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## Behind the lines StuFu puts annual effort into Bearathon, chalking

By AMANDA YARGER  
REPORTER

At approximately 3 a.m. Saturday, Albuquerque, N.M., junior Brad Dimos and other members of Student Foundation began chalking the course for the 13.1-mile race called the Bearathon, an annual half-marathon sponsored by the student organization to raise funds for scholarships.

The runners started at Fountain Mall, and members laid a chalk outline on the course during the dark hours of the night to guide participants along the way.

Mother Nature, however, interrupted plans to chalk the course by sending a 2-inch rainfall to Waco, effectively washing away the first chalked course and causing the course to be redone multiple times.

"When we were chalking, a lot of the chalk washed away," Dimos said. "We really had to

go over it a couple times and it added a lot of time and effort to making sure people followed the right course."

Dimos said Student Foundation partnered with the Baylor Cycling Club, using pace bikers, to guide runners as they progressed through the course. Members of the Cycling Club biked ahead to steer participants in the correct direction.

Shreveport, La., senior Katy Wagner, the co-chair of Student Foundation's Campus Promotions Committee, said the chalking was scheduled to begin at 1 a.m., but was pushed back two hours because of the weather.

"It probably took the same amount of time [as past years], but we ended up chalking sparingly - mainly around corners - just to conserve our time," she said.

Wagner said despite the setback in chalking, the rest of the setup process at the stadium went smoothly.

"Between the set-up starting at 1 a.m. and the taking down at 1 p.m., we had a full 12-hour day,"



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Several proud finishers smile for a photo after their half marathon Saturday at McLane Stadium. The rainy weather did not stop Baylor's annual Bearathon, put on by Student Foundation, from taking place this weekend.

she said.

Although the weather provided rough conditions for chalking, Wagner said the runners expressed gratitude for the cooler temperatures and moisture while they participated in the race.

This weekend was a testament to the many trials and obstacles Student Foundation faces in planning and preparing for the toughest half-marathon in Texas, which last year raised \$55,000 for student scholarships.

"We have a large amount of student activities that are involved with every part of the Bearathon," Dimos said. "At every mile marker we have sororities cheering on

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## Education for women dates back to BU at Independence

By AMANDA HAYES  
REPORTER

The columns at Independence, Texas, are not only a symbol of Baylor's history, but also hold a special meaning for women.

No males ever took classes in the original building where these columns stood, said Dr. Rebecca Sharpless, associate professor of history at Texas Christian University and Baylor graduate. Independence is the location where Baylor was chartered in 1845 by the Republic of Texas, and incoming students visit the site every summer at Line Camp.

The 21st Annual Women's History Month Lecture, sponsored by the history department and Phi Alpha Theta, took place Monday in Morrison Hall.

Dr. Andrea Turpin, assistant professor of history, introduced Sharpless and the topic of "Baylor's First Female Students: Sallie McNeill and Educated Texas Women."

Turpin said this year's speaker was chosen because Sharpless recently published a book, "Cooking in Other Women's Kitchens: Domestic Workers in the South", that got positive reception. Coincidentally, SEE INDEPENDENCE, page 4



KEVIN FREEMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

### Shave it off

Baylor baseball players have their hair cut Sunday at the Baylor Ballpark to raise money for the Vs. Cancer Foundation. Fans stayed after Baylor's final series game against West Virginia to show their support for the cause.

## Police: No evidence of gang rape at U.Va. frat

By LARRY O'DELL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — A four-month police investigation into an alleged gang rape at the University of Virginia that Rolling Stone magazine described in graphic detail produced no evidence of the attack and was stymied by the accuser's unwillingness to cooperate, authorities said Monday.

The article, titled "A rape on campus," focused on a student identified only as "Jackie" who said she was raped at the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity more than two years earlier.

It described a hidden culture of sexual violence fueled by binge drinking at the college. Police said they found no evidence of that either.

There were numerous discrepancies between the article, published in November 2014, and what investigators found, said Charlottesville Police Chief Timothy Longo, who took care not to accuse Jackie of lying.

The case is suspended and the fact that investigators could not find evidence years later "doesn't

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Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, speaks at Liberty University on Monday in Lynchburg, Va., to announce his campaign for president. Cruz, who announced his candidacy on Twitter in the early morning hours, is the first major candidate in the 2016 race for president.

## Cruz targets conservatives as he starts White House run

By PHILIP ELLOITT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LYNCHBURG, Va. — Launching his bid for the Republican presidential nomination, Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas asked Christian conservative voters to imagine a United States without the IRS, Obamacare or abortion rights — and to imagine they can make that happen by supporting him.

His aspirational appeal on Monday, aimed at America's most conservative voters, could quickly run into challenges in winning

over moderate voters — and eventually deep difficulties in governing should Cruz win the White House.

But it's a message that Cruz, the first major 2016 contender to declare himself a candidate, is expected to forcefully emphasize in the coming year before voters start to pick nominees.

"God's blessing has been on America from the very beginning of this nation, and I believe that God isn't done with Americans," Cruz declared at Liberty University, a Christian school founded by

the late Rev. Jerry Falwell.

"I believe in you. I believe in the power of millions of courageous conservatives rising up to reignite the promise of America. And that is that is why, today, I am announcing that I am running for president of the United States of America."

Cruz won't be the sole GOP contender for long. Two Senate colleagues, Kentucky's Rand Paul and Florida's Marco Rubio, are eyeing campaign launches soon. And former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush,

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## The best breaks aren't planned

Throughout high school and during my time here at Baylor, I have been described as a couple of things. One word seems to be repetitive: organized. Well, it's pretty accurate. I've always loved keeping a planner glued to my side and I bring along every single school supply you could think of to every class.

I like to stick to schedules because I like to know what's coming, but when things don't go as planned or when an event suddenly jumps in front of me, my body reacts to it. I start sweating, my heart rate goes up, and I sometimes start to panic. That same feeling happened a few weeks ago when I found out my great aunt was in the hospital, and it didn't look good.

She passed away while I was home for spring break, and while I was disappointed that I didn't get to do much of anything during my time off, it taught me a few lessons about how life works.

First, we cannot always expect how life is going to go. The cliché phrase "expect the unexpected" is true. Things are not going to go right. You won't get your way all the time, and you're going to get the short end of the stick at some point. There was no possible way of predicting how I would be spending spring break, so what was I supposed to do?

It's quite simple: Be a mature adult about the situation and deal with it. Some people may get upset and let their emotions get the best of them, but that's not what needs to happen. If you let your emotions make decisions for you, it doesn't always end well.

I had to look at the situation and make the best of things whenever it wasn't good. There's room to grow after that. People can develop or even discover new personality traits if they handle the unexpected event in a mature fashion.

Second, a break of routine is sometimes needed in the midst of a crazy schedule. There have been numerous times where I had something planned such as work on homework or go to a sporting event for work.

Sometimes I decided to switch it up and did something different such as playing tennis, going outside and sitting on Fountain Mall or watching "Friday Night Lights" on Netflix.

To some people, this is called procrastination. However, when it's done in moderation and is need-



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ed during a stressful week, I call it a necessity.

