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No. 17 Baylor softball dominated No. 5 Oklahoma with an 8-0 win on Thursday for the Sooners' first home loss this season. SEE SPORTS, page 6

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Brown wins the top spot

By KALLI DAMSCHEN
STAFF WRITER

Students voted Houston junior Pearson Brown student body president for the 2015-16 school year in a runoff election on Thursday. Brown defeated Frisco sophomore James Porter by a margin of 1,555 to 912 votes.



Brown

"The support I have is just unreal," Brown said. "I can't wait to serve and I can't wait to give back because I've seen what this university can do through my friends."

Brown ran on a three-tiered platform of Ignite, Launch, Soar. His three steps focused on addressing cost of tuition increases, getting organizations more involved on campus and building relationships between alumni in hiring positions and Baylor students.

Brown said his first priority is getting off to

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April showers? No, floods

A driver of a Jeep Liberty drives through a puddle Thursday afternoon on Third Street during the short thunderstorm that passed through Waco. The storm produced small hail and high wind speeds along with lots of rain.

Baylor students to teach kids in Thailand

By SHANNON BARBOUR
STAFF WRITER

In a month, a group of Baylor University graduates will travel to Thailand to teach at the Chitralada Palace School.

Graduates will be paid to teach American English to the future king of Thailand and other Thai children, without needing any previous teaching experience.

"I've been to so many places around the world. To have something like this offered, I don't know any other place that does this. This is like teaching at the Polytechnique in Paris, France. This is an amazing program," said Kathryn Mueller, senior lecturer in sociology and volunteer director of the Chitralada Palace School program.

The Chitralada Palace School program is not a Baylor study abroad program and will last until the end of March 2016.

Mueller will host information sessions every hour from 5-7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday in 341 Draper Academic Building.

The program was originally proposed by Mueller, who noticed a need for students in Thailand to learn American English instead of the British English they were being taught. The program has been going on for 20 years.

"I thought at the time, 'these children should be exposed to American English,'" Mueller said. "We're fortunate that American English is the standard English used all over the world. I thought it would be good for these students."

Graduates of all majors are invited to apply to the program and are not expected to know how to speak Thai. However, students must be American citizens to be eligible to teach at the school.

Jessica Steptoe graduated from

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WolfPack it up, Wolfpack it in

Bear Mountain to host annual Cameron Park clean-up

By DANE CHRONISTER
REPORTER

On Sunday, the Annual Cameron Park WolfPack Clean Up will be hosted.

The events will include a bike ride or family hike around the park at 2 p.m., followed by a park clean-up at 4 p.m. and finally at 6 p.m. there will be a catered meal by Dave's Burger Barn.

The only thing required is a dinner reservation, which is complimentary to all, so The Bear Mountain employees said they encourage attendees to bring friends.

Dallas junior Ruthie Rutledge said community is an important part of her life. To give back to the Waco community and spend time

with the many families and friends in the area are all reasons why people should attend, she said.

"Waco is such a cool place and this is such a cool way to give back to the community of where I live, spend time with other people, clean up our environment, but also get to enjoy the weather and free food," Rutledge said. "It's clean, healthy fun."

With Earth Day right around the corner on April 22nd, employees of The Bear Mountain Outdoor Sports Store said they want Waco locals to get involved and contribute to the clean-up efforts.

According to the City of Waco website, "The park is an oasis with towering trees, two rivers, breath-

taking cliffs and a National Recreation Trail system. Since the William Cameron Family donated the parkland more than 100 years ago, the 400-acre park has been constantly abuzz with parties, festivals and sports."

Even though littering and dumping are against the park regulations, it tends to still happen and therefore The Bear Mountain wants to get an effort together to help clean the park up.

To sign up and register for the clean-up and to receive a free meal from the Burger Barn go to www.eventbrite.com/e/bear-mountain-wolfpack-cameron-park-ridecleanupdinner-tickets-16573656252



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The Bear Mountain will host its annual Cameron Park WolfPack Clean Up this Sunday. Dave's Burger Barn will be catering the event with a meal at 6 p.m.

OSU bus struck on way to BU

By REBECCA FLANNERY
STAFF WRITER

The Oklahoma State Women's equestrian team was involved in a bus crash around 9 p.m. Wednesday on S. 18th Street and Franklin Avenue.

The bus ran a red light and was hit by a car travelling southbound on S. 18th Street, according to an email from Sgt. Patrick Swanton, information officer for the Waco police department.

Swanton said one person from the vehicle had to be extracted from the car and two people sustained minor injuries. No one from the bus was hurt.

The equestrian team is in Waco for the NCEA National Championship. The equestrian media correspondent was unavailable for comment.



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May 9, 2010 file picture, an oil-soaked bird struggles against the side of the HOS Iron Horse supply vessel at the site of the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana.

Secrecy shrouds decade-old oil spill

MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
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GULF OF MEXICO — A blanket of fog lifts, exposing a band of rainbow sheen that stretches for miles off the coast of Louisiana. From the vantage point of an airplane, it's easy to see gas bubbles in the slick that mark the spot where an oil platform toppled during a 2004 hurricane, triggering what might be the longest-running commercial oil spill ever to pollute the Gulf of Mexico.

Yet more than a decade after crude started leaking at the site formerly operated by Taylor Energy Company, few people even know of its existence. The company has downplayed the leak's extent and environmental impact, likening it to scores of minor spills and natural seeps the Gulf routinely absorbs.

An Associated Press investiga-

tion has revealed evidence that the spill is far worse than what Taylor — or the government — have publicly reported during their secretive, and costly, effort to halt the leak. Presented with AP's findings, that the sheen recently averaged about 91 gallons of oil per day across eight square miles, the Coast Guard provided a new leak estimate that is about 20 times greater than one recently touted by the company.

Outside experts say the spill could be even worse — possibly one of the largest ever in the Gulf.

Taylor's oil was befooling the Gulf for years in obscurity before BP's massive spill in mile-deep water outraged the nation in 2010. Even industry experts haven't heard of Taylor's slow-motion spill, which has been leaking like a steady trickle from a faucet, compared to the fire hose that was BP's gusher.

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StuGov has separation of powers issue

Editorial

At the foundation of the United States' government is the system of checks and balances. It is laid out in the U.S. Constitution, a document in which the Baylor Student Body Constitution declares itself to be under. Under such a system, there is a separation of powers. The Supreme Court, for example, would not be able to pass its own legislation, as that is the duty of the legislative branch.

In Article I Section 3, the Student Body Constitution states clearly that "The Student Government shall be divided into executive, legislative, and judicial departments with no branch exercising any power properly belonging to either of the others."

There have been instances this month, however, in which separation of powers has been overlooked.

