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HANNAH HASELOFF | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Unfair weather closes job fair

Julie Copenhaver, outreach and communications coordinator for Career and Professional Development, marks through the billboard advertising the Teacher Job Fair Wednesday. The Job Fair was canceled yesterday due to winter weather warnings for today.

'50 Shades' panelists address grey areas

By MADISON MILLER REPORTER

At the box office, the worldwide phenomenon "Fifty Shades of Grey" made \$85 million, while the book stayed on the top of the New York Times Bestseller list for 78 weeks. But how has this global hit impacted relationships?

In a series of dialogues titled "This Matters," panelists Dr. Jonathan Tran, associate professor of religion; Dr. Mia Moody-Ramirez, associate professor of journalism, public relations and new media; and Patti Crawford, Title IX coordinator sat down Wednesday to discuss "Fifty Shades of Grey" and the issue of hypersexualized relationships from a media and faith perspective.

The discussion was moderated by Emma Wood, a psychologist and coordinator of outreach in the Baylor Counseling Center.

"The ongoing series of dialogues connects Baylor experts and researchers to socially compelling discussions across the globe,"

Wood said.

This discussion focused mainly on the sexuality explorations "Fifty Shades of Grey" takes its readers through.

"This movie has brought to the forefront some concepts that have really desensitized the stigma associated with the exploration of human sexuality," Wood said.

The recent movie and book series are about a couple who practice hyper-sexuality and are forced to work through the emotional toll it puts on a relationship.

The faculty chimed in with their perspectives of how the book and the media portrayal of abusive relationships is impacting the way the public views hypersexualized relationships.

"The occurrence of hypersexualization is increasing in media for both men and women, but especially for women," Moody-Ramirez said. "Fifty Shades of Grey" is just one example of how hypersexualization is very popular today."

Most of Moody-Ramirez's research focuses on feminine theory

and images of women in the mass media. Her research also looks at body image satisfaction, which is one of the main reasons she is concerned about the popularity of this book.

"If you read these types of messages on a daily basis, they can have a huge impact on your life," Moody-Ramirez said. "That's why we have to be concerned."

In addition to her research on body images, her studies show that women have made progress in the workforce and in most areas of life.

"When these types of movies and books come out, you kind of take a step backwards," Moody-Ramirez said. "Women are just reduced to sex objects and such movies and books make abnormal behaviors appear normal."

The Title IX coordinator for the university, Crawford deals with sexual abuse cases.

"Title IX is not just about athletic equity, but it's also about sexual violence and sexual harassment

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Car fire scars Social Work garage

By RACHEL LELAND STAFF WRITER

A car caught fire before 8 a.m. Tuesday morning on the third floor of a parking garage near the Baylor Social Work Building on Washington Ave.

A passerby noticed some steam coming from a Buick Regal as the driver left her car to go to the offices where she worked on

the third floor.

Someone called the Waco Fire Department at 8:07 a.m. and the firefighters arrived at the scene 57 seconds after the call.

"Because of the atmosphere this morning, it really make the smoke hang down low. When tires burn, you get a lot of smoke. It was burning pretty good," said acting Assistant Fire Chief J.C. Monroe, who was at the site.

No one was injured and no cars were parked near the vehicle that caught on fire, Monroe said.

Maintenance technician William Howell said he is responsible for cleaning up the soot and residue the fire left behind.

"I was trying to take care of the building so it wouldn't take any smoke in. Luckily it didn't," Howell said. "They had to wash off the parking garage but as far as struc-

tural damage it looks like it is in the clear."

The woman's car was towed and half of the third floor was blocked off. Normal traffic flow resumed in the afternoon.

According to the U.S Fire Administration 22.5 percent of vehicular fires were caused by equipment failure in 2011. Monroe said the malfunction that caused the fire was probably electrical.



KEVIN FREEMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Texarkana, Ark. senior Deputy Chief Justice Daniel Pellegrin asks the plaintiff questions during closing statements of McCahill, Hardy v. Kinghorn. The hearing came to a conclusion Wednesday in Draper.

Court plans to reach verdict after break

By HANNAH NEUMANN STAFF WRITER

Student Court will reach a verdict by March 18 in the McCahill, Hardy v. Kinghorn lawsuit. Closing arguments took place Wednesday, on the sixth day of the trial.

Baylor senators Woodinville, Wash., senior Gannon McCahill and San Antonio junior Chase Hardy filed suit against Katy junior Lawren Kinghorn, internal vice president, alleging she has failed to maintain positional duties and that she has acted in bias towards members of Alpha Tau Omega, the plaintiffs' fraternity, and those who

voted for the concealed handgun bill, authored by McCahill.

