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Course repeat policy changing

KALYN STORY
Staff Writer

Beginning in fall 2017, there is a new course repeat policy for undergraduate students.

A big change is that starting in the fall, all grades earned at Baylor will be factored into GPA. Previously, if a student retook a class only the second grade would count. Now they will be averaged. Along with this new policy, Baylor is also instating an "academic forgiveness policy" which would allow students to request to have the first grade earned from a course they repeated dropped from their GPA. Students may do this up to three times; after that the grades will be averaged.

"All students need to be aware of these policy changes, their impact on whether or not students will be eligible to attempt a course again and how repeating courses will impact

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You've got a friend in me



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

LEND A HAND A squirrel lost its footing in the Speight Parking Garage, landing a few stories below. A fellow squirrel comforts the fallen squirrel as it tries to climb the stairs with a hurt front leg.

Truett students to hold Black Lives Matter discussion



Associated Press

SEARCHING FOR EQUALITY Black Lives Matter groups and the organization leading the push for a \$15-an-hour wage are joining forces to combine the struggle for racial justice with the fight for economic equality on Nov. 29, 2016, along the Las Vegas Strip in Las Vegas. Truett Theological Seminary students will host a community discussion about the Black Lives Matter movement.

JOY MOTON
Staff Writer

After an in-depth discussion about the Black Lives Matter movement among members of Truett Theological Seminary's Black Student Association, the group decided to open up the conversation to members of the community by hosting a discussion titled "Teach-In: The Matters of Black Lives."

The event, which will take place at 6 p.m. today University Baptist Church is designed to raise awareness about topics surrounding the issues facing African Americans and to educate people about the Black Lives Matter Movement.

"It's an important conversation that needs to be had that gets pushed off a

lot," said Columbus, Miss., Truett Theological Seminary student Michelle Shackelford. "We haven't accomplished everything that there is to accomplish with regard to race relations."

Members of the Black Student Association who have conducted in-depth research into these topics will teach 30-minute sessions. Participants will be able to choose which two they would like to attend. According to the organization's website, classes will cover a variety of topics including the context of the Black Lives Matter movement, gender, mass incarceration, lynching and discussing racism with children. After the sessions, participants will gather for a collective discussion.

Cedar Hill Truett Theological Seminary student Thomas Garner said one of the main barriers to engaging in open discussion is that sometimes people do not believe African-Americans have a cause to fight for anymore since legal segregation has been outlawed.

"The reality of the day is I may go into one of the finest restaurants as an African-American and people will still look at me crazy even though I can go in there legally because they're not looking at the law," Garner said.

Garner also said the issues facing African Americans should be analyzed theologically, and those who

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Baylor to host etiquette dinner for students

RYLEE SEEVERS
Staff Writer

Baylor Career and Professional Development will hold its annual Etiquette Dinner on April 6. The dinner is a chance for students to learn about proper etiquette in business settings said Haley Davis, career event and program coordinator.

"It's the little things that make a good candidate stand out," Davis said.

Davis said companies are often looking at how a person interacts with people and carries on conversation before hiring. They want to hire people that will be good representatives of their company, and good etiquette is central to that, Davis said.

Sarah Aynesworth will teach students about etiquette at the event. Aynesworth has been teaching etiquette since 1996 and said etiquette can help people feel confident in professional and social situations.

"It's important to know [etiquette] because it makes you feel confident, and when you feel confident you make other people feel confident,"



Photo Illustration by Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

Aynesworth said.

In addition, Aynesworth said that etiquette is what relationships are built on, and good manners can make the people you interact with feel valued and manners are also

much more common and practical than most people think, Aynesworth said, and Manners are the details that allow people to go far in life and their career.

"Good manners are just a constant

awareness of the feelings of other people," Aynesworth said.

Knowing proper etiquette is also important in a business setting, Aynesworth said, because those are

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COLUMN

How to beat the dreaded allergy season

GENESIS LARIN
Assistant News Editor

Daylight saving time, beautiful weather and an unbearable amount of pollen mark the coming of spring. The season entices sunbathers and then forces them to hurry inside as quickly as possible to avoid a sneezing fit.

While spring symbolizes the renewal of natural life, it also represents the dreaded allergy season.



For many people, it is hard to enjoy the cloudless sunshine and tank-tops weather through watery eyes and a stuffy nose.

Although I can't relate with those who experience allergies because of the abundance of pollen, I do have my frustrations with spring.

I am having to wash my car more often because of the amount of pollen. Also, spring means that time also springs forward, which means one less hour to sleep, study, do homework and binge on that new series you started.

Despite my own frustrations with spring, I am able to console myself with beautiful weather. However, depending on someone's medical condition, they may not be able to take refuge in the outdoors.

Sneezing, coughing and watery eyes do not seem worth the risk of enjoying the outdoors. But there are ways to help curve allergies to enjoy springtime weather.

First, there is spring cleaning. While some people use this term to refer to cleaning their closets, I mean the term in the context of cleaning your apartment.

Not only does a thorough cleaning decrease the amount of dust in your living area, but it also cleans out the pollen that has entered your apartment.

Even if you haven't opened the window to let that cool breeze in, pollen can still come in with your shoes, clothes and hair.

"While spring symbolizes the renewal of natural life, it also represents the dreaded allergy season."

Another method to combat allergies is taking the proper allergy medication. Try having a consistent schedule of taking your medication in order to be able to stay outside or go through your day without being bothered by your allergies.

In addition, you can try staying inside as much as possible, especially when it is windy.

However, as college students, it is difficult to avoid being outside because of class schedules. Therefore, if your medication isn't helping, you can try wearing a surgical mask to keep from inhaling pollen.

There are many other remedies to help subdue allergies, and it is important to find one that works for you. While not everyone experiences allergies, we should all be able to experience and enjoy the beautiful weather and the beautiful environment around us.

So pack your tanning lotion and your allergy medication and delight in the amazing weather. Knowing Texas, it won't last.

Genesis Larin is a junior English major from Houston.

EDITORIAL

Muppets make a bold move

A new Muppet is making waves on Sesame Street in the best way. Julia, a Muppet with Autism, is changing the way parents and children feel about themselves and relate their peers.