Student Senate voted on April 9 to approve a bill making an amendment to the constitution. This proposal titled SE 62-12, added procedures for hearing and deciding cases in the appellate jurisdiction of the Student Court. The bill also states that such a procedure is necessary for Student Court to function at its best.

What the bill was intended to fix is admirable. It makes sense to fix a problem if possible. Admittedly, it is a problem that the constitution does not provide for this procedure. It's an entire facet of Student Court that is missing.

What does not make sense, however, is the bill was authored by Roswell, N.M., junior Cody Coll and Texarkana, Ark., senior Daniel Pellegrin, both members of the court at the time.

Although the bill was sponsored by three members of the Senate — San Antonio junior Chase Hardy, Frisco sophomore James Porter and Waco sophomore Emily Neel — this does not negate the blatant conflict of interest and violation of separation of powers.

If members of the Senate worked closely with members of the court to author the bill, then separation of powers would have been intact and promote interaction between branches.

The court heard and decided on a case Hardy v. Electoral Commission on April 13. According to the court's opinion, Arlington senior Dominic Edwards told Katy junior Lawren Kinghorn that SE 62-12 should not be placed on the ballot for the student body elections on Monday and Tuesday. Kinghorn told senior Sarah Park, the Electoral Commissioner, not to include SE 62-12 on the ballot.

Hardy emailed a petition for certiorari to the court on Monday. The court determined that proposed legislation of SE 62-12 was an amendment, which does not require Edwards' signature of approval, according to the constitution.

There are several discrepancies throughout the court's opinion. The court repeatedly refers to a seemingly irrelevant part of the constitution. It cites Article III, Sec. III, Par. I, heading Q as stating all bills passed by the Senate must be approved by the student body president. As of 11 p.m. Thursday, the version of the constitution found on the student government's website conflicts with the court's version. Heading Q states the student body president will be subject to the Executive Branch By-Laws.



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The constitution that the average student has access to mentions approval of bills by the president under heading N. This might seem nit-picky, but the court is setting precedents. In addition, it is the right of the student body to be able to understand and follow the court's actions and opinions accurately.

It is also the right of the student body to know when conflict of interests abound.

One of the biggest discrepancies is that Pellegrin, a court justice, actually heard the case. He did not recuse himself, even though he clearly had a conflict of interest. Pellegrin did, however, write a dissenting opinion.

He states that the court has mistakenly interpreted the constitution. He writes, "Because of the Court's holding, the ability of the Executive to check the Legislative Branch has been reduced."

Ironically, he goes on to add, "The chipping away of the checks and balance presents a possibility for these types of issues to escalate, and under the current text of the Constitution the checks and balances have been threatened by the Court's ruling."

Ultimately, the constitution does not specifically state that members of student court cannot author a bill or suggest an amendment. It could be interpreted that any member of student government — including court justices — can author legislation because the constitution does not directly say they can't.

But to keep the integrity of their offices intact, court justices should not breach the rule of separation of powers.

This same rule applies to all branches of student government.

There have been times this semester when the executive branch

appears to be overstepping its reach as well.

At the last Senate meeting, Edwards and Kinghorn, along with other writers, recommended 800 changes to the Student Body Constitution. It would have been extremely difficult to approve such sweeping changes all at once. Thankfully, the Senate voted to table the amendments.

In another instance, Edwards vetoed a bill that would allow candidates for student body offices and their campaign workers from posting promotional material on their own social media sites. The Senate voted to overturn his veto.

In both of these cases, the system of checks and balances worked. All branches of the government must be aware of their roles.

Whether it's the executive, judicial or legislative branches, conflicts of interest only cause problems.

Re-evaluate feminism

Feminism doesn't mean we need to vote for Hillary.

Feminism doesn't mean women should refuse kind gestures from men.

Feminism doesn't mean withholding kind gestures from women.

Feminism doesn't mean we should take the "man card" away from males.

Feminism means to advocate for equality of the sexes. That's it.

With as much media attention the issue is receiving, it feels a bit redundant to write about. But I can't shake the feeling that people don't understand what feminism actually is.

To use a quote from the speech given by Emma Watson during her U.N. address, "fighting for women's rights has too often become synonymous with man-hating."

Likewise, I'd like to pose the opinion that fighting for women's rights has too often become synonymous with woman-shaming.

If I don't vote for Hillary Clinton, I'm not voting against equality. I'm voting against her platform. If I let men open doors for me or pay for my meals, I'm not laying down my ability to act for myself — I'm letting men be gentlemanly and treat me with respect. If a certain text uses masculine pronouns instead of gender-neutral, honestly why does it matter?

I've been in the feminist debate more than I'd like to admit. When I was in high school and a boy used the classic "sandwich in the kitchen" joke, I would have jumped at the opportunity to "set them straight" and tell them to make their own sandwich — scattered with a few expletives to boot. But really, what was I accomplishing?

I've realized since then that there are

gender situations worth fighting for. Women in countries around the world are alienated for being women. They're killed if they run away from their home in order to escape an arranged marriage to a man decades older than they are. Their

babies are murdered or aborted if they are female. They are fearful they may be raped or mutilated in the street if they so much as look at a man.

Where are the sandwich jokes? Where is the question of holding doors and paying for meals?

I'm confused when we let feminism become an avenue to make women feel lesser for making a meal for a man.

At the same time, becoming equal with men doesn't mean emasculating them. By seeking equality, it doesn't mean we're as much man as we are woman. I guarantee you, there are things men are able to do that I will never have the ability or will-power to accomplish. And vice versa.

Fighting for equality means we're seeking the same rights as separate entities because we're all equal parts human.

When we look at history, we see Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony fighting for the rights of women to go to school or vote. Those were situations worth fighting for. Those were issues worth taking a stand against, and they still exist today in hundreds of countries.

If I'm labeled as anti-female or anti-equality for these beliefs, so be it. I will make a man a sandwich every day of my life if it means one person understands it's not the action that makes the female lesser; it's the mindset.

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Rebecca Flannery
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From the Lariat blog



What We're Lovin'

Want to know what's hip in the newsroom? Take a peek into what the Lariateers are watching, wearing and doing.

This is the Lariat's newest blog. Every week, a few Lariat team members will share what they're loving that week. Whether it's a TV show, a good book or a new pair of shoes, check back to see what we've got going on.

Lariat Letters

Thank you, StuGov leaders

I still remember the first time I met Dominic Edwards, Lawren Kinghorn, and Kristyn Miller. I met each of them during different stages of my time at Baylor, but the impact their introductions had on me continue to stand the tests of time. Intentional, passionate, and genuine, these three leaders have proved to me that Baylor is a breeding ground for tomorrow's brightest leaders — leaders that live by faith, respect, and service.

