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Striking a Deal

BAA, university reach settlement amid legal battle

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Staff Writer

Baylor University and the Baylor Alumni Association reached a settlement on March 7 that includes an organizational name change and \$2 million payment. The news comes just three weeks before their pending trial over the organization's existence.

The BAA had served as the official alumni organization of Baylor since a recognition and license agreement was reached in 1994 as long as the BAA "[agreed] to support the purpose and goals of Baylor University." Baylor and the BAA have been associated with each other for 157 years by the alumni association.

In December 2013, an attempt to merge the BAA with Baylor's in-house alumni network was rejected.

The two entities began legal action after Baylor sued the organization in 2014 on account of the alleged misuse of Baylor's name and trademarks. The BAA then countersued, claiming that Baylor had breached their contract and that the tearing down of the Hughes-Dillard Alumni Center was unnecessary.

Both parties have been involved in litigation for nearly two years.

According to an official joint statement, the agreement reached will include the continuation of the Baylor Alumni Network in regard to outreach, events and programing for all alumni, parents and friends. The BAA will serve as an independent nonprofit organization and will undergo a change in title, most likely to the Baylor Line Foundation, but will not be considered an "alumni association." The group will instead focus on the funding of student scholarships and

events for fundraising.

Baylor will also pay the BAA \$2 million for the Hughes-Dillard Alumni Center that was demolished. The money may be used in any way that is charitable to the organization in return for the waiving of the rights to replace the building.

"This agreement, with its emphasis on cultivating strong relationships between all alumni and their alma mater and its firm commitment to support student scholarships, is the remarkable result of diligent work by a group of dedicated servant leaders, for whom we are deeply grateful," President and Chancellor Ken Starr said in a statement.

The Baylor Line Foundation will continue to print the Baylor Line Magazine with a new, more solid licensing agreement. In a letter to

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Students arrested on break

JESSICA HUBBLE
Staff Writer

Baylor running back and Burkburnett senior Devin Chafin was suspended from the football team after being arrested on marijuana possession charges at 8:05 a.m. Friday in Oklahoma.

Chafin was traveling with Madill, Okla., senior Jennifer Kerr. The two were stopped 13 miles west of Grandfield, Okla., on Highway 70 in Tillman County, according to a Facebook post by Tillman County sheriff. The County Sheriff, Bobby Whittington, stopped the car for speeding and found marijuana.

"We are deeply concerned of the conduct of these individuals. Although marijuana is legal in Colorado, it isn't in Oklahoma," said the post. "Also, the marijuana candy looks like any hard candy you could purchase in any store. We sure would hate to see a small child ingest this candy that has a high THC content!"

The Facebook post also included photos of the marijuana and marijuana candy that was seized.

According to the post, the marijuana and marijuana candy was purchased in Colorado, where it is legal. It is illegal to take marijuana from Colorado across state lines though. Marijuana is only legal for medicinal use in Oklahoma.

Chafin and Kerr both posted bond and were released.

"Coach [Art] Briles has suspended Devin from the team and we are continuing to gather more information about the incident," said Nicholas Joos, Baylor's executive associate athletic director for external affairs.

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Poetry event to allow survivors to speak out

KALYN STORY
Staff Writer

The Waco Hippodrome Theatre will be hosting *Unsilent: Survivors Speak*, an evening of poetry and spoken word about interpersonal violence.

The event will take place at 9:30 p.m. on today and is free and open to the public. It is hosted by the Waco Poets Society and Kyndall Rothaus,

2011 Truett Seminary graduate and pastor of Lakeshore Baptist Church.

Unsilent: Survivors Speak immediately follows *Prayers for Survivors: A Time For Anger* which begins at 8 p.m. at Elliston Chapel.

Rothaus is speaking at *Prayers for Survivors* and performing at *Unsilent*. She said she believes these events are important because there are not many safe spaces for people to creatively express their feelings.

"No one ever created the space for me, so we're creating the space for you," Rothaus said. "A space for survivors to tell their stories and listen with respect."

Rothaus wants these spaces to empower survivors to get support and encourage allies to help their friends and survivors in their lives.

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Fraternity temporarily suspends activity

HEATHER TROTTER
Reporter

Baylor University has suspended all of Phi Delta Theta's organizational activities until a full investigation of an incident involving the fraternity's president has been completed.

On March 3, Baylor's Phi Delta Theta president and Garland junior Jacob Anderson was arrested and charged with sexual assault after a female was assaulted at a party on February 21. He was later released on bond.

