly applies to physical possessions. I do not dare to delve

into the deeply philosophical realm of the intangible, such as human experiences and emotions.

However, I still contend that to express ownership is to admit to believing the illusion that we have some kind of control over our possessions, when quite the opposite is true.

In short, the take-away from this theory is that we shouldn't get too caught up in the idea of ownership. Because if history is an indication of anything, it is that the quest to obtain material goods always comes at price and there comes a time when that price is often too high for its ultimate value.

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your happiness is directly correlated to the fact that you own an object. Instead, what you might be really excited about it is the fact that with the purchase of that book's time. You get to decide how much time it spends with you — whether it be read by the pool side or confined to a dusty shelf. You get to decide whether it takes time apart from you, like when you lend it to a friend. And lastly, when you part with the book — whether you decide to give it away, lose it or die.

Although the prospect of dying might be the most morbid of ways that one could part with an object, it is probably the most important idea behind this whole time-ownership concept. You see, the reason I say that we do not really own anything is because we do not get to take it with us after we pass away. The purchase that you made will mean nothing in terms of what you

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From the Baylor police blotter

Saturday (Feb. 21)

- A criminal trespass offense occurred at the Robinson Tower located at 700 S. University Parks Dr. at 9:29 a.m. Case closed.
- An extended territory, disorderly conduct by public urination offense occurred at the 1200 block of Speight Ave. at 2:01 a.m. Case cleared by arrests.
- A criminal mischief offense reportedly occurred at Penland Residence Hall located at 1110 S. 5th St. sometime around 1:26 a.m. Case suspended.

Sunday (Feb. 22)

- A criminal mischief under \$50 offense reportedly occurred at Penland Residence Hall located at 1110 S. 5th St. sometime near 10:39 p.m. Case closed.

- An alcohol offense, minor consuming alcohol, occurred at the 5th Street parking facility located at 1201 S. 5th St. at 3:12 a.m. Case closed.
- A criminal mischief under \$50 offense reportedly occurred at Penland Residence Hall located at 1110 S. 5th St. sometime near 12:46 a.m. Case suspended.
- An alcohol offense, minor consuming alcohol, occurred at University Parks Apartments located at 2201 S. University Parks at 12:23 a.m. Case cleared by arrest.

Monday (Feb. 23)

- A criminal mischief offense reportedly occurred at Pen-

land Hall located at 1110 S. 5th St. sometime between 12:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on this date. Case suspended.

Wednesday (Feb. 25)

- A criminal mischief under \$50 offense reportedly occurred at Penland Residence Hall located at 1110 S. 5th St. sometime around 10:10 p.m. Case suspended.
- A theft over \$50 under \$500 reportedly occurred at the bicycle rack between Heritage House and South 3rd Street sometime between 2:40 p.m. and 2:50 p.m. Case active.

This police and fire incident information was collected from reports at www.baylor.edu/dps and is provided freely as public information under the Clery Act.



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So much llama drama

In this image taken from a video provided by abc15.com, a Maricopa County Sheriff's vehicle tries to herd two quick-footed llamas as they dash in and out of traffic before they were captured Thursday at a in Sun City, Ariz. The llamas thwarted numerous attempts by sheriff's deputies and bystanders to round them up before they were roped into custody.



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Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, center, flanked by committee Chairman Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, left, and Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., make statements Thursday on Capitol Hill in Washington, before the committee voted to advance the nomination of Loretta Lynch to serve as the nation's next attorney general.

Despite pushback, Lynch likely to replace Holder

By ERICA WERNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Loretta Lynch won approval from a key Senate committee Thursday to serve as the nation's next attorney general, as divided Republicans clashed over her support for President Barack Obama's immigration policies.

The 12-8 vote in the Judiciary Committee sent Lynch's nomination to the full Senate. Three Republicans joined all committee Democrats in voting "yes."

"The case against her nomination, as far as I can tell, essentially ignores her professional career and focuses solely on about six hours that she spent before this committee," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, as he criticized fellow Republicans for using Lynch's testimony in support of Obama's executive actions on immigration as a reason to oppose her nomination.