Although I have only been in Student Government for a year, these leaders have offered nothing but encouragement, knowledge, and support to me and other members of this organization. Through grace and a dependency on Christ, these three have provided a model of servant leadership that will inspire me for the rest of my life. Their dedication to Student Government has been proven through their time, effort, and attitude towards every achievement and challenge thrown their way.

As the 2014-2015 school year comes to a close, I will look back on my first year in Student Government fondly because of the leadership in the organization. It has been an honor to serve these three incredible student body officers, and the organization has benefited from their tireless commitment. If we all work as passionately and with as much conviction and professionalism as these three in our own respective fields, the world will be a better place. Thank you Dominic, Kristyn, and Lawren for everything you do. I, along with so many others, look forward to what you each will accomplish in the future.

— Nan Tolson
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Social work major

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Police blotter

Wednesday, April 15

A harassment offense reportedly occurred via cell phone on campus at 3:28 p.m. Case active.

A criminal mischief under \$50 and a theft over \$50 under \$500 reportedly occurred at the Penland Hall located at 1110 S. 5th between 7:55 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. on this date. Case suspended.

A criminal mischief under \$50 reportedly occurred at the Penland Hall located at 1110 S. 5th between 3:00 a.m. and 5:46 a.m. on this date. Case suspended.

Two alcohol offenses, minors consuming alcohol, occurred at Teal Residence Hall located at 206 Bagby Ave. at 1:20 a.m. on this date. Case cleared by arrest.

Tuesday, April 14

A narcotics offense, possession of drug paraphernalia, occurred at University Parks Apartments located at 2201 S. University Parks Dr. at 11:47 p.m. on this date. Case cleared by arrest.

An extended territory assist other agency, warrant arrest occurred at 9th and Wood at 3:07 p.m. on this date. Case cleared by arrest.

Two alcohol offenses, minors consuming alcohol, occurred at Collins Hall located at 1310 S. 8th Street at 12:38 a.m. on this date. Case cleared by arrests.

Monday, April 13

An alcohol offense, public intoxication, occurred at the University Parks Apartments located at 2201 S. University Parks Drive at 11:33 p.m. on this date. Case cleared by arrest.

Seven alcohol offenses of minors consuming alcohol occurred at Martin Hall located at 1101 S. 5th Street at 10:54 p.m. on this date. Case cleared by arrests.

An alcohol offense, minor consuming alcohol, occurred at North Village located at 1201 S. University Parks B at 10:23 p.m. Case cleared by arrest.

Sunday, April 12

Two alcohol offenses, minor consuming alcohol, occurred at South Russell Hall located at 1200 S. 4th Street at 1:10 a.m. on this date. Case cleared by arrest.

A criminal mischief under \$50 reportedly occurred at the Penland Hall located at 1110 S. 5th at 12:17 a.m. on this date. Case suspended.

Saturday, April 11

A criminal trespass of a habitation offense occurred at Baylor Plaza III Apartments located at 2014 S. 2nd Street at 11:23 p.m. on this date. Case is active.

Case Update: Complainant advised his door was unlocked, he knows the suspect and does not wish to file charges. Case is exceptionally cleared.

A narcotics offense, possession of marijuana under 2 oz., occurred at Penland Hall located at 1110 S. 5th Street at 12:28 a.m. on this date. Case cleared by arrest.

Eleven alcohol offenses of minors consuming alcohol and one alcohol offense of minor in possession located at 2201 S. University Parks Dr. at 12:14 a.m. on this date. Case cleared by arrests.

Thursday, April 9

A criminal mischief over \$50 under \$500 reportedly occurred at the Penland Hall located at 1110 S. 5th at 10:10 p.m. on this date. Case suspended.

A criminal mischief over \$50 under \$500 reportedly occurred at the Floyd Casey Stadium located at 150 Bear Run at 3:01 p.m. on this date. Case suspended.

An assault offense reportedly occurred at Pine Tree Apartments located at 824 Speight at 1:48 p.m. on this date. Case cleared by arrest.

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



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton poses Wednesday for a photo with Simpson College student MacKenzie Bills, center, after meeting with Iowa Democratic Party lawmakers at the Statehouse, Wednesday, April 15, 2015, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Clinton heads to New Hampshire

By KATHLEEN RONAYNE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD, N.H. — Hillary Rodham Clinton will make her first trip as a presidential candidate to the early voting state of New Hampshire next week.

The Clinton campaign said the former secretary of state will participate in small events Monday and Tuesday, including roundtables with students and small-business employees. She will also hold private meetings with elected officials

and activists. The campaign did not provide more specifics of her schedule.

Clinton announced her second White House run Sunday before traveling to Iowa, where she held similar small-scale events.

Clinton won the New Hampshire primary in 2008 after placing third in the Iowa caucuses, jump-starting a lengthy and bruising Democratic nomination contest won by Barack Obama on his way to the presidency.

The Clintons have long been

popular in New Hampshire, where Bill Clinton's second-place finish in the 1992 primary helped propel him to the nomination and the White House.

Hillary Clinton last visited New Hampshire in November to stump for Democratic Sen. Jeanne Shaheen and Gov. Maggie Hassan. Her New Hampshire operation is drawing heavily from Shaheen's reelection team, with the senator's campaign manager, Mike Vlachich, serving as Clinton's New Hampshire state director.

At an organizing event in Concord on Wednesday night, Vlachich told supporters to expect frequent outreach from the campaign.

Clinton traveled to Iowa by van from her home in New York and held a series of events with small groups of people, leaving any big rallies for later. She pledged a campaign aimed at building "the economy of tomorrow," strengthening families, fixing government dysfunction and protecting the country from threats. She has yet to outline policy specifics.

Ohio man accused of plot to attack military base

By ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An Ohio man traveled to Syria and trained alongside terrorists, then returned to the U.S. with plans to attack a military base or a prison, according to a federal indictment announced Thursday.

Abdirahman Sheik Mohamud, a U.S. citizen originally from Somalia, wanted to "kill three or four American soldiers execution style," according to the indictment. Attacking the prison was part of a backup plan if that didn't work, the charges said.

The indictment also says Mohamud's brother, Abdifatah Aden, fought with Jabhat al-Nusrah, a State Department-designated terrorist group, until he was killed in battle in Syria in June 2014.

Mohamud, 23, of Columbus was charged with supporting terrorism, supporting the same terrorist group and making a false statement involving international terrorism when he allegedly lied to an Ohio FBI agent by saying he was in Istanbul when authorities say he was in Syria.

The government charged Mohamud under the laws most commonly used since the Sept. 11 attacks to prosecute terror suspects. He faces up to 38 years in prison if convicted.

