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Editorial: The Diadeloso tradition should not be dependent on the behavior on a select minority of the student population off-campus

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StuGov sees run-off for presidency

By REUBIN TURNER
CITY EDITOR

A runoff has been declared in the election for student body president between Houston junior Pearson Brown and Frisco sophomore James Porter on Tuesday.

According to the results posted outside of the student government office, Brown received 1,057 votes, compared to Porter, who received 771 votes, and Kinghorn, who received 699. The Electoral Code states that in order for a candidate to win an election outright, they must beat the other candidate by 12 percent. Brown needed 33 more votes to win by that percentage.

Port Barre, La., sophomore

Lindsey Bacque and Houston sophomore Steven Newcomb were elected to the positions of internal vice president and external vice president, respectively. Both ran unopposed.

Although Brown and Porter agreed that helping connect students on and off campus would be at the forefront of their agendas, several parts of their platforms served to make the candidates distinct.

Brown ran on a platform that would encourage students to "Ignite, Launch and Soar." Brown said he is honored to be able

to continue conveying his message to the student body over the next two days before the runoff.

"We are just thrilled and excited about how everything has turned out, and going forward, we plan to keep reaching out to students to let them know how we would like to help them," Brown said. Brown also said he was extremely pleased with the hard work his

campaign team put in to reach voters.

Pearson currently serves as the

Senate Pro Tempore and chair of the Operations and Procedures Committee, and has been in the Senate since his freshman year, when he served as a senator. Pearson said his experience helps qualify him for the position of student body president.

During the campaign, Porter said campus safety and connectivity were considered priorities on his agenda.

Porter ran against Brown and Katy junior Lawren Kinghorn, who currently serves as the internal vice president. He was

the youngest candidate running for the position.

Despite the fact that Porter does not have as much experience as the other candidates, Porter said he's had a huge role in legislation this past year, helping to pass over a third of the bill that have come through the Senate. Porter said working with the administration will aid in his effectiveness.

Lombard, Ill., senior Danny Huizinga, Porter's campaign manager gave a statement on Porter's behalf.

"We are so thankful for the amazing level of support we have received so far," he said. "There is hard work ahead before Thursday, but we're confident our platform will continue to resonate with students."

Among the Senate legislation Porter has been involved in this year are: consistent curfew hours among the dorms, putting a bike repair station in front of the Bill Daniel Student Center and several bills that lobbied for student government to help fund various student organization philanthropy events and fundraisers.

Voting for the runoff election will be held Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Pearson



Porter

Physics professor talks religion, faith, generation changes

By SHANNON BARBOUR
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Bennie Ward, distinguished professor of physics since 2003, has traveled across the country and internationally to teach, research, solve problems in physics, work with the government and on the supercollider in Geneva, Switzerland.

Q: Describe your childhood in segregated Augusta, Ga.

A: It was very interesting. It was racially segregated by law until I was in the 10th grade. Revolutionary in the sense that we could now eat at places where we couldn't eat, go to movies where we couldn't go before. Of course, there was some tension in that. But nonetheless, it was a new awakening, so to speak.

I left what had been the all-black high school and went to integrate what had been the premier white high school in the county.

I integrated the baseball team. That got me prepared for being in places where black people haven't been. That was one of the most advantageous things about my decision to go to that school.

Q: What was it like integrating the baseball team?

A: We really had to train hard. We actually had a very good team. We had really good players on it. I was really good at it also, that was

my hobby. Pitching. And I took it very seriously.

I had all kinds of pitches and theories about pitching and ways of making the ball move and putting it where I want to.

When they saw that I could pitch, they wanted me on the team because I could help them win. I never felt there was any issue of me being inferior.

Q: So you used physics to learn how to pitch?

A: I was having a course on physics at the time I was pitching, but I had already developed all that before I had a course in physics.

I understood the different types of forces and how the ball would respond if I would spin it one way versus the other or use one grip versus another. There was a science to it. You might say already that I had an inclination towards those types of ideas and why I liked pitching so much.

Q: Are you excited about baseball season?

A: Always excited about every baseball season. The Dodgers are my favorite team. The A's I've always had an affection for.

A certain senior professor at Purdue also was a passionate fan of baseball. He got Stanford to get

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RAE JEFFERSON | ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

A great Dia to run

Students kick off Diadeloso festivities with the Fun Run on Tuesday morning. The race started at McLane Stadium at 9 a.m. and included foam, paint and an obstacle course. See more Dia coverage, pages 4-5.

Fountain part of renovations to Baylor campus

By KALLI DAMSCHEN
STAFF WRITER

Fountain Mall will finally have a fountain, now that renovations are underway on Fountain Mall and Fifth Street.

The renovations will include improvements to the infrastructure along the closed section of Fifth Street from the Bill Daniel Student Center to the circular drive in front of the McMullen-Connally Faculty Center. In addition, a memorial fountain will be built on Fifth Street in front of Fountain Mall.

The infrastructure improvements include a new water line, sewer line and drainage system said Brian Nicholson, associate vice president for facilities, planning and construction.

An \$8 million donation from Baylor alumnus Dr. Thomas J. Rosenbalm made the renovations possible. The donation and intended renovations were announced by the Baylor regents in July 2014.

Rosenbalm received his Bachelor of Science in biology

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This is an image of what the renovations to Fountain Mall is expected to look like after its completion. Construction on Fifth St. and Fountain Mall started this month and is expected to be finished by homecoming this fall.

Cuba no longer on terror list

By JULIE PACE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will remove Cuba from the list of state sponsors of terrorism, the White House announced Tuesday, a key step in his bid to normalize relations between the two countries.

The terror designation has been a stain on Cuba's pride and a major stumbling block for efforts to mend ties between Washington and Havana.

In a message to Congress, Obama said the government of Cuba "has not provided any support for international terrorism" over the last six months. He also told lawmakers that Cuba "has provided assurances that it will

not support acts of international terrorism in the future."

Cuba will officially be removed from the terror list 45 days after the president's message was sent to Congress. Lawmakers could vote to block the move during that window, though Obama would be all-but-certain to veto such a measure.

Cuba's top diplomat for U.S. affairs hailed Obama's action. "The Cuban government recognizes the president of the United States' just decision to take Cuba off a list in which it should never have been included," Josefina Vidal said Tuesday night. "As the Cuban government has said on many occasions, Cuba rejects and condemns

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Dia del Uh Oh

Canceling Diadeloso is not the right move for university

Editorial

Diadeloso. One of the most anticipated traditions of Baylor. An 83-year-old event that gives students a break from classes to engage in outdoor activities — not all of which happen to be on campus.

There are university sponsored events that include paint runs, volleyball competitions and tug of wars on campus. Musical performances, magicians and the lauded circus animals have also filled Fountain Mall in years past.