"I do not believe that is a prop-

er way to evaluate any nominee's fitness for any position," Hatch said.

But GOP Sens. Jeff Sessions of Alabama and Ted Cruz of Texas, among others, insisted that Lynch disqualified herself with her support for those directives and had not shown she would be sufficiently independent from Obama.

"The president's policy is to allow people unlawfully here to take jobs in America — a policy she has explicitly stated she intends to defend," Sessions said. "We should not confirm someone to that position who intends to continue that unlawful policy."

Despite the disagreement, Lynch is all but assured approval by the full Senate, under new rules that will require only a majority vote instead of the 60-vote margin required for most legislation. But unlike Obama's defense secretary nominee, Ash Carter, who was approved by an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 93-5 earlier this month, Lynch is unlikely to win

approval by a resounding margin. As Thursday's debate illustrated, GOP opposition to Obama's immigration policies has become entwined in a variety of issues in the newly Republican-run Congress.

Committee Democrats took turns denouncing their Republican colleagues for using the immigration issue as a reason to oppose Lynch, 55, who now serves as U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York.

She would replace Eric Holder and become the first black woman to hold the nation's top law enforcement job.

The directives extended work permits and deportation stays to millions in the country illegally.

GOP Sens. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Jeff Flake of Arizona joined Hatch in voting to support Lynch.

Graham suggested other Republicans find another outlet for their opposition to Obama's immigration plans.

FCC votes to impose tighter laws

By ANNE FLAHERTY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Internet activists declared victory over the nation's big cable companies Thursday, after the Federal Communications Commission voted to impose the toughest rules yet on broadband service to prevent companies like Comcast, Verizon and AT&T from creating paid fast lanes and slowing or blocking web traffic.

The 3-2 vote ushered in a new era of government oversight for an industry that has seen relatively little. It represents the biggest regulatory shake-up to telecommunications providers in almost two decades.

The new rules require that any company providing a broadband connection to your home or phone must act in the "public interest" and refrain from using "unjust or unreasonable" business practices. The goal is to prevent providers

from striking deals with content providers like Google, Netflix or Twitter to move their data faster.

"Today is a red-letter day for Internet freedom," said FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, whose remarks at Thursday's meeting frequently prompted applause by Internet activists in the audience.

President Barack Obama, who had come out in favor of net neutrality in the fall, portrayed the decision as a victory for democracy in the digital age.

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who love their team and the game," Waits said. "Especially with promotions, we don't just people to come for that. That's been a big goal for us."

A good home court advantage is important in basketball, especially in Big 12 conference play. With a top 25 matchup likely to happen every week, the Bears have been able to rally behind a large crowd and come away with an impressive home record in the past two years.

The yelling and chanting does not go unnoticed. Baylor basketball head coaches Scott Drew and Kim Mulkey have mentioned how thankful they are of the crowd during their respective post-game press conference, and the players have taken notice as well.

"When we played Texas A&M, after the game the men's basketball players came over to the student section and gave us high fives. We got so excited that they recognized that we did a good job," Strickland said. "By them doing that, that inspires fans to continue to do the same thing. The players like what we're doing."

However, it isn't always easy to get students to the game when things aren't going so well for Baylor basketball. During the Bears' downward slide in conference play last season, the Bear Pit had to dig deep in order to bring students to games.

"Last year when the men went on a losing streak, no one wanted to show

up," Waits said. "We can't do anything about that, but it's about making sure we put our best foot forward. It's all about how we portray ourselves. We needed to get across to the students that the Ferrell Center is a fun, exciting place even when we're not doing so well. We can still be energetic."

Ultimately, the vision of the Bear Pit leadership isn't focused on this season. It's the seasons that have yet to be started that are on their minds when making their decisions. The reconstruction of the Bear Pit has allowed Baylor to move forward as one of the top stadiums to watch a basketball game.

"We see a process and an emphasis on promoting basketball within the Bear Pit," Miner said. "Internally, we needed to have the manpower to do that and think on a bigger picture. I didn't want to think about things to happen in my time at Baylor, but for a years after we graduate."