Mohamud was arrested in Columbus in February on state terrorism and money laundering counts. Thursday's charges were expected, and Mohamud will plead not guilty at a Friday arraignment, said his attorney, Sam Shamansky. He said it was too early to talk about the specific charges.

The government didn't say how it learned of the plot, but the indictment mentions two "unnamed" associates of Mohamud in the U.S. to whom he gave information about his activities, including a video of Mohamud carrying an AK-47.

Tennessee proposes Bible as state book

By LUCAS L. JOHNSON II
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Bible usually unites Republicans in conservative Tennessee, but lately it is proving to be — as an epistle writer put it — more powerful and sharper than a double-edged sword.

Legislators here are deeply divided over a proposal to make the holy text an official state book, with some saying it's far too sacred to be trivialized like the state fruit (tomato), the state amphibian (Tennessee cave salamander) and several state songs ("Tennessee Waltz" and "Rocky Top").

Conversely, others believe the Bible is an integral part of the state's history, or don't want to appear to be against it. And then there are a host of constitutional questions to consider.

Despite those problems, House lawmakers on Wednesday voted 55-38 in favor of the plan. On Thursday, the proposal was derailed when the Senate voted 22-9 to send it back to a committee that has been closed, effectively killing it for the year.

"I think some of these state legislators probably just don't want to give their opposition an issue to run with," Vanderbilt University political science professor John Geer said.

Tennessee's attorney general, Herbert Slatery, warned in a legal opinion earlier this week that the bill would violate separation of church and state provisions of both the federal and state constitutions. Similar proposals in Mississippi and Louisiana failed for those reasons.

Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris said the legal problems were his biggest hang up.

"The attorney general's opinion raises legal issues that were not discussed," he said of the bill.

Other opponents worried about putting the Bible on par with innocuous state symbols, which are listed in the Tennessee Blue Book, the definitive almanac of state government.

"We don't need to put the Bible beside salamanders, tulip poplars and 'Rocky Top' in the Tennessee Blue Book to appreciate its importance to our state," Senate Speaker Ron Ramsey said in a statement.

Gov. Bill Haslam and House Speaker Beth Harwell, both Republicans, were also against it.

"I think it is unconstitutional and ... I really think it demeans the holy word of God by making it just a book with historical significance," she said.

Democratic Rep. Johnny Shaw, a pastor, said the legislation made him uncomfortable, but for political reasons, he found it difficult not to support.

"It was hard for me to say I won't sign a piece of legislation to make the Bible the state book," he said.

Religion has surfaced as a point of contention in the state Legislature.

In 2011, a bill was proposed to make it a felony to follow some versions of the Islamic code known as Sharia. It would have given the state's attorney general authority to designate an entity a "Sharia organization" if he found the group knowingly adhered to Sharia.

The Senate sponsor of the Bible proposal made one last-ditch, impassioned plea for his colleagues not to kill the bill, to no avail.

"My purpose for bringing this legislation is to memorialize the role ... the Bible has played in Tennessee's history," Sen. Steve Southerland said.



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COURTESY ART

Baylor graduate students will soon travel to Thailand to teach English. This photo is from a meal with Baylor professors and Thai royalty last year.

Baylor in 2011 and said teaching at the palace in Bangkok was an honor.

Step toe was an education major at Baylor and was able to teach the prince of Thailand when he was a baby.

"It helped me to expand upon my confidence," Step toe said. "I'm more appreciative of the opportunities we have here in America, but I'm also very cognizant of other cultures. I feel like I've become a student of the world."

Those who participate in the program will be paid a salary, which Mueller calls above average for instructors, in addition to paid work visas, airfare, room, some board and utilities. Transportation will also be provided.

Mueller said students should

take advantage of this program while they are in the transition between undergraduate studies and graduate school or a career.

"I loved what this program was able to do for me. Personally, spiritually, financially, it was great," Step toe said. "Any student who is looking for an opportunity to challenge themselves in a unique capacity should look into this program. The benefits will pay for themselves."

Applications are due Wednesday and can be found in Mueller's office, 314 Burleson Hall.

For more information, students can contact Mueller at Kathryn_Mueller@Baylor.edu or visit her in her office.

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a quick start. He said he hopes to work with Arlington senior Dominic Edwards, student body president, to build relationships and work toward his goals.

"My goals continuing to have the right people around me who push me to do things for the right reasons," Brown said. "We're not here for our name, we're here to glorify God, we're here for Baylor and we're here to have fun."

While the student body elections resolved Thursday, the results for a proposed constitutional amendment remain undetermined.

The "Constitutional Amendment for Addition of Appellate Procedure" was authored by Roswell, N.M., junior and Chief Justice Cody Coll and Texarkana, Ark., senior and Deputy Chief Justice Daniel Pellegrin. Senators Chase Hardy, James Porter and Emily Neel sponsored the amendment in the Student Senate.

The constitutional amendment provides for the addition of appellate procedure for the Student Court.

"The Constitution outlines the court's original and appellate jurisdiction, and the current Constitution only provides a procedural outline for original jurisdiction cases," Coll said. "In the judicial system, with an appellate case the judicial body hearing the appeal is

not initiating a new trial."

Several low-profile appellate cases this semester brought the lack of appellate procedure in the Constitution to the attention of Coll and Pellegrin, who set about authoring the bill and gaining the support of the Senate.

The purpose of appellate cases is to see whether the lower court "made an error, either in its procedure or its reasoning," according to Coll, and so there is no need for certain aspects of an original jurisdiction trial, including witnesses, evidence and a pre-trial hearing.

"In the appellate cases, both sides are given the opportunity to present written summaries of what happened in the lower court and their arguments, and that's what the court makes its ruling on," Coll said.

The amendment was available for students to read through the online student election and explains both the reason for these changes and the proposed appellate procedures.

Prior to the student elections, the Senate passed the bill at the regular session last Thursday.

"The Senate makes recommendations to the student body for these constitutional amendments, which the student body then either ratifies or does not ratify," Coll said.

Shehan Jeyarajah contributed to

Oil from Page 1

Taylor, a company renowned in Louisiana for the philanthropy of its deceased founder, has kept documents secret that would shed light on what it has done to stop the leak and eliminate the persistent sheen.

The Coast Guard said in 2008 the leak posed a "significant threat" to the environment, though there is no evidence oil from the site has reached shore. Ian MacDonald, a Florida State University biological oceanography professor and expert witness in a lawsuit against Taylor, said the sheen "presents a substantial threat to the environment" and is capable of harming birds, fish and other marine life.