Slow life down. We get caught up in getting things done and going places that we often let the days pass by too quickly. Before we know it, years get away from us and we're middle-aged people with a spouse and teenage kids.

Finally, we can't spend time worrying about what's to come. While many of my family members were walking around the hospital worrying about what the next few days were going to hold, I didn't do that. In the end, it's not in our hands. It's ultimately up to God.

My great aunt was also my godmother. She brought me into the Catholic Church, stood before God and said that I would be raised to be a loyal and faithful servant of Christ. That same faith that I was given the day I was anointed with water over my head ended up helping me get through the past week.

Matthew 6:31-34 states, "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

That Bible verse has helped me keep perspective of what life is all about. Things will go wrong, but it's a way of life. It's an opportunity to learn about yourself and take a step back from the usual busy lives that we all have.

Even though I may have not been on a beach somewhere or done the typical spring break activities last week, the week did not go unappreciated. I was surrounded by my family during a difficult time and learned a lot about my faith and life itself.

The love I felt with my family was very comforting, and I know there's no doubt that my aunt's death was a part of God's plan for me. Eternal life with Christ is the ultimate prize after leaving this earth, so how can I not smile thinking about that?

It wasn't planned or on my schedule, but sometimes the best things aren't.

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ASHER FREEMAN

## Hey, Dollar, it's not about the money

### Editorial

Around 2,000 years ago, Jesus told a group of his followers, "Blessed are the poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." Much of Christ's ministry was centered around the poor and the powerless. The meek, he even said, would inherit the earth.

But flip to any religious television channel and you're far more likely to see thousand-dollar suits and elegant churches the size of small municipalities than anything resembling "the poor," "the meek" or "the suffering." Except when those people are being used to further a rockstar pastor's agenda.

Televangelists, as they were known in previous decades, and mega-pastors regularly make the news concerning their grand spending accounts and baffling choice of words.

The latest on the long list of ministry pyramid schemes is Creflo Dollar, a pastor out of College Park, Ga., whose net worth totals around \$27 million.

Dollar, whose name is ironically unfortunate for the position he's put himself in, recently asked his following to donate money for a new jet via an online funding account. The jet is estimated to cost \$65 million dollars.

Not only is this an abuse of status, but convincing followers to donate based on the claims of a jet's necessity to perform ministry du-

ties is outright despicable.

Dollar's heinous misuse of his platform promotes neither the health of his individual church nor the health of the global Church.

He and other mega-media pastors are prominently displayed, so when they abuse their privileges, it reflects on entire institutions and faiths.

Dollar's net worth is over 900 times the average yearly income of College Park residents, which is around \$29,000. While questions of appropriate stewardship do arise – certainly his Rolls-Royce and \$2.5 million New York penthouse should be questioned – attention should also be called to what he is doing to the Gospel. By making his ministry about money and fame, Dollar is weakening the most important currency he plays with: trust.

Skeptics of the Christian faith use massive pastoral wealth as a highlight of the double-standards and hypocrisy of the religion. By living such a high-profile lifestyle, Dollar is possibly hurting God's kingdom more than he is actually building it.

Just because people show up for lights, cameras and actions does not mean he is actually developing souls. Especially if he's more concerned with funding jets for questionable motives than his true kingdom work of helping heal the afflicted.

Of course, not all religious lead-

ers with huge followings carry evil motives. Internationally famous song leader Kirk Franklin has condemned Dollar's actions as an abuse of privilege. Pastors such as Andy Stanley of North Point Ministries and Baylor's own Chris Seay of Ecclesia Houston carry an exalted status in the ministry world, but do not abuse or flaunt from their platform.

While it is easy to point to many verses where Jesus condemned leaders for misguiding their flock or living extravagantly, it is important that Christians not merely make Dollar the latest scapegoat.

Everyone falls. Everyone makes mistakes. In slandering and attacking Dollar's misconduct, we must also remember that Jesus had a more overarching theme than feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and helping the poor.

Jesus came to present the world one word. Simply: Grace.

As Dollar and other religious leaders wade through the messes they've made, it is the job of followers, critics and displeased onlookers who profess the name of Jesus to remember the necessity of grace.

What Dollar has done is reprehensible. We should not treat it as inexcusable, though.

Everything is forgivable because Jesus has forgiven us already.

We must hold others accountable, but we must also be ready to extend open arms.

## Recent college graduate? Try unemployed adults.

As a senior graduating in December, I am already on the job hunt. As most people know, getting a job in the market these days is near to impossible for recent graduates unless you, according to forbes.com, are pursuing an accounting, finance, computer science or engineering degree.

The issue with hiring recent graduates is usually the lack of experience. In many cases, application instructions list requirements for the position. In those requirements includes a number of years of experience, even for entry level jobs. How are recent grads supposed to gain an entry level job with so many years of experience, when they have not had an entry level job to grant them that experience?

This is driving up the unemployment rate of those graduating college. The unemployment rate of those between the ages of 20 to 24 that have earned bachelor's degrees, which is 7 percent, is not significantly lower than those with some college but no degree, which is 12.2 percent, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

This is a problem. This shows that earning a bachelor's degree does not exactly cut it anymore. College students are going to have to start doing more than just earn a degree during their college years in order to attain an adequate job in their field of study post-graduation.

However, the good news is that if you have a college degree, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, you make more money than those without a degree after you get a job. Those with a bachelor's degree on average make approximately \$15,000 more than those who just graduated from high school. After 30 years, according to simpledollar.com, that adds up to a \$450,000 difference.

Even internships are hard to come by without experience. I am fortunate enough to have found an internship, but I can only attribute it to my experience in writing and doing video for the Lariat.

Companies should not expect college graduates to have multiple years of experience right off the bat. We have been working four years, sometimes more, to earn a degree that is supposed to show what things we can do because of the classes we have taken. If you're like me, you have a portfolio of work from those classes to show in hopes that future employers will count them as experience.

In a recent interview for an internship, my in-



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Reporter

terviewer went over my resume with me and asked "What is the difference between your experience and your employment history?" To that question, all I could come up with was "I got paid for the employment." She then told me to get rid of the employment history and just use the experience part to prove why they should hire me and to inform the employer of what qualities I have achieved throughout college.

This proves that employers don't care that you worked at whatever restaurant or retail store while you were in college or even high school. If you are going to get an internship or job while you are in college, shoot for one within your field of study, so when the time comes, you have a good "experience" section on your resume.

Many employers consider internships experience. The problem with this is that recent grads turn to usually minimum wage or no-pay internships after graduation and end up staying in those positions because they need that experience. But is it worth it? During that time, they are living on essentially nothing trying to make ends meet. Some move back home with their parents in order to save money by not paying rent.

How can employers expect us to have experience without someone helping us get it? We need experience, but few are willing to give it to us. Employers should take chances on recent grads or even college seniors so that they can start building up "experience" in order to get a decent, paying job after graduation.

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From left, Cindy Asmussen, Jan Jones and Mary Smith hold signs as they oppose gay marriage during a Defense of the Texas Marriage Amendment Rally on Monday outside the state Capitol in Austin. The rally supported what they call "biblical marriage," a union between a man and a woman.