Some students, however, use their day off to enjoy events off campus — events not sanctioned by the university.

There are some infamous stories about 10th Street and BSR Cable Park that don't always end cleanly or, frankly put, legally.

In recent years, there has been a push by the Baylor administration to have a larger number of students attend Baylor-sponsored events on campus.

The Baylor Chamber of Commerce is responsible for planning and booking events, and the university seems to feel as though off-campus activities overshadow those on campus, as well as the true spirit of Diadeloso.

In addition, several warnings from university administration have included the possibility of canceling future Diadelosos.

Dr. Kevin Jackson, vice president for student life, sent an email to the student body Monday stating, "In recent years, the wonderful spirit of our on-campus Dia celebration has been marred by some off-campus activities and behaviors that are inconsistent with the purpose of Baylor's cherished tradition and which have, in some cases, violated University rules and state law."

He said the university and the city of Waco cannot accept off-campus behavior that would put students' safety and health at risk. He also said irresponsible actions "jeopardize the Diadeloso tradition."

The email was almost word-for-word the same as the email he sent on April 8, 2014, before Diadeloso last year.

But should the actions of a few lead to a punishment for the rest of the student body?

The university should not let the actions of a

group of individuals ruin a tradition on campus that has far more advantages than disadvantages. Although the administration feels as though there are many students who do not participate in on-campus activities, there are a number of students who do. A walk along Fountain Mall would easily support that claim. In addition, it's possible the administration is not accounting for the students who visit on-campus activities for a period of time, and then leave. The number of students who actually partake in on-campus activities is likely higher than university officials think, if they think of those on campus as evolving rather than constant.

Diadeloso is nearly 100 years old. It's embedded in the history and culture of the university. Students look forward to this day for a much-needed break before the final stressful lurch toward the end of the year. Getting rid of Diadeloso would only hurt the masses that attend events on campus.

It's possible that something like a senior ditch day could evolve as well. If students want a break from class, they will take it. This is the honest truth. Whether that break includes nice, clean fun is up to them.

A senior ditch day could actually be worse than a university-sanctioned day to cancel classes, as the university would not know when this day was. Not to mention that fact there would be less coordinated security between the Baylor and Waco police departments.

In addition, canceling Diadeloso could almost be equated with canceling weekends. Students have the weekends off, yet the university does not police what students do off campus.

It is admirable that the university is concerned about its students. It should be. It should seek to care for them. Threatening to take away Diadeloso is not the way to do it.

Compared to other universities, Baylor's Diadeloso is fairly tame. Last year, there were no tickets or arrests related to Dia. The University of Texas' Roundup and Rice's "Night of Decadence," which consists of a night of sexually themed parties, are both events that have several more issues with arrests and nudity than at Baylor. One of the reasons, perhaps, is that the university continues to honor the tradition and has somewhat of a handle on it.

In Chapel, another university tradition, several



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students take the liberty during the time-honored tradition to text, nap and even treat it as a study hall. The university, however, has not considered canceling it because of the actions of a few students. They have made adjustments by having proctors who go around patrolling for students who choose to disrespect the tradition of Chapel. Students are held accountable instead.

In the same sense, the university should not consider canceling Diadeloso because of the actions of a few.

Hold students accountable instead of threatening to withhold a cherished tradition. This is the only sensible thing to do.

God's timing trumps mine

One thing that has been difficult for me to understand at times is God's timing. There is one main difference between my timing and God's timing. God's timing is perfect. Mine is not.

The reason why this presses so hard on me is because just recently I experienced one of my own trials of dealing with God's timing.

I have been a co-ed cheerleader at Baylor for two years now and have loved being a part of such an incredible program — meeting lifelong friends and having a supportive family.

I, however, will not be returning next year because of other things God has faithfully placed in my path. Instead, I will be pursuing opportunities that I hope will help me gain additional preparation and knowledge for my career in journalism.

This decision has been an extremely difficult one for me and even though I think that cheering another year would be a great chance to experience



Dane Chronister
Reporter

my senior year to the fullest, I feel that God has other plans for my life.

Another way I feel like God will be challenging and expecting me to be faithful is by what He has done with my summer plans.

Since this is my last summer before getting thrown into the current of graduates trying to find jobs after college, I originally planned on working for a magazine close to home to be near my family.

God, on the other hand, had different plans and will use my spirit, my

talents and my gifts on the other side of the country and, potentially, the world

This summer, I will be going to New York and maybe Zimbabwe in Africa to further pursue my future craft, if all goes as planned. This opportunity will be a chance to partake of different cultures and learn all that I can about writing professionally.

I feel that in my life right now, God is using the verse Isaiah 6:8 to direct me.

"And I heard the Lord say, 'who will I send, who will go before us?' And I said, 'here I am Lord, send me.'"

It's hard at times to live by your faith and not with your eyes, but that is what Christ calls us all to do, and daily at that. He reminds us that He will be our eyes and that He always has our best interest in mind.

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**East Village
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Tomorrow
5:30 P.M.**



DIA GOING UP ON A TUESDAY



Above: Thorndale sophomore Josh Jones encourages his teammates in tug-of-war Tuesday morning near Fountain Mall during the festivities.



Fans cheer on Honest Men, winners of the Baylor Union Board-sponsored Battle of the Bands.



Members of VirtuOSO sing hits of the 1990s including songs by the Backstreet Boys and Britney Spears.



San Antonio sophomore Trevor Taylor joins the Zumba workout on Fountain Mall after completing the Diadeloso Fun Run.



Above: McAllen freshmen Valeria Laddaga (left) and Marcela Trevino color the foam at the end of the Diadeloso Fun Run

Top left: El Paso junior Alex Jones shows off his meal during lunch at Burseson Quadrangle on Tuesday. Baylor dining provided hamburgers and kielbasa sausage with trimmings during the university's annual Diadeloso celebration.

Middle left: Pineville, La., freshman Eileen Eichenauer; Aurora, Colo. sophomore Chara Blackwell; and Austin senior Jessica Huebschman spend time together in the "Take a Seat, Make a Friend" ballpits on Fountain Mall

Bottom left: Waco freshman Elizabeth Montelongo paints a snake onto Austin junior Lance Ingram at the Kappa Delta Chi face painting booth.



Magician Max Major guesses a word picked from a magazine by a student during his show.



Lili the dog plays jump rope with Nicholas and Richard during the Olate Dogs show in Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Baylor celebrates 83rd Day of the Bear



Norwegian sing/songwriting duo Nico & Vinz close Dia with a vibrant performance in Waco Hall. Nicolay "Nico" Sereba has Ivorian roots and Vincent "Vinz" Dery has Ghanian parents. The combination of these two heritages give their music a unique Afro-Norwegian feel.



Phi Beta Sigma performs in the NPHC Step Show on Fountain Mall.