The court has heard testimony from witnesses including Student Body President Dominic Edwards, Student Body External Vice President Kristyn Miller, various student senators and members of student government, and the parties in the trial, McCahill, Hardy and Kinghorn.

The attorneys were each given 40 minutes for their closing arguments, with the defense dividing its time to include a rebuttal at the end of the evening. Reword

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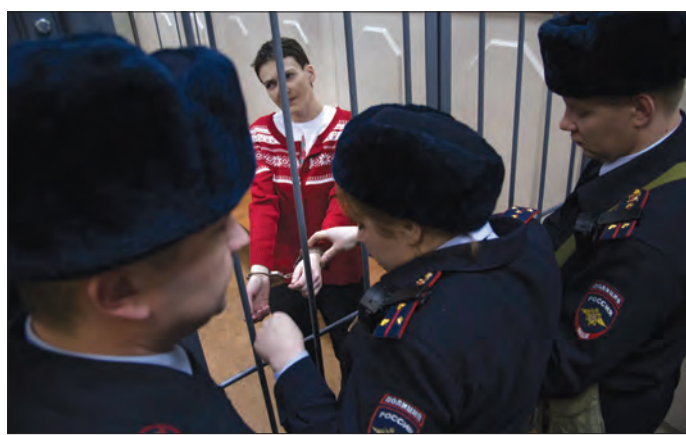
Moscow court keeps jailed Ukrainian

By JIM HEINTZ ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — A Moscow court refused Wednesday to release a Ukrainian military officer who has been on hunger strike in a Russian prison since mid-December and has become a national hero in Ukraine.

The case of 33-year-old Nadezhda Savchenko has attracted global attention in recent weeks as concerns rise about her health. Both the United States and the 28-nation European Union have urged Russia to release the woman who is seen as a symbol of heroic resistance in Ukraine and has been elected to parliament.

Savchenko has been in Russian custody since June on charges that she provided guidance for a mortar attack that killed two Russian journalists who were covering the



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Police place handcuffs on Ukrainian jailed military officer Nadezhda Savchenko in a cage Wednesday at a court room in Moscow, Russia.

war between Ukrainian troops and Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine. At the time of the attack, she served with the Aidar volunteer battalion that fights alongside the government forces in eastern Ukraine.

The circumstances of her capture remain unclear. Russia's Investigative Committee alleges Savchenko crossed into Russia voluntarily and illegally, disguised as a refugee. But Savchenko says she was captured by the separat-

ists in eastern Ukraine and spirited across the border into Russia.

Savchenko is widely lauded at home. She was well known even before her captivity because of her stint as a soldier in Iraq with a Ukrainian contingent and later as one of the nation's few female military pilots.

In the autumn after her capture, she was elected a member of the Ukrainian parliament and appointed a delegate to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, an arm of the continent's leading human rights body. The rejected appeal asked for her to be released in order to attend a PACE session.

PACE president Anne Brasseur said that "time is running out" to save Savchenko's life, and the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted a deci-

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Demonstrators rally in support of President Barack Obama's pledge to veto Keystone XL pipeline legislation in January at the White House.

Senate fails to overturn Obama's Keystone veto

By DINA CAPPIELLO ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Wednesday failed to override President Barack Obama's veto of a bill to construct the Keystone XL pipeline, the first of many confrontations between the Republican-controlled Congress and the White House this year over energy policy.

The 62-37 vote is expected to be one of many veto showdowns between Republicans and Obama

in his final term. Already, the White House has issued more than a dozen veto threats on legislation.

Proponents of the Keystone bill have said since its introduction that they didn't have the two-thirds of the Senate vote needed to override Obama's veto. They fell four votes short. But they've already been discussing other ways to force the pipeline's approval, either by attaching it onto must-pass spending bills or other, broader, energy legislation.

"If we don't win the battle today, we will win the war because we will find another bill to attach this pipeline to," said Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., the chief sponsor of the bill, before the vote.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell pleaded with Democrats for more support of a bill that he said advanced the president's own priorities.

"If you're interested in jobs and infrastructure and saving your party from an extreme mistake,

then join us," he said. "Vote with us to override a partisan veto and help the president pursue priorities he's advocated in the past."

But two Democrats, Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island and Sen. Edward Markey of Massachusetts, said at a news conference after the vote that further attempts to pass the project would be futile, given the failed attempt to overturn Obama's immigration policies using a bill to fund the Department of Homeland Security.

Class never bothered me anyway

Baylor weather alerts need consistency on all platforms



ASHER FREEMAN

Editorial

The past two weeks are prime examples of unpredictable Texas weather. Feb. 23 started out cold, but not freezing. Later in the afternoon, however, classes were canceled due to the weather. Then, on Wednesday, Baylor transformed from a winter wonderland (by local standards) to a sunny, relatively mild day. As winter weather looms once again, Baylor weather alerts are going to hit the Web left and right.