Using satellite images and pollution reports, the watchdog group SkyTruth estimates between 300,000 and 1.4 million gallons of oil has spilled from the site since 2004, with an annual average daily leak rate between 37 and 900 gallons.

If SkyTruth's high-end estimate of 1.4 million gallons is accurate, Taylor's spill would be about 1 percent the size of BP's, which a judge ruled amounted to 134 million gallons. That would still make the Taylor spill the 8th largest in the Gulf since 1970, according to a list compiled by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"The Taylor leak is just a great example of what I call a dirty little secret in plain sight," said SkyTruth President John Amos.

Taylor has spent tens of millions of dollars to contain and stop its leak, but it says nothing can be done to completely halt the chronic slicks.

The New Orleans based company presented federal regulators last year with a proposed "final resolution" at the site, but the details remain under wraps. For years, the government has allowed the company to shield other spill-related information from public scrutiny — all in the name of protecting trade secrets.

Industry experts and environmental advocates are baffled by Taylor's inability to stop the leak and its demands for confidentiality.

"It's not normal to have a spill like this," said Ken Arnold, an industry consultant and former engineering manager for Shell Oil Company. "The whole thing surprises me. Normally, we fix things much more quickly than this."

LEARNING CURVE

Hurricane Ivan whipped into the Gulf of Mexico in 2004, churning up waves that triggered an underwater mudslide and toppled Taylor's platform. The platform stood roughly 10 miles off Louisiana's coast in approximately 475 feet of water. The mudslide buried the cluster of 28 wells under mounds of sediment. Taylor tried to remove the unstable sediment covering the damaged wells, but determined it was too dangerous for divers.



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In this Monday, June, 7, 2010 file picture, oil from the BP Deepwater Horizon spill floats on the water with clouds reflected in the sheen on Barataria Bay off the coast of Louisiana.

Without access to the buried wells, traditional "plug and abandon" efforts wouldn't work.

In 2005, hurricanes Katrina and Rita disrupted the company's response efforts for several months. In 2007, slick sightings became more frequent near the wreckage. In 2008, the Coast Guard, concerned about the environmental threat of the leak, ordered additional work, including daily monitoring flights over the site.

Just as BP had to improvise a method for capping its well in mile-deep water, Taylor says it formulated an "unprecedented plan" for containing the leak and sealing its buried wells.

Only the broad outlines of the company's efforts are publicly known. A contractor designed a device to capture and dispose of oil and gas flowing from the seabed where its wells are buried.

Another contractor drilled new wells to intercept and plug nine wells deemed capable of leaking oil.

A year ago, federal officials convened a workshop on the leak. Months later, the company presented regulators its proposal for a final resolution at the site. That plan remains confidential, but Taylor Energy President William Pecue has said experts and government officials agree that the "best course of action ... is to not take any affirmative action" due to the possible risks of additional drilling.

Taylor had to share confidential records with the Waterkeeper Alliance, a New York City-based environmental group that sued the company in 2012 over its secrecy. But the company has aggressively worked to keep them from the public, stamping thousands of pages of documents as confidential and heavily redacting its president's deposition.

A report related to the March 2014 workshop is under seal, with the company arguing in a court filing that releasing it would undermine the government's decision-making process. And a court order prohibits the Waterkeeper Alliance from disseminating any of the confidential records.

During his deposition for the lawsuit, Pecue said the company developed innovations of "huge value" to another company in a similar situation.

"Much of what we spent was because there was no pre-existing way to address this type of event in the history of our industry," he said.

Long before Taylor's leak, the industry learned of the risks of drilling in the Gulf's mudslide-prone areas. In 1969, Hurricane Camille caused a mudslide that destroyed a platform and damaged another.

Taylor's platform had been installed in 1984 by Sohio Petroleum, which started drilling wells before the company was acquired by BP. Taylor purchased the platform from BP in 1994 and drilled additional wells.

Pecue, the company's last remaining full-time employee, said Taylor didn't do anything to assess the risk of mudslides at its platform besides verifying that the previous leaseholder's permits and designs met regulatory requirements.

Soon after Taylor's platform toppled, a company contractor hired Louisiana State University professor Harry Roberts to perform a geological analysis of the site. Roberts said it had appeared to have been "reasonably stable" before Ivan struck.

"But it turned out not to be," he added. "It is a learning curve. Maybe this is a point on the learning curve that other companies can learn from."

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Amos isn't the only skeptic. MacDonald, the Florida State University professor who is an expert witness for the Waterkeeper Alliance, leads a team of researchers tracking the sheen with satellite imagery, aerial photography and samples from the water.

MacDonald didn't respond to an interview request. But in a court filing he said he suspects the company has used outdated mathematical formulas. His "conservative" estimate is that Taylor's reports lowball the amount of oil leaking by, on average, "a factor of 100 or more."

Gaps and complex variables in the data make it impossible to pinpoint how much oil has actually spilled. Doug Helton, operations coordinator for NOAA's Emergency Response Division, said estimating the volume of slicks is hindered by the difficulty of determining the thickness of the oil.

"It's hard to do that from satellites. It's hard to do that from flying by in an aircraft," Helton said.

Oil slicks from both natural and man-made sources are common in the Gulf of Mexico. Every year, millions of gallons of crude seep naturally from cracks in the seabed. Massive spills like BP's are rare, but offshore accidents often pollute the Gulf with smaller quantities of oil.

The Interior Department also says small leaks have been detected from abandoned wells that may have been unsuccessfully sealed by the companies that drilled them. A 2010 AP investigation revealed federal regulators weren't routinely inspecting more than 27,000 abandoned wells in the Gulf.



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Workers clean up after a tour bus for superstar country group Lady Antebellum caught on fire Thursday on east-bound I-30 in Garland.

Antebellum bus ignites

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GARLAND— A tour bus for superstar country group Lady Antebellum has caught fire along an interstate near Dallas, though no one was injured.

Singer Hillary Scott posted on the group's Facebook page that she, her husband, their tour manager and the driver were on the Dallas-bound bus when a tire caught fire Thursday.

Photos show the back of the bus badly burned. Scott says everyone evacuated, writing "EVERYONE IS SAFE AND SOUND."

Garland police say the driver stopped the bus after the tire blew on Interstate 30 east of Dallas, and the vehicle caught fire. Police confirm nobody was hurt.

Lady Antebellum is nominated for Vocal Group of the Year at Sundays 50th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards. The show is being held at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, near Dallas.

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Into the frying pan

'Scorched' champion talks heat of competition

By RAE JEFFERSON
A&E EDITOR

This year, members of the Lariat hosted, filmed and screened a cooking competition called "Scorched." The competition pit four students from various backgrounds against one another, eliminating – or "scorching" – one contestant at a time until just one remained.