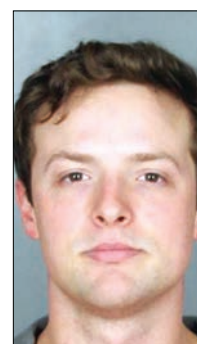
The fraternity declined an interview about the investigation, but did release a statement to the Baylor Lariat saying that the fraternity was made aware of the situation and that they are

cooperating with law enforcement. criminal system has in these cases,"

Baylor Panhellenic also released a statement to all sororities on campus urging Greek life members not to speak to the media regarding the incident, but to direct any questions from the media to Lori Fogleman, the vice president for media relations and crisis communications at Baylor University.

In a university statement, Baylor's role in the investigation is explained.

"The University recognizes the seriousness of these situations and acknowledges the role that the



Anderson

activity, in our campus community is a top priority for the University, and we will continue to focus on solutions and support for those

affected," the statement said.

Baylor's Division of Student Life and Title IX Office is working closely with Phi Delta Theta to investigate the matter.

Baylor IFC vice president of activities, Kevin Blouse, could not be reached for comment.

Baylor University has recently hired Pepper Hamilton Law firm to investigate previous sexual assault cases at Baylor and provide future recommendation for the handling of similar cases.

Baylor's Title IX office now requires all Baylor students and faculty to attend Title IX training in order to attend to combat sexual assault. The implementation of this training was approved by the Board of Regents in February.

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EDITORIAL

Obama retains right to appoint justices

As President Obama gets closer to revealing his nomination for the next U.S. Supreme Court justice after Justice Antonin Scalia's passing last month, Republicans in the Senate are more than adamant to block whomever it may be.

Obama still has every right to nominate the next justice. However, many Republicans feel that this new nomination could shift the balance of the court in favor of Democrats and have already vowed to block any nominee from being confirmed in the Senate.

However, this childish political stunt could have serious ramifications.

The situation is comparable to kids playing at team sport at recess. The kids on the team who happen to be wearing red shirts don't want to help out teammates wearing blue shirts, even though everyone is essentially playing for the same team. In turn, the team suffers because players are not willing to work together.

This is an instance where both Republicans and Democrats guiding our country's policies ought to work together.

The implications of Republicans blocking the Supreme Court nominee could hinder the court's ability to decide on several pending controversial court cases dealing with abortion, affirmative action in college admissions, contraception, immigration, jury selection, public unions and voting rights.

With Scalia's death, four of the remaining justices tend to make more liberal decisions, and the other four tend to rule more conservatively. This means that most of the upcoming rulings are expected to end in a 4-4 vote between the justices without that ninth individual to break the tie. This is problematic because if there is a split decision on an issue, the ruling of the lower

court, normally a state court, is upheld.

Many of the issues to be decided on are expected to end with a split decision. If the Republicans follow through and block whomever Obama nominates, the Supreme Court would essentially be ineffective and unable to make key decisions on many of these crucial cases.

Many Republicans will argue that it is better to wait until the next president has been elected before nominating a justice who is able to sit on the Supreme Court for the rest of his or her life. This is an attempt encourage voters to express what type of justice they want in the general election, which encourages a government for the people.

A president having a opportunity to nominate a justice to the Supreme Court during an election year has only happened five times in the past century. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson nominated justices Louis Brandeis and John Clarke, both of whom were confirmed by the Senate. In 1932, President Herbert Hoover nominated Benjamin Cardozo, and he was confirmed in only 10 days. In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt nominated Frank Murphy who was confirmed two weeks later. In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson tried to elevate justice Fortas to chief justice and the move was withdrawn. Lastly, President Ronald Reagan nominated Anthony Kennedy, who was confirmed in 1988.

Some of the backlash comes from senator Charles Schumer, a prominent Democrat, who in 2007, vowed to block Supreme Court nominations by President George W. Bush. While Schumer voted against the confirmation of Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel



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Alito, both were confirmed before the next election.

When it comes down to it, each party ideally would like the power on the Supreme Court to shift in their favor when causes and issues politicians have been championing will be decided upon.

However, regardless of where you might fall on the political spectrum, it is indisputable that Obama is still the president of the United States until the newly elected president will be inaugurated next year.

Many of the controversial issues that are soon to be decided have been dividing our country along ideological and political lines for years now. It would be more beneficial for the Supreme Court to actually have the ability to make a decisive ruling on these key issues, whichever way the court may rule. Instead of perpetual political gridlock, it would be better to work as a team in order to have definitive answers and the ability move forward as a nation.