Some of the student body were less than pleased with the way alerts were sent. While there may have been some inconsistencies, it is important to understand the Baylor alert process from the first mention of possible bad weather to when we get those alerts to our electronic devices.

First, a core group within Baylor's Emergency Management team views reports and updates from the National Weather Service. The group's decision about weather closures is then sent to Dr. David Garland, the interim provost, and Dr. Reagan Ramsower, senior vice president for operations and chief financial officer, who will make the final call for school closures. When the final call is made, Baylor sends out an

alert if university hours are altered.

Lori Fogleman, the assistant vice president for media communications, said the goal is for the alert to be out by 5 a.m. the day of the impending weather, but weather is unpredictable, so this is difficult.

In the event classes are canceled or there are closures on campus, the university sends out an email to the entire student body. On days like Feb. 23, an email went out canceling classes from 1:15 p.m. onward, in anticipation of foul weather.

Fogleman said in cases where the weather is hard to evaluate, Baylor will sometimes put information on Twitter or the Baylor homepage to confirm the continuance of classes, but not send out an email.

The alerts sent last week are examples of how the alert system is inconsistent. Wednesday at 5 a.m., Baylor sent a Tweet clarifying that classes would continue as usual.

There was not, however, an email, a post on Facebook or an update on the Baylor website. At this point, the weather was fine. It wasn't until 8 a.m. that it started to snow. Since it is not standard procedure to send out alerts stating classes will be held as usual, the university only tweeted the information.

Not everyone has Twitter, so only tweeting

that classes will continue as usual is not the best approach.

Additionally, if the university has the time to put out an alert on one medium, it would be just as efficient to send the alert through all of the channels. These include the official Baylor website, Twitter, Facebook and Baylor email alerts. Going through one avenue of communication and not another creates confusion. Such confusion can be easily avoided by creating a system in which everyone is notified in every way possible.

However, students should assume classes are not canceled if they have not received an alert. By this point in life, most college kids like to think of themselves as adults. Needing affirmation to go to class is childish. If the university were to employ a procedure of emailing every time class was to continue as planned, where would they draw the line at what defines "iffy?"

Fogleman said the university learns from every bad weather day. The goal of the university on bad weather days is to ensure the safety of students.

On the mornings of Feb. 23-25, the university blocked off the fourth floor of all parking garages. With the exception of Monday, Baylor's Twitter account did an excellent job of keeping students updated.

The reason for the last-minute closures was dependent on the weather, not procedure. As soon as the top floors started to appear icy, Baylor Police Department closed them off. Students were not alerted to such closures Feb. 23, however, so many students could not find a parking spot in order to get to class.

Emails for each closure would be overboard, but then again, as stated earlier, not everyone has a Twitter. Instead, text alerts for parking garage closures would be the most practical solution. Students are able to sign up for these alerts on their BearWeb accounts under the personal information section.

Despite any inconsistency, Baylor students should use common sense to make it to class and budget extra time on bad weather days. If it looks like snow, leave early.

Although last-minute parking garage closures and seemingly sporadic alerts can be confusing and even annoying, they are carried out for safety measures.

While the Baylor alert system is constantly improving and changing, there does need to be consistency across all platforms to ensure everyone at Baylor receives pertinent information. Students also need to be aware of the procedures so they know what to expect in foul weather.

Don't let social media steal your joy

We've all experienced the life evaluation that occasionally follows after checking social media. That girl ran a half-marathon this morning? I haven't gotten out of bed yet. He landed an impressive accounting internship? I can't even remember to pay my rent on time.

One of my favorite quotes is Theodore Roosevelt's "comparison is the thief of joy." I think if Teddy were alive today, he might even say that as a result, social media is the thief of joy.

I don't have a Twitter. I know, I know. If I don't have a Twitter bio, will people know which sorority I'm in or that I love Jesus and coffee? This is a risk I'm willing to take.

This often surprises people, leading them to ask, "How can I tag you? #twitterlessAmanda?" Then, they follow this with a request for an explanation of why I would choose to avoid one of the most popular forms of social media. Most simply put, I think it steals some of my joy, for the reason Roosevelt so wisely shared many years ago.

(Side note: I had an account in middle school and have since deleted it so no one has to read my tweets about the Jonas Brothers.)

To clarify, I don't think Twitter or any other social media is inherently bad. These services allow people to stay connected in a way they never have before. My mom is able to get in touch with high school and college



friends through Facebook, and my older sister talks to her husband in Afghanistan regularly thanks to Skype. I recognize these benefits and simply want to encourage others to use discretion in their usage.

For some, moderation may mean limiting the number of times you check your iPhone each hour. For others, it may just be about adjusting your perspective. For me, this includes abstaining from Twitter, even if my roommates call me "Grandma" when I'm unaware of the latest lingo.