Now, when students scan their IDs at the entrance of the Ferrell Center, the ticket indicates where they belong: the Bear Pit.

"This section is all for students, and we want everybody to get to the Ferrell Center to experience the atmosphere and support the Bears," Miner said. "Both programs are doing fantastic under Coach Scott Drew and Kim Mulkey, so we have to get the word out."



SKYE DUNCAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Loyal fans cheer on the Lady Bears on Feb. 15, in the Ferrell Center. Baylor won the game with a final score of 79-51.

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outfits to the party, according to the so-called "bias complaint."

Reagins-Lilly said at the time, the university met with fraternity leadership and notified their national office. But, she said, "leadership changes every year."

This month, complaints were filed about the party's "culture, costumes and construction-worker scenario," according to Erica Saenz, assistant vice president of the university's division of diversity and community engagement.

"The biggest responsibility that we have is to respond to every report," Saenz said.

After the team received numerous complaints about the Texas Fiji party this year, Reagins-Lilly's office also opened an investigation. Had they found that the fraternity violated school rules, it could have faced sanctions.

As news of the party spread, fraternity president Andrew Campbell apologized to his fellow students "for any offensive behavior or attire." He added that the fraternity had learned an important lesson.

"There were elements and dress that were insensitive and inappropriate," Campbell wrote in an email. "We understand why people were and are offended." He could not be reached for comment Thursday.

The multi-agency team then determines the best way to respond to the complaints. At the end of the school year, their work is compiled and released in an annual summary. During the 2013-2014 school year, the Texas Fiji complaint was one of 670 the office received. Most of the complaints were regarding events held by the Young Conservatives of Texas.

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ture and sees evidence of political messages in music today through artists such as J.Cole.

"Now, more so than ever, you hear rappers mentioning the issues that have happened with Trayvon Martin and Ferguson in their music and it rallies the African-American community together," Arceneaux said.

Arceneaux said she enjoyed Kernodle's presentation and was motivated by the examples of female singers that Kernodle included.

"It made me feel really empowered because you rarely hear about the black women in the movement," Arceneaux said. "You never hear about the women behind the scenes."

The research and work that Kernodle has gathered and produced on this subject will be used in a larger work and later turned into a book.

"I'm a female musician and I think we need to be written into the story. My calling is to be their voices," Kernodle said of past female song leaders.

Kernodle's work in the past 10 years has generally revolved around women in culture and history. She has researched contemporary artist Meshell Ndegeocello and intends to continue her work focusing on black female musicians such as Nina Simone, Erykah Badu, Jill Scott and India Arie.

In addition to focusing on the political messages in contemporary music, Kernodle said she will focus on the natural hair movement and how black women's bodies are mentioned and portrayed.

"She's bringing them to the forefront, where they should've been," said Darden on the importance of Kernodle's research subjects.

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Was the work Keston did used for a political purpose?

We are a nonpolitical organization and we are a charity, and under English charity law we could not get involved in political campaigns. But that doesn't mean people didn't look at us in a political light and anything involving a communist country was politicized, so yes. I think the battle for religious freedom could be used as a weapon of criticism but I don't disagree with that. I think it's a well-founded criticism. But we were certainly accused of being right wing. We were accused of political bias, but that wasn't. We were trying to provide the facts. That was why right from the beginning we based our writing on documentary evidence wherever possible. And we would compare unofficial documents with official published articles. So we were very rigorous in our research. You can use the truth in different ways can't you. And that wasn't our responsibility. We couldn't stop people presenting our material in another way. We wrote and provided information and other organizations could make use of it as they wished.

Where did the criticism come from? The West or behind the Iron Curtain?

We were certainly criticized by left wing parties in the West. Obviously the criticism was from various communist parties that didn't like what we were revealing. Revealing the fact that there are all these prisoners in prison. For the prisoners themselves it was incredibly

important for them to know that they were known abroad, and do you remember when Alexander Ogorodnikov was here last year and he gave a lecture? He was in prison for eight years. Setting up a Christian seminar for young people who wanted to study theology and find out about the Christian faith. He at one point in prison was really falling into despair. He then heard there was a whole prayer circle in the West. We organized it. There was a vicar who put himself in a cage and lived on Soviet prison food for the whole season of Lent. All of this was an encouragement to Alexander Ogorodnikov to know that people in the West cared and knew about his situation and that lifted his situation and enabled him to keep going.