COLUMN

Media time shouldn't be partisan

JESSICA BABB

Broadcast Managing Editor

Donald Trump has been taking the polls by storm, winning state after state in the presidential primaries. He has had so much success he is currently the frontrunner for the Republican presidential nomination. As the election season continues to wind on, I constantly find myself asking how an abrasive, rude, rash man with no political experience can be doing so well.

The more I have thought about it, the more I realize much of Trump's rise in the polls is likely related to the amount of attention he receives from the media.

There is a common saying that "all publicity is good publicity," and in this case, that is true. Early on in the presidential campaigns, Trump started gaining attention because he chose not to act like a politician. He openly criticized others, demeaned minority groups and didn't care what anyone had to say about it. Trump's actions on a presidential campaign were simply unprecedented, and early on the media ate it up.

According to a recent analysis conducted by Media Matters, a nonprofit media-related research and information organization, Trump received \$29.7 million in free airtime on Fox News from May 2015 to the end of the year. While Trump appeared on the network for about 23 hours, none of the other candidates had more than 10 hours on the same network.

Other networks like ABC, CBS and NBC had a combined total of 17 hours of coverage related to the presidential campaign on their weekday nightly newscast for 2015, according to the Tyndall Report. Trump, of course, had the most coverage with 327 minutes total, which is 32 percent of the total time dedicated to all candidates. Hillary Clinton, the

frontrunner for the Democratic Party who had the second-most coverage, only had a total of 121 minutes combined on all three networks last year. Ted Cruz, Bernie Sanders and Marco Rubio only had about 20 minutes on those same nightly newscasts.

Clearly, media outlets have favored Trump and for obvious reasons since he is so outlandish. But this is problematic, not just because it gives Trump an enormous advantage over the other candidates, but also because it has turned this election into a reality TV show.

Every time Trump says something crazy and unfathomable, you can pretty much guarantee you will see almost every outlet talking about it in some way. I mean, why not? As someone who is striving to have a career in broadcast journalism, I can understand that it happens because Trump's large personality draws in viewers and can easily be sensationalized. It's exciting, it's different and it's something that never seems to get old.

Plain and simple, it is easy election coverage, but it's not necessarily the best election coverage. The comical and absolutely ridiculous sound bites have in a way created this perception that this election is more like a reality TV show rather than an actual election to elect a president that will be the commander-in-chief of our country. In a way sometimes it feels more like I'm watching the "Real Housewives" or "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" instead of election coverage.

I know this article is ironic since I am part of the media, but in this case I am not paying attention to the candidate, but rather the systematic problem of sensationalism found in today's media.

The way the media has played into Trump's character over the course of this election has only increased his popularity. Instead of giving him hours of free airtime on networks every time he says something politically incorrect, it would be better to give candidates a more equal share of attention and to remember that not everything sensational is actually newsworthy.

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COLUMN

Long-distance dating is hard, but worth it

HEATHER TROTTER

Reporter

Long-distance relationships can be really hard. You live far away from each other, you don't always know what the other person is doing and there can be a lot of miscommunication.

I have been in a long-distance relationship with my boyfriend for nine months now.

He lives in San Marcos, which is about two hours away from Waco. Two hours might not seem like a lot, but when you only get to see each other on the weekends, and maybe not even every weekend, it can be rough. But fortunately, we've been able to make it work.

We text and call each other every day, and we usually end up on FaceTime too. We try to visit each other every weekend and we try to do fun things together like going to see a drive-in movie or going to San Antonio to the Riverwalk. We are also completely open with each other, so we can talk about anything.

We've had a great nine months, but it isn't always easy being apart. We can't always just drive two hours to see each other during the week- my boyfriend has class and football, and I have class and work. Because we text a lot during the day there can sometimes

be miscommunication and we end up annoyed or mad. If either of us is having a bad day, we can't just go to the other person and be with them until everything is better.

So basically, long-distance sucks. But there are some good things that come with a long-distance relationship. The best part is that when the two of you are together, the time you have is so much more special because sometimes it's very limited.

Another surprisingly good part is that you aren't together 24/7, so you don't get annoyed with each other and you can focus on yourself more. Some people in relationships spend too much time together, which can sometimes hurt a relationship.

I'd say that long-distance relationships are definitely doable. It might be hard sometimes, but it's definitely worth it when you're finally together. To make it work, you have to be understanding of the other person's time commitments, like class, work, sports, etc. You also have to trust your partner. If you don't trust them, it's never going to work. Unless they give you a reason not to trust them, then they should be given the benefit of the doubt. You also both need to be strong individuals because not everyone can handle long-distance relationships and being apart for longer periods of time.