## Texas rally calls for 'biblical marriage'

By EVA RUTH MORAVEC  
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AUSTIN — About 250 people gathered Monday afternoon at the Texas Capitol to rally in support of what they call "biblical marriage" — a union between a man and a woman — at an event headlined by Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore.

Moore, a gay marriage opponent, instructed Alabama's state probate judges to refuse to issue marriage licenses to gay couples despite a federal ruling that Alabama's same-sex marriage ban is unconstitutional.

Texas has a similar ban that was approved by voters in 2005.

Moore encouraged lawmakers in attendance, including Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and Attorney General Ken Paxton, to stand up to the federal government. State courts have equal authority, he said.

"No court has authority to redefine what God proposed in Genesis," Moore said, adding that the Bible defined marriage as between one man and one woman.

After the rally, Moore told a reporter for The Associated Press

that he was in Austin to teach the law. "I'm teaching that federal courts have no authority in this area," he said.

The crowd, many of whom carried signs stating "I support Biblical marriage," was mostly cordial. Several attendees got into arguments after the rally with gay marriage advocates.

Support was strong among attendees for the Preservation of Sovereignty and Marriage Act, a bill by Rep. Cecil Bell Jr., R-Magnolia. The proposal — scheduled for a hearing Wednesday — would prohibit state and local government employees from having to recognize or grant a marriage license "that violates a personal religious belief."

Patrick, a Republican, said that traditional marriage is worth fighting for and thanked attendees for "standing for traditional marriage in the state of Texas."

Paxton, also a Republican, said that Texans "could not have spoken more clearly on this issue."

He said he'd continue to fend off federal government's efforts to

"ignore Texas' right to define marriage." Paxton successfully sought to have the Supreme Court of Texas block gay marriages after a lesbian couple in Austin was issued a court order for a marriage license last month. The move was prompted by a probate court judge's ruling that Texas' same-sex marriage ban is unconstitutional. No more same-sex marriage licenses have been issued since.

Last week, Paxton sued the U.S. Department of Labor over a proposal to extend family leave benefits to same-sex married couples.

Moore also called for Supreme Court of the United States Justices Elena Kagan and Ruth Bader Ginsburg to recuse themselves from this summer's arguments on same-sex marriage because they've officiated gay weddings.

Because he'd advised probate courts not to recognize gay marriage licenses, he said he abstained from an Alabama Supreme Court vote ordering judges to stop issuing same-sex marriage licenses.

"I didn't vote in my case, because I had expressed my opinion," Moore said. "They should do the

same thing."

That sentiment was mimicked in another anti-gay-rights event at the Capitol on Monday morning, held by the Coalition of African American Pastors, which is circulating a petition to ask for the judges' recusals.

But the group's president, Rev. Bill Owens, said that what really boils his blood is the gay community's claim "that they are rallying on the civil rights movement."

"In other words," Owens said, "they stole, they hijacked the civil rights movement."

Steve Rudner, chair of the Equality Texas Foundation's board of directors, said the two movements are different, but "everyone deserves equal rights."

Rudner and his wife, Lisa, were among about 50 people who gathered at a church near the Capitol for lunch and an ice cream social before they lobbied lawmakers to support gay marriage. The couple has twin 16-year-old sons, one of whom is gay.

He called the two events opposing gay marriage "the last dying gasps of bigotry and prejudice."

## Bear Briefs

### Waco plans to 'Gather' at Palm Sunday worship

The Gathering on the Brazos, a Palm Sunday worship service with more than 80 congregations, will take place at 5 p.m. Sunday at McLane Stadium. The event is free, but attendees are encouraged to bring two canned food items to benefit local food pantries. The event will have various notable speakers, such as former quarterback Bryce Petty, President and Chancellor Ken Starr and HGTV's Fixer Upper co-host Joanna Gaines.



### Runners prepare to run off the Gut, raise funds

The annual Gut Pak Run, hosted by the Freshman Class Council and the Baylor Triathlon Club, will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday in front of Waco Hall. Racers will run from Baylor to Vitek's BBQ and eat a Gut Pak before returning to the finish line on Speight Ave. Prices start at \$20 for students and \$25 for the general public until Thursday. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Youth Arts initiatives of Mission Waco. For additional information or to register, visit, [www.baylor.edu/studentactivities/organizations/index.php?id=93342](http://www.baylor.edu/studentactivities/organizations/index.php?id=93342).

### Dodgeball game for charity seeks team applications

Registration for the For the Kids Dodgeball Tournament is now open. The tournament will be held from 5-8 p.m. Friday in Russell Gymnasium and will raise funds for Scott and White McLane Children's Hospital. The top three teams will win prizes. Teams can only have a maximum of seven players and should have at least five members. Individuals must register separately. The cost is \$5 per person. You may register at the door or online at [www.eventbrite.com/e/for-the-kids-dodgeball-tournament-tickets-16214547147?aff=efevent](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/for-the-kids-dodgeball-tournament-tickets-16214547147?aff=efevent). For additional information, contact Prashant Appikarla at [baylor.edu](mailto:baylor.edu).

### Award seeks to recognize faculty

Nominations for the 2015 Light Your World Awareness award are now open. The award recognizes Baylor professors who have impacted students' lives in a positive way at a banquet held by Phi Kappa Chi on April 1. The selected professor and the student who nominated them will be guests of honor at the banquet. To nominate a professor, go to <http://goo.gl/forms/XH2C1wTsuY>. Nominations are due by noon Wednesday. For additional information, contact [Jacob\\_Plett@baylor.edu](mailto:Jacob_Plett@baylor.edu).

### R-word ban campaign to start this week

Spread the Word to End the Word, a campaign to stop the use of the word "retard" or "retarded" in a derogatory way, is coming to Baylor's campus. This Wednesday, there will be a table where you can sign a banner to pledge your rejection of the R-word from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Bill Daniel Student Center. This year's shirts will be available for \$10 and last year's for \$5 (\$12 for both). For additional information, visit [www.r-word.org](http://www.r-word.org).

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Several runners come in for the final stretch of the half marathon this Saturday at McLane Stadium. The rainy weather did not deter many from running.

runners, we have the Baylor Biking Club being the pacers, we have Student Foundation workers, we have Medical Service Organization providing first aid - it's all student workers, so that's a really unique thing unlike a city-run race. The Baylor community had to really get close to make that all happen and the Waco community really showed up today, too."

Race fees for Bearathon cover all expenses of the event, from participant timing chips to water at the mile markers. All proceeds then go into a scholarship fund to be distributed to students who demonstrate financial need and merit.

Part of the Bearathon's success can be attributed to the difficulty of the course itself. Spanning from Fountain Mall to McLane Stadium, the race covers the rigorous hills of Cameron Park and has been nicknamed the "Toughest Half in Texas."

Because of the intensity of the run, it attracts runners who compete both nationally and internationally for titles.

"The guys who were finishing at the front were running just shy of 80 minutes and that's really competitive with those hills," he said. "The people who are finishing now [10:30 a.m.] are just people who wanted to give it a try and everyone in-between. The bulk of the runners are people who have been training and are in shape — some just wanted to come out here and have some fun."

For many in the Baylor community, Bearathon offers a chance for a challenge

race alongside family members and friends.