One in 68 American children have been diagnosed with autism, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The same report shows that on average, children are diagnosed with autism between the ages of 3 and 4. Sesame Street's target audience is 3 to 5-year-olds.

It is important to recognize this shift in media representation and celebrate it by posting about it, retweeting videos of Julia and demonstrating that the public notices and encourages representation of all people in media and at all ages.

Research by education scholar Dorothy Hurley and others have shown that children gain understanding of their environment, the difference between good and bad, and information about group membership through the TV shows and movies they watch.

Because of this, especially when it has to do with media intended for children, it is critical to portray a wide variety of people. Diverse representation of people in media gives children a more complete picture of the world around them and more of a capacity for empathy.

After a Sesame Workshop initiative conducted research dedicated to meeting the needs of more vulnerable families, Julia started last year as a character in Sesame's books as a part of a campaign called "See Amazing in All Children."

Julia will be featured on the Sesame Street show for the first time on April 10.

The inclusion of Julia on Sesame Street helps children with autism see that there is someone like them



"SEE AMAZING IN ALL CHILDREN"

Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

and gives them a character they can relate to.

Author Roxane Gay suggests that the lack of diversity in media sends a message to minorities that their "stories and ways of seeing the world are not as valuable."

Furthermore, the ways the other characters respond to Julia provides context and behavioral explanation to children without autism.

Hurley says that film and shows geared toward children

impart "cultural information about themselves, others and the relative status of group membership." She explains that "the images are then translated into beliefs children hold about status in particular group membership."

In this way, Julia's interactions with other characters on the show help children without autism learn how to befriend peers on the autism spectrum.

Stacy Gordon, the puppeteer that plays Julia, said her son is on

the autism spectrum. "Man, I really wish that kids in my son's class had grown up with a Sesame Street that had modeling [of] the behavior of inclusion of characters with autism," Gordon said to NPR.

Julia, with her sweet demeanor and curious mind, will inspire and encourage millions.

If just one Muppet can make that much of a difference, imagine what would happen if diverse representation permeated all areas of media.

COLUMN

We are all experiencing 'firsts' in life

RACHEL SMITH
Reporter

"This Is Us," an NBC TV drama series that aired in September, just completed its first season and is the best show on television. This is not a column about "This Is Us," but this is a shameless plug.

The show follows Jack and Rebecca Pierson, a couple raising three kids in the 1970s, and their children throughout their adolescence and adult lives.

The show follows no chronological pattern and weaves stories from their childhood and adulthood in an artful way to illuminate themes in the characters' lives.

Jack's parenting ability usually brings me to tears, but during one episode, his wisdom just dropped my jaw. During the episode, Jack and Rebecca take their children to a public pool.

While the overwhelmed parents try to comfort their daughter Kate, who is bullied for being overweight, and navigate conversations with Randall, their adopted black son, their third son, Kevin, almost drowns in the pool due to lack of supervision.

Frustrated, Kevin approaches his father and scorns his parents for reserving no attention for

him. Jack, as he usually does, calms his son.

Instead of defending himself or using "because I said so" tactics, Jack kneels to look his son in the eye, apologize and ask for forgiveness.

He asks Kevin to understand that it's his first time trying to be a dad.

His insight made me reconsider my own response when I'm figuratively drowning in the pool, whether it's a pool of group projects, unanswered texts, unclear instructions or annoying behavior.

No matter our age or experience, all of us are experiencing something for the first time. Although I'm a senior, it's still my first time to take my current classes in tandem and navigate this specific semester.

I need to remember to give myself grace, as we all do. Even if it's not my first time to finish a semester of classes and activities, it's my first time to complete this semester of classes and activities.

Even for professors who have been teaching for many years, it's still their first time to teach your specific class. It may be their first time to teach a class while dealing with sickness, family issues or any other life issue from which none of us are immune.

They might misplace your reports or give misleading instructions or forget to upload a grade on Canvas. Give them a break. It's their first time.

Your parents have been parents for as long as you've been alive, maybe longer. But it's their first time raising a child in college. If they're clingy, overprotective or even distant, understand that it's the first time their child has left them to go to college.

Even if an older sibling's college experience preceded yours, it's their first time to let go of you.

Every child is different, and every experience is different. Give them a break. It's their first time. A friend might get distracted by school, activities, or even other people, but keep in mind that college students are constantly evolving and growing at what can seem like a crazy pace.

Give them a break. It's their first time traversing the combination of factors comprising their life right now.

I do want to note that extending grace to people who continually take advantage of you, manipulate you, abuse you or bring continual harm to you is another matter entirely.

I simply mean to address the smaller things, the one-time occurrences or the inconveniences over which we become so incensed and self-righteous. No person is perfect, and no life is perfect. It is wrong for us to expect that of others.

Give people a break. It's their first time. *Rachel Smith is a senior entrepreneurship and corporate innovation major from Canyon.*

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Russian protest leader jailed for 15 days

NATALIYA VASILYEVA AND VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
Associated Press

MOSCOW — The wave of nationwide demonstrations that shook Russia's long dormant political scene over the weekend showed a new face of protest: mostly teenage demonstrators driven by accusations of high-level official corruption, glaring amid the nation's painful two-year recession.

A year before facing reelection, President Vladimir Putin has a dilemma: to further tighten the screws or to devise more artful means for keeping a lid on dissent. On Monday, a Moscow court handed a 15-day jail term to the protest organizer, Alexei Navalny, whose charisma and social media savvy helped rally the young.

Navalny was arrested as he walked to a protest in Moscow on Sunday and spent the night in jail before showing up in court. Police have arrested more than 1,000 people for taking part in the unauthorized protest in the capital, and many of them face jail sentences or fines. Navalny's anti-corruption foundation has promised to offer legal assistance to all those who were arrested.

"Even the slightest illusion of fair justice is absent here," Navalny told reporters Monday from the defendant's bench, complaining about the judge striking down one motion after another. "Yesterday's events have shown that quite a large number of voters in Russia support the program of a candidate who stands for fighting corruption. These people demand political representation — and I strive to be their political representative."

Journalists and well-wishers packed the courtroom in central Moscow, where Navalny, in a selfie posted on Twitter, declared: "A time will come when we'll put them (the authorities) on trial too — and that time it will be fair."