So if you're in a long-distance relationship, trust the other person, enjoy the time to you spend together and don't take anything for granted.

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Global Business Forum sparks discussion

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Reporter

Monday marked the beginning of the McBride Center for International Business's 10th annual Global Business Forum at the Foster Campus for Business & Innovation.

The week long event is free and open to the public, and it has traditionally covered a wide range of topics including big data, international issues in global healthcare, China's role in the global economy and emerging economies in Africa. This year's Global Business Forum is focused on the Middle East and its gradual integration into the global economy.

Monday's event began with a brief presentation by Dr. Steve Green, professor of economics and statistics at Baylor, who addressed some of the major economic and social concerns in the Middle East region.

"A lot of the lower-income countries have higher population growth rates, and with higher population growth rates, you tend to have a younger population ... which is also an indicator of employment problems in these countries," Green said. "Those employment problems also often translate into political problems in these countries."

The presentation was followed by a series of videos depicting the often-unseen modern culture within the Middle East, such as a brief tour of the Westernized city of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates and a music video by Saad Lamjarred depicting a more progressive side of the region's culture. Also featured was the trailer for "Wadjda," the first film ever produced



Trey Honeycutt | Lariat Photographer

KEYNOTE The 10th Annual Global Business Forum kicked off today at the Foster Campus for Business & Innovation. Keynote speaker Ayman Safadi, CEO of Path Arabia, spoke after Dr. Steve Green, professor of economics and statistics at Baylor, and answered questions from the audience regarding religious extremism in the Middle East.

in Saudi Arabia, where cinemas are banned by authorities.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Green

introduced keynote speaker Ayman Safadi for a brief question and answer period. Safadi is the CEO and Founder of Path Arabia, an Abu

Dhabi-based political and communications firm, and the former Deputy Prime Minister of Jordan. Safadi is also an alumnus of Baylor, having earned an MA in International Journalism in 1994.

While focusing primarily on economic issues, Safadi took some time to discuss and address questions from members of the audience on the issue of extreme religious ideology in the region.

"A lot of the narrative that we've been getting is negative narrative, and that somehow feeds into the extremists because once there's no hope — once we kill hope and project that part of the world as filled with hatred — a lot of people start to believe that, and they are able to recruit more," Safadi said.

Safadi also had advice to give to those wishing to shed the Middle East region in a better light.

"I think one of the main tools in our hands to counter the extremist ideologies is to come up with a more positive narrative," Safadi said. "A narrative that celebrates life. A narrative that celebrates what is common among us humans. A narrative that tells the story of millions and millions of young men and women in the region who are trying to make a better life. It's the pursuit of happiness. It's the pursuit of opportunity."

In addition to his talk today, Safadi will also be speaking at the forum's keynote dinner on Wednesday, March 16 at the Foster Campus' Meyer Conference Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All seven of the forum's events will be free and open to the public.

TCEQ warns of arsenic in Texas drinking water

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Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Arsenic levels in drinking water exceed federal safety levels in more than 60 rural Texas communities, and federal officials need to step in because the state isn't doing enough to notify residents of the dangers, according to a report released Monday by a national environmental group.

The Washington, D.C.-based Environmental Integrity Project analyzed more than a decade of Texas data that showed about 51,000 people in 34 of those communities have been exposed to contaminated drinking water for at least a decade, many at levels several times higher than the arsenic limit. The group said Texas needs to do more to warn residents about the risks of exposure to

arsenic, a naturally occurring carcinogen.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, which collected the data, confirmed that 65 communities' water exceeded the limit for arsenic, most of them in West Texas and near the Gulf Coast. But the agency said all but two were "under enforcement" by the state or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, meaning the operators of those communities' water systems have been ordered to implement better filters and faced fines.

TCEQ spokesman Terry Clawson said arsenic levels typically found in Texas "do not pose an immediate health threat," and that "the potential danger of arsenic intake is very specifically detailed" in advisories the agency sends to communities. He said the agency doesn't provide funding for cleanup, but gives

communities information about potential funding sources.

That isn't enough, according to the Environmental Integrity Project and other experts who called on the EPA to intervene. They noted that the TCEQ advisory sent to affected communities warns that people who drink water containing more than the federal safety standard of arsenic — 10 parts per billion — could develop cancer or circulatory issues, yet states: "This is not an emergency. You do not need to use an alternative water supply."