"For the runners, that it's a really good bonding experience because it's a fun event — it's a fun venue at McLane Stadium with the band and everything," Dimos said. "We can see people walking around long after they've finished, just to cheer on other runners. Runners are super nice people."

Castle Rock, Colo., freshman Miranda Erickson said she trained for Bearathon while fulfilling a LF credit by taking aerobic running this semester.

"The best part of the race is the encouragement," she said. "There was one point where my friend and I passed each other and high-fived each other."

Erickson, who had not previously competed in a half marathon, said the hills were by far the most strenuous part of the race.

"There was one hill that was really killer, but I said 'I won't walk it!' and I kept going," she said. "I was able to do it and now I know it's possible."

A new addition to the race this year included moving the finish line to McLane Stadium. Last year, the race ended on Fifth Street.

"I wasn't a runner, but I can imagine coming over that bridge after 13 miles coming downhill. That's got to feel nice with all the cheering and the big arch," Dimos said. "I'd definitely say it's a big improvement over the previous location."

Another special addition to the event

was the remembrance of Daniel Jones. In 2013, the Richland Hills senior passed away during the race due to hypertensive cardiovascular disease, according to the autopsy report.

"We honored him with a prayer at the beginning of the race and we also had his name on the finish tape," Wagner said. "We were also working with his family and their requests. His sister wanted to run with his number."

In addition to honoring Jones' memory, a former Baylor staff member was represented during the race.

"Another thing this year was Team Bev," Dimos said. "They were representing Beverly Warlick, who was a faculty member who passed away recently. They were all running and helping by volunteering at every capacity in her name."

Warlick, who passed away in December, worked as an Office Manager for Campus Recreation. She served at Baylor for 20 years.

Despite the initial lackluster weather delaying some of the set-up activities, the overall turnout of the event was positive as the race continues to grow in popularity, Dimos said.

"Everything involved in it — from getting the sponsorships, to getting everything set here — is done by the students," he said. "We really have to work together on that with a lot of people and that really helps solidify a lot of friendships."

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dently, Turpin said, Sharpless was also studying the history of women's education at Baylor.

Sharpless recounted details of early female students at Baylor and urged the audience to think about why women should be educated.

Before the American Revolution, Sharpless said, there was an idea that women didn't need to be educated because they were not as smart as men. After the Revolution, however, education seemed more necessary as women needed to be good mothers to their sons, known as the "Republican Mother."

From 1790 and forward there were education institutions for males and females, but often separate, Sharpless said.

Sharpless studied the diary of Sallie McNeil, a female Baylor student who was one of 12 women to graduate in 1858. Using the primary source of McNeil's introspective writing, Sharpless said she was able to get a good picture of what it was like to be in the class of 1858, even without any images of the student. Sharpless described these women as girls, because McNeil was only 16 years old when she came to Baylor.

There is evidence that men and women were in the same classes until 1851, Sharpless said, when the university almost died during the Civil War. Rufus Burleson arrived that year with a list of demands, including that he wanted to split the school into male and female departments.

Horace Clark was the principal of the female department, and Burleson was both principal of the male department and over the entire university. Sharpless compared their relationship to a university with a football coach that is also the athletic director, and said that there was hatred between the two principals.

Mary Gentry Kavanaugh was the first female graduate in 1855, when females did not receive bachelor's degrees, just certificates.

Clark said in his commencement address of 1856, "The education of woman is as much her birthright as the air she breathes, food she eats, apparel she wears."

Sharpless said Clark believed the reason for women's education was to fulfill their duties of daughter, wife, mother, and member of society, but not to pursue a career.

Sharpless also said the diary took a disturbing turn when it became apparent that slaves made everything possible for these women, but they were rarely recognized.

Some things do not change, however, as Sharpless said the diary showed that the early female students at Baylor cared deeply about friendships, new dresses, and who was dating who. McNeil remained connected to her classmates until her death in 1867, probably due to yellow fever.

Sharpless said these women followed a well-rounded curriculum, and many people today are surprised to learn that girls got a real education before the Civil War.

"Current female students at Baylor should know that their education is taken seriously, and has been for 170 years," Sharpless said.

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Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, are expected to follow, among others.

The 44-year-old Cruz is betting his White House hopes on profoundly conservative voters and their opposition to policies they find abhorrent.

Within such circles, there is deep distrust of the IRS, which was revealed last year to have been scrutinizing tea party groups' nonprofit status.

Scuttling President Barack Obama's health care legislation, called by some "Obamacare," is a rallying cry, as well. And abortion is a major issue for Christian conservatives who have tremendous sway in the lead-off caucus and primary election states of Iowa and South Carolina.

During his 30-minute kickoff speech, delivered like a sermon without notes or cue cards, Cruz made clear he sees electoral potential in his unbending advocacy.

"Today, roughly half of born-again Christians aren't voting — they're staying home," Cruz said. "Imagine, instead, millions of people of faith

all across America coming out to the polls and voting our values."

Following his election to the Senate in 2012, the former Texas solicitor general quickly established himself as an uncompromising figure willing to take on Democrats and sometimes Republicans, too. Divisive within his own GOP, he won praise from tea party activists for leading the effort to shut the federal government during an unsuccessful bid to block money for the law.

He spoke on the fifth anniversary of that law — legislation that prompted Cruz to stand for more than 21 hours in the Senate to denounce it in a speech that delighted his supporters and other Obamacare foes.

Cheers rose Monday in the hall when Cruz reminded the crowd that the Liberty University filed a suit against the law right after its enactment.

But the partial government shutdown was not widely popular, and Democrats signaled that it would be central to their criticism of the first-term senator.

"His reckless approach to govern-

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mean that something terrible didn't happen to Jackie," Longo said.

He appealed for anyone with information about any sexual violence to immediately alert police, and expressed hope that Jackie may one day feel comfortable explaining what really happened.

"There's a difference between a false allegation and something that happened that may have been different than what was described in that article," Longo said.

Asked if Jackie would be charged with making a false report, he said: "Absolutely not."

Accurate or not, the article heightened scrutiny of campus sexual assaults amid a campaign by President Barack Obama to end them. The University of Virginia had already been on the Department of Education's list

of 55 colleges under investigation for their handling of sex assault violations.

Longo said Jackie's first mention of an alleged assault came without key details, during a meeting she had with a dean about an academic issue in May 2013. The dean brought in police, but the case was dropped because Jackie didn't want them to investigate, Longo said.

In any case, the "sexual act" she described that year was "not consistent with what was described" in the Rolling Stone article.

Almost immediately, news organizations found discrepancies that prompted the magazine to print an apology.

University of Virginia President Theresa Sullivan asked police to investigate, and they called Jackie in

for Americans and he isn't the type of fighter that America's middle-class families need," Democratic National Committee chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz said in a statement.

The son of an American mother and Cuban-born father, Cruz would be the first Hispanic president.

To the enthusiastic crowd, he urged students to "imagine a president that finally, finally, finally secures the borders."

He also nodded to the tea party, which emphasizes limited federal spending and a libertarian-leaning view of government.

"Imagine a simple flat tax," he said. "Imagine abolishing the IRS."