As a student in the communications department, we are often taught the importance of social media in the workforce. We are urged to embrace technology, or we might fall behind. There are some aspects of today's online culture, however, that I just don't mind falling behind in. Social media can be a helpful source of information or entertain-

ment, but a line must be drawn somewhere.

Newsfeeds are filled with happy friendships, announcements of engagements and job offers. Instead of viewing these successes as a personal failure, I would challenge everyone to simply celebrate for them. Much like celebrities, sometimes it feels like you know someone solely based off their online persona. In reality, no one is going to post about their recent breakup, a failed midterm or a quarter-life crisis.

This point is clearly shown in Baylor's Ring by Spring culture. Each weekend, some couple posts a photo shoot from their fairytale proposal. This elicits a range of responses from the average college-aged girl. It begins with excitement, maybe some shock or envy, and ultimately ends with someone half-joking about being forever alone.

The average age to get married in Texas is 25.7 for females, and 27.5 for males, according to the estimates of 2008-2012 data from the Census Bureau. Therefore, ladies, you are not an old maid at 21 years old.

So keep scrolling through your news feed while waiting in the Starbucks line or taking a study break. If it's stealing your joy, however, then you may want to consider altering your social media routine.

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U.S. Ambassador to South Korea Mark Lippert leaves a lecture hall for a hospital Thursday in Seoul, South Korea. Lippert was attacked by a man wielding a razor and screaming that the Koreans should be unified.

US ambassador slashed in attack

By FOSTER KLUG
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SEOUL, South Korea — U.S. Ambassador Mark Lippert was slashed on the face and wrist by a man wielding a weapon with a 10-inch blade and screaming that the rival Koreans should be unified, South Korean police said Thursday.

Media images showed a stunned-looking Lippert staring at his blood-covered left hand and holding his right hand over a cut on the right side of his face, his pink tie splattered with blood.

The U.S. State Department condemned the attack, which happened at a performing arts center in downtown Seoul as the ambassador was preparing for a lecture, and said Lippert was being treated at a local hospital and his injuries weren't life threatening.

YTN TV reported that the suspect — identified by police as a 55-year-old, surnamed Kim — screamed during the attack, "South and North Korea should be reunified." A police official,

speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation was still happening, said the suspect in 2010 threw a piece of concrete at the Japanese ambassador in Seoul.

The suspect shouted anti-war slogans after he was detained Thursday.

Yonhap TV showed men in suits and ties subduing the attacker, who was dressed in a modern version of the traditional Korean hanbok, and Lippert later being rushed to a police car with a handkerchief pressed to his cheek.

The attacker's comments on Korean reunification seem linked to lingering, deep divisions in South Korea that stem from the Korean War. The U.S., which backed South Korea during the 1950-53 Korean War, still stations 28,500 troops in South Korea as a deterrent against North Korea, and some South Koreans see the U.S. presence as a barrier toward a reunified Korea, a view North Korea's propaganda machine regularly pushes in state media.

Anti-U.S. protesters have recently been demonstrating to

voice opposition to annual U.S.-South Korean military exercises that North Korea says are preparation for an invasion. Seoul and Washington say the drills, which will run until the end of April, are defensive and routine.

North Korea each year reacts with fury to the drills, which the impoverished country is forced to respond to with drills of its own. On the first day of this year's drills, Monday, it test-fired short range missiles in a demonstration of anger.

Lippert, 42, became ambassador last year and has been a regular presence on social media and presentations during his time in Seoul. Lippert was formerly the U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian affairs and a foreign policy aide to President Barack Obama when Obama was a U.S. senator.

Obama called Lippert after the attack to express his thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery, the White House said.

"We strongly condemn this act of violence," State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said.

Rapist's claim reveals India's problem of victim-blaming

By MUNEEZA NAQVI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW DELHI — When a condemned killer said the woman he and others brutally gang-raped on a New Delhi bus was responsible for what had happened to her, his comments were shocking in their callousness and lack of remorse. But the underlying view has wide acceptance in India.

Blaming women for rape is what hundreds of millions of men in India are taught to believe.

And the code for women in this country is simple: Dress modestly, don't go out at night, don't go to bars and clubs, don't go out alone. If you break the code, you will be blamed for the consequences.

When one of the four men sentenced to death for the high-profile gang rape of the woman in 2012 was quoted in a new documentary as saying "a girl is far more responsible for rape than a boy," he was repeating something community and religious leaders in the nation of 1.2 billion routinely say.

"A decent girl won't roam around at 9 o'clock at night. ... Housework and housekeeping is for girls, not roaming in discos and bars at night doing wrong things, wearing wrong clothes," Mukesh Singh said in the documentary "India's Daughter," meant to be shown on Sunday, International Women's Day, in India and several other countries.