Q&A

Exchange student Mouna Bounouader, graduate student Lynn Hailin, graduate student Zack Valdez and sophomore Daniel Chao for the competition. All the contestants had at least six years of cooking experience, making for tough competition.

Bounouader, from Marrakech, Morocco, was the last chef standing. Bounouader's victory was announced at a screening of the film Thursday evening at East Village Dining Commons.

How did you end up at Baylor?

There were 15 universities that we had to choose from, and I chose Baylor because it was in Texas. I've been in the U.S. before, but I was in the north. I wanted to have a chance to get into the south. It was also well ranked, so it was kind of a good school.

How did you hear about "Scorched"?

I was walking around campus in the morning and a guy gave me a flier, and I was like, "I'm going to do it." I still have the flier. I put it on my wall, and everyday I would wake up and say, "I'm going to do it."

When did you start cooking?

In my culture, it's really important for a girl to know how to cook. I used to just do the dishes, but when I was maybe 10, I started to learn from my mom every time she was cooking. She would give me advice.

I started to try book recipes and instead of watching cartoons, I just wanted to watch cooking shows. I love that. I think I learned so many things from that. You just learn how to mix flavors, and, you know, which flavor goes with an-

other. It helped me a lot.

Has your cooking changed since you started college?

I started cooking every day in college because the food in the dining halls wasn't that good. I'm independent, so on Sunday I go shopping for everything that I need. I study and I cook every day for myself. I like to cook for my friends also, and they all think I cook really well.

What are your favorite things to cook?

For dessert, lemon pie. It's my specialty. My brother – he lives here in the U.S. – every time he goes back to Morocco, he calls me and says, "Do for me three lemon pies." The first thing he does when he's home is eat the pies.

For other dishes, I love to

cook a Moroccan dish called basteilla, with seafood.

How did you feel when you found out you were going to be in the competition?

There was a test before the competition to pick the four contestants. I was telling myself (there was a) 50 percent chance I would be out.

When they sent me the email saying, "Congratulations," I was so excited. I decided then that I would not mind if I was scorched in the first round.

When Daniel was scorched, I thought, "Oh, yeah, I think I can do it."

When you first began the competition, were you expecting to win?

No, not at all. Daniel, when I saw him bringing out his knives, I was like, "He's going to win." I just wanted to cook for the first (round). I didn't mind if I was scorched in the first round.

When I was coming here to the U.S., I had so many dreams. I wanted to try and reach most of them. I wanted to reach them all, but I know that's kind of impossible. This was not one of my dreams that I thought I would do here. It was not on my mind at all.

How were you feeling during the competition?

When I made the main dish, I knew it was delicious, but I didn't know if they would like my plate. I saw the others' and knew it was getting real.

When you're doing something like this, you just want to be eliminated in the first round, or you need to make it to the last. I didn't want to be scorched in the middle.

When Zack was scorched, I thought, "For sure, I can do it."

What were some of the greatest challenges in the competition?

I know Arabic and French, so most of the words that I use (when cooking) are French. I asked chef Ben if he understood French, which was helpful, but I was not sure if I would be selected.

I had this, kind of problem with language because I don't have a good vocabulary in English with cooking, so I told them (I made) omelets, but I didn't know how to tell them what I did. I think they liked my food, like the taste.

I didn't hear any of them telling me that it was too spicy, or that the spices were not good.

By the last round, desserts, were you confident that you would win?

Pastries are my thing. I was sure that I knew how to do it. I was really sure. French pastry is really well known. France and Morocco are kind of the same because Morocco was colonized by France for so many years.

I knew I could do it. I was really happy.

What did you learn in the competition?

I learned about how to present. I think that's the thing that I was missing. My appetizer was kind of huge, and they were saying that the small dishes are better than the big ones. I was in a rush, so I knew that it was not good.

How did you feel when you were announced as the winner?

I cried when they told me I was the winner. I was really happy. I went out, but nobody knew. I wanted to tell everybody, and hug them and start crying. They told me not to say anything, and I was like, "Why is this happening to me?" I just told everyone that I didn't know anything.

All my friends here, even though I've only known them for three months, they were all telling me, "Oh, you're going to be the winner."

Check out the video of "Scorched" online at www.baylorlariat.com.



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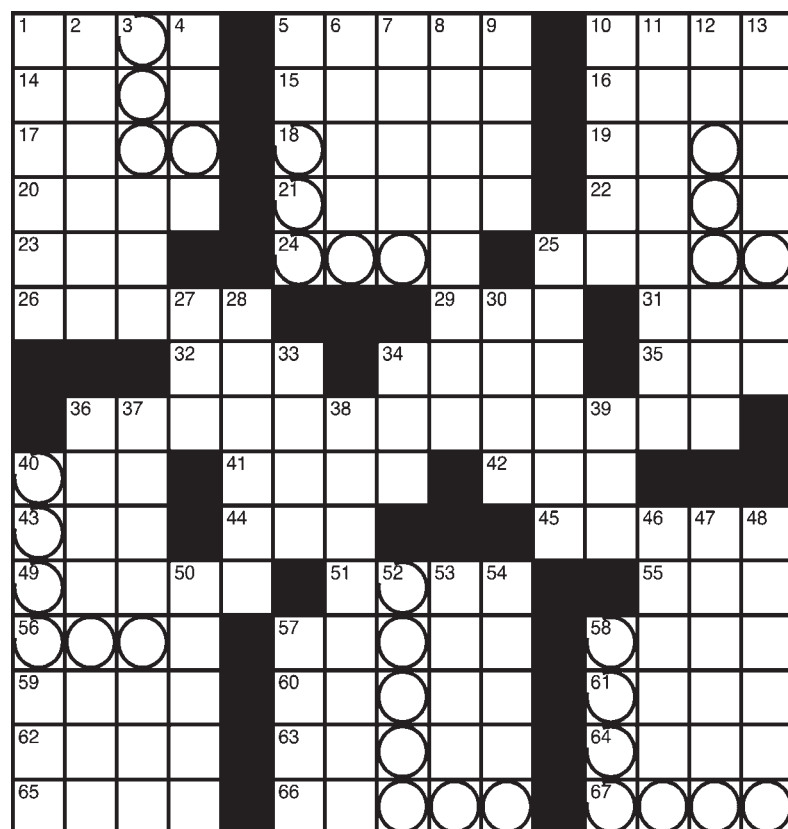
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Stearns leads Baylor past No. 5 Oklahoma

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

No. 17 Baylor softball played one of their most impressive games of the season Thursday night as it run-ruled No. 5 Oklahoma in six innings to take a big 8-0 shutout in Norman, Okla. It's the first time the team has beaten a top five opponent on the road since topping Arizona State in 2013.