The 40-year-old Navalny, Russia's most popular opposition leader, has had three convictions on fraud and embezzlement charges that he dismisses as politically motivated. Even though the convictions technically disqualify him, he has announced a presidential bid for 2018.

With his colorful and sarcastic expose of Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev's alleged collection of mansions, villas and vineyards — which garnered over 13 million views on YouTube — Navalny managed to draw tens of thousands to the streets across Russia in the biggest show of defiance since a 2011-2012 wave of protests rattled the Kremlin and led to harsh new laws aimed at suppressing dissent.

On Monday, Putin met with senior officers of the National Guard, which took part in arresting participants in the demonstrations along with police, but he didn't mention the protest. Russian state television completely ignored the demonstrations in their broadcasts on Sunday, and Medvedev refrained from comment.

Thank-you grams to raise money

RACHEL SMITH
Reporter

Baylor Medical Service Organization will host a Thank-You Gram Fundraiser April 5 to 7 to raise money for the Waco Family Health Center.

The organization will sell thank-you cards that will be given to professors. Brea, Calif., junior and Medical Service Organization treasurer Daniel Truesdale said. Adding candy to the cards is optional.

"It's something very small that has a huge impact," Truesdale said. "It's personal because you can write in the card."

Medical Service Organization members will sell cards in the Baylor Sciences Building atrium.

"This is our first semester doing this," said Sugar Land junior Sasha Asthana, Medical Service Organization vice president of administration and service committee cell leader. "I think it will be successful. Hopefully people will want to thank their professors."

Asthana, who thought of the idea for the fundraiser, said it fits the organization's



Photo Illustration by Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

DEAR PROFESSOR Thank-You Gram Fundraiser will raise money for the Waco Family Health Center. Baylor Medical Service Organization will host the fundraiser from April 5 to 7 for students wanting to donate for a cause and thank their professors.

focus on service.

"It really aligns with our values," Asthana said. "It's like the perfect [Medical Service Organization] fundraiser."

The Waco Family Health Center provides quality health care to vulnerable populations of the community and was "created to address a shortage of

doctors, lack of primary care access to the less fortunate population, and economic development," according to its website. Truesdale said Medical Service Organization has a mutually beneficial relationship with the family health center.

Medical Service Organization is a service-

based organization that volunteers in the local medical community. Its service is organized into "cells," and students volunteer with the same cell every week, providing an opportunity to build relationships with each other as well as with the area in which they serve.

"It really helps our

members see the work they're doing really helps," Asthana said.

Truesdale volunteers in the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Clinic, which is associated with the Waco Family Health Center.

"[Before joining Medical Service Organization,] I was fairly confident I wanted to practice medicine, but I wasn't sure what I wanted to do," Truesdale said. "I can really see myself serving a community like that."

Asthana said from day one, she found her roommates and friends in Medical Service Organization.

"It's been everything," Asthana said. "It's really matured me professionally throughout college. It's been a huge influencer."

Medical Service Organization members can deliver the grams to professors upon the purchaser's request.

"Professors are some of the strongest influences in our undergraduate experience," Asthana said. "They really mold us into who we are after [college]. Sending a small thank you note would just be an easy way to show your appreciation for how much they do."

Mid-term Party



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

PARTY ON A MONDAY Baylor's Residential Community Council held a spring mid-term party Monday evening on Fountain Mall with games and barbecue.

Texas Senate approves revised voter ID laws

WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Senate on Monday approved key modifications to the state's strictest-in-the-nation voter ID law, incorporating some changes ordered after federal courts previously found it discriminatory.

The bill doesn't ease requirements about which seven forms of picture identifications people are allowed to show when casting ballots — gun licenses remain acceptable, but college IDs aren't. Federal courts have ruled the law disproportionately affects poor and minority voters,

and ordered a workaround for November's presidential election that let Texans without required ID vote by signing an affidavit.

Sponsored by Republican Sen. Joan Huffman, the bill instead makes permanent many of the court changes while also creating a criminal penalty of up to 10 years in

prison for deliberately lying on such affidavits.

A recent Associated Press analysis of roughly 13,500 affidavits submitted in Texas' largest counties found at least 500 instances in which voters were allowed to get around the law by signing an affidavit and never showing a photo ID — despite indicating that

they possessed one. Most of those cases tended to reflect confusion about — or people deliberately voicing objections to — the voter ID law, rather than attempted fraud.

The proposal passed 21-10 and needs only a ceremonial final vote before heading to the state House.

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Churches to attend 'The Gathering' at stadium

JOY MOTON
Staff Writer

Churches of various denominations will assemble in McLane Stadium for a night of unified worship. Two years ago, The Gathering made history by being the largest assembly of Christians in the history of Waco. This event, that united 35,000 people, will take place again at 6:30 p.m. April 9 in McLane Stadium.

The idea behind the Gathering is to unify the various churches of the Waco community for a time of fellowship and worship in honor of Palm Sunday. A goal for this year's Gathering is to maintain the traction of unity that was established at the first Gathering event two years ago.

"What we wanted to create in Waco is this atmosphere where we can represent Christ in the biblical manner that he has taught us, and that is in one body in the city of Waco," said C.J. Oliver, retired pastor of the Greater New Light Missionary Baptist Church.

Worship will be led by local worship leaders and a combined mass choir made up of 1,000 singers from local churches. There will also be music by Anthony Evans, Christian vocalist who appeared on NBC series "The Voice" and the son of Dr. Tony Evans, who spoke at

the Gathering two years ago. Scott Drew, the Baylor men's basketball coach, will also share his testimony.