Immigrant children face depression in centers

By SETH ROBBINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — Immigrant children at a federal detention facility in Texas are acting depressed after months of regimentation and confinement, said a Honduran mother who was recently released with her 2-year-old son.

Kenia Galeano, 26, said at a small protest Tuesday in front of a downtown cathedral that the children are suffering after long periods of being held at the 500-bed facility in Karnes City.

U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement authorities, however, have said in the past that the facility provides a number of play and schooling areas where children and residents can move about freely. ICE officials said they would look into questions from The Associated Press about the emotional state of the children at Karnes, but could not provide a response Tuesday.

Tens of thousands of Central American migrants crossed the U.S.-Mexico border last summer, most of them mothers with children and unaccompanied minors.

Galeano, who entered the country illegally last November and was detained for more than five months, said the children are unaccustomed to being restricted to the facility and have trouble with the more rigid eating and schooling schedules. She said the food, such as reheated vegetables and chicken mixed with pineapple and oranges, is also foreign to them.

Galeano said her former roommate, Delmy Piñeda Cruz, has been detained for nearly eight months with her 11-year-old son who now refuses to go to school and hides under the covers, crying that he wants to leave.

"The kids feel like they are in a prison," she said. "And they suffer."

Last September, ICE provided a tour of the facility, which is run by national prison operator GEO

Group. Immigrant children were seen playing kickball and sitting in classrooms as they were read stories in Spanish. Officials have defended the facility before, noting that the children get daily schooling and outside play time and that residents are free to use the Internet, flat-screen televisions and a hair salon — all while their cases are processed through the courts.

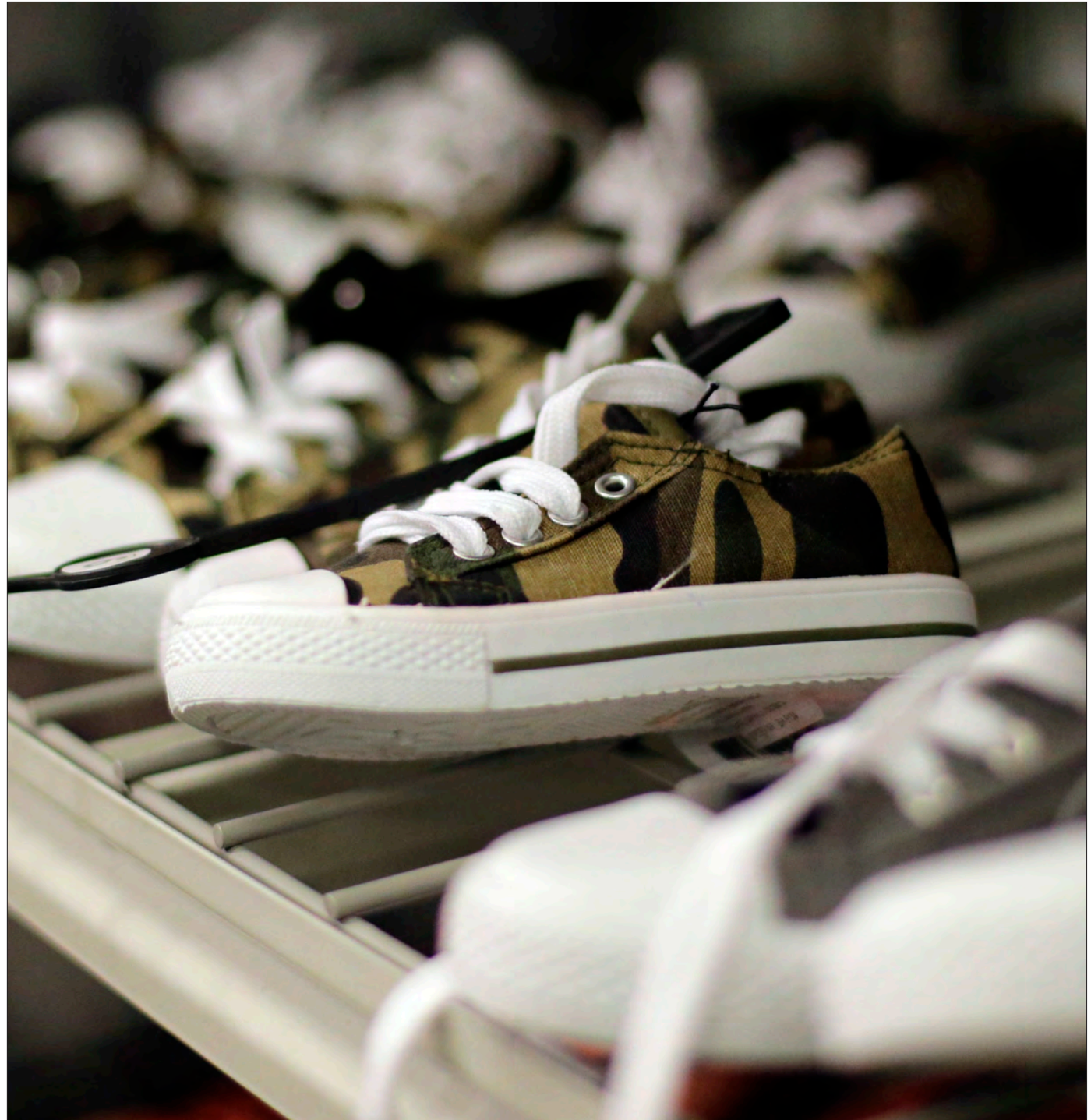
Despite these amenities, Galeano was among more than two dozen women who nearly two weeks ago ended a five-day hunger strike at the Karnes Family Residential Center, southeast of San Antonio, which houses mostly women and children from Central America who crossed illegally and are now seeking asylum.

Last February, a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction against ICE's policy of detaining the mothers and children without bond. Since then, immigration attorneys say the women have been receiving bonds of \$7,500 to \$15,000, which they cannot afford. Also, mothers known to have previously entered the country illegally are not issued bonds.

Some 15 to 20 mothers have been detained at the facility longer than five months and two have been there at least 10 months, said Mohammad Abdollahi, advocacy director at the San Antonio-based Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services, or RAICES. He said 10 women have begun a second protest in the facility, refusing any scheduled activities and eating one meal a day to bring attention to their prolonged detention.

ICE will monitor residents at Karnes to verify that they are eating meals and snacks provided to ensure their welfare, spokeswoman Nina Pruneda said in a statement.

"ICE fully respects the rights of all people to voice their opinion without interference, and all detainees, including those in family residential facilities such as Karnes, are permitted to do so," she said.



This July 31, 2014, photo shows new children's shoes stored on a shelf at the Karnes County Residential Center in Karnes City. On Tuesday, a Honduran mother who was recently released from the facility with her 2-year-old son said immigrant children at the federal detention facility are acting depressed after months of regimentation and confinement.