Can you describe the evolution of the church and the Christian faith since the breakup of the Soviet Union?

First of all there is every sort of denomination and of course the Russian Federation is a multi-faith polity. You've got Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, as well as Christianity and a whole lot of strange sects. But if you look at the main Christian churches, the Russian Orthodox Church is the main church, the Roman Catholic Church, The Baptist Church, The Adventists, Pentecostals. There's a distinction in Russia between Pentecostals and charismatics.

I think the real growth in the Christian church is actually within the charismatic movement. I've been part of a research team looking at the current

situation of the religious situation in the Russian Federation. I've been a member of this team since 1996. You see enormous variations.

In a particular administrative area relations between the different Christian churches depends very much on the policy of the local Russian orthodox Bishop. And if he is Anti-Protestant or anti catholic that will be reflected in how the parishes are relating to other groups. And a lot depends on the security services, known as the FSB is what the KGB is now called. They are particularly concerned about Protestants and about Catholics because they have loyalties to the Vatican.

So there are lots of variations. I personally don't talk about persecution, but there is definitely discrimination against some Christian denominations. But again there are variations, for example in Siberia in a city called Krasnoyarsk. I was talking to the local bishop and he referred to Catholics and Protestants as his brothers. In that bit of Siberia there are large communities of Catholics because so many Poles and Lithuanians were exiled there under the Communist system. Somehow it's part of that area. But there is a lot of suspicion particularly of the Charismatic movement. Baptists have been in Russia since the early 19th century, so they are seen as somehow part of Russian society. They are not sort of strange and Pentecostals too but it's particularly the charismatics that are seen as a threat.

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found in the archive, died on Dec. 25, 2014.

Though the talks all referenced the suppression of churches and religious expression during the Soviet-era, Dennen, Gardner and Warhola said they felt the religious situation today is more promising than it was before the collapse of the USSR in 1991.

Warhola and Gardner even said they were concerned that the Russian Orthodox Church is beginning to serve as an agent of the Russian government.

"This is one aspect that seems to be in which religious freedom is if not outright threatened, at least compromised in Russia today by the pervasive use of religion to justify power," said Dr. Warhola. "It is certainly not alone in this. It is a temptation that political



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Mugs for moms

Ashlee Wells Jackson poses with her photographs at her photo studio Feb. 12 in Chicago, Ill. Jackson is the founder of the 4th Trimester Bodies Project, which photographs women post birth. The photo series centers on women's bodies after childbirth, and includes images of women with their mothers and children.

\$150,000 dress goes missing

By ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — A \$150,000 gown adorned with thousands of pearls and worn by Lupita Nyong'o at the Academy Awards has been reported stolen, sheriff's officials said Thursday.

Deputies responded to a West Hollywood hotel late Wednesday after the custom Calvin Klein Collection by Francisco Costa dress was reported missing from the hotel room of the actress, sheriff's Sgt. Richard Bowman said.

Bowman said Nyong'o was present when deputies took the report, but she wasn't in her room when the elaborate gown was taken.

Her publicists said they would not comment on the theft.

The custom ivory dress designed by Costa included 6,000 pearls of various sizes.

Representatives for the actress reported the theft. Detectives suspect the garment was taken sometime between 8 and 9 p.m.

Wednesday, sheriff's Lt. William Nash said.

Detectives were at the hotel Thursday looking for clues, including surveillance footage that might reveal what happened. Nyong'o won an Oscar in 2014 for her role in "Twelve Years a Slave" and was a presenter at Sunday's ceremony.

Nyong'o, 31, has become a darling of Hollywood's red carpets in the past two years, with commenters and fans praising her fashion choices.

She accessorized the dress with Chopard diamond drop earrings and three Chopard diamond rings.