Joseph Graziano, an environmental sciences professor at Columbia University who focuses on human exposure to metals, said the advisory is "completely inadequate." He said the notice should inform residents of home filtration systems, expand on the adverse health effects of exposure, and identify the most vulnerable populations, including pregnant women and children.



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the organization, BAA president Tom Nesbitt promises members who have life memberships continued benefits, including a lifetime subscription to the Baylor Line.

A new form of election will be introduced to the Board of Regents as part of the agreement. Alumni will be able to vote for three regents who will be placed on the board in staggered terms of one, two and three years. At the end of each of these terms, the alumni will be able to vote on either the re-election or replacement of the regents. Those elected will have full regent rights and duties and may serve three terms if eligible.

The agreement will be void if the two parties cannot agree on the initial regent members or if the BAA members do not approve of the BAA's new title.

"With this lawsuit behind us, we look forward to ushering in an exciting new chapter for our members and for Baylor, an institution we all hold dear. We are eager to move forward together – united as one Baylor family," Nesbitt wrote in his letter to members.

U.S. District Judge and Baylor Law graduate Ed Kinkeade was a major negotiator in the dispute, as well as Baylor regent and Baylor graduate J. Cary Gray. Judge Cary Coley presided over the lengthy case.

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Sharyl West Loeung, a 2011 Truett Seminary graduate, believes there is a Biblical precedent of anger being healthy and she hopes these two events allow students to share and hear testimony that they can relate to and identify with.

"Psalms cry out to God and we should too," Loeung said. "I hope students of all backgrounds come to both events and cry to God for themselves and on behalf of others."

Loeung hopes these events will encourage students to move away from the rhetoric she often heard in church such as "forgive and forget" and "good girls don't get angry." Loeung believes skipping the process of anger can be detrimental to healing and hopes students will come and express their anger through the prayer and spoken word opportunities Tuesday night.

There will be an opportunity to make a donation to the Family Abuse Center and the Advocacy Center of Waco, two local organizations providing services and support for children and adults who are recovering from sexual assault and family abuse.

Georgetown sophomore Audrey Hamlin is one of seven guest poets performing at *Unsilent :: Survivors Speak*.

Hamlin often wrote poetry as a child but really got involved with it as a way to cope with her own experiences with interpersonal violence.

She believes the event will provide an accurate view of what it is like to survive abuse through raw and vulnerable performances from survivors.

"Even if you haven't experienced interpersonal violence, come to this event because more than likely there is someone in your life who has and this can help you love the survivors in your life," Hamlin said.

Hamlin will perform a piece about what it looks like to cope with memories of violence. She will discuss how violence can cause life to revolve around your abuse and your abuser and how she personally struggled with defining her life by the good experiences and not the bad.

"I am more courageous and compassionate and beautiful because I am a survivor, and that is not credited to my abuser. That is credited to me," Hamlin said.

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Sarah Pyo | Web & Social Media Editor

ARRESTED Baylor running back and Burkburnett senior Devin Chafin was suspended from the football team after his arrest on Friday on marijuana possession charges.

In the 2015 football season Chafin had 578 rushing yards and nine touchdowns. He has played for Baylor the past three seasons.

Ending Hunger

Student honored in D.C. for contributions toward serving others

LIESJE POWERS
Staff Writer

Riya Rahman, a senior political science student, was recently named as a White House Champion of Change recipient for her work toward helping end child hunger. She received recognition at the Summer Opportunity Workshop on February 26 at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington, D.C.

Rahman spoke on a panel to nearly 100 people about her work to end child hunger with the Texas Hunger Initiative and Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry campaign. Her panel was facilitated by acting Secretary of Education, John King. This event also had the secretary of labor and secretary of agriculture as panel leaders, making it the first with three cabinet members present.

"It's a testament to how important of an opportunity this was. It's just the honor of being recognized by the White House and being able to say that someone at the White House thinks that I'm worthy of this award," Rahman said.

Rahman began her service when she attended a Hunger in America mission trip in 2014. This experience spurred her to reach out to a volunteer center in Dallas. After volunteering for a few weeks, she was offered an internship position with THI at the Dallas office. She was later given the role of Youth Ambassador with the Share Our Strength campaign and worked for the year in THI's Central Office. Rahman then returned to the Dallas office and worked with the Excellence in Summer Meals Campaign, which is engineered to see what is and isn't helping with food distribution. She then was able to declare herself as an undergraduate policy analyst and is currently working in that position with THI in Waco.

