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## Baylor to update parental leave policy

KALYN STORY  
Staff Writer

Jessica Morrow, assistant director of stewardship, went through the maternity leave process for Baylor staff over a year and a half ago and said she was very frustrated by her experiences. Upon returning to work and talking with other coworkers, she realized several employees were not happy with Baylor's maternity leave policy for staff.

"I thought, if so many people want the policy change, why don't we change it," Morrow said.

Along with Sarah Brockhaus, director of contract administration, Morrow began researching, drafting letters and talking to human resources about changing the policy. Morrow said the administration valuing staff opinions and requests is one thing that makes Baylor a unique place to work.

"We are sending students out into the world, and we are expecting them to go out into the workplace. We are expecting them to be mothers and fathers," Morrow said. "If Baylor is an example of a place they

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Photo Courtesy of Robert Rogers

**ASSISTANCE** Baylor interim President David E. Garland officially signed the parental leave and adoption assistance policies during a ceremony in the President's Office at Pat Neff Hall. He was joined by Human Resources representatives (L to R) Hank Steen III, director of benefits, and Cheryl Gochis, vice president for human resources, and Staff Council representatives, president Wil Telfer III, information security analyst in IT, and president-elect Lori McNamara, assistant to senior assistant dean and admissions coordinator in the Graduate School.



Courtesy Photo

**AWARDED** The Texas Hunger Initiative was awarded a \$ 3 million dollar grant from the Walmart Foundation to help continue addressing hunger in schools.

## Texas Hunger Initiative receives grant to help combat hunger

RYLEE SEAVERS  
Staff Writer

The Texas Hunger Initiative (THI) has received a \$ 3 million dollar grant from the Walmart Foundation to help their efforts to combat hunger in Texas.

THI is a capacity-building organization, meaning that they work with other organizations to increase collaboration and use existing resources efficiently, director of THI Dr. Kathy Krey said.

THI works at the local, state and federal level to combat hunger

through community engagement, developing policy and research, Krey said. It started out with an emphasis on combating child hunger, Krey said, but has extended its work to address hunger affecting families and senior citizens.

"That's what makes THI really unique, being housed at a university, is that we can connect all of Baylor's great resources to the larger social issue of hunger," Krey said.

THI is part of Baylor's "informed engagement" initiative, working with faculty and students to conduct research, Krey said.

In 2015, the USDA reported that Texas was one of 12 states with a food insecurity rate higher than the national average. Krey said that this is not due to a lack of resources, rather that the existing resources are underutilized, not well coordinated or not well-known. THI helps fight those problems, Krey said.

THI's work is innovative, sustainable and research based, Krey said, which is one of the reasons that it received the grant from the Walmart Foundation.

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## March of Dimes to raise awareness for premature births

AMANDA HARGETT-GRANATO  
Reporter

The month of March may be at an end, but the March of Dimes soldiers on in their fight to stop premature births. The Waco March for Babies will take place on April 15 at McLane Stadium. The Baylor March of Dimes team along with many others will be raising money to reach a goal of \$160,000.

The current focus of the March for Babies is to help raise awareness and find a solution for premature births, a problem that affects one out of every 10 babies born in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. March of Dimes faculty mentor Dr. Marcie Moehnke said that the March of Dimes is working to figure out what causes premature labor and how they can help babies be carried to term.

"I think it's important for students to have an awareness of the fact that not all pregnancies end in 40 weeks with a perfectly healthy baby," Moehnke said, "and becoming aware of that so that they may help others who are going through something traumatic associated with that pregnancy or birth."

Chartered in December of 2014, the Baylor March of Dimes organization raises funds for the March for Babies, as well as volunteers at the event. Baylor students organize the children's game area at the march, which has grown from simple games of "duck-duck-goose" to duck ponds, ring tosses and bounce houses.

"Families are coming out with their kids who were preemies or in the NICU or have somehow been impacted by the March of Dimes in addition to families who have lost children, who are coming out to support the mission and the cause," Moehnke said.

March of Dimes is an organization founded during World War II by Franklin D. Roosevelt to develop solve the problem of polio. People were encouraged to send their dimes to the White House to fund the necessary research. Since the development of the polio vaccine, the March of Dimes turned its attention to birth defects and healthy pregnancies, funding discoveries such as the importance of folic acid in preventing neural tube defects in fetuses.

While the organization has many volunteers from within the science departments, March of Dimes President and Donna, senior, Derek Garza said they welcome members from any discipline.

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## Latin Dance Society to host Salsa Invasion

FAITH MILETELLO  
Reporter

Latin Dance encompasses many types and styles of dance. The Latin Dance Society provides a window into the art of Latin dance. The organization is hosting Salsa Invasion, an event that provides the public with the opportunity to learn Latin dance styles and watch professionals perform, this weekend.

Salsa Invasion will be held Friday night at 8 p.m. and all day Saturday. Groups from various universities will be in attendance to perform, and eight professional groups will perform and teach workshops. There will also be social hours where those in attendance can practice their skills and dance with new partners.

"With Latin dancing you learn a basic eight or 10 counts," Bedford freshman Sandra Miriam said. "And once you learn those basics, you can

essentially dance most of the Latin dances."

Miriam joined the Latin Dance Society last semester and credits the group to her advanced experience in a variety of styles. She will perform a bachata dance at the event this weekend.

The event is an emulation of the Houston Salsa Fest, Riverside, Calif., sophomore Asia Suarez said. The goal is to provide new learning opportunities for those interested in experiencing Latin dance while also having a variety of performances for entertainment, Suarez said.

"My grandfather is from Puerto Rico, so Latin dancing is about getting back into my heritage," Suarez said. "And also it is a skill a lot of people don't have. I think it is cool to say that I know how to salsa, bachata and merengue."

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Lariat File Art

**BREAK OUT YOUR DANCING SHOES** The Latin Dance Society performs at Dia Del Oso on April 14, 2011. On Friday at 8 p.m. and all day Saturday, the Latin Dance Society will host Salsa invasion for the public to learn about Latin dance styles and enjoy their performances.

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**COLUMN**

## March Madness is a basketball fan's utopia

**DARRELL HARRIS**  
Reporter

The theory of endless gameplay of one's favorite sport is certainly enticing. Raising the stakes even higher, these games comprise the first round of the playoffs which guarantees that the players will be giving their best effort. Even to a modest fan, this must appear genuinely intriguing and worthwhile.