The Bears (31-9, 6-1 Big 12) handed Oklahoma its first conference loss and home loss of the season behind a terrific effort all around. Baylor was able to use junior Heather Stearns as the gut punch in the 8-0 beat down, and she played a solid game through six innings.

Stearns had nine strikeouts, including three against Oklahoma's Lauren Chamberlain. Chamberlain is one home run away from tying UCLA's Stacey Nuveman as the all-time home runs leader in NCAA softball history, but Baylor didn't let up one bit.

The top of the first inning looked a little shaky for Baylor at times, but it only took them two more innings to scratch the board. Sophomore Lindsey Cargill drove in the first run as she singled to bring in junior catcher Robin Landrith, but the Bears weren't done yet.

Sophomore second baseman Ari Hawkins stepped up to the plate and drove in two more runs with a double down cen-



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No. 3 junior pitcher Heather Stearns winds up to pitch during Baylor 2-1 win over Oklahoma State on March 27. Stearns threw nine strikeouts in Baylor's dominant 8-0 win over Oklahoma on Thursday.

ter field, pushing Baylor out to a 3-0 lead over the Sooners. Oklahoma couldn't pick up pace on their offensive end as Stearns continued to retire the Sooners' lineup.

Landrith fired away in the fifth inning for the Bears as she drilled a solo home run, her first homer of the year, and Baylor lead 4-0 heading into the bottom of the

fifth inning. With no luck swinging Oklahoma's way, the sixth inning ultimately doomed the Sooners.

"I don't think we can brush it off," Okla-

homa coach Patty Gasso said. "We've got to learn from it. We missed big opportunities. We got absolutely owned."

The Bears put the game away at the top of the sixth starting with senior shortstop Jordan Strickland. The Princeton native fired a single past Oklahoma's third baseman to bring in freshman infielder Shelby Friudenberg, but the Bears still weren't done. The final three runs for the Bears were brought in after sophomore outfielder Christy Lisenby popped a home run out of the park for the 8-0 lead.

Oklahoma had to score a run in the bottom of the sixth inning in order to extend the matchup, but Stearns retired all three runners for the final punch. The pressure didn't look to startle the Bears throughout the entire game, and a tough softball environment doesn't shake them, coach Glenn Moore said.

"I don't think [the pressure has] been a big deal for us," he said. "We've played in pretty tough environments. This is a great softball environment, but we've prepared a tough schedule, so we're prepared for this."

The Bears win the series against the Sooners with a victory in one of the two remaining games this weekend. Baylor and Oklahoma face off in game two at 6:30 p.m. today in Norman, Okla. The top 20 matchup will be televised on Fox Sports Southwest.

Adrian Peterson to be cleared for return to pro football

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — Adrian Peterson has been cleared to return to the NFL. Now all that remains to be settled is where he will play next season.

Commissioner Roger Goodell

sent the Minnesota Vikings star a letter on Thursday advising him of his reinstatement. Peterson missed most of last season while facing child abuse charges in Texas.

Goodell wrote that Peterson will have to fulfill all the obligations of his plea deal that reduced a felony charge to a misdemeanor.

Goodell also told Peterson he would have to continue attending counseling while adhering to the league's new personal conduct policy to avoid further discipline.

"Any further violation of the personal conduct policy by Peterson would result in additional discipline, which could include

suspension without pay or banishment from the NFL," the NFL said.

Peterson's agent has said the star running back wants to play elsewhere next season. But the Vikings say they have no plans to trade him.

"We look forward to Adrian re-joining the Vikings," the team said

in a statement issued after the announcement.

Peterson was indicted on abuse charges after inflicting injuries on his 4-year-old son with a wooden switch. He played the opener against St. Louis, then sat out the remaining 15 games of the season while tangling with the league.

Peterson has a \$250,000 work-out bonus in his contract, but if he's not interested in playing for the Vikings anymore, he's surely not going to attend their offseason training program when he lives near Houston. He'd be subject to fines if he were to skip the mandatory minicamp in June.

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Women's tennis hosts KU, KSU

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

No. 8 Baylor women's tennis will play for a share of another Big 12 championship this weekend as it hosts No. 72 Kansas and unranked Kansas State at the Hurd Tennis Center.

The Bears (20-6, 6-1 Big 12) got back on the right track with a 4-0 shutout over Texas last Sunday. Prior to that, Baylor dropped its first conference match of 2015 with a 4-2 loss to No. 15 Texas Tech on April 4. It was then upset 4-3 by then-No. 10 Texas A&M at home a few days later.

It was a tough time for the Bears, but with two more matches remaining in the regular season, Baylor has the advantage with both matchups being at home. The reigning Big 12 champions are 13-2 at home this season, and they don't plan on ending Big 12 play on a sour note.

Under head coach Joey Scrivano, the Bears have hoisted 10 Big 12 regular season trophies, and nine of those have come since 2005. Winning is a tradition for Baylor women's tennis, and the Bears are fighting for a chance to win the conference title for the third straight year.

"I know our players are motivated to finish the regular season strong," Scrivano said. "For us, it's all about playing in the present, trusting the process and focusing on the things that we can control. When we do that we play very well and the result takes

care of itself."

Baylor opens the two-match weekend with a chance to defeat another ranked opponent, No. 72 Kansas. The Bears have yet to lose a match against the Jayhawks under Scrivano, the last loss on March 30, 2002. Since then, BU has taken 15 straight over Kansas.

The Jayhawks (8-12, 4-3 Big 12) is in the bottom half of the conference standings in sixth place, but Kansas has recorded wins over No. 39 Oklahoma and versus Kansas State, and the team is currently in a four-match road trip.

The Jayhawks do not have any ranked doubles or singles players in their lineup, but they could cause some trouble in the Big 12 standings if they defeat the eighth-ranked Bears.

Kansas State (8-14, 1-6 Big 12) has one conference win in 2015 and is sitting in ninth place coming into this weekend. The Wildcats have struggled over the course of the season and have only won two of their last 10 matches. However, Kansas boasts one ranked doubles team: No. 81 Palma Juhasz and Carolina Costamagna. The duo is 7-3 on the season but is 3-3 during conference play.

Baylor has only lost once against the Wildcats with Scrivano at the helm, dropping a 4-3 decision on March 18, 2011. Baylor will need to watch out for Kansas State though. The matchup on Sunday could also spoil another Big 12 title.



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Senior Ema Burgic returns a ball during Baylor's loss to Texas A&M on April 8. The Bears will look to rebound this weekend against both Kansas schools.

"Kansas is a team on the rise and their results are showing that," Scrivano said. "Kansas State is a dangerous team with good talent. We are not taking either one of these teams lightly."