"It was just kind of a boom, boom, boom," Rahman said. "All my ducks aligned in a row."

When first notified of the award, Rahman assumed that it was a spam email. She sent the invitation to her boss and was urged to respond immediately. Rahman told very few about the opportunity after her initial response.

"I didn't want to get my hopes up, so I was very nonchalant about it," Rahman said. "I didn't actually tell anyone because I really didn't think that it was real or that it was happening, that I was going to get it at all."

One person was allowed to attend the ceremony with Rahman, but she had two very important mentors that she wanted to bring with her. Her wishes were granted after speaking with organizers for the event.

The first was Loretta Landry, regional manager of Child Hunger Outreach at the Dallas office. She was one of the first people who spoke with Rahman in the organization and suggested she be an intern, allowing for growth within her job.

"She's always been really supportive and also let me learn to



Photo Courtesy of Riya Rahman

LENDING A HAND Political science senior Riya Rahman was named a White House Champion of Change recipient on Feb. 26 for her efforts to end childhood hunger.

take control of my work. She let me be in charge of things and really didn't treat me like an intern. She treated me like I was a capable staff person," Rahman said. "It was really a great learning experience and I attribute a lot of my work ethic to her."

Her second guest was Sam Reads, online organizer for Share Our Strength, who continually supports Rahman in her work. He nominated Rahman for the award after working with her as a youth ambassador.

"If I had an idea and I wasn't ready to share it with people I would just call him. Almost 99.9 percent of the time he was completely supportive and told me that I could change the world if I wanted to, and it takes people like that to really believe that you can," Rahman said. "He is a great person to have in your corner."

Rahman is currently working on Child Nutrition Reauthorization, which helps children who are eligible for free food for the government and is reinstated every five years. The Senate recently passed the bipartisan bill and the House is currently working on legislation for the bill. Rahman said she hopes it passes before the summer so that children can have programs for this year.

"I feel like my passion for the cause is reignited in the home stretch... I needed something to really push me into wanting to be motivated more to continue to make a difference. I think this award really did that for me, and made me realize how lucky I am to be working in a cause that I love," Rahman said.

She will be graduating in May, but is not yet sure what she will be doing after graduation.

"I'd love to be in D.C. but I'd love to be in Texas too. I'm just waiting to find the right opportunity," Rahman said. "I really love love love lobbying and advocating for these programs but I really see the value in implementations as well, so honestly as long as I get to stay in this issue I would be happy."

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Week in Waco:

>> Today

7:30 p.m. — “Moon over Buffalo” at Jones Theatre. \$20.

8 p.m. — Open Mic Night at The Backyard Bar, Stage and Grill. Free.

9:15 p.m. — Unsilent: Survivors Speak, a night of poetry and spoken word at the Waco Hippodrome. Free.

>> Wednesday

7:30 p.m. — “Moon over Buffalo” at Jones Theatre. \$20.

8 p.m. — Open Mic Night at Common Grounds. Free.

>> Thursday

7 p.m. — St. Patrick's Day Celebration with the Baylor Swing Dance Society, Heavenly Voices Gospel Choir and Ballroom Dance Society at Barfield Drawing Room. \$5.

7 p.m. — Third Thursday Open Mic at Tea 2 Go. Free.

7:30 p.m. — “Moon over Buffalo” at Jones Theatre. \$20.



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BUFFALO GAL (AND GUY) Spicewood junior Tiffany Navarro, as Charlotte Hay, tackles her philandering husband George, played by Spokane, Wash., junior Gabe Lipton.

Baylor Theatre stages love, lust and laughter in farcical production of ‘Moon over Buffalo’

JACQUELYN KELLAR
Reporter

“Moon Over Buffalo,” a comedy directed by Waco graduate student Nick Hoenshell, will open at 7:30 p.m. today in the Jones Theatre and will continue through Sunday.

The farcical play, originally written by Ken Ludwig, follows the story of George and Charlotte Hay, two 1950s has-beens who are making a last stand to save their dying acting careers. The pair is putting on two plays — “Cyrano de Bergerac” and “Private Lives”— and hopes to catch the attention of film director Frank Capra with one of them (though they might have trouble remembering which one).

Spokane, Wash., junior Gabe Lipton and Spicewood junior Tiffany Navarro have worked to make the leading couple a bright, mismatched duo that never gets along but is still perfect for each other. Despite the light and humorous atmosphere, the pair faces George’s affair and alcoholism in an attempt to save not only their livelihood, but their family as well.