For the aforementioned reasons, the first round of the NCAA Tournament is unlike any other two days in sports. Over a 48-hour span, 64 teams will compete. An average college basketball game lasts for about two and half hours. At over 80 hours broadcast gameplay, the first round provides more than enough content to be consumed, causing college basketball fans across the country to collectively rejoice.

What makes the Round of 64 so unique, however, is that it appeals to not only true fans of the sport, but also casual fans and those unassociated with a sport. No other sport can make the claim that the first round of its playoffs are so compelling while also giving the fans so much content.

Sixty-four universities are represented by the pool of teams in the first round of the tournament. The fans, students and faculty from each school who are not already followers of college basketball often have an interest of some sort in the Round of 64. Aside from the fans or students of that school, those respective cities are now represented as well. The University of North Dakota making the tournament in 2017, for example, provides the entire state with some interest to the tournament because now their state is represented. The 2017 NCAA Tournament represented 28 states, well beyond that of any other major sport's first round of playoffs.

Every year we follow many different storylines in the Round of 64 that garner unique interest. The University of Southern California vs Southern Methodist University pit Los Angeles against Dallas, a battle of two marquee American cities where each would love to defeat the other. USC pulled off the 11-6 seed upset, winning 66-65 in a thriller that came down to a missed layup at the buzzer by SMU. College basketball powerhouse and No. 3-seed Florida State barely escaped an upset bid from in-state rival and No. 14-seed Florida Gulf Coast, which was a compelling game where the viewer couldn't resist but to cheer for the underdog. Though the seeding suggests Florida State should win handily, the premise that anything can happen is reinforced time and time again which creates the can't miss feeling of every game.

Perhaps the most immersive part of the tournament has nothing to do with watching the games. Creating a bracket and predicting the winners has become one of the biggest sports crazes alongside fantasy football and betting odds on big games. Fans take into consideration a variety of insight from expert analysts along with their own gut feelings to try and predict the perfect bracket. No fan has ever escaped the Round of 64 with a perfect bracket. Yet year in and year out, March Madness comes and fans give it another kick. Subsequently, we are all sucked right back into the greatness that is the NCAA Tournament.

*Darrell Harris is a junior journalism major from Carson, Calif.*

**EDITORIAL**

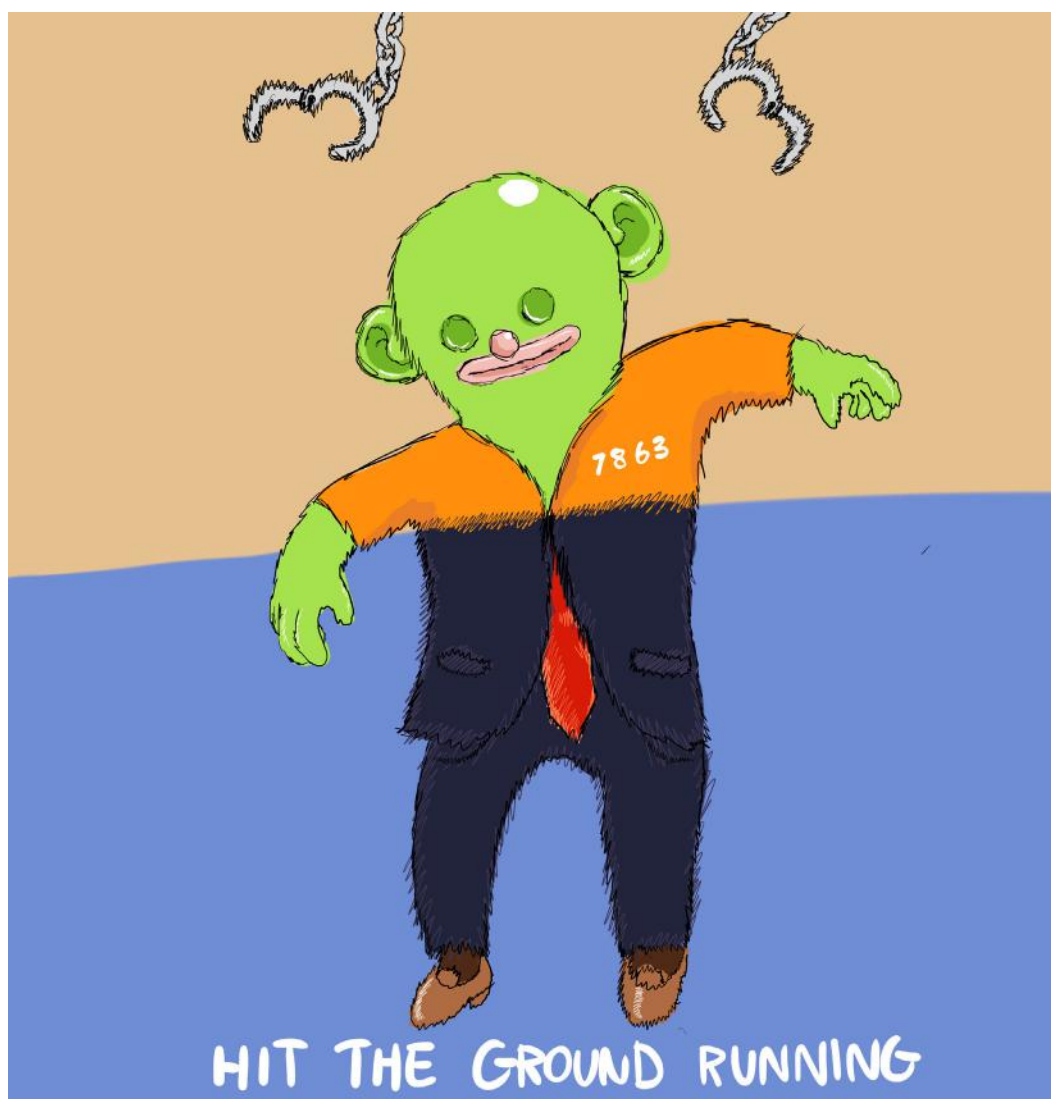
## Prisons should promote reform

Going to prison is meant to be a jarring experience. Like being put in time-out when we were children, prison serves not only as a punishment, but as a chance for wrongdoers to temporarily disengage from society, to think through the actions that led them there and what will come after they are released. Unlike a time-out, though, federal inmates spend an average of 37.5 months, just over three years, in federal prison, according to the Pew Charitable Trusts.