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Cupcakes for a Cure

Zeta Tau Alpha will be selling cupcakes in the Daniel Plaza from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday outside of the Bill Daniels Student Center. Cupcakes will be sold for \$1 each or \$10 for a dozen. All proceeds will support breast cancer education and awareness. For more information, email Becca_Langford@baylor.edu, Brooke_Olenski@baylor.edu or Emilie_Sims@baylor.edu.

Juvenile Diabetes Lecture

Delta Epsilon Psi will be hosting its 5th Annual Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Lecture, titled "Its Impact and the Race for a Cure," at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Beckham Room of the Bill Daniels Student Center. The event will include guest speakers and a check presentation to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation for all the money Delta Epsilon Psi has raised from the past year. There will be a reception following the lecture with free authentic Indian cuisine. Admission is free. For additional information, contact Savan_Patel@baylor.edu.

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Baylor Relay for Life kicks off at McLane Student Life tailgating area

From 7 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday, the American Cancer Society is holding Relay for Life at the McLane Student Life tailgating area. Students can donate, purchase a luminaria or join a fundraising team. The event will include food, entertainment and a ceremony honoring cancer survivors. Fundraising registration can be found at www.relayforlife.org/baylor-tx. For more information, contact Christian_Soto@baylor.edu.

East Village Baking Workshop reservations open

East Village Bakery is accepting reservations for a two-hour baking workshop about chocolate and apple pies. The workshop will be held from 3-5 p.m. April 22. There is a \$5 fee, which can be paid with Bear Bucks, Dining Dollars, credit card or cash. To reserve a space, call 254-710-1996 or email lee-tonya@aramark.com.

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Physics from Page 1

World Series tickets. He knew baseball was my passion, and it turns out that was just when the Dodgers and the Oakland Athletics were in the World Series together.

The way they were selling them, you had to buy the whole thing, and he couldn't go to all three. So he said ok do you want to take one of them? That was amazing. He allowed me to buy them. He offered me the opportunity to take the third ticket, which was quite a privilege because most people don't get a chance ever to see a World Series game.

That's the only World Series game I've ever been to in my life. Most people don't even get a chance to go to something like that, especially if they love the sport the way I do.

Q: What is a difference between your generation and today's generation?

A: The thing that you learn in my time is when you get an extra burden on you is when you work harder. It's not when you give up. You can do some of your greatest work when people try to put a burden on you.

This is what my parents taught me. The Lord has put you in it because he feels you can deal with it.

A lot of people find them-

selves in these trying things and they don't own it. That's one of the things that strikes me as very different from the people of my generation.

We all had to deal with struggle because we had the integration issue and we had the [Vietnam] war. We learned to work over these types of issues. Confrontation is something that we learned to live with.

Q: What is something interesting you've done as a physicist?

A: This was all secret. It was for some very special people back east, in the old Washington D.C., and I was young so I liked the traveling. I really felt like I was doing something useful because of who we were working for and what it was used for.

It was used for the defense of the country. And we did a good job on that.

I had to make a decision. Either I'm going to go 100 percent on these applications of field theory method-inspired activities and make a lot of money, or I'm going to go back to my academic activity and continue to do research and train people who can go out and do this.

I decided that there were some

unsolved issues in laws of physics that I really owed it to myself to see what I could do on those. And if I go for this money, I will be giving that up.

Q: What is one of your greatest achievements as a physicist?

A: I think I've solved several important problems, some of which have been recognized, some of which have not. The one that I think is the most impressive, and has the least recognition, is my solution for the cosmological constant problem that I put out.

The formula is established using methods I developed and it does something that my adviser used to argue with Dr. [Albert] Einstein about. And that is it shows that quantum mechanics can be used to treat the general theory of relativity without having to change the conditions of the theory. In other words, I don't have to go to higher dimensional spaces, or change the nature of space and time.

Dr. Einstein thought that was impossible because most of the time all the other attempts to do that have to change something. Like what dimension we live in, or they have to modify the theory of Dr. Einstein.

I'm able to solve that problem

with finite answers, predictable results ... without having to do that. So I feel some vindication in giving up all that money.

Q: What big projects are you working on right now?

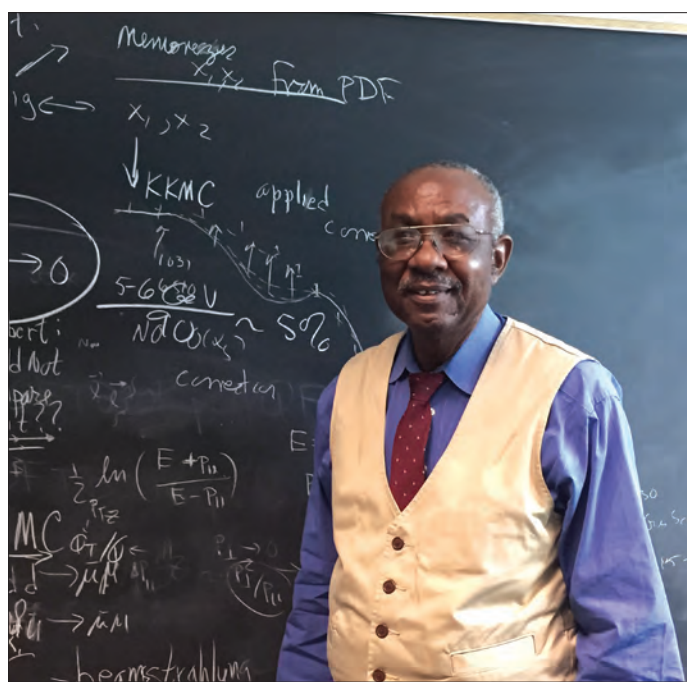
A: Most of my work is concerned with the hadron collider in CERN [European Organization for Nuclear Research]. Most of my work has to do with calculations relating to making precision predictions for the physics of the large hadron collider. And that is now in the process of turning on again.

Q: Why did you choose to become a professor?

A: One has a calling that I believe in the world that you can't get away from. And you could see I went way away from this when I worked even in the black part of the applications of fundamental physics, but I came back because of my calling.

I had a calling that brought me back, even though it meant giving up a lot of money and other things. I felt like I was blessed with this calling and that I needed to honor it and I tried to do it.

We really need to produce more well trained PhDs in physics if America is going to have any kind of chance of remaining in a leadership role in high technology.



SHANNON BARBOUR | STAFF WRITER

Dr. Bennie Ward, a distinguished professor in the department of physics, has worked on the supercollider in Geneva, Switzerland.

Q: How do you merge physics and Christianity?

A: There is no conflict between them because the beauty of physics is that the more you understand it, the more you understand that there are some phenomena that transcend it. And that can only be

addressed through faith.