“With this play, it’s all about making sure that we tell the story about this family and the love that they feel towards one another, with the comedy stuffed in between,” Hoenshell said. “It’s important to give the audience a complete theatrical experience by being able to tell a good story. We want to tell it truthfully and make sure that it isn’t just a fluff piece, that it’s a story worth telling.”

Hoenshell unintentionally cast almost all theater students that are a part of Guerrilla

Troupe, Baylor’s improvisational comedy group. Lipton said featuring actors with extensive improv and comedy experience will add energy and life to the show, and audiences are guaranteed to see a comedy production that is one of a kind.

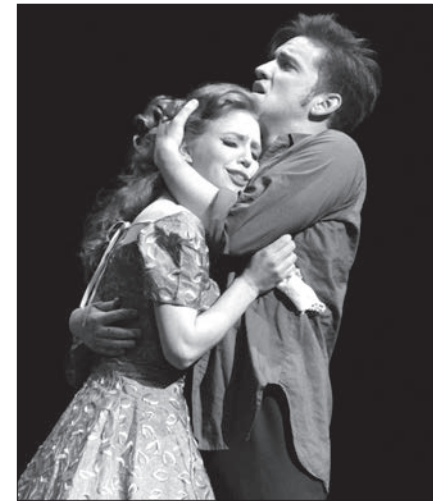
THE DETAILS

Catch the play at 7:30 p.m. today through Saturday or at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in Jones Theatre.

Tickets cost \$20 and are available at baylor.edu/theatre.

“One of my favorite things to do when it comes to acting is to keep it as fresh as possible every night,” said Lipton, who is playing George Hay. “I hate getting stuck into what people call line readings, where you find one way to say a line and you do it that same way every single night. It becomes robotic and stale.”

The characters are as vibrant as the story, bringing life to classic funny lines and comedic blunders. Because they have training in comedy



MOONY Lipton comforts his mistress Eileen, played by Plano junior Alex Self.



PLAY WITHIN THE PLAY Navarro’s character, Charlotte Hay, puts her bloomers on for “Cyrano de Bergerac.”

and improv as well as formal theater, Lipton said the actors will really be able to bring these flawed characters to life.

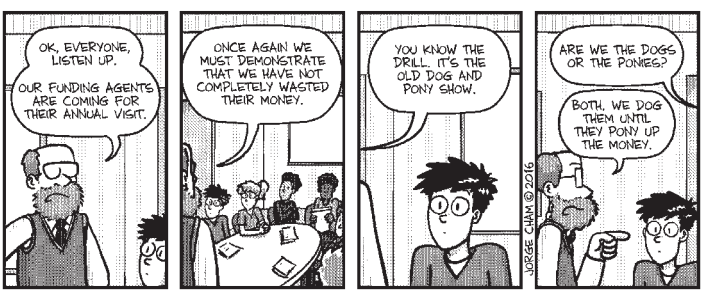
“It makes the difference between watching a realistic person on stage versus just a good actor,” Lipton said. “It’s the ability to be able to listen and respond authentically every time.”

Hoenshell said the script of “Moon Over Buffalo” was promising from the beginning, a quality that made it stand apart from the other potential productions he submitted to faculty for approval as his dissertation. However, the actors brought the story to life.

The show is a thesis production in partial fulfillment of Hoenshell’s master’s in directing. In Baylor Theatre, graduate directing students aren’t required just to do a dissertation. Hoenshell has spent a full year of his time in the graduate program working on this production. The five-chapter, 200 page paper is his thesis defense, whereas “Moon Over Buffalo” is the main act, displaying all the directing skills he has learned during his studies.

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Today’s Puzzles

Across

- Computer whose 27-inch version has a Retina 5K display
- Down in the mouth
- Rum-soaked cakes
- Part of rock’s CSNY
- Midterm, e.g.
- Eel, to a sushi chef
- *Seriously indoctrinate
- 13-Down actress Normand
- Miracle-__
- *Improvised rap
- Medical screening system
- Tell (on)
- Fiver
- *Risqué
- Hill-building stinger
- LAX summer setting
- Director Kazan
- “Blue Bloods” actor Will
- *Weight-training exercise
- Nurse at a bar
- 1956 Mideast crisis site
- Mensa concerns
- Hometown of the Ivy League’s Big Red
- *Markdown
- Chinese menu general
- Nev. neighbor
- Binges
- *Brand created in Toronto in 1904
- Chow line?
- More than chubby
- Permanent place, and a hint to the ends of the answers to starred clues
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- River to the English Channel
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- Cold War initials
- Early anesthetic
- Foul tip?
- Med. school subject
- Newborn’s natural insulator
- Botox target
- Films that usually had live music
- Scrubbed, at NASA
- Word with bud or flap
- Bikini part
- Country mail svc.
- Utility abbr.
- Chihuahua cheers
- Tear to pieces
- ISP option