Lengthy sentences like these can make returning to society significantly more complicated than just going home. A lot can change in three years, or however long an inmate may be imprisoned. Society evolves quickly, and the individual an inmate is upon incarceration is not necessarily the individual he or she will be several years in the future. Prison essentially isolates inmates from outside society. This can be useful both as a punishment and public safety tactic, but if we want prisoners to emerge from their sentences to become productive members of society, we need to make education in prisons more focused on reentry and reintegration.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, most prisons across the United States offer some sort of correctional education program. Despite this, the U.S. has a national recidivism rate of more than 50 percent within one year of inmates' release, a number which rises to more than 75 percent within five years of release, according to Bureau of Justice Statistics studies of more than 400,000 prisoners in 30 states.

These numbers are appalling. Our prison system is clearly broken if three-fourths of incarcerated individuals are re-arrested within five years of their release. Prisons should not be filled with a rotating cast of the same individuals. Education may not be the whole answer, but it certainly is a place to start.



Joshua Kim | Cartoonist

Prison needs to be about more than just punishment. Incorporating a greater variety of educational opportunities into prison systems could have a positive impact on inmates while they are in the prison system as well as help lower recidivism rates nationwide.

Prison system education efforts should be focused on correctional and reentry education, which would prepare inmates for life outside of prison. A 2012 reentry education model released by the U.S. Department of Education stated that, for reentry education programs to make a real difference in national recidivism rates, the programs would need to be "well

integrated into the corrections system by making it a critical component of intake and prerelease processes and closely linking it to support and employment services." The report also proposes working with inmates to set career and education goals for life after their release.

Setting up reentry education programs would help prepare inmates to be contributing, working members of society post-release, effectively giving them tools with which to re-adjust to life outside the highly regulated prison system and resist returning to the crimes for which they were incarcerated initially. These programs, were they integrated

into the national prison system and not only implemented in a select few prisons, have the potential to help reduce recidivism rates by teaching inmates valuable skills that can be applied to lawful, successful life post-release.

More than that, though, establishing reentry education programs in our prisons would be an invaluable first step toward reshaping the U.S. prison system into one that reforms, not just punishes. As we were all told time and time again as children, being put in a time-out is about learning a lesson, not just being penalized, and prison should be about education, not just consequences.

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# Texas church mourns 13 in bus accident

**JIM VERTUNO**  
Associated Press

NEW BRAUNFELS — The deaths of 13 senior adults in a crash as they returned home from a retreat has left fellow worshippers at their Texas church mourning the smiling regulars who served in the kitchen, led Bible studies and spent time in fellowship.

“These are individuals we’ve sat next to and had dinner with and laughed with and cried with and worshipped with. They were part of our church family,” said Brad McLean, senior pastor of First Baptist Church in New Braunfels, Texas.

Authorities said Thursday that the church members who died in the Wednesday crash ranged in age from 61 to 87. They were returning home from a three-day church retreat when the small bus they were traveling in and a pickup truck collided head on.

McLean said that they are facing the “hard reality” that they will no longer see those churchgoers walk through the door and be able to greet them and hug them. McLean said those who were killed were among a group of 65 people from the church who attended the retreat, which included Bible study and fellowship.

“I think it’s the everyday interaction and relationship that has been built that, boy, those are the things that really will affect us a week from now, a month from now, a year from now,” he said.

Varia Schwoppe of San Marcos, California, said she and Donna Hawkins, 69, had grown to be buddies in the 15 years since they first met through a square dance club. Schwoppe marvels that they never once had a disagreement when they served as co-presidents of the Whirlaway Square Dance Club in nearby Escondido, California.

They had planned to travel together — perhaps a cruise, she said. Hawkins frequently watched Schwoppe’s dog and

even crafted a pillow for it.

Even after Hawkins moved from Southern California to Central Texas, she still returned often to visit. And although they last saw one another in September, the spoke often by phone — most recently last week, Schwoppe said.

“She was there when I buried my husband, and I was there when she buried her husband,” she said.

Glenn Timmermann said that his “heart just dropped” when he saw that 87-year-old Harold Barber was among those who died. Timmermann came by the church on Thursday to pay his respects because he’d gotten to know Barber about a year ago when Barber led a Bible study at a retirement home.

“He was a fun loving person. He always had a smile. He brought a lot of happiness to my heart in that Bible study,” Timmermann said.

Also killed was the bus driver, 67-year-old Murray Barrett, who was a semi-retired middle school math teacher. Twenty-one-year-old Amity Dohoney told San Antonio Express-News that he’d taught her 7th and 8th grade math, and they remained close through the church.

McLean said that hours after the crash, family members came to the church to cry and grieve together. “Our church family did what church families are supposed to do: Lots of prayer. Lots of support for those families. Lots of crying with those families,” McLean said.

McLean said that some of those who were killed had served in the church’s kitchen on Wednesday nights.

“You live life with folks and so you just share so many small interactions that add up to a relationship that impacts you and strengthens your heart,” he said.

A fairly steady stream of people continued to come into the church throughout the day on Thursday, several carrying Bibles as they went in.



Associated Press  
**REMAINS** Children stand on the second floor of their burned house when they returned home after the neighborhood was retaken by Iraqi security from Islamic State militants on the western side of Mosul, Iraq, Wednesday.

# More civilians are in danger as fight grows against militants

**DAN PERRY AND SUSANNAH GEORGE**  
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — As the fight for the Iraqi city of Mosul drags on, many might ask: Why has it taken the combined militaries of the United States and Iraq backed by an international coalition more than two years to dislodge a relatively small force of militants lacking heavy weaponry?

Donald Trump raised the question during his campaign, promising to turn up the heat against the Islamic State group if he became president. Now the growing controversy over the high number of civilian casualties

believed caused by recent U.S. airstrikes has touched on a major part of the answer: The militants are mingled among tens of thousands of civilians in Mosul and are willing to take the population down with them.

Inevitably, the more force brought to bear to crush the fighters, the greater the danger civilians will be killed.

To avoid that, strikes must be more surgical and more cautiously used, and the battle turns to street-by-street fighting where the technological edge is often neutralized. Minimizing civilian deaths is more than just a humanitarian concern: Heavy bloodshed can fuel public resentments that push

some to join militant groups.