The laws of physics can describe the phenomena in the world, as we can perceive it. But when you probe deeply into these laws, you understand that they are limited. The idea of life and death is simply beyond the laws of physics.

Fountain from Page 1

and chemistry from Baylor in 1950 and his Master of Science in biology in 1951. He went on to earn his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston in 1955.

Rosenbalm is now a retired

physician, and he made the donation in honor of his deceased parents.

The renovations will turn the closed-off area of Fifth Street into a more walkable, aesthetically pleasing plaza, but the road will still be

able to support emergency vehicles and homecoming floats.

"The plan is to make it more pedestrian-friendly, make it look like it's still a part of campus," Nicholson said.

Fifth Street is a hot spot on

campus, as students often traverse the area on the way to class or gather on Fountain Mall for sports, special events and other activities.

"With so many events that occur on Fifth Street, the new fountain will improve Baylor's aesthetic

quality," said Waco junior Rolando Rodriguez.

Haslet junior Laura Mahler also thinks the Fountain Mall renovations will improve the appearance of the campus.

"I think it'll be great to have a

fountain in Fountain Mall again," Mahler said. "It can only add to the beauty of Baylor's campus."

The construction began this month and is due to be finished by homecoming this fall.

Cuba from Page 1



ASSOCIATED PRESS

A taxi driver steers a classic American car Tuesday in Havana, Cuba. President Barack Obama will remove Cuba from the list of state sponsors of terrorism, the White House announced Tuesday, a key step in his bid to normalize relations between the two countries.

all acts of terrorism, in every form, as well as any action aimed at encouraging, supporting, financing or concealing terrorism."

Tuesday's announcement comes days after Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro met on the sidelines of a regional summit in Panama. The historic talks marked the first formal meeting between the leaders of their countries in a half-century.

The U.S. has long since stopped actively accusing Cuba of supporting terrorism. When Obama and Castro announced a thaw in relations in December, the U.S. president expressed his willingness to remove Cuba from that list.

However, he held off on making a final decision amid indications that the White House was reluctant to grant Cuba's request until other thorny issues — such as restrictions on U.S. diplomats in Havana — were resolved.

The president's final decision followed a State Department review of Cuba's presence on the list.

Removing Cuba from the terror list could pave the way for the opening of a U.S. Embassy in Havana and other steps. Administration officials said they were optimistic about the prospects of opening the embassy, but did not provide any specific updates in timing.

Cuba was designated a state sponsor of terrorism in 1982 because of what the White House said was its efforts "to promote armed revolution by organizations that used terrorism."

Those efforts included support for leftist guerrilla groups in Cen-

tral and South America that carried out attacks on civilians in their efforts to overthrow U.S.-backed governments.

State Department reports on the terror list specifically mention Cuba sheltering members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, and the Spanish Basque separatist group ETA. Cuba has also given shelter to black and Puerto Rican militants who fled to the island after carrying out attacks in the United States.

Cuba renounced its direct support for foreign militants years ago, and is sponsoring peace talks between the FARC and Colombian government.

Cubans say the listing has badly damaged their ability to conduct international financial transactions by frightening banks away from doing business with the communist government. Those who do businesses with state sponsors of terror are vulnerable to lawsuits in U.S. courts.

Cuba's removal from the terror list will likely make it easier to get credit from non-U.S. banks, transfer funds between countries and conduct a host of other international financial transactions.

White House press secretary Josh Earnest said that taking Cuba off the terror list does not change the fact that the U.S. has differences with the island nation's government.

"Our concerns over a wide range of Cuba's policies and actions fall outside the criteria that is relevant to whether to rescind Cuba's designation as a state sponsor of terrorism," Earnest said.

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Mumford rebranded, and that's OK

By JONATHAN PLATT
WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

If you have not been on Twitter in the past few days, then you probably don't know that Mumford & Sons released a new single.

MUSIC REVIEW

To put it plainly: the world's not happy.

"The Wolf," a wonderful break from the band's typical folksy-bluegrass rhythm, stunned audiences with its upbeat, hard rock style.

"They're leaving behind true fans," I've seen people tweet. "They're selling out," others say. "Sounds like a Coldplay rip off," I saw one person post. It seems many are concerned that Mumford & Sons is pandering to the masses for larger record sales.

I do not think that's the case. The band just came off a two-year hiatus and, looking at Mumford's previous decision in direction, the members seem very in tune to what they want to create and where they want to go.

Remember: Mumford & Sons started recording before the folksy-bluegrass sound was famous. The band helped establish the genre so many hipsters – used here as an endearing term towards a unique cultural subgroup – listen to in quiet

coffee shops.

Should the group be deciding to move in a new creative direction, I stand at the ready to see what they'll do.

You'll see no condemning tweets coming from me. Looking back, many highly respected artists have only grown themselves by moving to a new genre or style.

Recently, we've seen Taylor Swift make the jump from country to pop. Darius Rucker moved from blues (Remember Hooty?) to country. And Miley Cyrus jumped from pop to ... whatever it is she's doing now. Even the Beatles waned in music style after the initial "British invasion" of America.

Mostly, this move by Mumford & Sons reminds me of July 25, 1965, at the Newport Music Festival, where the famed strictly-acoustic Bob Dylan plugged in to perform "Maggie's Farm" and "Like a Rolling Stone." People booed. The great and wonderful Bob Dylan was booed for moving forward in his presentation of music.

Legendary radioman John Gilliland said in his book "Ballad in Plain D: An Introduction To The Bob Dylan Era" that Dylan "electrified half the audience, and electrocuted the other."

Interestingly, it is Dylan himself who is responsible for the band's mass popularity. After the two acts shared a stage at the 2011 Grammys, the band skyrocketed to



British folk rock band Mumford & Sons won Album of the Year for "Babel" on Feb. 10, 2013, at the 55th Annual Grammy Awards.

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mainstream.

In truly listening to "The Wolf" it's evident that Mumford & Sons is not leaving behind all its great work for an attempt at a bigger audience. The best part of any Sons song is the illusions buried in the lyrics.

"The Wolf" still commands a deeply descriptive illustration of

a predator's pursuit of the prey he dearly wants. One could even argue he needs it.

"You are all I ever longed for," shouts lead singer and frontman Marcus Mumford repeatedly through the song. The ramped-up rock provides the necessary beat and appropriate tone for the predator's theme. Without the new style,

I don't think this song would be possible. I say bring on more of this Mumford. It's phenomenal.

Mumford & Sons' newest album, "Wilder Mind" is set to hit shelves – or, more appropriately, iTunes and Spotify – May 4. Don't expect to hear too much banjo or twang. The band told "Rolling Stone" this would certainly not be

"Babel 2."