Before the awards ceremony, she told The Associated Press on the red carpet, "I'm just wearing my diamonds and pearls. My homage to Prince," referring to a popular song by the musician.

Nyong'o told a reporter for Yahoo Style that she was involved in the design of the dress.

"We talked about it being fluid and liquid," she told the site. "I wanted it to be an homage to the sea."



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Actress Lupita Nyong'o arrives Sunday at the Academy Awards. Los Angeles sheriff's detectives are investigating the theft of the \$150,000 custom Calvin Klein dress, which was reported stolen Wednesday from Nyong'o's West Hollywood hotel room.

what's coming up?

>> BearClimb 2015

Saturday, 8:15 a.m.
McLane Student Life Center

The twelfth annual rock climbing competition at Baylor permits climbers of all skill levels. Registration is \$30.

>> Nuestra Voz Open Mic Night

Saturday, 7 - 9 p.m.
Waco Art Forum, 1826 Morrow Ave.

Texas poets Devorah Winegarten and Cindy Hauser are featured artists for

the event. The event is free, but donations are accepted.

>> Baylor University Jazz Ensemble and Concert Jazz Ensemble

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
Jones Concert Hall
Glennis McCrary Music Building

Alex Parker, senior lecturer in jazz studies, will conduct the musical groups. Trumpeter Vince DiMartino is the guest soloist for the evening. Event is open to the public.

>> HOT Chili Fest

Saturday, Noon - 6 p.m.
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- 28 Sources of fine wool
- 29 "... rapping at my chamber door"
- 34 Fish-fowl link
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- 37 Heaven on earth
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- 39 Natural light shows
- 41 Pours out
- 43 Short, tailored jackets
- 44 Really dug something
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World traveler Australian WBB star acclimating to Baylor

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

Freshman guard Kristy Wallace has been on a wild ride in her transition from high school to college. Many students stay in the same state for college. Some live just two hours down the road from the university they attend and even they start to miss home.

Wallace, on the other hand, moved to the other end of the world in order to pursue her dream. On top of learning a new culture, Wallace was forced to learn an entirely different brand of basketball at a level she had never competed in ever before.

Q Where exactly is home for you?
A I'm from Australia. The state I live in is Queensland, and [the city I live in] is Brisbane, which is kind of like Waco in comparison.

What do you like most about Australia?

I think it's just a complete different culture [between the U.S. and Australia]. There are a lot of similarities between Australia and America, but there are also a few differences. At the moment, I'm just missing the food from back home. I miss [Australian delicacies like] Vegemite, Tim Tams, Lamingtons, meat pies ... that is, if you know what any of those are.

Did you try bringing any food over when you moved?

I did. I definitely tried smuggling some of those over, but my parents do send me some food every now and then.

Has it always been a dream for you to play in America?

Definitely. I think getting an education and playing for some of the best and playing against some of the best players in the world is definitely special.

When did you decide on Baylor?

I didn't know until the last minute really. I was getting recruited by a few colleges and I basically left it to the last minute to decide where I wanted to go. So, I came here in August and have been loving it ever since.

Was it hard to convince your family about moving all the way to Texas to play college basketball?

Not really. My family kind of encouraged it, especially my dad. He just wants what I want. I told him I wanted to go to America to study and play basketball, and he did everything he could to make that happen. I do miss my family, but they're happy I'm here.

What are the biggest differences and similarities you see between Australia and what you've seen from Waco?

They are a lot different. We have a 24-second shot clock back home, which is a little bit different, a little bit quicker. The athleticism here, there's definitely a lot more talent in that sort of area. I think adjusting to that sort of play is different and it took me a little while.

Regarding the process of fitting in with the team, what was that experience like? Was that difficult at first?

Not really. I think they all welcomed me into the team really well as soon as I got here. I consider every one of these girls as my sister. We all get along really well and they treat me great.

Was the Big 12 championship something you expected this year?

No, definitely not. I don't think anyone did.

Do any of your teammates do "fake Australian accents"?

chuckles A few of them do.

Who's got the best one?

I think Edsel [Hamilton] is the best. He's one of our assistant coaches. Everyone is pretty terrible though.