Another factor is whether the extremists have support from at least part of the population. It’s even further complicated if they can claim to be fighting for national liberation — as, for example, with the Hamas group in its battles with Israel in Gaza. In Iraq and Syria, the Islamic State group clearly holds the population hostage in many cases, but it also seeks to sway some support by claiming to defend Sunnis against a mostly Shiite force from Baghdad.

After a March 17 explosion that residents say killed at least 100 people in Mosul, the U.S. military acknowledged an airstrike

was involved. But the top commander of U.S. forces in Iraq said investigations may reveal a more complicated explanation, including the possibility that militants rigged the building with explosives after forcing civilians inside.

Army Lt. Gen. Stephen Townsend said recent civilian casualties in Mosul were “fairly predictable” given the densely populated urban neighborhoods the IS fighters are defending against Iraqi troops.

With each fight, the Islamic State group has adapted its use of civilians as human shields, creating increasingly deadly battlefields.

# Concerns rise for possible Russian interference in Trump 2016 election

**JULIE PACE AND EILEEN SULLIVAN**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House refused Thursday to say whether it secretly fed intelligence reports to a top Republican lawmaker, fueling concerns about political interference in the investigation into possible coordination between Russia and the 2016 Trump campaign.

Fending off the growing criticism, the administration invited lawmakers from both parties to view classified material it said relates to surveillance of

the president’s associates. The invitation came as The New York Times reported that two White House officials — including an aide whose job was recently saved by President Donald Trump — secretly helped House intelligence committee chairman Devin Nunes examine intelligence information last week.

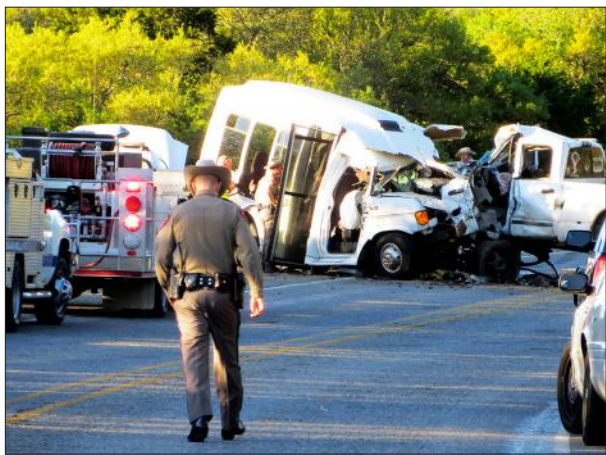
Nunes is leading one of three investigations into Russia’s attempt to influence the campaign and Trump associates’ possible involvement.

Late Thursday, an attorney for Michael Flynn, Trump’s ex-national security adviser, said Flynn is in

discussions with the House and Senate intelligence committees about speaking to them in exchange for immunity. The talks are preliminary, and no official offers have been made.

“General Flynn certainly has a story to tell, and he very much wants to tell it, should the circumstances permit,” Flynn’s attorney, Robert Kelner, said in a statement.

Other Trump associates have volunteered to speak with investigators, but have not publicly raised the issue of immunity.



Associated Press  
**MOURNFUL RETURN** The group of senior adults from First Baptist Church of New Braunfels was returning from a retreat when the crash occurred, a church statement said.

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should aspire to work at, this policy is something they should aspire to have whenever they work.”

According to a press release, Baylor’s parental leave policy will provide up to four weeks of paid leave for full-time staff (female and male) who become parents through birth or adoption. The program will reimburse up to \$6,000 of qualifying adoption-related expenses per adoption, up to two children per year. Faculty and staff are eligible to participate in the program following one year of full-time employment with the university.

According to the director of benefits and human resources service center, Hank Steen under the previous policy staff had to qualify for the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), meaning they had to be employed for at least a year and were required to use any vacation, sick and personal days. With this policy, staff are eligible immediately, and the four weeks are in addition to anytime off.

“As a Christian institution, we should be leaders in caring for our staff, faculty and

students,” Garland said.

The press release also said that Baylor joins SMU as the only other Texas university that provides both staff and faculty with paid parental leave. With the adoption assistance program, Baylor is the only university in Texas and one of the few nationally that provides this benefit.

“Baylor values its faculty and staff as essential to the fulfillment of its mission, and these important additions to staff and faculty benefits reflect our ongoing commitment to families and the cultivation of a caring community that extends beyond our campus,” Garland said in the release. “We give thanks to the Human Resources team and Baylor Staff Council for their good work and collaboration on the development of these new benefits.”

Garland said he thought this policy needed to be changed because the staff does so much to care for the students, faculty and other staff members, and he saw this as an opportunity to care for them as well.

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“March of Dimes funds research to help make premature birth a problem of the past,” Garza said. “We need more people to come in and join in the fight. It’s a problem that needs to be addressed and we need all the support we can get.”

In addition to fundraising and volunteering at the March for Babies, the Baylor March of Dimes organization also volunteers to help families in the neonatal infant care

unit (NICU) at the Hillcrest Baylor Scott & White Medical Center.

“This is the scariest time of their lives. One of their kids is going through a premature birth,” Garza said. “You never want anyone to feel alone or unsupported in a time like this.”

To contribute to the Baylor March of Dimes fundraiser, donations can be made here.

*“... not all pregnancies end in 40 weeks with a perfectly healthy baby.”*

Dr. Marcie Moehnke | March of Dimes faculty mentor

**DANCE** from Page 1

Salsa Invasion workshops will be held at Marrs McLean Gym, and performances will be in Waco Hall. A full schedule is posted on the Baylor Latin Society Facebook page. A student pass for the weekend is \$25, and a non-student pass is \$50. Tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the event.

“The whole event is not only to showcase different performance teams and the professionals invited, but also to teach people about different dances,” Miriam said. “And I’m still no expert, but I didn’t know half of these dances existed; Latin dance society opened my mind to how many dances there actually are.”

**GRANT** from Page 1

The grant will allow THI to continue outreach for child nutrition programs like school breakfast and afterschool meal programs and will help THI build coalitions in communities throughout Texas. These coalitions consist of bringing organizations and people together to maximize the efficiency of these programs.

“When you can be more efficient and get more coordination, then that can go a long way as a really effective model for addressing hunger at the local level,” Krey said.

Craig Nash, THI’s child hunger outreach specialist for Waco, works with organizations and school districts to aid school meal programs. His main goal is to expand access to these programs. Nash said that THI is unique because they act as a middleman to connect organizations.