Before the famed electric controversy, Dylan was rumored to have said, "If they think they can keep electric out of here, I'll do it."

As Mumford & Sons progresses through this new direction, I think that's the best attitude to have: just do it.



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A Lamborghini that was part of the Exotic Driving Experience, a race car attraction at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., crashed into a guardrail, killing a passenger and injuring the driver on Sunday, police said.

Disney driving ride is deadly

By MIKE SCHNEIDER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO, Fla. — For fans of speed, the Exotic Driving Experience at Walt Disney World offers a heart-pounding thrill.

People who drive minivans during the week can settle in behind the wheel of a Ferrari, a Porsche or another one of the fastest, most finely engineered cars in the world and hurtle around a track at up to 120 mph with a professional driving instructor offering advice from the passenger seat. The cost: \$200 to \$440.

The customers are just pretending to be race car drivers, but the danger is real.

TaVon Watson chose a Lam-

orghini on Sunday for his 24th-birthday thrill ride. With instructor Gary Terry by his side, they raced around the one-mile course until Watson lost control of the sports car and slammed into a guardrail, killing 36-year-old Terry.

"It's not the kid's fault. It's a freak thing that happened," said Timothy Horvath, a Terry family friend. As for Terry, "if he thought he was in any danger, he wouldn't have done it."

It was at least the third death in the past year at speedways in the U.S. that allow customers to get behind the wheel of a fast car. Last September, an Indiana man was killed in a crash at the Rusty Wallace Driving Experience at Ken-

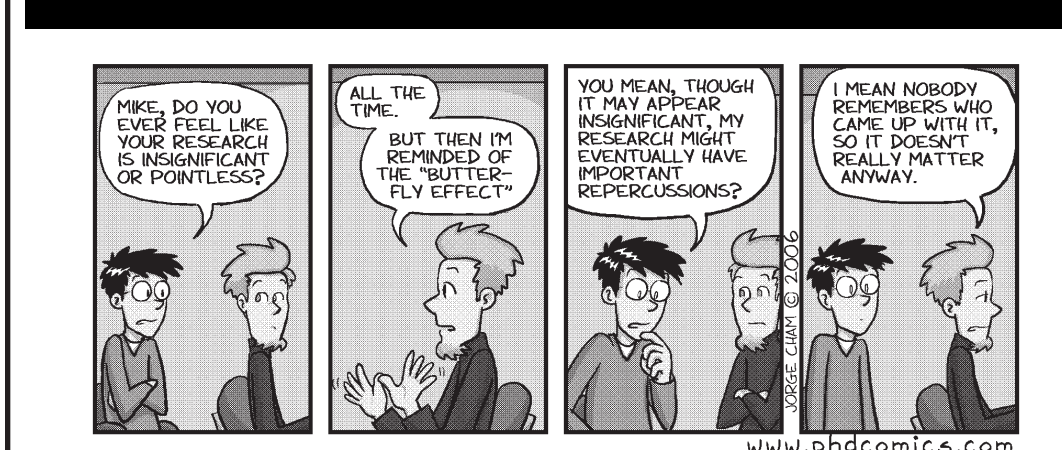
tucky Speedway, and a New Jersey woman died at the Wall Stadium Speedway in New Jersey.

Watson had paid under \$400 for the chance to drive the Lamborghini Gallardo LP570-4 Superleggera, which sells for around \$240,000.

He failed to maneuver the high-powered vehicle through the course while driving around 100 mph, and the passenger side struck the guardrail, according to the Florida Highway Patrol. Terry died at the scene. Watson was treated at a hospital and released.

Both Watson and Terry were wearing helmets and lap and shoulder belts, said Sgt. Kim Montes, a spokeswoman for the Florida Highway Patrol.

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Baseball beats Incarnate Word 2-1

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

While most of the student body enjoyed the one-day vacation of Diadeloso, Baylor baseball had work to do. The Bears (14-22) outlasted Incarnate Word (11-24), 2-1 on Tuesday at Baylor Ballpark.

After the Bears suffered a three-game series sweep loss for the second-consecutive week last weekend to No. 23 Texas Tech, Baylor had a quick, mid-week turnaround to get back in the swing of things ahead of the last stretch of Big 12 conference play.

It was a 12th-inning home run that lost the series for the Bears over the weekend. The Red Raiders carried the momentum of a thrilling series-winning play to complete the sweep on Sunday. The Bears have found themselves out of gas in road games this season.

"We're young," head coach Steve Smith said. "Sometimes they'll show you glimpses of why they're out there and then you'll see something that maybe you've never seen before. There's just some stuff that's happened to this club that almost defies logic. Most of it is age and immaturity in terms of baseball."

Last time the Bears got swept, they responded with a big win over



Senior outfielder Logan Brown swings during Baylor's 11-0 loss to Houston on March 31. Brown scored the first of two runs during Baylor's 2-1 win on Tuesday to Incarnate Word.

UT-Arlington, scoring 10 runs off 12 hits in a mid-week clash. Against Incarnate Word, the Bears scored all their runs in the first inning.

Senior outfielder Logan Brown opened the game with a double down the left field line. Brown advanced to third base on junior infielder West Tunnell's ground-out

and came home on senior outfielder Adam Toth's single to right field. Sophomore first baseman Mitch Price hit what turned out to be the game-winning RBI, bringing Toth home just a few plays after Brown scored the first run from Toth's hit.

Just five hits for the Bears in the entire game ended up being enough for a win. The Bears rarely

challenged Incarnate Word's defense and vice versa. The Cardinals earned just six hits in the whole game.

Neither team really had an exceptional night of pitching. Baylor rotated five pitchers while Incarnate Word kept the same pitcher on the mound for the entire game. Junior right-hander Kody Hessemer started for the Bears, pitching five innings until freshman pitcher Theron Kay took over.

From then on, Baylor had a different pitcher pitching each inning. All but one of the Baylor pitcher's threw more than 10 pitches. Hessemer earned the win, his third of the season and senior closer Brad Kuntz got his first save of the year.

The Bears carry what they can from this week's win to their weekend series against Oklahoma State in Stillwater, Okla. The Cowboys (24-11, 8-4), who have been a top-10 team for much of the season, have lost just three of 18 home games this season.

The Bears have yet to win a conference series on the road this season. Away games have been a distinct struggle for the Bears. Game times at Oklahoma State are at 7 p.m. on Friday, 3 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday.



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Senior Ally Cheatham flies in the pyramid event in Sunday's tournament. The Bears beat Oregon to finish the regular season undefeated.

No. 1 Baylor defeats No. 2 Oregon Ducks

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor acrobatics & tumbling completed a perfect regular season for the first time in program history after beating the No. 2, four-time national champion University of Oregon for the second time this season in front of a passionate home crowd at the Ferrell Center on Sunday.