No. 15 Texas Tech is sitting at the top of the standings right now with a one-game lead over the Bears going into this weekend. The Red Raiders (17-4, 7-1 Big 12) last lost to Texas 4-2 on March 22 in Austin, and since then have taken five straight wins in Big 12 play.

Texas Tech will have to lose against No. 19 TCU on Saturday if Baylor wants to dream about an outright title. The Horned Frogs (16-7, 6-2 Big 12) sit right behind Baylor and Texas Tech in the rankings, and they will have a chance to tie for second place with a win. That match will be played at 10 a.m. on Saturday in Fort Worth.

Baylor faces No. 72 Kansas at 5 p.m. today and hosts unranked Kansas State at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Hurd Tennis Center.

Young Rangers work in process

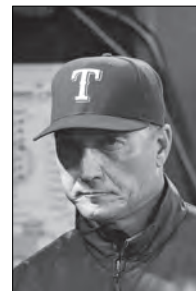
By STEPHEN HAWKINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON — With a new manager and one of the youngest rosters in the majors, the Texas Rangers are clearly a work in progress.

That comes as no surprise to manager Jeff Banister, whose team finally got a break Thursday after being one of only four teams to play 10 days in a row to open the season.

"The question was asked (out of spring training) about what I felt. I said then that there would be some inconsistencies, asking hitters to do different things and given the experience in some of the areas," Banister said. "It's going to be a work in progress, and these guys are still grinding it and working on it."

Losing ace pitcher Yu Darvish to Tommy John elbow ligament replacement surgery during spring training certainly didn't help. Then left-hander Derek Holland pitched only one inning in the home opener before a left shoulder issue that has sidelined him for at least two months.



Banister

As clearly evident in the 4-6 start, there will be plenty of ups-and-downs for the team whose roster has an average age of 27.

The Rangers split a season-opening four-game series at Oakland, including a 10-0 loss followed by a 10-1 win the next day. They went 2-4 on their first home stand, which wrapped up Wednesday with a 10-2 loss to the Los Angeles Angels — after an 8-2 win the previous night.

Texas' .210 batting average is tied for 26th in the majors with Seattle, where the Rangers open a three-game series Friday night.

"We talk about hitters finding rhythm, controlling the strike zone," Banister said. "I feel we're trending in the right direction with the mindset. We've got to get the mindset and the physical side of it to push through and match up."

With 152 games and 5 1-2 months left in the regular season, here are a few things to watch with the Rangers:

Baylor faces Oklahoma State Cowboys

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor baseball's reputation on the road has not been great this season. Baylor has yet to win a conference game, much less a series away from Baylor Ballpark this year.

The Bears (14-22, 4-8) face No. 17 Oklahoma State (24-12, 8-4) this weekend after the series was changed from a Friday-Saturday-Sunday schedule to a Saturday-Sunday-Monday at Reynolds Stadium in Stillwater, Okla.

Oklahoma State is tied atop the conference standings in contrast to the Bears' second-to-last status in the Big 12 this year, only above Kansas' 3-6 conference re-

cord. The Cowboys dropped a series to the bottom-ranked Kansas Jayhawks in Lawrence, Kan., last weekend and lost a one-off game to Oral Roberts on Tuesday.

The Bears went visited Lubbock and suffered a 3-0 series sweep to No. 23 Texas Tech, but added a midweek win over Incarnate Word on Tuesday.

Head coach Steve Smith, in his 21st season the head coach of the Bears, has been challenged with young roster and injuries to some of his key players this season. At times in postgame interviews, Smith said he is baffled by some of the in-game decisions his players have made this season, under and upperclassmen alike.

Against Incarnate Word, the

Bears' offense was lacking in consistent offensive production, only scoring two runs in the first inning and five hits in the whole game. It turned out to be enough to trump the Cardinals on Tuesday.

Most of the lineup on Tuesday featured lower-string players, so the Bears that play Oklahoma State this weekend aren't exactly the same Bears that played on Tuesday. However, against Oklahoma State, the Bears should expect their chances of winning to be much slimmer if their offense is as lackluster as it was against Incarnate Word.

Probable starting pitchers for the Bears are sophomore Daniel Castano (2-4, 3.33 ERA) on Saturday, sophomore Drew Tolson (1-6,

4.17 ERA) on Sunday and sophomore Nick Lewis (1-1, 5.75 ERA) on Monday. Castano and Tolson each started for the Bears in conference play for all of this season.

Starting on the mound for the Cowboys are right-hander Joe Perrin (3-3, 3.68 ERA) on Saturday, left-hander Michael Freeman (6-1, 1.29 ERA) on Sunday and left-hander Tyler Nurdin (1-2, 2.67 ERA) on Monday.

Under Smith the Bears have not lost a series to Oklahoma State since 2007. With the odds really stacked against them, the Bears' favorable record against the Cowboys will be put to the test. All games will be radio broadcast live on Waco's 1660 ESPN Central Texas.



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No. 33 freshman pitcher Theron Kay throws a pitch against the Houston Cougars on March 31 at Baylor Ballpark.

Baylor opens equestrian nationals today

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Two-seed Baylor faces 10-seed Oklahoma State after the Cowgirls defeated the seven-seed TCU Horned Frogs 13-3 in the NCEA national championship on Thursday at the Extraco Events Center in Waco. The Bears are searching for their second national championship in program history.

The Cowgirls dominated the Horned Frogs, nearly sweeping ev-

ery event of the meet.

Other results in the opening day of the championship include five-seed Auburn, six-seed Fresno State, nine-seed Kansas State and 10-seed Oklahoma State advancing to the quarterfinals with match wins in each of their respective meets of the first round.

Coming off a convincing 10-5 win over eight-seed SMU on Thursday, Kansas State meets one-seed Georgia at 8:30 p.m. today. Georgia, defending national cham-

pion and long-standing equestrian powerhouse, had a bye in the first round like the Bears. The Wildcats had a strong showing in the hunt seat against SMU, sweeping equitation over fences and horsemanship over the Mustangs.

Auburn, previous national champion (2006, 2011), passed to the quarterfinals with ease over the University of Tennessee-Martin, winning the meet 13-3 on Thursday. The Tigers face four-seed Texas A&M at 8:30 p.m. today.

Fresno State earned just enough to get by, edging out 11-seed New Mexico State for the last Quarterfinal spot claimed on Thursday. Fresno State plays three-seed South Carolina at 8:30 p.m. today.

The winner between Kansas State and Georgia plays the Winner of the Auburn-Texas A&M meet in the semifinals at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. The winner of the Baylor-OSU meet faces the winner of the South Carolina and Fresno State's meet.

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