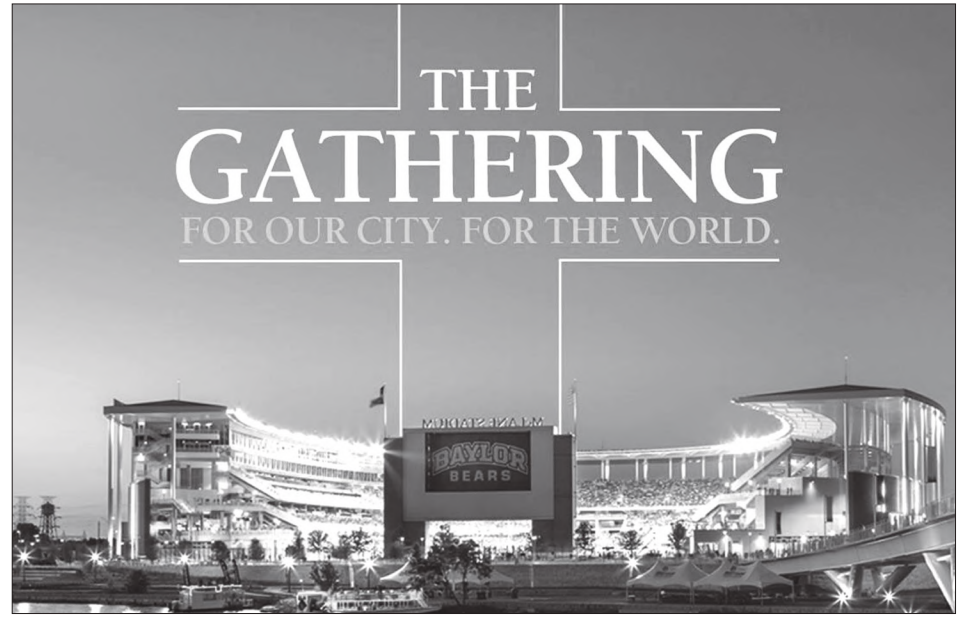
Admission is free, but those who plan to attend are asked to bring two cans of nonperishable food items with them to donate to local food pantries. John Durham, lead pastor of Highland Baptist Church, said that two years ago, people who attended the Gathering accumulated nearly 14 tons of canned food. He said another goal for this year is to collect 20 tons of nonperishable food items.

This year's speaker will be Miles McPherson, pastor of the Rock Church in San Diego and former defensive back of the San Diego Chargers. Durham said the executive team selected him because he is accustomed to speaking to large arenas of people due to his congregation of nearly 19,000 members.

"We feel so good about his ability to articulate the greatest hope that there is: the hope of knowing Christ," Durham said.

At a time where the nation seems more divided than ever, the directors of the Gathering hope the event will serve as an example of solidarity for the rest of the country, Durham said.

"We're kind of living in a split and splintered country, and because of that, our cities are



Courtesy Photo

splintered and split. So, we believe that events like this can help us come together across racial and denominational and cultural barriers that certainly exist in our country," Durham said.

For more information about the Gathering,

visit www.thegatheringwaco.com.

"What we hope is that people will hear the best story ever, which is the story of God so loving the world that he gave us Jesus," Durham said.

Just Monkeying Around



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

CURIOUS, BUT NOT GEORGE Kingwood freshman Kathryn Sadler plays with a monkey on Monday at Fountain Mall as part of an event hosted by Campus Living and Learning Residential Community Councils. The event was open to the public and featured games and complimentary dinner from Uncle Dan's BBQ & Ribhouse.

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the things that will set you apart from other applicants and employees.

Lack of self-awareness is the most common etiquette mistake that Aynesworth sees among college students. Aynesworth said this is a lack of awareness of how a person is being perceived by others and how those actions are affecting others.

"The person with the best manners in a room is someone who goes up to someone that no one else is speaking to and introduces themselves and says, 'Hi, I'm Sarah Aynesworth. What is your

name?," she said.

Davis said Baylor wants students to stand apart from other job applicants. Etiquette can make a person seem polished and is not "stuffy," contrary to popular belief, Davis said. The event is not just for business majors, Davis said, and is intended for students of all majors. Davis said etiquette skills are essential for people of every profession.

LinkedIn photos will be offered at 5 p.m., and the dinner begins at 6 p.m. Students can register online, and the event costs five dollars.

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are followers of Christ should identify problems while looking for ways they can step up and support.

As a part of Truett's Black Student Association's initiative to enhance the community academically and spiritually, they hope this event will raise a sense of Christian love that will inspire participants to recognize the cause and do their part, Garner said.

"Jesus talks about a lot of different things, but he says the greatest is love and with that being said, those of us who are in Christ must show where they can see the love in the unity of Christ community. That will draw them to see the greater picture of the mission of Christ and how we can partner together, come together and support one another," Garner said.

Oil in pipeline under Missouri River reservoir

JEFF BANNEN
Associated Press

The Dakota Access pipeline developer said Monday that it has placed oil in the pipeline under a Missouri River reservoir in North Dakota and that it's preparing to put the pipeline into service.

Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners made the announcement in a brief court filing with the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The announcement marks a significant development in the long battle over the project that will move North Dakota oil 2,000 miles (1,930 kilometers) through South Dakota and Iowa to a shipping point in Illinois. The pipeline is three months behind schedule due to large protests and the objections of two

American Indian tribes who say it threatens their water supply and cultural sites.

ETP's filing did not say when the company expected the pipeline to be completely operating, and a spokeswoman did not immediately return an email seeking additional details.

"Oil has been placed in the Dakota Access Pipeline underneath Lake Oahe. Dakota Access is currently commissioning the full pipeline and is preparing to place the pipeline into service," the filing stated.

Despite the announcement, the battle isn't over. The Standing Rock and Cheyenne River Sioux tribes still have an unresolved lawsuit that seeks to stop the project. The Standing Rock chairman did not immediately return a call seeking comment on ETP's announcement.

The tribes argue that a rupture in the section that crosses under Lake Oahe would threaten their water supply and sacred sites and would prevent them from practicing their religion, which requires clean water.

The company disputes the tribes' claims and says the \$3.8 billion pipeline is safe.

The tribes in December held up the project by successfully pushing the U.S. government for a full environmental study of the Lake Oahe crossing, which is in southern North Dakota. But the Army Corps of Engineers, which manages the Missouri River for the government, rescinded the study and gave the company permission to complete the pipeline at the urging of President Donald Trump shortly after he took office.

There were months of protests against the pipeline, mainly in North Dakota, where opponents set up a camp on Corps land between the Standing Rock Reservation and the pipeline route. At times it housed thousands of people, many of whom clashed with police, who made about 750 arrests between August and February. The on-the-ground protests waned after the Corps ordered the shutdown of the camp in February in advance of the spring flooding season.

North Dakota has become the second-biggest oil producer in the U.S. in the past decade, trailing only Texas. The state stands to gain more than \$110 million annually in tax revenue with oil flowing through the pipe, according to The Associated Press.