He left unexplained how the government would collect taxes without the Internal Revenue Service. The flat tax has never gone anywhere in Congress because the only way it can work is either by dramatically cutting spending or significantly increasing taxes for most low- and middle-income families. Now, wealthy families in general pay federal income taxes at higher rates than the rest of the population.

On abortion, Cruz said: "Imagine a federal government that works to defend the sanctity of human life."

By announcing a candidacy that has long been obvious, Cruz triggers accounting and reporting requirements for the money he is raising and spending. To help build his campaign account, he is heading this week to donor-heavy New York.

For his announcement, Cruz bypassed Texas, which he represents in the Senate, as well as early nominating states such as New Hampshire, where Mitt Romney kicked off his campaign for the GOP nomination in 2012, and Iowa.

By getting in early — in a late-night message on Twitter and then his kickoff speech — Cruz was hoping to claim ownership of the influential corner of the Republican Party for whom cultural issues are supreme. It was a move at crowding out figures such as former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, a former Baptist pastor, and former Sen. Rick Santorum, who has made his Catholic faith a cornerstone of his political identity.

of them urged her to stay silent to avoid becoming a social outcast, the article said.

In interviews with The Associated Press, however, the same friends said the opposite was true: They said they insisted Jackie contact police, but she refused. The friends said the article didn't match what Jackie had told them that night, and that she didn't appear physically injured at the time.

"These false accusations have been extremely damaging to our entire organization, but we can only begin to imagine the setback this must have dealt to survivors of sexual assault," said Stephen Scipione, president of the Virginia Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi. "We hope that Rolling Stone's actions do not discourage any survivors from coming forward to seek the justice they deserve."

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## COSPLAYING DRESS-UP

BY HANNAH HASELOFF

Cosplay, dressing up as a specific character, is usually done at conventions for comic books or anime. Kay Jay, 20, is a San Antonio native who has been cosplaying for more than two years and has made 25 costumes. Kay Jay was invited to the Heart of Texas Comic Con, where fans could take pictures and buy posters this past weekend.



Kay Jay begins the long process of applying make up, a wig and putting on extensive costume pieces and props for her role as Asumi from Nickelodeon's Legend of Korra.



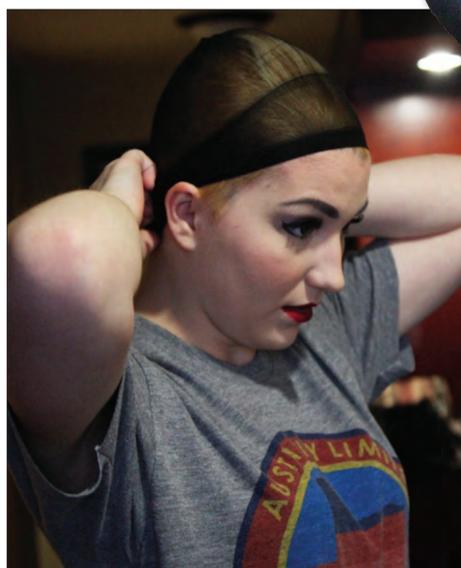
Kay Jay, center, teams up with San Antonio cosplayer Christina Faye and Waco cosplayer Brian Horn to portray Korra, Asami and Bolin from Nickelodeon's "Legend of Korra."

*"Cosplaying is a cool creative outlet. I get to create things while expressing my love of these different fandoms and characters."*

-Kay Jay

*"I started cosplaying in 2013 I had made a Halloween costume as a superhero. A local comic book shop had a free comic book day and I went to take pictures with kids. Then I got a job at a comic book convention in San Antonio and it kind of spiraled from there."*

-Kay Jay



Kay Jay tames her mohawk under a wig cap in order to put on her character wig.



Kay Jay along with Chris Meador, maker of life-size model velociraptors, and fellow cosplayer Scotty Zod judged the cosplay contest.



Kay Jay adds finishing touches to her electrified glove, which she made herself and that actually lights up.

# A cappella group wins first place at ICCA semifinals

By RAE JEFFERSON  
A&E EDITOR

The cast of "Pitch Perfect" has nothing on Baylor's VirtuOSO. The group, an a cappella choir made up of 14 members, will compete at the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella Final in New York on April 18.

Only in its third year on campus, VirtuOSO won the ICCA South Semifinal on Saturday evening in Gainesville, Fla.

The semifinal brought together 10 winners of quarterfinal competitions, which were held in February, from universities in the southern region of the country.

VirtuOSO won the competition with a medley of "Best Day of My Life" by American Authors; "Honeymoon Avenue" by Ariana Grande; "I'm Not the Only One" by Sam Smith; and "Uptown Funk" by Mark Ronson.

Marshall senior Ross Tarpley, VirtuOSO's president, spoke with the Lariat about the big win.

## How long did it take to prepare for the ICCA South Semifinal?

The preparation for the semifinal round was very hectic, actually, for two weeks after the quarterfinal

competition. There were five members — so nearly half the group — who are in the Baylor a cappella choir and went on tour for a week. Then we had spring break. It's been crazy.

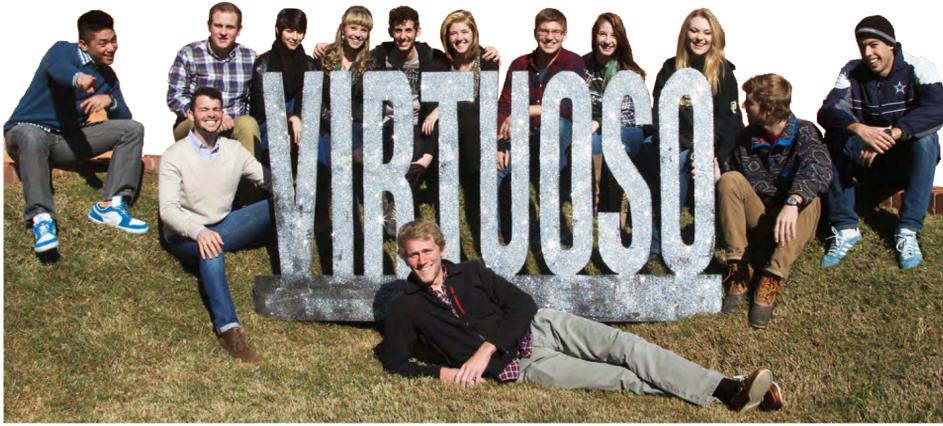
We rehearse three times a week from 1 – 2:15 p.m., typically, but as crunch time began, we met the Sunday evening of the end of spring break for five hours. We watched videos of our competitions, critiqued ourselves and ran through the show.

## Was there anything especially interesting going on at the event?

One group from Florida State, All-Night Yahtzee, was being filmed for a docu-series that's going to be released in May. It follows the ICCA process. They drove up in these huge vans with TV cameras, kind of like a party bus. It was very intimidating. There were cameras and microphones during the orientation process, so we were sizing them up. We knew that they were some of our strongest competition.

## What did the competition look like from a competitor's point of view?

We got there, after a long drive,



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on Friday evening. Saturday was the main event. That morning we got up and rehearsed. We met up for an orientation at 4 p.m. They remind you of the rules, and make sure everyone is there.