“I want as many kids as possible to be eating lunch through the summer food service program, through school breakfast program and after school meals,” Nash said.

Krey said that being based at Baylor allows THI to work with passionate students and faculty across many disciplines to develop innovative solutions to hunger. Krey also said that there can be a disconnect between organizations trying to combat the issues of poverty and hunger and universities that have expertise on the issues.

“It can be hard to bridge that gap between those two, and we stand in that place which, I think, is an important and needed role,” Krey said.

In addition, Krey said that they have seen the impact of their work through a decrease in the food insecurity rate in Texas. Since THI was started, 300,000 more students are eating breakfast at school each day, 10 million more meals are being served at after school programs and there are 2,000 more summer meal sites in Texas, she said.

“We play such a unique role in the anti-hunger landscape that’s really exciting, and it’s really needed because we help bolster and increase the efficacy of those organizations on the ground that really are trying to meet the need right in front of them,” Krey said.

# YEARBOOK PORTRAIT TIME

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Tuesday, March 21  
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9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22  
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Tuesday, March 28  
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## Artist brings color to campus

**GAVIN PUGH**  
Editor-in-Chief

### Q&A

San Antonio junior Aaron Cobbs' passion for super heroes didn't die with the end of "Batman: The animated series." In fact, Cobbs' own comic book series has been in the making since he was seven. And though many comics are moving online, Cobbs is somewhat of a purist.

**Tell us a little about you. What's your thing?**

My name is Aaron Cobbs, I am a junior professional writing major, and I like to write.

**With so much content being digitized, are you interested in moving your comics online, or do you like hard copies?**

I would like to keep things on paper. I understand there are digital comics out there. The thing is, there is nothing like the feeling of a hard copy in your hand. I know that for a fact.

Whenever I got the first comic in the mail and my roommate was sitting next to me, he was like "Aaron, let me hold it!" and I was like, "that's so cool!" It was cool to hold the comic in my hand. It's something about print-tangible — it makes you feel like it's more real. Whereas with digital, I have hundreds of digital copies, but they're not as real to me as a collection or a stack of comics.

**What does the art of storytelling mean to you?**

The art of storytelling for me is character. I don't do any story without having a strong character in the back. Too many times, I know from past experience, I've gone to plot first like, "Oh, I can create this amazing plotline," and then I realize there is no plot. Why is there no plot? It's because there's no character.

I know for a fact that when it came to creating the concept for Indigo and the world I'm building with this series, I knew that I had to create a strong character first. There's not going to be any sort of story or plot or motivation without a strong character.

**So in your comic, who is the character? What is his name and what is his super power?**

The character's name is Andy Indigo. When his mother was pregnant with him, she was stricken with cancer. His dad was a scientist, and his dad was trying to find a cure



**ZAP, POW, KABOOM** San Antonio junior Aaron Cobbs, a budding comic artist and professional writing major, writes comics about a character named Andy Indigo. Indigo has superhuman abilities that allows him to control and redirect kinetic energy. Cobb's comics can be purchased on indieplanet.net.



Courtesy Art

### ONLINE EXTRAS

For a video about Cobbs and his work, visit:

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to save his wife and child. And he did. What he found was that the cure amplified the body's natural kinetic energy to strengthen the immune

system. Now, I'm not a science major, so I'm just working with what I have, but it works enough to where in the series, he succeeds. His wife is cured. But what he didn't realize was that the cure bonded to Andy's DNA because he was just an embryo, and so as he grew up, he found out he could control and redirect kinetic energy ...

I like to keep it small, focused, centered on the character. This first volume, Begotten Son, is mainly about this life, his adjustments his coming to terms with his identity and who he is as a man, as a post-human and as a black man. This is one of the few stories that the character is an African-American male, especially in a starter role, which is unfortunate.

**Where can people buy these comics?**

As far as publishing, like where people can buy it, Ka-Blam Printing works through a service called Indie Planet, which ironically enough has a similar name to my series, which I thought that was pretty funny. Indie Planet is the larger digital comic book store. So if I say I want this to be showcased on Indie Planet, they can do that. And if you get enough comics, you'll get your own brand, per se. So our brand is Quest Entertainment on the website. For instance, if you search up Indieplanet.net and then look up Quest Entertainment in the search, you'll see our comics. And that's where you can buy from us.