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Dance, Dance



Liesje Powers | Photo Editor

DANCE LIKE NOBODY'S WATCHING Members of Phi Beta Sigma danced on Monday in the Bill Daniel Student Center as part of "Italian Night," which is the first event of the fraternity's "Culture Sigma Week." Those who attended the event also received free pasta.

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GPA's beginning in fall 2017," said Wesley Null, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education. "Based on the fact that the revised repeat policy does not go into effect until Fall 2017, some students may wish to plan ahead and take additional courses at Baylor in summer 2017."

With this new policy, students will only be able to take a course up to three times. This will include attempts prior to fall of 2017.

Null said the change was made after a broad-based task force studied course repeats and academic forgiveness during the 2014-15 academic year. The new policy is tied directly to Baylor's goals for the improvement of four-year graduation rates and affordability for all students.

Leonardtown, Md., sophomore Grace Mueller has retaken classes and said she does not like the policy changes.

"I'm paying tuition, so I should be able to take classes as many times as I want," Mueller said. "Things happen. I'm glad they have the academic forgiveness policy, but that should always be the policy."

Mueller also thinks whatever your best grade in the course is what should be factored into your GPA.

"In addition to studying Baylor's own policies and data, the group looked carefully at policies at other universities," Null said. "The proposal was subsequently supported by various representative bodies on campus as well as by then

Interim Provost David Garland."

According to Baylor's Office of the Registrar website, Baylor's Information Technology Services division is working on a design within BearWeb that will allow students to request for a grade to be excluded from calculation of their GPA and will enforce the rules defined in the Academic Forgiveness policy.

The complete Undergraduate Course Repeat Policy and Academic Forgiveness Policy can be found on Baylor's Office of the Registrar website. There is also a Frequently Asked Questions page with examples of how the policy plays out practically for students. Students can also contact the Office of the Registrar with questions or concerns regarding either policy.

Stocks still on pace for another winning week

STAN CHOE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks were mixed in early trading Friday, and indexes made only small moves for the second straight day. The Standard & Poor's 500 index is still on track to deliver its seventh week of gains in the last eight, following a big rally earlier in the week sparked by the Federal Reserve's announcement on interest rates.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 was virtually flat at 2,382, as of 10 a.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 9 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 20,943. The Nasdaq composite was close to flat at 5,890. Slightly more stocks rose than fell on the New York Stock Exchange.

YIELDS: Treasury yields dipped, dropping once again after the Fed on Wednesday gave a more measured forecast for interest-rate increases than some investors expected.

The 10-year Treasury yield fell to 2.51 percent from 2.54 percent late Thursday. The two-year yield dipped to 1.32 per cent from 1.34 percent, and the 30-year yield sank to 3.13 percent from 3.15 percent.

The Fed raised short-term rates by a quarter of a percentage point on Wednesday, as many investors expected. It also said that it still plans to raise rates by a total of three times this year, when some investors had been expecting four hikes given the recent pickup in the economy and inflation.

HEALTH CARE, FINANCIAL STOCKS SINK: Amgen had the biggest loss in the S&P 500 after results from a study of its cholesterol drug Repatha disappointed investors. It sank \$9.69, or 5.4 percent, to \$170.42.

Health care stocks in the S&P 500 dipped, one of only two sectors in the S&P 500 to fall. Financial stocks fell 0.4 percent with bond yields. They have often moved in the same direction recently because higher rates would allow banks to charge more for loans and earn bigger profits.

MARKETS ABROAD: France's CAC 40 rose 0.2 percent, Germany's DAX index was close to flat and the FTSE 100 in London rose 0.3 percent. Japan's Nikkei 225 fell 0.3 percent, South Korea's Kospi rose 0.7 percent and the Hang Seng in Hon Kong added 0.1 percent.

COMMODITIES: Benchmark U.S. crude rose 27 cents to \$49.02 per barrel. Brent crude, which is used to price international oil, rose 26 cents to \$52.00 a barrel.

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Brewtiful beats



Courtesy Art

THE BEAT IN YOUR FEET Common Grounds has an exciting lineup for April, filled with folk artists, rappers and up-and-coming musicians. Thomas Csorba, (right) will be performing on April 1, and Bryce Merritt (left) will be performing on April 20. Tickets can be purchased at <http://cgwacoticketfly.com/>.

This week in Waco:

>> Today

3:30-5 p.m.— Power Politics and the Battle for Water: A Lecture by Author John Williams.

6-8 p.m.— Cross Cultural Engagement Dinner- Czech it Out! Bobo Spiritual Life Center.

7:30-8:30 p.m.— A Capella Choir. Jones Concert Hall.

>> Wednesday

12-1:30 p.m.— Baylor Missions: F/S Lunch & Learn. Bobo Spiritual Life Center.

4-5:30 p.m.— No More: Dispelling the Rhetoric of Victim Shaming. Castellaw 101.

7:30-9 p.m.— Movies with MA: The Shack. Starplex Theater.

>> Thursday

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.— Table Toppers 2017. Baylor Club.

5:30-7 p.m.— BURST Lecture by Dr. Michael Endl on "Discovery of a New Planet." Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation, Room 240.

6-7:30 p.m.— Women's History Month Panel. Alexander Reading Room, Memorial Hall.

7:30 p.m.— Hansel and Gretel. \$8-\$12. Ball Performing Arts Center/ McLennan Community College, 1400 College Dr.

7:30-10 p.m.— Jenny & Tyler perform. \$12-\$30. Common Grounds.

Tunes to take the town

KASSIDY WOYTEK
Reporter

The five artists set to take the Common Grounds stage in April are a mix of up-and-comers and household names, and tickets are on sale now.

The April lineup will begin on Saturday with Houston sophomore Thomas Csorba. The Folk/Americana artist said he focuses on lyrics when he writes because he believes music should tell a story.

Csorba released a new album Friday titled "From the Foxhole." Csorba said the album was inspired by some of the challenges he's faced trying to juggle a music career while being a full-time Baylor student.

"There are times in life when working hard and sticking to something doesn't seem worth it," Csorba said, "but there's brotherhood and camaraderie and a light at the end of the tunnel."