We had 15 minutes for our soundcheck, and the rest of the afternoon we got dressed and got ready for performance. We ran through a song and rehearsed a little bit. The show started at 8 p.m., so we went backstage.

## What was it like during the time you were waiting backstage?

The two groups who went before us, while we had seen some of their videos on YouTube, we didn't really think that they were going to be huge competition. But being backstage and hearing them, we were very impressed with how they sounded, so we had to step up our game.

## How did the crowd react to VirtuOSO's performance?

We got a standing ovation and incredible applause from the audience.

## How was the order of performance determined?

You draw a number out of a hat, basically. We drew third, so we were the third group to go out of 10.

## How much time was each group given for preparation and performance?

We got 15 minutes total to soundcheck. The competition itself — each group is limited to 12 minutes for their set. It's kind of like Sing — if you go over time, you get docked points. There are timekeepers on the front row, and they let you know with a three-minute

warning or a one-minute warning.

## How did you feel about your performance once it was over?

Part of what we've talked about is that after all these rehearsals and everything that we've done, the music and the moves and everything that we needed to do was inside of us. Our bodies knew what we needed to do, so the only thing we could do was bring the energy and the performance, and the passion behind the music. I think we left it out on the stage and gave it all that we had. All of us left feeling like we had given a stellar performance.

## Were there any groups that stood out as particularly talented opponents?

For sure, the last three groups — the Acaphiliacs from Florida State University; All-Night

Yahtzee, from Florida State University; and The Beltones from Belmont University — were very fierce competition for us.

We were very intimidated for sure, but knew that we had done the best we could and were proud of that.

## How did it feel to win?

I was dumfounded. We only beat Belmont by five points, so it was a narrow win.

## How has your group been impacted by the various competitions it has been involved in to this point?

As a group we've grown in community. It's indescribable, the amount of dedication and commitment everyone has shown. We're so grateful and blessed to have been a part of this competition.

# 'Insurgent' surges ahead at national box office

By LINDSEY BAHR  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Sean Penn's "The Gunman" was no match for the rebel kids of "Insurgent."

The second installment in the "Divergent" series easily topped the box office with \$54 million from 3,875 theaters, according to Rentrak estimates Sunday. Penn's geopolitical thriller stumbled with only \$5 million.

While the second films in both the "Hunger Games" and the "Twilight" series boasted opening weekend gains over the first, "Insurgent's" opening nearly matches that of its predecessor, "Divergent," which debuted to \$54.6 million just last year.

Many predicted a bit of growth for this second film, which sees the return of stars Shailene Woodley, Theo James, and Kate Winslet to author Veronica Roth's dystopian world. But, both distributor Lionsgate and box office analysts see the consistency as a good thing.

"We're extremely pleased with the outcome," said Lionsgate's President of Domestic Distribution Richie Fay.

"I think this is exactly where we thought we'd be," he added. "We attracted a few more males this time around, and I think we're headed in the right direction. The uptick from Friday to Saturday was considerably



Kate Winslet, left, plays Jeanine, and Ansel Elgort, plays Caleb, in a scene from the film, "The Divergent Series: Insurgent." The film opened Friday.

higher than it was for 'Divergent.' That, the A- CinemaScore and what's coming into the marketplace will allow us to grow very nicely."

According to Lionsgate, 60 percent of audiences were female. Rentrak's Senior Media Analyst Paul Dergarabedian credits Lionsgate's consistent release date strategy and impressive marketing campaign

for the strong repeat performance.

"It's really about driving a very fickle audience, that teen, YA — whatever you want to call them — they're really tough to get a handle on. Their tastes change like the wind," he said. "The key is keeping the young adult audience engaged, excited and enthusiastic."

"Insurgent" also performed well overseas, taking in \$47 million from 76 markets, bringing its worldwide total to \$101 million.

Disney's live-action "Cinderella," meanwhile, fell 49 percent in Week 2 to take second place with \$34.5 million. The PG-rated film has earned an impressive \$122 million domestically to date.

Also in its second weekend in theaters, the R-rated Liam Neeson-led action film "Run All Night," managed a slight edge over Open Road's "The Gunman." Neeson's film, a Warner Bros. release, dropped 54 percent with its \$5.1 million weekend, while Penn's film debuted in fourth place with only \$5 million.

"You have a lot of R-rated competition out there right now," noted Dergarabedian, who also added that Penn's foray into the action genre has not garnered the best reviews.

"Kingsman: The Secret Service," one of the better performing R-rated releases in recent weeks, rounded out the top five with \$4.6 million in its sixth weekend in theaters. The 20th Century Fox film has now earned over \$114.6 million domestically.

"Over the past couple of weeks, films driven by the female audience have done much better than films driven by the male audience. But that's all going to change because 'Furious 7' is on the way," Dergarabedian said.

"Put on your seatbelt and get ready, because it's going to be an incredible ride in the coming weeks," he said.

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Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey and her staff celebrate as Baylor women's basketball beats Arkansas. The Lady Bears are on to their seventh-straight Sweet 16 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

## Baylor women cruise to Sweet 16

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL  
SPORTS WRITER

All has gone according to plan for the two-seed Lady Bears in the NCAA Tournament after commanding first- and second-round performances against Northwestern State and Arkansas at the Ferrell Center this weekend.

Head coach Kim Mulkey's young, bright squad was relentless in its pursuit of the program's seventh-straight Sweet 16 appearance. The Lady Bears won both games by at least a 30-point margin.

In the men's tournament, there are upsets and widespread parity across the board more so than in the women's tournament, Mulkey said. She is speaking from firsthand experience. The Lady Bears were in the comfort of their home to begin the tournament, unlike many of the teams whom began and likely ended their NCAA campaign in the first or second round.

It would have taken a lot to upset the Lady Bears, who did not lose a game at home this season, on top of the clear superiority they held over the three other teams in Waco this weekend.

Arkansas and Northwestern State can attest to the disadvantage they faced playing on Baylor's home floor. Northwestern State

never saw the light of day in the first round. Baylor's size alone was enough to stomp the Lady Demons. The game was over before halftime.

The Razorbacks gave Baylor fans some worry at the start of their game against the Lady Bears on Sunday. Arkansas traded the lead back and forth with Baylor in the opening five minutes of the game, eventually making it 14-11 in their favor.

The officials whistled for a timeout due to commercial break and the Lady Bears gathered on their sideline to assess the situation. Baylor regrouped, took back the lead and never gave it back again, ending the half on a 30-7 run for a 41-21 score at halftime. In the end, Baylor's athleticism and depth wore down Arkansas' eight-player rotation.

"The first five minutes we came out unfocused, and we were just letting them drive and get rebounds and do whatever they wanted to," sophomore forward Nina Davis. "After the first media timeout, we kind of settled down and got back to our principles and settled down after that."

The mostly inexperienced Lady Bears got the job done and did it convincingly. There were not any significant miscues or glaring problems that stood from the opening two rounds by the Lady Bears. Mulkey, a self-proclaimed realist, did point out she still sees areas of improvement for her team following the Arkansas game.