## This week in Waco:

### >> Today

**10 a.m.-9 p.m.**— Egg-stravaganza! Practically Picasso Art Studio, 4310 W. Waco Drive.

**3:30-5 p.m.**— Browning Day. Armstrong Browning Library.

**6:30-10 p.m.**— Casey Donahew performs. \$10-\$20. The Backyard Bar Stage and Grill.

**7:30 p.m.**— Pride & Prejudice. \$16-\$20. Waco Civic Theatre.

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

**8 p.m.**— Honest Men. Common Grounds.

**8 p.m.**— Cue the Sun! Dichotomy Coffee & Spirits.

**10 p.m.**— G-Troup Comedy Show. \$3. Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center.

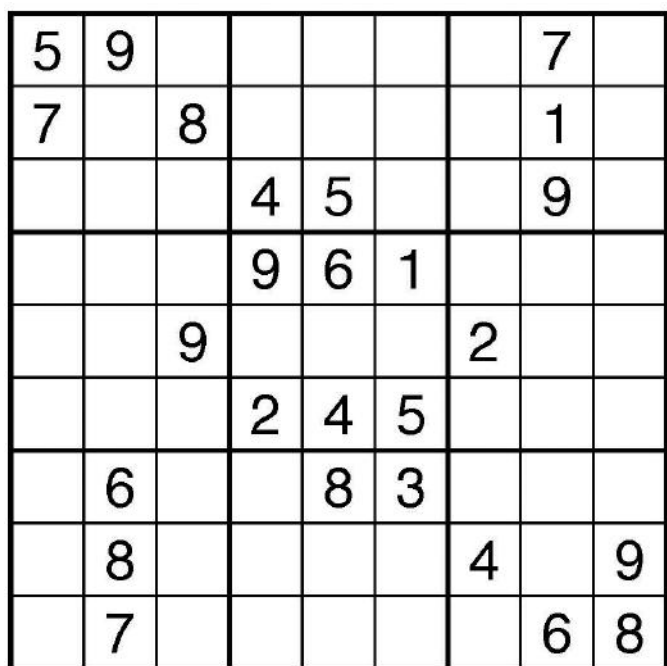
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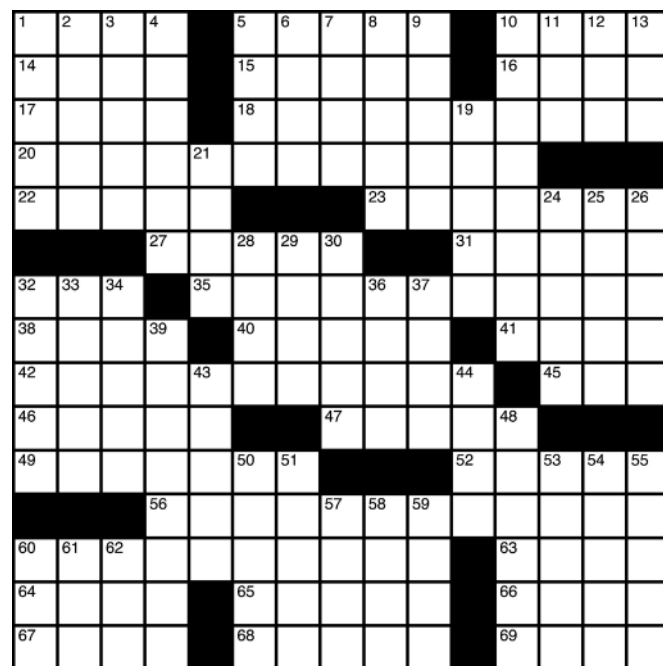
### Today's Puzzles

#### Across

- 1 "Yeah, sure!"
- 6 Some CPAs and MBAs
- 10 \_\_ bean
- 14 What choir members have to carry
- 15 Lined up, with "in"
- 16 2001 Winslet/Dench title role
- 17 Hero makers
- 18 Window shopper's buy
- 19 Bottle part
- 20 Double-helix molecules
- 21 Stat for which Babe Ruth's 457 is the single-season record
- 23 Site of many Ansel Adams works
- 25 Online chortle
- 26 Wide awake
- 28 Joan \_\_
- 32 Aplenty
- 36 Carmelite, perhaps
- 38 Muffin topper
- 39 What the groups of circled letters graphically represent
- 42 Labyrinth
- 43 Plop down
- 44 Legal scholar
- 45 "Obsessable series" movie channel
- 47 What "two" meant to Paul Revere
- 49 Bow \_\_
- 51 Billboard charts
- 56 Tart vodka cocktails
- 60 Petunia part
- 61 Greenish blue
- 62 Use the escalator, about half the time
- 63 Plant swelling
- 64 What a stet cancels
- 65 Alternatively
- 66 Cheap mags
- 67 Old jet-set jets
- 68 Bob or dog attachment
- 69 Canines, e.g.

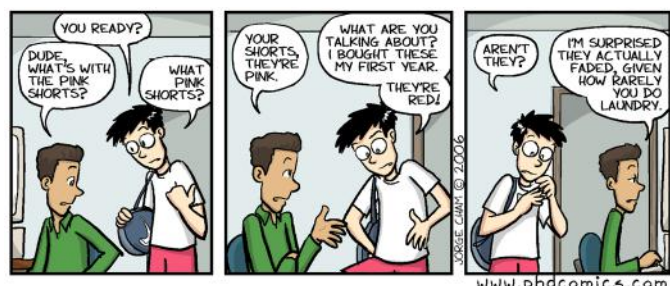
#### Down

- 1 Irrigated grain field
- 2 Courtroom figure
- 3 Hippy dances?



- 4 Italian cookie flavoring
- 5 Filmmaker Craven
- 6 Holly Golightly's creator
- 7 Place for annual pledging
- 8 Chaplin of "Game of Thrones"
- 9 Balloon
- 10 Elite Eight survivors
- 11 War god
- 12 Target of many a New Year's resolution
- 13 Poses
- 21 Floor installers
- 22 Savior of Scout and Jem, in "To Kill a Mockingbird"
- 24 Filly, eventually
- 27 Mild rebuke
- 29 End of a ball game?
- 30 Great American Ball Park team
- 31 COLA component
- 32 69-Across holders

- 33 Vet school subj.
- 34 Joel's "Cabaret" co-star
- 35 Hinted-at hidden meanings
- 37 AFC East team
- 40 Sis or bro
- 41 Grade of excellence: Abbr.
- 46 Cab alternative
- 48 Opposite of guzzled
- 50 Cub's dozen
- 52 Expectant mom's words
- 53 Inscribed pillar
- 54 Lead on
- 55 Blockbuster
- 56 Some TV screens
- 57 They work better when they focus
- 58 Dairy Queen order
- 59 Lucky streak
- 63 Skillful, facetiously



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## Baseball braves new turf in Washington

**NATHAN KEIL**  
Sports Writer

No. 21 Baylor baseball will try to break free from its recent slide with a three-game weekend series in Seattle, Wash., against the University of Washington at Husky Ballpark.

The Bears have lost six of their last nine games, including their first two series of Big 12 play against West Virginia and Oklahoma. They also suffered their first mid-week game loss on Tuesday night, 15-9 to the University of Texas-San Antonio.

Despite the results over the past two weeks, the Bears are still supremely confident heading into this weekend's showdown with the Huskies.

Sophomore second baseman Josh Bissonette says that sometimes the results are simply just a byproduct of baseball and that the team's confidence is not wavering at all.