Csorba released his first EP when he was a junior in high school, but he's hesitant to call himself talented. He said he believes that hard work and being a "lover of the craft" are more important factors than talent when it comes to pursuing music.

"I'd love for Baylor kids to understand the idea that creating something, creating art, and working at it really hard is something to be

passionate about," Csorba said.

Following Csorba, the Grammy-nominated Christian duo Leeland will perform on April 6. According to the band's website, "Their lives, ministry, and music are a true extension of their passion to simply worship God."

Another recognizable duo, Penny and Sparrow, will perform the day after Leeland on April 7. Penny and Sparrow, otherwise known as Andy Baxter and Kyle Jahnke, have played at Common Grounds several times before.

"I love Waco a ton," Baxter said. "There's just an energy of youth, an energy of openness. There's an energy that makes me look forward to playing at Common Grounds every time."

On previous tours, Penny and Sparrow have shared the stage with a full band, a string trio and a jazz ensemble. On this tour, however, Baxter said the two will be playing on their own, "Simon and Garfunkel style."

"It's our desire to be a chameleon that sense," Baxter said. "If the song's good enough, you can dress it up in any number of clothes, and it still stands on its own."

Before they were Penny and Sparrow, Baxter and Jahnke were college roommates. According to Baxter, the two also got engaged to

THE DETAILS:

Shows:

April 1: Thomas Csorba
April 6: Leeland
April 7: Penny & Sparrow
April 19: NF
April 20: Bryce Merritt
April 24: Vesperteen

Tickets:

Ticket prices can be seen and tickets can be purchased at <http://cgwaco.ticketfly.com/>

their wives around the same time, and the two couples later lived together in a communal house.

"We have simply lived and seen together so many different phases of life that most people only experience independently," Baxter said. "I love him to death; he's my best friend."

Baxter said those attending their Common Grounds concert can expect emotion and honesty, as well as new music from an album the duo is currently finishing.

As a change of pace after a series of folk artists, rapper NF will perform April 19 as part of his Therapy Session tour. His most recent album by the same name reached number one on iTunes' Hip-Hop charts after its debut.

According to a recent interview,

NF, or Nathan Feuerstein, said he incorporates Christian themes into his music but writes music that appeals to a secular crowd as well.

"I don't know what a Christian rapper is," Feuerstein said. "I'm just an artist who makes music for everybody."

One of the final artists to appear in April is Bryce Merritt, performing April 20. Merritt has performed at the venue multiple times as an opening act for artists like the Blue Water Highway Band, but this will be his first time as a headliner at Common Grounds.

Merritt described his musical style as "a combo of Stevie Wonder and Justin Timberlake." He said he closes every show with a song called "Spread the Happiness" and hopes the audience will take that message to heart.

"I like to close with that one because it's the theme that I like to have threaded throughout my shows," Merritt said. "My music is pretty upbeat. It's mostly happy and fun, and I really just want people to have a good time."

As of Monday night, tickets are still available online for every Common Grounds concert in Waco. Leeland, Penny and Sparrow and NF are also offering VIP tickets, which include a meet and greet session with the artist before the show begins.

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Today's Puzzles

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- 15 Italian money until 2002
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- 17 *Seeks shelter
- 19 Samoa's capital
- 20 "___ side are you on?"
- 21 Not up to snuff
- 23 Pierced ear part
- 26 Actor Jared
- 28 Conceals in one's hand
- 29 Tactical advancements
- 31 Like slugs
- 33 Jellyfish bites
- 34 Thrilla in Manila boxer
- 35 Stop stalling
- 37 Wee one
- 38 *Bob Marley togetherness classic
- 41 Mag mogul often seen in pj's
- 43 Letters in geometry
- 45 Duracell size
- 46 Ritzy spread
- 48 Ivory and Coast, for two
- 50 Tom Brady, notably
- 51 Garden bug
- 53 Airline to Tel Aviv
- 55 "The Piano" actress Paquin
- 56 "Just my luck!"
- 58 La Scala solos
- 60 Prime for picking
- 61 Stationery that may include a company logo ... or what the ends of answers to the starred clues can be?
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- 8 Rancor
- 9 Pub crawl stops
- 10 Montgomery's home
- 11 *System that gets goods to customers
- 12 Trojan War king
- 13 Chars
- 18 Reason for a heating bill spike
- 22 Wire service org.
- 23 Most wanted ___
- 24 In the lead
- 25 *Major golf tournament won five times by Tom Watson
- 27 Nobel Institute city
- 30 Back in the day

- 32 Habitually misrepresent one's true self
- 34 Pie ___ mode
- 36 Wyoming's Grand ___ National Park
- 39 Lighten (up)
- 40 Md. winter hours
- 42 Spanakopita cheese
- 44 Evening affairs
- 47 Seriously vandalized
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- 52 Composure
- 54 Foamy pick-me-up
- 57 Tall shade trees
- 59 Environs
- 62 Slender swimmer
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- 64 Asset at the archery range
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TENNIS SWEEPS

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“Because we're that good.”

Baylor equestrian head coach Ellen White on confidence in her roster **pg. 9**

Fourth time's not the charm for Baylor



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

THE END OF THE LINE Junior guard Kristy Wallace hides the tears as the Lady Bears lost to Mississippi State in overtime by a final score of 94-85 on March 26 in Oklahoma City.

JORDAN SMITH Sports Editor

For the fourth consecutive year, the No. 1-seed Baylor Lady Bears were eliminated in the Elite Eight round of the Women's March Madness tournament. This year, it came at the hands of No. 2-seed Mississippi State on Sunday night in overtime with a final score of 94-85.

The Lady Bears were led by sophomore post Kalani Brown, who in the game scored 27 points, recorded five blocks and nine rebounds.

Brown said that with all of the hard work displayed in the game and over the years, she felt apologetic that she couldn't get her team to the "Promise Land."

"It's a disappointment. Just sorry I couldn't get them there," Brown said.

The Lady Bears only outscored Mississippi State in one quarter the entire game, which was the third quarter when Baylor won the scoring battle 21-17.

At halftime, Baylor was down by a score of 43-40. It was the first time in the entire

tournament that the Lady Bears were losing at halftime.

Mississippi State head coach Vic Schaefer complimented Baylor on their performance.