But how different were the convicted rapist's words from comments that Manohar Lal Khattar, the top elected official of Haryana state, made last year?

"If a girl is dressed decently, a boy will not look at her in the wrong way," Khattar told reporters, "Freedom has to be limited. These short clothes are Western



In this Dec. 22, 2012 photo, people gather to protest against the gang rape of a woman that occurred earlier that month outside the Indian Presidential Palace in New Delhi, India.

influences. Our country's tradition asks girls to dress decently."

Women leaders are not immune.

When a female journalist was shot dead in 2008 while driving home from work well past midnight, New Delhi's top official at the time, Sheila Dixit, made clear she partly blamed the victim.

"All by herself till 3 a.m. at night in a city where people believe...you know...you should not be so adventurous," she told reporters.

It's a view that Sangwan hears all too often.

"It's a heinous view to hold, but it's the view of our religious leaders, our community leaders, our legislators," she said.

The documentary, which includes a 2013 jailhouse interview with Singh, set off government alarm bells after transcripts were released this week. On Tuesday, India's Information and Broadcasting Ministry ordered television channels not to air the film.

It remains unclear whether the government will be able to block

the film, but the legal wrangling will most likely delay its screening in India.

The brutality, and perhaps the fact that the gang rape occurred on a moving bus in a posh New Delhi neighborhood, galvanized this country of 1.2 billion, where sexual violence is rampant.

The woman and a male friend were returning home from seeing a movie at an upscale mall when they were tricked by the attackers into getting on the bus, which the men had taken out for a joyride. The attackers beat the victim's friend and took turns raping her. They penetrated her with a rod, leaving severe internal injuries that led to her death two weeks later.

Four men were convicted of rape and murder in an unusually fast trial for India's chaotic justice system. A fifth man died in prison, and another attacker who was a juvenile at the time was sentenced to three years in a detention center. Legal appeals against their death sentences are pending in the Supreme Court.

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Feds seize \$5M of marijuana at border

EDINBURG — The U.S. Border Patrol says its agents have seized more than \$5 million worth of marijuana in various seizures since the start of this month.

The largest seizure took place on Wednesday near La Casita when agents found more than 11 bundles of marijuana that had been abandoned in the brush. The marijuana, which weighed more than 1,000 pounds, was turned

over to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Since the beginning of March, agents have seized more than 6,300 pounds of marijuana.

For the current fiscal year, which began Oct. 1, agents in the Rio Grande Valley Sector have seized more than 234,000 pounds of marijuana, with an estimated value of \$187.2 million.

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Fair Oaks Ranch junior Alex Oestreich, defense attorney for Kinghorn, provided his argument to start the evening.

"The law does not tolerate revenge," he said. "But you see, that is why we are sitting here today. That is why this suit has been brought against our internal vice president, Lawren Kinghorn. That is why Mr. McCahill is sitting here today."

Oestreich said Kinghorn did nothing to show bias, malice or harmful political motives towards McCahill, as demonstrated through various witnesses throughout the trial, contrary to allegations by the plaintiffs.

"The plaintiff is just trying to manipulate bylaws and lie to this court," he said. "But they have failed to do one thing: link this to Lawren. She doesn't report attendance, she doesn't count absences, so where's the link? It doesn't exist."

Daniel Pellegrin, deputy chief justice, questioned Oestreich on his reasoning as to there being no link between Kinghorn and the issues present in the suit. What issues?

Oestreich said despite the ambiguity and holes in the bylaws that caused Kinghorn to interpret them herself, she did so to the best of her ability, without malice or with the intention of impeaching McCahill.

"Don't let bloodlaw take control of student government," Oestreich said. "Don't let Gannon McCahill put the blame on Lawren Kinghorn for something she didn't

do."

After questions by the court, the plaintiff began his closing arguments.

Sophomore Elliott Riches, the plaintiff's attorney, said Kinghorn violated her duties as internal vice president by acting improperly in the first and second impeachment trial of senator McCahill, by refusing to give senator Hardy legislative records normally accessible to senators and by unilaterally removing people from office.

"Because of these reasons," Riches said. "The court should approve sanctions against Lawren Kinghorn."

The justices questioned Riches on whether it would be more effective for the court to clarify the bylaws and instruct the senate to operate under the bylaws, rather than remove Kinghorn.

"I agree there are larger issues, but Ms. Kinghorn is the reason that these issues have been made apparent," Riches said. "Her actions are the reason this case exists."

Oestreich said in his rebuttal that the issues within the senate and the case appeared not to be linked to Kinghorn directly, but to the Senate Executive Council as a whole and ambiguity in the senate bylaws.

"Do not hold Lawren Kinghorn responsible," Oestreich said.