*"When you hold a team to around 20 percent in the second half, you're playing good defense."*

Kim Mulkey | Baylor coach

"I think there is still a lot more that we can improve on," Mulkey said. "I just think we need to take [our defense] up another level. The part that is making us better right now is that we are communicating more. This has been a team that doesn't talk a lot, but they are communicating."

Nitpicking aside, Baylor started the tournament just as well as it could have hoped. Mulkey's roster is well-rested, confident and excited to be in the tournament. A run to the quarterfinals was certainly feasible but definitely not expected of the Lady Bears at the onset of the season, not even from themselves. The Lady Bears, Mulkey included, have come a long way since their start to the season.

What looked like a team that was a hope-

ful Big 12 title contender is now two games away from the Final Four. Two games in which the opponents are very much within reach. The Lady Bears are in the thick of it all again.

"When you hold a team to around 20 percent in the second half, you're playing good defense," Mulkey said. "Is it good enough to win another championship? I don't know, but I know we are on the right track. It may not happen until next year, or the year after that. But it is going to happen for them because I do see progress."

Mulkey is already licking her chops for the next few years and this one isn't even over yet. The Lady Bears face the University of Iowa from the Big Ten conference. The three-seed Hawkeyes beat Washington and Miami on their road to the Sweet 16 in Oklahoma City, Okla., on Friday.

Go to [baylorlariat.com](http://baylorlariat.com) for complete broadcast coverage of Baylor women's basketball.

## UT football opens drills

By JIM VERTUNO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — After a rough first season with the Texas Longhorns, coach Charlie Strong is still in search of a quarterback.

He hopes to find one for 2015 starting this week when spring practice begins Wednesday.

Last year's starter, junior Tyrone Swoopes, and redshirt freshman Jerrod Heard will be given "equal reps" in their duel for the starting job, Strong said Monday. But he also left the door open to playing both next season if they earn it.

The Longhorns open the 2015 season Sept. 5 at Notre Dame.

Strong also sent a message to Heard and anyone else trying to unseat a starter from last season: if you want a position, take it.

"Don't ever think because a guy started last year means he can't be unseated. If you work hard enough, you will beat him out. I don't play favorites," Strong said.

Swoopes started 12 games in 2014 after David Ash went down with a head injury suffered in the season opener. But he was erratic the entire season and bore much of the criticism from fans for an offense that struggled badly all season. Swoopes finished with 2,409 yards passing with 13 touchdowns and 11 interceptions with a completion rate under 60 percent.

The worst came at the end when Swoopes had five turnovers in a crushing home loss to TCU. Then the Longhorns managed just 59 total yards in a blowout loss to Arkansas in the Texas Bowl in Houston. Strong chose not to play Heard rather than burn his redshirt season.

The two-game skid sent Texas to a 6-7 finish in Strong's first season, the program's second losing season in five years. Strong met with his team Sunday night as they returned from spring break.

"When you signed on here, you signed on to win championships. That hasn't happened," Strong told them.

Texas hasn't won a Big 12 title since 2009.

"We're no longer the big dog. When will this dog rise back up?" Strong said.

While he's trying to rebuild his players' confidence, Strong said he's not afraid to remind them of how bad things finished last year.

"I know (they) get tired of questions because I get tired of them. What's wrong with the program?" Strong said. "I love to burn them with it.... We got embarrassed. That's what burns me more than anything."

Texas will finish spring drills with its annual intrasquad scrimmage on April 18.

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## BU baseball breaks funk, wins series over WVU

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL  
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor baseball has been on a bit of a rough stretch over the last few weeks. The Bears picked up just one win in the 12 games leading up to their Big 12 home opener against West Virginia this weekend at Baylor Ballpark.

Baylor (9-14, 2-4) got back on track after taking the series 2-1 over West Virginia (10-10, 2-4) with a 5-4 win on Friday and a 10-4 win on Saturday and an 8-2 loss on Sunday. With many circumstances causing Baylor head coach Steve Smith to mix and match with his lineup, the Bears did very well for themselves in the series against West Virginia, Smith said.

"I just like the way that guys who hadn't been getting a lot of time because of injuries and stuff like that were able to get in, and create, for all intents and purposes, in a makeshift lineup," Smith said. "That doesn't always happen, but that's what needs to happen. When you've got guys down, you need guys to step up and that's what happened."

Baylor enjoyed its at-bats, cracking plenty of hits across the series and scoring often. Although it did have its few shaky performances, the pitching was solid from the Bears, Smith said.

Friday started quickly for the Bears with an RBI single from sophomore first baseman Aaron Dodson in the first inning followed by three runs in the second inning, putting the Bears up 4-0. WVU equalized later on, but the Bears scratched out the go-ahead run.

Baylor's pitching staff closed well, securing the first win in Big 12 play for the Bears.

"Hat's off to Joe [Kirkland] and [Sean] Spicer, particularly Joe, who got better the longer he was out there," Smith said. "He really seemed to dial it up after we had to get [Darryn] Sheppard out of the game. That can really be a big undoing right there when you see your guy go down, but Kirkland really got it together and made some good pitches."

Senior closer Sean Spicer extended his scoreless appearance streak to a career-high four appearances on Friday. Spicer pitched three innings at relief for senior pitcher Joe Kirkland who relieved sophomore starter Castano of his duties. Kirkland also pitched



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Sophomore catcher Matt Menard swings during Baylor baseball's 10-4 win over West Virginia on Saturday. Despite having five at-bats, Menard finished hitless. Baylor won the series over the West Virginia Mountaineers 2-1 after topping WVU on Friday and Saturday.

three shutout innings for the Bears.

Game two's pitching did not start off as strong as the Bears finished game one though. Senior pitcher Austin Stone walked two players home in the top of the first. Stone's rocky start had him taken out before the inning was over. It could have gotten ugly but junior right-hander Kody Hessemer came in with the bases loaded and got the final out for the Bears. Hessemer ended the day with four strikeouts.

Baylor's offense responded with the most runs they have scored in an inning (5) this season. It was the start of a double-figures day for the Bears. Baylor posted 10 runs and 14 hits on Saturday. By the third inning, it was 8-4 and the Bears did not let go of the lead for the rest of the game.

Game three completely went in the other direction for the Bears. WVU starter Chad Donato pitched eight innings and only gave up two runs. The Bears had a hard time connecting the ball with the bat in game three and the Mountaineers finally found the cracks in Baylor's defense, but it was a little too late

in the series.

Though he pitched a career-high in strikeouts (6) on Sunday, sophomore Drew Tolson allowed six runs off seven hits in the series finale. Three of those runs came off a three-run homer from West Virginia's Ray Guerrini for a 4-0 lead.

The Bears never recovered from it. Tolson has yet to win a game after four empty appearances this season. Smith said he still saw a lot of positives from Tolson despite the Mountaineers' frequent lighting up of the scoreboard on Sunday.

"Donato was pretty good for them [in game three], and they got a couple real timely hits," Smith said. "Drew was pretty good himself for us. He gave up the run-scoring double with two outs, and then the three-run home run with two outs, which was a pretty good blow to the gut. Other than that he was pretty good. We really fought hard to get a timely hit."

The Bears return to action for a midweek tilt versus UT-Arlington (12-9, 4-2) at 6:30 p.m. tonight in Arlington.