"I felt like our girls really executed well [Sunday]," head coach Fee Mulkey said. "We had had a couple of misses at the Oregon meet early in the first half that had set us back a couple points. We were able to hang on to the lead from the start and consistently hit everything throughout the meet."

Baylor took the lead over the Ducks at the start of the meet, scoring a 38.30 to Oregon's 37.95 in the Compulsory event. The Bears extended their lead in the Acro event, despite the Ducks having two of its three participants in the event scoring the two highest scores. Oregon's third acro heat crippled the Ducks' chances of taking the lead after an 8.90 left the door wide open for the Bears to continue with the lead.

Baylor and Oregon shared almost identical scores in the pyramid event, but the Bears' second heat is what boosted the Bears further into the lead. The small margins of victory continued to add up for the Bears, making it a slightly bigger lead after each event.

The Bears took a slight step backward in the toss event

though. Oregon scored just .05 points higher than Baylor in toss, leaving the tumbling and team events on the table. The Ducks, down 124.45-125.50, found themselves in a similar position the Bears were in their previous meeting in Eugene, Ore. The Ducks had a small lead heading into the final two events, but the Bears came back to deal the Ducks their first home loss in program history.

Baylor saved the best for last, disallowing Oregon to the favor from earlier in the season. The Bears outperformed in tumbling and smashed the Ducks in the routine team event, the meet finale. Baylor outscored Oregon in the last two events 158.775 to 150.190 – the biggest two-event margin of the meet. The final score was 284.245-274.640.

The Bears sent off their seniors in historic fashion, finishing the season 9-0 as the top team in the country ahead of the championships later this month.

Mulkey, who signed with the Bears this season, previously led Oregon to four national titles. With Mulkey on board with Baylor, the Bears look to take their first national title in acrobatics and tumbling at the NCATA Team Championships starting April 24 in Fairmont, W. Va.

"Believe it or not, we still have room for improvement, and I'm proud of these girls for staying focused," Mulkey said. "It can be difficult keeping your focus going into the end with the lead. We are looking forward to the national championships where we will peak."

Jordan Spieth: Star grounded in normalcy

By DOUG FERGUSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The green jacket is all Jordan Spieth needs for an identity. He is the Masters champion.

It's just not going to help him get rid of a nickname he picked up late last year from a few PGA Tour players that goes against the way he was raised and irritates him more than a three-putt bogey.

Golden Child. "It was either Colt Knost or Robert Garrigus ... I'm not sure who started with the nickname," Spieth said Tuesday during a break in his New York media tour. "But it's not nice what I say to them when they say it to me. I've been working on trying to keep it quiet. And this week isn't going to help."

It surfaced again even before he teed off in his record-setting win at Augusta National.

Brooks Koepka was talking about a Tuesday practice round in which Spieth could do no wrong. They were walking off the 13th when they looked over at James Hahn hitting his shot to the par-3 12th. As the ball was in the air, Spieth told his group, "This is going to be a hole-in-one." And it was.

On the 17th, Spieth hit a shot that was an inch from rolling down to the bottom of the green. It stayed up, and he rolled in a 30-footer to close their match. If that wasn't enough, he has a game with caddie Michael Greller in which they toss a ball on the green toward the cup. Spieth made it on the first try.

Koepka finished the story,



Jordan Spieth celebrates after winning his first ever Masters Championship on Sunday in Augusta, Ga.

smiled and said, "He's the golden child."

No doubt, Spieth has done some extraordinary things for a 21-year-old.

The stories have been told countless times, yet they are no less amazing.

Spieth started his first year as a pro with no status on any tour and ended it playing alongside Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson in the Presidents Cup. The first time he played with Mickelson, he closed birdie-birdie-birdie-eagle for a 62. Playing with Woods for the first time in a practice round at the Presidents Cup, he made a hole-in-one. In his Masters debut, he played in the final group at 20.

And now a green jacket for the golden child.

"He'll be fabulous for the game," Graeme McDowell said.

Most appealing about Spieth is the simplicity of his life and the toughness in his game. He is 21

and old school.

Spieth has had the same swing coach since he was 12 and his father took him to see Cameron McCormick at Brook Hollow in Dallas. He uses social media instead of being consumed by it. Spieth has the same girlfriend he met in high school, Anne Verret, who graduated from Texas Tech in December and now works fundraising for a youth golf program in Dallas.

He spent last week with three of his best friends from Dallas — seniors at Texas, TCU and LSU. They became what Spieth described as "white noise" during the evening when he wanted to take his mind off golf.

"It felt like we were back home on a random weekend," Spieth said. "I couldn't partake in what they were doing. But it was fun to watch."

His father played baseball at Lehigh. His mother played basketball at Moravian College in Pennsylvania. His younger brother, Steven, is a 6-foot-6 shooting guard at Brown.

And then there's Ellie, his 14-year-old sister with neurological issues that place her on the autism spectrum. Ellie reminds Spieth and the rest of the family what matters in life.

She was at the TPC Boston last year with the whole clan, bragging about her big brothers, having a ball. Players have to take a shuttle through the woods to the eighth tee. When Spieth spotted Ellie in the gallery, he called to her. She ran to the cart and sat on his lap for the ride, and it was hard to tell who was having more fun.

Golden child? Maybe. More than a Midas touch, however, Spieth has Texas grit.

Look back at the events leading to the Masters.

—He made three straight par saves, all that had the look of bogeys, to get into a playoff that he won at the Valspar Championship.

—He made four straight birdies that made Jimmy Walker sweat out a victory at the Texas Open. "I'm going to have nightmares about that guy," Walker said.

—He holed a 12-foot par putt on the final hole of the Houston Open to make a playoff.

Augusta National members will talk for years about his shot from a tight lie on a knob above the 18th green on Saturday. Spieth had a seven-shot lead on the 17th tee and down to four shots and about to get even closer — three shots probably, two shots possibly. "Two shots can be made up in one hole," Spieth said.

His caddie lobbied for a safe chip. Spieth took a full swing for a flop shot, pulled it off and made par. Spieth called it the most important shot he hit all week.

More than a golden moment, this was about guts.

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No. 2 BU tennis finishing 2015 strong

No. 17 BU goes 2-1 over week

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

It's the home stretch for No. 2 Baylor men's tennis, and the Bears hit the road for their final two regular season conference matches. Baylor is still in the running for another Big 12 championship, but they are going to need to tighten up and focus in order to come away with the final two wins.

Baylor hosted then-No. 25 Oklahoma State on Sunday, and there were a few questions during the match. If the Bears were going to come away with that win, they had to fight for it. The Cowboys came out swinging first, and Baylor showcased a weak doubles performance to start the match.

Seniors Mate Zsiga and Tony Lupieri looked flat and left holes in their defense on court two. The senior duo dropped the match 6-2 to OSU's Nicolai Ferrigno and Lucas Gerch, and Baylor was forced to play from behind quickly.