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sion calling for her urgent release.

EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini said in a statement Wednesday that after being on hunger strike for 82 days, Savchenko "faces permanent damage to her health, or death" and called again for her release on humanitarian grounds.

Russian officials, in their turn, have insisted that Savchenko is not in immediate danger and if there is a serious change in her condition, she would be sent to a civilian hospital. In her court appearance Wednesday, Savchenko, wearing a red-and-white sweater, appeared glum but not disabled.

In an interview with the Open Russia website this month, Savchenko said she has been consuming a compound that includes protein and lactose.

"I am taking this mixture so that my brain will be the last thing to break down. Only for this," she said.

Her sister, Vera Savchenko, told The Associated Press in Kiev Wednesday that Savchenko decided to continue her hunger strike until the 99th day.

"This is not done out of stubbornness," she added. "This is just the weapon she has deployed. She is standing up against the Krem-

lin."

Savchenko's case has been a contentious issue in the Ukrainian conflict and in Russia-West relations. Ukraine demands that she be considered a prisoner of war, which would nominally make her eligible for the prisoner exchange taking place in stops and starts under a stumbling internationally brokered peace agreement.

On Monday, the presidents of Ukraine, France and Germany appealed to Russian President Vladimir Putin to release Savchenko. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said Wednesday he had written separately to Putin. But

the Kremlin hasn't responded publicly yet.

Russia has insisted that Savchenko must face trial. Keeping her in custody also has given Russia leverage to repeatedly denounce Ukrainian forces as the killers of journalists.

Savchenko's sister said she was disappointed but unsurprised by Wednesday's court ruling.

"The whole world has come out in her support and yet they tell her: 'Lay down your arms, you cannot win. They have broken others, everybody else has given up,'" Vera Savchenko said, adding her sister won't give up.

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and sex discrimination," Crawford said. "The work that I am trying to do is about really preventing sexual violence happening across the country."

Crawford said sexual violence includes stalking, dating violence, domestic violence and sexual assault. When discussing how women are viewed as sexual objects and not as equal parts of a relationship, Crawford brought up the Oscars. Dakota Johnson, the actress that played Anastasia Steele in "Fifty Shades of Grey," received a standing ovation for simply presenting an award, while Fox News' Stacey Dash was "appalled" at Patricia Arquette's gender pay equality acceptance speech.

"It's really hard for me to work with a student who is experiencing things and then to see something glorified at the end of a movie where this couple falls in love," Crawford said. "What's the difference between that and the reality?"

She quoted a scientist who said, "while millions of women are fantasizing about the controlling and abusive Christian Grey of fiction, there are many other women dealing with the horrors



JESS SCHURZ | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Dr. Mia Moody-Ramirez, associate professor of journalism, public relations and new media answers a student's question about "50 Shades of Grey" in the THIS MATTERS discussion alongside Title IX coordinator Patti Crawford and Dr. Jonathan Tran, associate professor religion, on Wednesday in the Bill Daniel Student Center den. This discussion panel explored the hypersexualization of women in today's media.

of actually living with men like him."

In Crawford's job, she said it gets confusing when there is such popularity surrounding something that is supposed to be viewed as negative.

"To me, that hit the point of there's reality and then there's Hollywood," Crawford said. "The work that we are trying to do to empower women and men who also deal with sexual violence,

we also need to understand that there's a difference between what the media is telling us to also what is real empowerment and positive relationships."

Tran had a different view on the books.

"The idea is that it's not too much about sex," Tran said. "My problem is that it's not enough about sex. It gives you a rather deformed or deprived account of what sex is."

Tran said there is something understandable about women being drawn to the series because it meets an unmet need.

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Frosty paws

Dog owners purchase footwear to protect canines from salt, ice

By SUE MANNING
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — People aren't the only ones suffering from a seemingly endless winter of bone-rattling cold, record-busting snow and ice-slick sidewalks. Pooches' paws feel the pain, too.

While millions of residents from the Rocky Mountains to the East Coast shovel snow deep into the season and hunker down awaiting relief, their dogs are either missing out on walks or left vulnerable to injury with each salt-coated step.

Rock salt and shards of ice can cut feet or get wedged between toes, de-icing chemicals can burn paw pads and frostbite can happen.

That's led to a late-season boost in sales of doggy boots, which can be an annoyance for canines but allow owners to protect pets that are like family.

Malia Ebel of Concord, New Hampshire, has four dogs — two that will wear boots and two that won't or can't. Either way, when it dips below zero, Ebel cancels the crew's two daily walks.

"My two little dogs won't go out the front door without them when it's snowy," she said of the

dog boots worn by her Cavalier King Charles spaniel mixes.

Ebel trained 13-year-old Seymour and 12-year-old Sanders when they were young to wear boots, which are a necessity instead of a fashion choice.