Are you glad you chose to be a Lady Bear?

Definitely. Very glad of my decision.



Freshman guard Kristy Wallace guards a Kansas player during No. 3 Baylor's 66-58 win over the Kansas Jayhawks on Feb. 1. The Lady Bears won the Big 12 in Wallace's first year on campus.

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Blacked out

Baylor lines up before last year's Blackout game against Oklahoma on Jan. 18, 2014. The Bears will host another Blackout game at 3 p.m. on Saturday against No. 20 West Virginia at the Ferrell Center.

Texas Rangers' new manager: Why not us?

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SURPRISE, Ariz. — New Texas Rangers manager Jeff Banister finally got to address the entire team Thursday, more than four months after getting the job.

In a team meeting before the first full-squad workout, Banister had a simple message.

"Why not us?" Banister asked the team.

The Rangers had an American League-high 95 losses last season, their most since 1985. But Banister said that is in the past.

Banister said everybody had the opportunity to reflect on that and understand what happened. He said it is now time to focus on this season, and working to be a playoff contender again.

"It's been the message from the very beginning," he said. "When I had the opportunity to interview, I watched a group of men that really truly ... they got punched in the mouth, but they're significant players. Good players. Great players."

With all the injuries last year, including losing slugger Prince Fielder and ace pitcher Yu Darvish for significant portions of the season, the Rangers hope last year was more of an anomaly.

During the nearly 30-minute meeting, Banister showed a video of highlights from last season.

"They've been told all last year and all winter what they didn't do, how bad they were and that, quite frankly, they just stunk," Banister said. "I'm watching video and I'm going, 'No, this is a good ballclub.' ... There were really good things that did happen. I wanted to show them that, reinforce that, so they can believe that they are a really good ballclub again."

In each of the four seasons before 2014, the Rangers won at least 90 games and went to World Series in 2010 and 2011, the only AL pennants in franchise history, then lost the first AL wild-card game in 2012 before losing in a 163rd-game wild-card tiebreaker in 2013.

Banister, who spent the last 29 years in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization as a player and coach, was picked by the Rangers last October over two other finalists, former Rangers bench coach Tim Lincecum and former Cleveland Indians bullpen coach Kevin Cash.

When the Rangers had their first full-squad workout, there were 64 players on the spring training roster. Along with the full 40-man roster, there were 23 non-roster invitees along with second baseman Jurickson Profar on the 60-day disabled list after shoulder surgery this week.

Baylor track preparing for Big 12 meet this weekend

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

The 2015 Big 12 Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships begins today and conclude on Saturday in Ames, Iowa, at Iowa State University's Lied Recreation Center. The Bears return 21 All-Big 12 Performers, including four who have previously won Big 12 indoor titles.

The men's team ranks No. 18 nationally while the women rank No. 8 in the country overall. Baylor has 11 men and 18 women among the top 10 Big 12 competitors in their respective events.

"We have to get after it and compete at a really high level," head coach Todd Harbour said. "We don't have to be perfect. We just have to have a good meet. On the women's side we are within striking distance. Texas is No. 4, Kansas State is No. 6 and we are No. 8 nationally. On the men's side, the events that we are usually strong in, we are strong in again."

WOMEN

Junior Olicia Williams boasts the best 800-meter time at 2:03.21. Senior Mariah Kelly holds the top time in the mile (4:38.00). Senior Rachel Johnson hold the best time in the 3,000-meter run (9:07.09) and the 5,000-meter run (15:40.45) in the conference. Junior Brianna Richardson is the top triple-jumper (42-11.5). Baylor will send seven players to the NCAA indoor championships.

MEN

Sophomore sprinter Trayvon Bromell, defending national-champion in the 100-meter dash, owns the league's best time in the 200-meter (20.69) and ranks second in the Big 12's 60-meter sprint (6.54). Bromell is the lone male from Baylor who will compete at the NCAA Indoor Championships. Junior Felix Obi currently ranks No. 2 in the Big 12 for triple jump, but looks to claim his third straight Big 12 title in the same event.

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