Junior Felipe Rios and sophomore Vince Schneider turned their match around for a tight 7-6 (7-2) win at the No. 3 spot, so the doubles point was going to be decided on court one. Oklahoma State took a 6-5 lead late in the match, but junior Julian Lenz held his serve to sweep the next game and force a tiebreaker.

The tiebreaker was nothing to mess around with; every point mattered. Lenz and senior Diego Galeano edged OSU 7-4 in the tiebreaker to take the match and give Baylor the 1-0 lead. The doubles play was a big indicator that Baylor had to dig deep to find a way to overpower their opponent. They didn't seem to do that well at all.

"We started out slow; we didn't come out the way we would like to come out in doubles," head coach Matt Knoll said. "We were honestly lucky to win with two tiebreakers in matches we could have lost."

Rios wrapped up play on court six quickly to push Baylor out to a 2-0 lead, but a rain delay forced the Bears inside to the Hawkins Indoor Tennis Center for the remainder of the match. OSU fought back at several spots, but the final points came from sophomore Max Tchoutakian and Galeano to sweep the Cowboys 4-0 on Sunday.

"We are good, and we need to get our mentality right," Galeano said. "We are here



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Baylor tennis seniors Robbie Korth, Tony Lupieri, Diego Galeano and Mate Zsiga pose before Baylor's 4-0 sweep of Oklahoma State on Sunday. After losing to No. 1 Oklahoma, the Bears are in a dogfight for another Big 12 championship under head coach Matt Knoll.

to win matches, and we can't let one match destroy our season. We have to make sure we are ready to go. We are Baylor. We have to win."

The Bears looked a little depleted on Sunday, and Friday's match could have been the big rock holding them back. Despite a valiant effort in doubles play and on all six singles courts, the second-ranked Bears were edged 4-3 by the top-ranked Oklahoma Sooners on Friday night.

It was the third straight time that the Bears lost to the Sooners, and at the time, it was the most important match of the year.

"We've got to accept it, and we've got to fix things," Zsiga said. "There's no excuses. We lost, and we're going to learn from it."

The Bears won the doubles point at the No. 1 spot again on Friday with Lenz and Galeano taking a 7-6 (7-4) win for the 1-0 Baylor lead. However, that lead quickly switched in favor of Oklahoma as singles competitions were coming to a close.

Galeano and Lupieri were each swept in two sets, and a frustrating loss by Tchoutakian on court three gave the Sooners a huge 3-1 lead with only three matches remaining. There was almost no hope by the way things were going on courts one, five, and six, but Rios' 5-7, 7-5, 6-4 win at the bottom of the lineup sparked some action at the No. 5 spot.

Zsiga turned his match around after dropping the second set, and there was a light that maybe Baylor could pull off the upset. The difference though was on court one. Top-ranked Lenz won set one in a tiebreaker, and he looked to be in control of the match versus No. 2 Axel Alvarez Llamas, but Llamas pulled the strings for the rest of the match.

Mixed results happened within seconds of each other. Zsiga won his 101st career match on court five, but a forehand hit into the net ended the match, crushing Baylor's hope for a win.

"Our guys fought their tails off, and it just didn't go our way," Knoll said. "We're still got a lot of work to do. Everybody was just fighting as hard as they could fight, and you couldn't ask any more as a coach."

If the Bears want to come away with two more wins to finish the regular season, they need to fight. Friday and Sunday were not their best performances by far, so they need to dig deep in order to pull away against their next two opponents.

"We have to play as a team," Galeano said. "We are going to Austin to play a tough match, and they have really good players. They are going to be really tough. If we get better every day and play how we are, then we're going to be a good team at the end of the season."

Baylor faces No. 10 Texas today at 5 p.m. in Austin, and it finishes Big 12 play in Lubbock when it battles the Texas Tech Red Raiders at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

No. 17 Baylor softball returned to Gettman Stadium on Tuesday to take a 10-3 win over Houston Baptist, but the Bears failed the real test over the weekend with two straight road losses to No. 9 Louisiana-Lafayette.

The Bears made the most out of eight hits on Tuesday, including two home runs from freshman first baseman Shelby Friudenberg and freshman catcher Sydney Christensen. It was Christensen's first collegiate home run while Friudenberg tied for the most home runs made by a freshman in a season.

Freshman Caitlin Charlton tacked on three runs during the 10-3 win, and several other players added runs to defeat Houston Baptist. While the Bears looked dominant against a struggling Huskies team, Baylor will have to keep Saturday's losses in the rear view mirror.

Game one was a close one. Junior pitcher Heather Stearns gave up two hits in the loss, and Baylor's only run was a homer from junior third baseman Sarah Smith in the top of the fourth inning.

Game two was a different story. After a home run by Friudenberg put the Bears up 2-0 in the third inning, the Bears defense fell apart in the fourth. Baylor gave up 12 runs and allowed Louisiana-Lafayette to end the game early on a 10-run rule.

Baylor (30-9, 5-1 Big 12) returns to conference play to battle No. 5 Oklahoma at 8 p.m. on Thursday in Norman, Okla. The Bears and Sooners face off on ESPN2.



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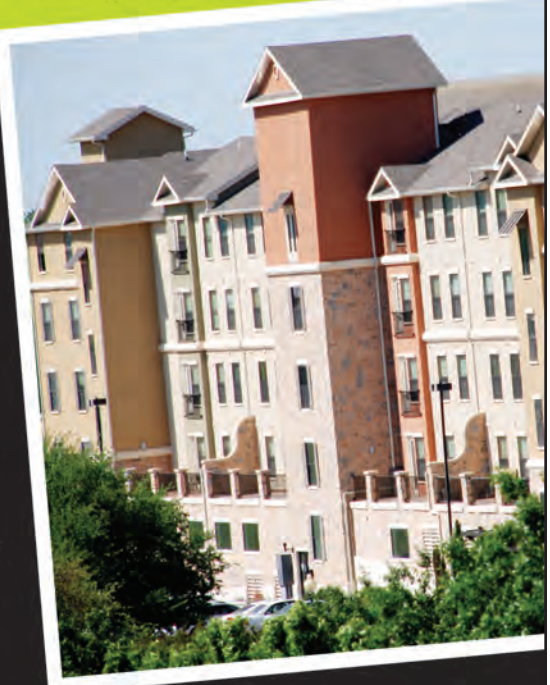
Shankle receives Big 12 honor

Sophomore women's tennis player Blair Shankle celebrates a point during Baylor's 4-3 loss to Texas A&M on April 8 at the Hawkins Indoor Tennis Center. Shankle was named Big 12 Player of the Week after winning all three of her matches and leading the Bears to a win over Texas and close loss to the Aggies.



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