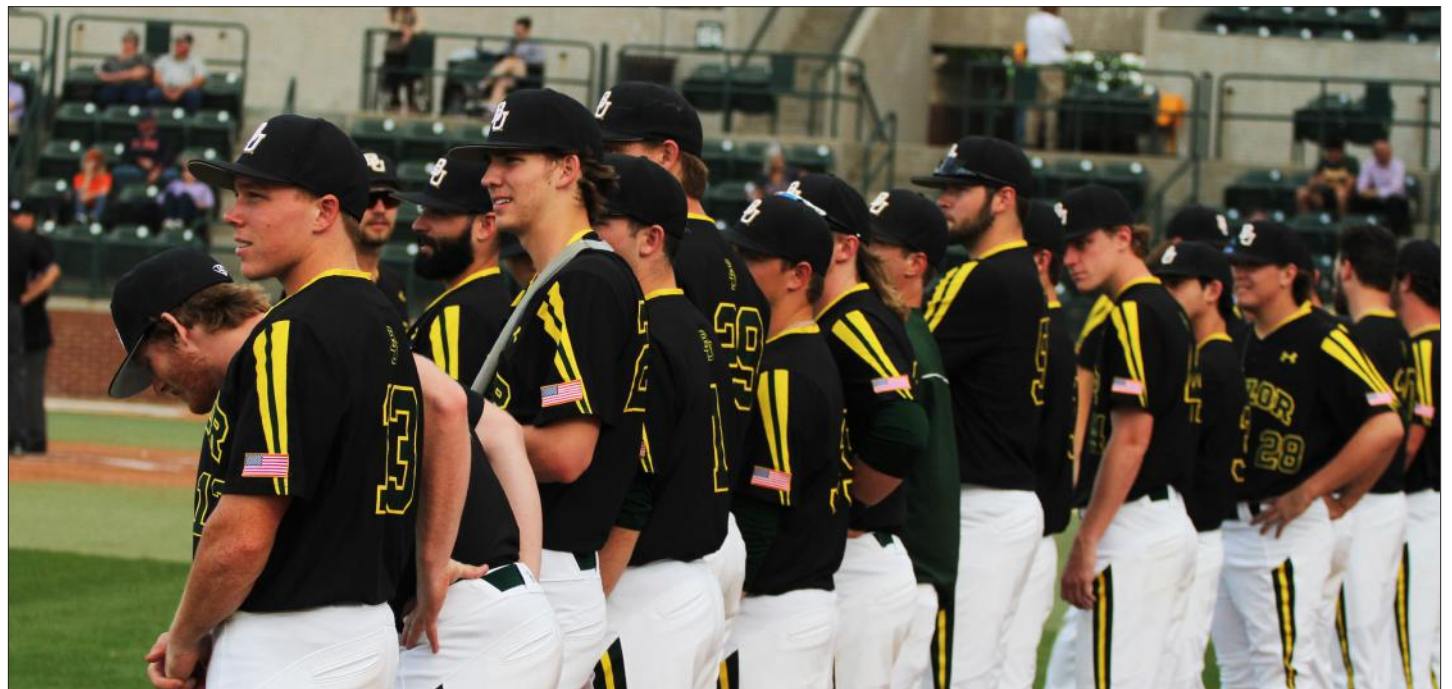
"I'm proud of our guys. This whole fall we've taught ourselves to finish," Bissonette said. "Sometimes the results aren't always in our favor, and we can wipe it off and come back the next day ready to work. I think our confidence level is very high. I don't think these past couple losses have brought us down or anything, but we are really looking forward to this weekend, and I think we are going to do well."

For head coach Steve Rodriguez, this will be the fourth season that he has squared off with Washington, as his Pepperdine Waves faced the Huskies the previous two seasons before he came to Baylor.

Baylor and Washington opened the 2016 season with Washington taking two of three from Baylor at Baylor Ballpark, 7-2 and 7-1. The Bears took the middle game of the series 9-5.

Rodriguez believes that this midseason trip will be good for his team as they have not yet left the state of Texas and the weather and field conditions will cause the Bears to face some new challenges.

"The [West Coast] offenses are run differently, pitching a little bit different and getting away, being on the road, having to room with each other and go eat with each other — there are a lot of great things that happen when you get on the road and rely on each other. It's



Jessica Hubble | Lariat Photographer

**WESTWARD** Baylor Baseball takes to the road. This weekend marks the first time the Bears have traveled out of the state of Texas this season. The team anticipates the West Coast weather to be a challenge but looks forward to the chance to grow.

good for team camaraderie and team building," Rodriguez said. "It's a turf field up there and it's a slow turf. Luckily, we practice there tomorrow night just to get a feel for it. It's going to be cold and rainy, exactly what you picture Seattle weather is supposed to be, but I'm excited about it."

The Huskies enter with a record of 14-9 overall and 4-2 in PAC-12 play. Washington has been considerably better at home this season, posting an 8-3 mark compared to 6-6 on the road.

The Huskies do not overwhelm opposing pitchers with power as they have only hit nine home runs on the season, but Rodriguez says the pitching staff and the aggressive offensive approach is enough to give any team fits.

"They're a talented group, especially their starting pitching. They're aggressive on offense," Rodriguez said. "The catcher is really good, to be honest. We have to keep playing a

good brand of baseball."

The catcher in high esteem is junior Joey Morgan. Morgan hits at a .329 clip with 15 runs driven in and 25 hits including eight doubles that is tied for tops on the team. Senior outfielders MJ Hubbs and Jack Meggs are both well above the .300 line as well, combining for three home runs, 12 doubles and three triples.

Junior pitcher Noah Bremer leads the pitching staff with 1.89 earned run average in four starts. The right-hander has struck out 42 and allowed just eight earned runs thus far. Sophomore Joe DeMers and freshman Jordan Jones have been equally as good for the Huskies this season, allowing 12 earned runs a piece in 11 combined starts.

Baylor has been quite effective with its weekend staff in senior Nick Lewis, junior Montana Parsons and freshman lefty Cody Bradford — performances that keep Bissonette and the defense on its toes and supremely

confident.

"Playing defense behind Nick Lewis, Montana [Parsons] and [Cody] Bradford — we know they're going to put the ball in play, and they're going to throw strikes and do whatever they can to get ahead in count," Bissonette said. "Those guys just go out and compete everyday. That's not an issue, and we love playing defense behind them and they put us in a good position to win."

Rodriguez knows Washington will be a stiff challenge, but he hopes his guys will respond well to the challenge and continue to compete at a high level.

"We're going to have our hands full, there's no doubt about that. I think it will be a good challenge for our guys with some different pressures," Rodriguez said.

Baylor and Washington will square off in game one beginning at 6 p.m. CT Friday at Husky Park.



Associated Press

**BATHROOM** This Thursday, May 12, 2016, file photo, shows a sign outside a restroom at 21c Museum Hotel in Durham, N.C. The Associated Press has determined that North Carolina's law limiting LGBT protections will cost the state more than \$3 billion in lost business over a dozen years. That's despite Republican assurances that the "bathroom bill" isn't hurting the economy.