"I'm honored and humbled to be here," Schaefer said. "So proud of my girls and our team. What a tremendous effort today against a heck of a basketball team in Baylor University. Kim and her team are absolutely phenomenal. It took a gut-check, gut-wrenching performance by our kids today, and we delivered."

One of the key players for Mississippi State was guard Morgan William, who in the game scored 41 points with seven assists and three rebounds and led the bulldogs to the victory.

Lady Bears head coach Kim Mulkey said there was nothing she could say to junior guard Kristy Wallace after a game like that.

"She's crying. She's upset. I just went in the locker room and apologized to the four seniors that I couldn't as their coach get them to a Final Four," Mulkey said. "I thanked them for four wonderful years

of Elite Eight basketball. Many players and schools across the country would trade places with them in a heartbeat."

Wallace fouled out with 50.0 seconds left in overtime. Wallace ended the night with nine points, four rebounds and four assists in 26 minutes of play.

The final buzzer sounded and the Lady Bears were on the losing end, losing the game 94-85.

Senior guard Nina Davis put on a good performance despite the loss. In the game, Davis scored 18 points, grabbed three rebounds and two assists in 34 minutes of play.

Mulkey restated the high expectations of the Lady Bears.

"At Baylor, we have expectations that are higher than an Elite Eight, whether that's egotistical, fair, it is what it is," Mulkey said. "We have to keep feeding that monster we started 17 years ago. You don't really say anything to anybody else. You say the Lord's Prayer and come to the press conference."

The Lady Bears end their season with a record of 33-4.

BU vs. MSU: Quarter-by-Quarter

	1	2	3	4	1OT	FINAL
No. 1 BAYLOR	19	21	21	14	10	85
No. 2 MSU	21	22	17	15	19	94

Softball wins Big 12 series against Kansas

NATHAN KEIL Sports Writer

No. 14 Baylor softball had to wait one extra day to begin its quest for a Big 12 championship.

The Lady Bears were scheduled to begin a three-game set with Kansas on Friday when a weather front brought strong storms through the plains of Lawrence, Kan., forcing the teams to postpone the series opener until Saturday.

The weather may have temporarily halted conference play, but Baylor still took the opening series two games to one, winning the opener on Saturday 6-1 and 5-1 in Sunday's finale. The Jayhawks stole a 6-4 win in extra innings in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader.

Senior pitcher Kelsee Selman picked up all three decisions in the circle for the Lady Bears, recording her 14th and 15th wins as well as her third loss of the season.

In the opener, Selman went the distance, allowing one run on four hits. She struck out eight without allowing a walk.

After giving up an unearned run in the bottom of the first, the Lady Bears picked up their senior ace. Freshman outfielder Maddison Kettler doubled and came around to score on an error by the Jayhawks. Baylor strung together four consecutive singles and took advantage of another miscue by Kansas to take a 3-1 lead in the third.

In the fifth, Baylor used the long ball to attack Kansas. Junior catcher Sydney Christensen and junior outfielder Jessie Scroggins both hit solo home runs. Senior infielder Ari Hawkins added the third long ball for the Bears in the sixth, a solo shot to left.

In the nightcap on Saturday, Kansas tied the game at four in the bottom of the sixth and scored two in the bottom of the tenth to take a 6-4 win.

Baylor got a run in the first and second and two in the fifth. Scroggins led off the game with a home run to right center field. Senior infielder Lindsey Cargill scored on a groundout in the second. Junior infielder Shelby Friundenberg brought in a run on a single and a fourth run came in on a Jayhawk error.

The Jayhawks tied the game in the sixth on a wild pitch, and junior outfielder Erin McGinley hit a walk off two-run home run in the 10th to earn the win for Kansas.

Kansas head coach Megan Smith said the performance by sophomore pitcher Alexis Reid was gutsy and extraordinary.

"One of the things you are the most proud of as a coach is when a player has not as good of an outing as they should've had, but when they get the ball again and do what Alexis[Reid] did tonight," Smith said on Kansas University's official athletic site. "That's the story of Alexis. She went out in our

midweek and didn't have our best but came out today and was fighting. She gutted it out, and that was fun to see."

Selman came in to pitch in relief, allowing two runs on two hits while striking out four in the final 3 2/3 innings.

Selman was back to her dominant self in Sunday's finale. She once again went the distance, allowing a single run on three hits while striking out 10.

The Lady Bears got a run-scoring single from freshman infielder Taylor Ellis in the fourth inning before erupting for four more in the sixth.

Christensen delivered a two-run double, Kettler brought in another run with a groundout and Scroggins came around on an error to round out the scoring.

Kansas fell to 19-14 overall and 1-2 in conference play. Despite the home series loss, Smith said her team battled all weekend.

"I thought we fought all weekend, and when you get into conference play, that's what you have to do against quality opponents," Smith said on the Kansas University official athletic site. "You have to fight, especially when you play a top-15 program like Baylor."

Baylor improved to 28-6 on the season, 2-1 in conference play. The Lady Bears will return home for a mid-week matchup with Abilene Christian University at 6 p.m. Wednesday before hosting a weekend series with Texas Tech starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday.



Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

ONE MORE WIN Baylor rugby is now 7-1 on the season with the win against Texas on Saturday in Waco. The score was 46-25.

Baylor rugby takes the win against Texas

MOLLY ATCHINSON Opinion Editor

The Baylor rugby club (7-1) added another win to their season in a non-conference friendly match against the University of Texas this Saturday.

Although they were missing five members of their starting lineup, the Bears started the match off strong with a fast-earned try and a penalty kick that landed the ball in UT's hands. Baylor pulled ahead with a strong lead of 27-8 in the first half, led by senior eight-man and team captain Pete Hamm. The team's consistency has been flawless over their past few matches, with their win over Texas Tech on Feb. 27 (42-15) and the four consecutive matches before that, which coach Mason Hering believes will put them at an advantage

in the upcoming preliminary rounds for division finals.

"I think that going into the next games we have good cohesiveness. The effort that the team has put in is amazing," Hering said.

The loss of senior fly-half Parker Vincent to an ear injury last week didn't seem to trouble the Bears too much, with freshman Luke Davis stepping in as a substitute and helping lead the team to victory.