## Tennis tops TCU

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Baylor and TCU brought another form of the school rivalry to Waco this weekend as the sixth ranked Bears women's tennis team fought off an early deficit to take down the No. 21-ranked Horned Frogs 4-1 Sunday afternoon at the Hurd Tennis Center.

"It was a great team effort. They had great focus and determination," head coach Joey Scrivano said. "There were a lot of examples of good energy. The entire team played in the right way."

Baylor started out slow in doubles play and struggled to keep the ball in play during the first half of competition. While junior Rachael James-Baker and sophomore Kelley Anderson dominated on court two, the other two pairings were struggling.

"Kelley and Rachael haven't played together for a little while, so I was really proud of how they were able to gel and make the best of it," Scrivano said.

James-Baker and Anderson took down TCU's Palina Dubavets and Alexis Pereira 6-2 in a dominant fashion. Junior Kiah Generette and freshman Theresa Van Zyl got the short end of their battle on court three. The duo fell 6-3 to tie up doubles competition 1-1, forcing all eyes on court one.

The No. 10 pair of senior Ema Burgic and sophomore Blair Shankle had a 4-2 lead over No. 38 Stefanie Tan and Seda Arantekin, but TCU stormed back and took the next four games to win 6-4 and hand Baylor another doubles loss on the season.

With a 1-0 deficit, Baylor had to win four out of six singles matches in order to pull out the win.

Van Zyl shook off a loss in doubles play and set the tone on court six. She held her ground after TCU's Pereira started making a comeback at the end of the opening set and won the match 6-3, 6-3 to put the Bears on the board and tie up the match 1-1.

Anderson was the second to wrap up singles play on court five. She dominated in the opening set but was challenged in the second set. Several of Anderson's strokes went into the net late in the game, but the errors weren't enough for the result to swing underway for the 6-2, 6-4 win.

Moments later, James-Baker finished an exciting match at the No. 4 spot. Although she was down 5-2 in the first set, she made a big comeback and played aggressive to take the momentum heading into set two. She defeated TCU's Palina Dubavets 7-5, 6-4 for the Baylor 3-1 lead.

Finally, the second set had a championship feel to it. Shankle battled back after facing several set points and pushed it to a tiebreaker. All eyes were on her, and after the game was tied at 6-6, she took the next two points for the exciting 4-1 Baylor win.

"I'm just glad I was able to clinch the match for us; it was a tough match," Shankle said.

## Baylor MBB looks forward despite tournament letdown

By CODY SOTO  
SPORTS WRITER

The Baylor men's basketball team will head back to the drawing board after its season was brought to an abrupt close following the Bears' 57-56 loss to 14-seed Georgia State in the second round of the NCAA Tournament last Thursday. Georgia State's R.J. Hunter buried a deep three-pointer to send the Bears home, which ties the earliest they've been knocked out of the tournament with head coach Scott Drew at the helm. The difference was the final three minutes left in the game, and things did not go their way, Drew said.

"That's not who we are, and yet I know that's what will be dwelt upon and talked about is how we didn't finish the game, and that's on me as a coach," Drew said.

The Bears (24-10, 11-7 Big 12) will now look ahead and start planning for another season, one that is eight months away. The Bears lose two seniors to graduation: guard Kenny Chery and forward Royce O'Neale. Neither may have not led the team in points per game, but their leadership came in a different way.

Chery leaves his mark as the best free throw shooter in the history of Baylor basketball. This year, the Canadian posted a 82.4 percentage after hitting 102-of-116 free throws for 87.4 percent in his first season at Baylor. However, Chery couldn't connect from the stripe and missed his final free throw that could have sealed the game for the Bears.

Drew made it a point to remind the team of the missed opportunities after the game: 21 turnovers. They missed 21 opportunities to win the game but failed to hold onto the ball.

"Momentum is a big thing, and once you make one turnover, now all of a sudden, things get sped up, and that's what happened to us," Drew said. "It wasn't one play. I know that was the big thing in the

locker room, just making sure they know that no player, no one play, led to this loss. We had 21 turnovers. We had a lot of other opportunities."

O'Neale leaves the squad as one of the most versatile players of the season. He finished second with 113 assists for the Bears and led the team in three-point percentage (.458) en route to another NCAA tournament appearance.

When the season started, expectations were not high. The team lost forwards Cory Jefferson and Isaiah Austin and guards Brady Heslip and Gary Franklin. They were often undersized and didn't have the talent like in previous years, but Drew didn't let that stop him from making history.

The Bears broke history this season with its second consecutive NCAA Tournament bid, and made a big run in the Big 12. Although they lost some lofty matchups against Oklahoma State, Kansas and an overtime loss at Texas, they finished in the top four of the conference.

Unlike previous seasons, Baylor didn't have its go-to player where if things went wrong, then they got the ball. The balance of offensive attack really benefitted the Bears, forcing teams to cover every player like they would make the game-winning shot.

"Everyone on this team is unselfish. In practice, we always look for one more pass," O'Neale said. "We trust each other so that's why we pass it. Sharing the ball is key."

The season saw two players emerge from the bench that ultimately helped the Bears make the NCAA tournament: junior forwards Rico Gathers and Taurian Prince. Prince and Gathers combined for 25.5 points per contest, and both made the All-Big 12 team. Gathers was recognized for his defensive work and Prince earned the Sixth Man of the Year award.

Gathers greatly improved from last season to lead the team in re-

bounds and broke a few records along the way. He now holds the record for most rebounds in a game, which came on Jan. 21 with 28 rebounds against Huston-Tillotson.

"Rico is someone who has actually changed the way we practice with rebounding drills," Drew said. "Too many of our guys were getting injured battling against him, he does an excellent job fighting and he's becoming more and more skilled because he's working on his game."

With O'Neale and Chery gone, junior guard Lester Medford and sophomore guard Al Freeman will have to step up to the plate and run the offense next season. The Bears were very successful with their three-guard rotation, and with three new guards checking in next year, they should get plenty of minutes.

Gathers and Prince return next season, and so does redshirt freshman Johnathan Motley. He will be a key player next year as well, but he will need to do some maturing during the offseason. Motley can be a huge threat to the Bears, but his lack of aggressiveness has not allowed him to perform as well in Big 12 play as he did in non-conference contests.

A few things Baylor needs to work on in the offseason: turnovers, executing down the stretch, and ball control. If the Bears can do that, they can return a deadly team to the Big 12 next year.

The Ferrell Center may not host another basketball game until next fall, but the Bears will be in there practicing and getting ready to make history with the goal of reaching three consecutive NCAA tournaments. With the upset loss against Georgia State, Drew and the Bears will remember one thing: finish.

"This is a league that each and every night if you don't bring it, you're going to lose," Drew said. "And if you bring it, then you give yourself a chance to win."



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### Big 12 struggling

Georgia State players celebrate after R.J. Hunter hit a game-winning three-pointer over Baylor. The Bears were one of five Big 12 teams to get knocked out in the second or third round of the NCAA Tournament. Three of the five teams that have fallen dropped to lower seeds. Despite being billed as the top conference nationally, the Big 12 only has two teams remaining: three-seed Oklahoma and five-seed West Virginia.



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