"My dogs don't have a problem with the snow; it's the salt that hurts their feet," she said.

"So it's great that their feet are protected and they can walk on the street all winter. In a winter like this, there has been so much snow and they've had to salt the roads very consistently."

The persistent winter has pushed Boston close to its 20-year-old snowfall record with more than 100 inches and seemingly froze Niagara Falls in place. Fortunately, the weather is giving a boost to pet clothiers.

At the Barker & Meowsy Paw Firm in Chicago, the number of boots sold each day in the last six weeks was four times higher than a typical day this winter, company President Alice Lerman said.

"Some days all we sold were boots," she said of the pet boutique that sells clothing, furniture and carriers for cats and dogs.

Boots called "Mutluks," fleece-lined boots that resemble furry Mukluks for people, were good



Dog booties protect Sanders, a 12-year-old Cavalier King Charles spaniel mix, from paw injuries from sharp ice and salt rocks in the Concord, N.H., snow. More and more owners are purchasing dog booties for this reason.

sellers, as were Pawz disposable booties that look like balloons and come in 10-packs.

But the boots that sold out every day were a new product called Saltsoxm which slip on easily, stay dry and come shaped like a dog's foot so they won't fall off as often, Lerman said.

There are even less intrusive options: Musher's Secret wax was designed for sled dogs and forms a shield on paws to keep ice and salt out. Bag Balm moisturizer and Vaseline also can be used in a pinch.

Boots are a begrudging necessity for Wendy Olcott's golden retriever, Sunny. Living in Contoocook, New Hampshire, her 12-year-old dog learned to wear boots as a puppy for their long walks. But that doesn't mean Sunny likes them.

"Sunny didn't like wearing

the boots initially, and she still, all these years later, doesn't like wearing them," she said.

But walks go faster with the footwear because the dog doesn't have to stop to get the snow out from between her toes, Olcott said.

Shelters also are struggling this winter. At the Worcester Animal Rescue League in Massachusetts, keeping about 60 dogs and cats and two bunnies warm and clean has made laundry a never-ending chore, Executive Director Allie Tellier said.

Worcester received 92.1 inches of snow through mid-February.

Some days, workers and volunteers can't even get to the shelter, and whoever is closest has to trudge in to feed the hungry animals.

When it's 20-below, even the

Ohio now rocks out

ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A proposal to make "Hang On Sloopy" Ohio's official rock song has struck the right note with state representatives.

The Ohio House voted 82-13 to pass the measure Wednesday, sending it to the state Senate for consideration.

The 1960s hit was written by Wes Farrell and Bert Russell and has been a crowd favorite for decades at Ohio State University games. The university's marching band first performed it in 1965. Pro sports events around the state also use it.

The Legislature recognized "Sloopy" as the state's official rock song in the 1980s, though the honor apparently wasn't enshrined in law.

The House passed a bill to designate the tune as Ohio's rock song in the last session, but the Senate didn't consider it.

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Malia Ebel puts winter booties on her 12-year-old Cavalier King Charles spaniel mix, Sanders.

housebroken dogs won't do their business outside, leading to messes, Tellier said. But when the harder dogs go out, many come back holding up frozen paws.

"We are equipped to handle snow and winter, but this has been harsh," Tellier said.

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- 9 Ones who deal with dealers
- 14 First name in furniture
- 15 Editor's job
- 17 Seeking lodging
- 19 Unidentified Jane
- 20 Tugboat sound
- 21 Commodities dealer
- 22 Summit meeting goal
- 24 18-Down, with "down"
- 26 Rearing place
- 27 Pulling away
- 31 This and that
- 32 Deep gulf
- 33 Global financial org.
- 36 Mexican supermodel Elsa
- 39 Hardly transitory
- 41 Gig session
- 42 Venetian island
- 44 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit
- 45 More at dinner
- 48 Suffix with school
- 51 CIA predecessor
- 52 London home of Constables and Sargents
- 53 Block deliverers of yesterday
- 55 Powerful lobby for seniors
- 57 Cape Canaveral's st.
- 60 Stadium supporters, and a hint to their cry hidden in 17-, 27- and 45-Across
- 63 Self-control
- 64 Felt poorly
- 65 "Golden Boy" playwright
- 66 "Hello, ewel!"
- 67 Mausoleums

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- 25 "Now I remember!"
- 27 Watch chains
- 28 Peter Fonda's beekeeper
- 29 Medicine cabinet items
- 30 Suffix with malt
- 33 Low-budget pic, usually
- 34 Chief
- 35 Coach's challenge indicator
- 37 StubHub offerings, briefly
- 38 Latvia neighbor
- 40 Spellbound
- 43 Baked, layered entrée
- 45 Clown Kelly
- 46 French I infinitive
- 47 Purring snuggler
- 48 Extremely tiny
- 49 Needed liniment
- 50 Creator of many pieces?
- 54 Writes the wrong zip code, say
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Baylor set to rebound in Houston Baseball Classic

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

Following a weekend of three straight losses to Cal-State Fullerton, Baylor baseball hopes to bounce back over spring break. Baylor, Texas A&M, Louisiana State University, Hawaii, Nebraska and the University of Houston will participate in the annual Houston Baseball Classic at Minute Maid Park in downtown Houston.