Their second half was much more rough, with several lost touches and UT pushing back on the Bears and scoring 17 points. The final score was 46-25 with Baylor grabbing the victory. The match wasn't easily won however. While this match wasn't an official conference match, both teams believe that it was beneficial.

Coach Ritchie Barnes of the UT rugby club worked as the substitute referee for the match, and he was a major proponent of this inter-conference match happening.

"We've got good relations between schools. We've both got bowl games next week, so we figured we could practice together," Barnes said. "Baylor guys are great, responsible, and it was a good game to ref."

Both teams have matches next week for the conference championship-Baylor playing against Louisiana State University and UT playing Oklahoma University.

"I think this was good practice for both teams. We were able to run drills and get tackled without anyone getting hurt," Hering said.

Baylor will play LSU on April 1 in Waco.

Equestrian wins Big 12 Saturday

JAKOB BRANDENBURG
Reporter

The Baylor equestrian team won the Big 12 Equestrian Championship this weekend at Baylor's Willis Family Equestrian Center as they defeated TCU on Friday and Oklahoma State on Saturday.

The two-day, round-robin tournament featured the second- and third-ranked teams in the country in Oklahoma State and Baylor, respectively. The Bears edged out the Horned Frogs 10-9 on the first day to set up a winner-take-all matchup with the Cowgirls. Baylor started strong in the contest against OSU on its way to an 11-7 win and the conference championship. This is the second Big 12 Championship in the last three years for head coach Ellen White's Bears. Baylor also won the title in 2010.

Following the victory celebration, White described what it was like to win the championship again.

"It takes a lot of things to come together just right to make a championship team," White said. "So when it all fits together, it's a sweet win."

In the first round against TCU, the Bears opened a 6-4 lead on the Horned Frogs in equitation over fences and reining, with 3-2 wins in both events.

Savannah Jenkins, Kelsie Brittan and Shannon Hogue all scored points for the Bears in fences, while Ginger Chant, Elizabeth Shank and Charlotte Green earned points in reining.

After withstanding rain



RIDING TOWARD THE CHAMPIONSHIP Baylor equestrian won their second Big 12 title in the last three seasons, defeating TCU on Friday 10-9 and then beating OSU 11-7 on Saturday.

and lightning delays on Friday, the teams resumed the competition with equitation on the flat and horsemanship. Baylor scored a 3-2 edge on flat, but TCU crept back into the contest with a 3-1 win in horsemanship.

On the final ride of horsemanship, sophomore Kaylee Mellott forced a tie that clinched the 10-9 Baylor win. Aspen Crew scored the Bears' lone point in that event, while Jenkins, Samantha Howell and

Rachel Van Allen scored the three points in flat.

On Saturday, No. 3 Baylor faced off against No. 2 Oklahoma State. The teams split their two meetings earlier this season.

Baylor got off to another fast start and grabbed 3-2 wins in both fences and horsemanship. Alicia Gasser, Gabby Conte and Hogue earned points in fences, while Mellott, Green and Kelsie Holman scored three

horsemanship points.

Following the break, Baylor suffered its only event loss of the round when OSU won reining 3-0 with two ties. However, Baylor clinched the title by dominating the Cowgirls 5-0 on flat. Jenkins, Gasser, Van Allen, Howell and Brittney Mirkov were responsible for the shut out.

Jenkins, a senior, discussed the team effort that earned the conference championship.

"All four events really came

out well today," Jenkins said.

"We lost my freshman year to OSU here, so we were not going to let that happen again, and everybody really stepped it up today."

Jenkins won Big 12 Equitation on the Flat Rider of the Year and was one of seven Baylor riders named to the All-Big 12 team.

Next up for the Big 12 champion Bears is the National Collegiate Equestrian Association Championship.

Coach White explained why she is feeling confident heading into the national tournament.

"Because we're that good," White said "There's so many variables that make it happen for you, but if all things come together for us, we absolutely have the team to win a national championship."

The NCEA Championship will be held April 12-15 and hosted by Baylor at the Extraco Events Center in Waco.

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Men's tennis sweeps over the weekend

BEN EVERETT
Sports Writer

The No. 4-ranked Baylor men's tennis team defeated No. 28 Memphis and Prairie View A&M Sunday at the Hurd Tennis Center to remain undefeated at home on the season.

The Bears (18-3) struggled to compete in doubles play against the Tigers in the first match but bounced back behind strong play from freshman Constantin Frantzen and senior Max Tchoutakian who led the entire way in their doubles match to win 6-4.

Baylor clinched the doubles point when sophomores Johannes Schretter and Jimmy Bendeck came from behind to defeat Memphis' Felix Rauch and Ryan Peniston 6-4 as the Bears went up 1-0.

In singles play, the Bears started hot with wins from

Schretter and senior Juan Benitez to take a 3-0 lead in the match. Frantzen then clinched the match with a win over Rauch.

Head coach Matt Knoll says despite the tough start, his team played well, and that's a sign of maturity.

"We managed the match really well," Knoll said. "We got off to a slow start in doubles, but once we started playing the system a little bit we did well. In singles, everybody came out ready to go. We managed the match. Memphis is a really good team. That's a tough program, so for all of our guys to come through like they did was a great sign. It shows we're maturing and improving, and that's what we want to be doing."

Sophomore Will Little said any win over a highly ranked team is important to the team.

"I thought it was great,"

Little said. "We punched those guys right in the mouth, a top-30 team-to beat them 4-0 was really good. Especially after a week off since our last match. Everybody was really pumped up and nobody had a bad performance today, so I thought that was really good."

In the second match of the day, the Bears blew past Prairie View A&M with a 7-0 win. Seniors Tyler Stayer and Sam May saw playing time for Baylor and clinched the doubles point with a 6-4 win.

All six Baylor players won their singles matches with Little clinching the match with a 6-1, 6-1 win.

The Bears are now 6-0 all time against Memphis and 10-0 all time against Prairie View A&M.

Baylor takes on Tulsa at 1 p.m. on Sunday in Tulsa, Okla., in their last non-conference match of the season.

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5PM AT THE U POINTE LEASING CENTER | 1212 SPEIGHT AVE

March 28th

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March 29th

Applications End

April 2nd

Group Interviews

April 4th

Individual Interviews Begin

May 15th

Anticipated Start Date

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