## NCAA pleased with North Carolina bill

**JOHNATHAN DREW AND EMERY DALESIO**  
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Basketball-mad North Carolina is hoping its move to roll back its "bathroom bill" will help it avoid another costly hit when the NCAA selects four years of championship sites for a variety of sports.

College athletics' governing body has said that it is deciding on locations for tournaments through the spring of 2022 and that it wouldn't award any to North Carolina if the law known as House Bill 2 was still on the books.

On Thursday, amid the mounting pressure, North Carolina's Republican-controlled legislature voted to undo HB2, and Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper signed the measure into law. But it wasn't clear if that would satisfy the NCAA, which made no immediate decision on North Carolina's fate.

NCAA President Mark Emmert said the

association would review the legislation before making a decision in the coming days. He told reporters at a news conference that the NCAA Board of Governors will hold discussions to determine whether the new legislation "is a sufficient change in the law for the board to feel comfortable going back to North Carolina."

But he added: "I'm personally very pleased that they have a bill to debate and discuss."

While lawmakers repealed the much-criticized provision that said transgender people must use the public bathrooms that correspond to the sex on their birth certificate, activists complained that the new law still denies gay and transgender people certain protections from discrimination.

The stakes are high for North Carolina: The Associated Press calculated that the state made \$71.4 million from 28 neutral-site NCAA events in the five academic years ending last spring. A more lucrative slate of events may be in jeopardy in this latest round of decisions.

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**TAKING IT UP A NOTCH** The Baylor women's tennis team looks forward to upping their game as they head into their next two matches, the first being with Iowa State Friday and the next facing West Virginia Sunday.

## Women's tennis team anticipates matches

**BEN EVERETT**  
Sports Writer

The No. 15-ranked Baylor women's tennis team looks to improve their conference record as they face Iowa State and West Virginia this weekend.

The Lady Bears (13-5, 1-2) defeated No. 47 Oklahoma but dropped road matches to No. 7 Oklahoma State and No. 9 Texas Tech earlier this month.

Baylor head coach Joey Scrivano says the team has a chance to bounce back this weekend on the road.

"Every match we play is an opportunity to get better," Scrivano told Baylorbears.com, "so Iowa State and West Virginia are going to provide us an opportunity to bounce back and get back to the basics."

Baylor is undefeated in the all-time series against both teams, going 21-0 in matches versus Iowa State and 4-0 against West Virginia.

Scrivano stressed improvement as the biggest thing he is looking for in his team as they hit the road.

"We have to focus on us improving as a team first and focus on the opponent second," Scrivano told Baylorbears.com. "Right now, all our attention is on how can we improve as a team and put ourselves in the position to make a run in the postseason."

Iowa State, like Baylor, is 1-2 in the Big 12, with their only win coming over West Virginia. The Cyclones were blanked by both Kansas and Kansas State.

West Virginia is 0-3 in conference play and has lost four straight games, all on the road.

West Virginia head coach Miha Lisac says the team is excited to return home to take on the Lady Bears.

"Overall, we are looking forward to a couple of things this weekend," Lisac told

WVUSports.com. "Especially being at home again and playing either at Ridgeview or outdoors, depending on the weather, but in front of our home fans. We are looking forward to Texas and Baylor coming to Morgantown and competing against them here."

The Lady Bears are undefeated at home but hold just a 3-5 record in road matches. Senior Blair Shankle ranks at No. 4 nationally in singles, and the doubles pair of Shankle and sophomore Elizabeth Profit comes in at No. 32 in the country.

Following the back-to-back road matches, the Lady Bears will return home to play SMU before taking on four straight conference opponents in Waco.

Baylor and Iowa State are set to play at 3 p.m. Friday in Ames, Iowa. The Lady Bears will face West Virginia at 9 a.m. Sunday in Morgantown, W.Va.

## Attendance declines for women's NCAA games

**DOUG FEINBERG**  
Associated Press

There were a lot of empty seats at the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament regionals.

The NCAA saw its lowest attendance for the regionals in 20 years, and there is no change to the format in sight.

An average of 4,719 fans showed up for the Sweet 16 and Elite Eight games in the four neutral-site venues. That's down 27 percent from last year and nearly 50 percent from 2014, when the games were played on campus sites. In 1997, an average of 4,252 fans came to the regionals.

This year's numbers were bolstered by the Bridgeport Regional, which sold out both days UConn played there. No other site had a local team playing.

"We continue to work as hard as possible to support strong attendance at regional sites," said Anucha Browne, the NCAA vice president for women's basketball. "The challenge is taking some great teams that have real strong attendance on campuses and move them across the country that their fans can travel with them. It's not a logical approach to grow our game."

The Stockton Regional had three East Coast teams play in it, along with Oregon State. South Carolina and Florida State met in the final Monday night with only 3,134 fans in attendance. The Gamecocks have led the NCAA in home attendance the past few years, drawing an average of 12,277 fans this season. However, few wanted to make the cross-country trip to California.

Oklahoma City had a strong matchup, with Baylor facing Mississippi State — the top two teams in the region. Yet only

3,128 fans attended Sunday night's game. Lexington was even worse, with 2,527 fans coming to see Notre Dame face Stanford.

"We have a unique situation that needs to be handled," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "I'm not saying I know what all the answers are, but there's certain places in America that there's a lot of really good women's basketball fans, and there's a lot of places that it's not. So to put regionals in those places doesn't make any sense."

The numbers aren't all bad. The attendance at the first two rounds of the NCAAs was the third highest in the last 10 years. The Final Four and championship game in Dallas are virtually sold out for the first time since 2014. Moving the Final Four to a Friday-Sunday format this year for the first time since 2002 helped that.

The NCAA already has awarded next year's regionals to Albany, Kansas City, Spokane and Lexington. The 2019 and 2020 sites will be announced next month, and Browne said they, too, will be at neutral venues.

"In the future, if we want to reconsider having a regional played on campus sites and all rounds of our championships outside of the Final Four, that's something we'll have to continue to track," she said.

Browne would be in favor of schools hosting the regionals again. In 2014, the regionals averaged more than 9,000 fans.

"The data points say that women's basketball is best served on campus sites for first two rounds and regionals," Browne said. "We've seen it. Our student-athletes have advocated for it. If we really want to support a great environment for them to play their championships, that's the best option right now."

*"We continue to work as hard as possible to support strong attendance at regional sites."*

Anucha Browne | NCAA vice president for women's basketball

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