Baylor plays Hawaii at noon Friday; LSU at 3:30 p.m. Saturday; and Texas A&M at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Sophomore pitcher Daniel Castano will pitch on Friday, sophomore pitcher Drew Tolson on Saturday and senior pitcher Austin Stone on Sunday.

The Bears were swept this past weekend after an error-ridden double-header pushed Cal-State Fullerton into full control of the series. Senior outfielder Adam Toth said the Bears still have many good things to take away from last weekend.

"I'm not really trying to look at the negatives of it, but there was a lot of stuff that we did good there, especially the last game," Toth said. "You know, we had like 15 hits or something. We were hitting balls hard. They just weren't falling."

Baylor's offense kept the Bears alive for most of game two and three, but late-game pitching reopened the scoreboard for Cal-State.

Head coach Steve Smith said the Bears' pre-conference schedule has been good for the growth of his team. Each opponent has been a quality, challenging matchup, he said. Specifically with the Houston Baseball Classic, Smith said all the teams involved in the event make for "games that matter."

"We don't have control of the match-



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Freshman right-hander Theron Kay pitches during Baylor baseball's 8-4 win over Northwestern State on Feb. 25. Baylor travels to Houston this weekend for a tournament.

ups, but I'm really glad we're getting the matchups we're getting," Smith said. "If you're going to play in it, you want to play some teams. Honestly, we haven't played anybody yet that wasn't. I don't think from that standpoint that the teams we're playing are going to be anything really any different than what we've been doing. I'm glad we got the schedule we've got."

Saturday will be Baylor's first time playing Texas A&M since its departure from the Big 12 Conference. For players, it brings back special memories and a classic rivalry between the two schools.

Baylor's seniors on the roster were freshmen in the Bears' historic season of winning the Big 12 Championship in 2012. Part of that memorable run was a

series against Texas A&M in front of a sold-out crowd at Baylor Ballpark. Getting to see the Aggies again will be something the Bears will relish.

"I remember that clear as day," Toth said. "That's one of the funnest years I've had playing here, was against A&M. That's going to be nice to play them again."

LSU has lost just one game this season out of 13 games played. All 13 of those games have been at home. The Aggies are undefeated in 13 games. Hawaii holds a 5-8 record.

"We're not looking at the opponent. We're just playing baseball when we go down there. And we're just trying to get better each day."



COURTESY BIG 12 ATHLETICS

Johnson earns conference award

Senior Rachel Johnson was named the Big 12's Co-Outstanding Performer of the Year on Wednesday morning. Johnson is the first Baylor female athlete to win the award during the indoor or outdoor track season. She won the honor after taking first place in the 5,000-meter race and 1,000-meter race at last weekend's Big 12 Indoor Championships in Ames, Iowa. She shared the award with Kansas State runner Akela Jones and Texas' Courtney Okolo.

Six Lady Bears earn Big 12 honors

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 6 Lady Bears stacked on more accolades to their Big 12 regular season title as the Big 12 individual awards came pouring in Wednesday.

Sophomore forward Nina Davis was named Big 12 Player of the Year. Head coach Kim Mulkey earned Big 12 Coach of the Year honors for another successful season at the helm of Baylor women's basketball. It was Mulkey's fifth time winning the award.

Davis' player of the year award marked Baylor's fifth-straight season winning it, following in the footsteps of Brittney Griner (2011, 2012, 2013) and Odyssey Sims (2014). Both also won national player of the year awards in the same year of winning the Big 12 honor.

Davis and junior guard Niya Johnson

unanimously earned All-Big 12 first team honors. Baylor was the only school to have two players named. Davis leads the conference in scoring (20.7 points per game) and double-doubles (10). Johnson leads the nation in assists and broke the Big 12 single-season record for assists.

Sophomore post Khadijah Cave won the Sixth Man award as she played a critical role as the Lady Bears' first substitute in the rotation. Cave provided invaluable support for senior post Sune Agbuke, who continues to struggle with a knee injury.

Freshman guard Kristy Wallace was one of five players in the conference selected to the Big 12 All-Freshman Team. Agbuke was Baylor's lone player named Big 12 All-Defensive Team.

Sophomore guard Imani Wright and Agbuke were both also given honorable mention.

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