- Service pro
- Feathery neckwear
- Contentious border happening
- Israeli guns
- “Maude,” “Phyllis” and “Rhoda”
- “You’re on!”
- Dir. assistance info
- Frozen floater
- “__ pasa?”
- Beale and Bourbon: Abbr.
- Canine care gp.?
- Tax time VIPs
- Thing to run
- For this purpose
- Pacific Rim continent
- Avis modifier
- Hip-hop’s __ Yang Twins
- King of Spain
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TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT Senior forward Rico Gathers holds off a Kansas defender during the Bears' game against Kansas on Saturday in Kansas City, Mo. Baylor lost in the semifinals to Kansas, 70-66, after beating Texas in the opening round. The Bears earned a No. 5 seed for the NCAA tournament and face No. 12 Yale in the first round.

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS, AGAIN Head coach Kim Mulkey celebrates with her daughter and former player Makenzie Fuller at the Chesapeake Energy Arena in Oklahoma City, Okla. after winning the Big 12 tournament. The Lady Bears hold a 20-game winning streak and the No. 1 seed in the Dallas region of the NCAA tournament beginning on Friday.

Guts and glory

MEGHAN MITCHELL &
BEN EVERETT
Sports Writers

Conference play started out very different from how it ended for the Baylor Lady Bears. Senior guard Niya Johnson was absent in Baylor's first game.

The Lady Bears ended up losing that game to Oklahoma State. After that, Baylor completely swept the Big 12.

After losing their first Big 12 game of the season, the Lady Bears stormed back to take the Big 12 regular title and then win the 2016 Phillips 66 Big 12 Women's Basketball Championship in Oklahoma City, Okla., last week.

To cap off the Big 12 season, the Lady Bears finished with a 20-game winning streak.

"This gives us a lot of confidence," said junior forward Nina Davis. "I feel like we're all coming together as a team, and what better way to end the next chapter than to end with a win in the championship."

The Longhorns remained close early on and only trailed by three to end the first quarter.

Struggling on the offensive end, the Longhorns shot at just 39 percent

overall and 1-for-8 from outside the arc.

"Defense is something we take a lot of pride in," Davis said. "We wanted to focus on the defense and let our offense come to us, and it worked out for us."

Fighting their way back, the Longhorns closed the gap to one, 18-17 in the second quarter, but the Lady Bears were too much for the Longhorns to handle.

Going into the half up by 11, Baylor had the momentum going into the third quarter where they took a 17-point lead.

Although they were outscored in the fourth quarter, Texas' effort was too late. Baylor's lead was too large and the Lady Bears went on to win, 79-63.

Junior guard Alexis Jones earned the Most Outstanding Player award after finishing with 16 points and eight assists while in route to help her team get passed the Longhorns, 79-63.

Jones also put up 19 points and 11 assists in the semi-final matchup against Oklahoma.

"I didn't want to miss the shot, to be honest," Jones said. "So I pump-faked and held my follow-through."

"She can do things with a

basketball that a lot of girls can't do," said head coach Kim Mulkey. "It's taken a while for her to not overpass and for her to learn her teammates. Some of them can't catch those passes. She can score anytime she wants, but to watch her assist-to-turnover ratio improve - it makes her an overall complete player."

As a No. 1 seed, the Lady Bears will be back in action at the Ferrell Center 5 p.m. Friday where they will host No. 16 Idaho in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

MEN

Baylor's men's basketball team closed out the Big 12 Conference season over the weekend with a strong showing at the Big 12 tournament in Kansas City, Mo.

The No. 5-seeded Bears (22-11, 10-8) picked up an upset win over No. 4 seed Texas before falling to No. 1 seed Kansas in the semifinals.

Baylor came prepared against the Longhorns (20-12, 11-7), whom they split the season series with, taking a 38-27 lead into halftime after a buzzer-beating three from freshman guard Jake Lindsey.

"It was all about bringing intensity and doing whatever we had to do to keep the team alive and in the

moment," senior forward Taurean Prince said.

The Bears dominated the glass, out-rebounding Texas 46-27 while also locking down on the defensive end and holding the Longhorns to 38 percent shooting.

Prince led Baylor on offense, posting his ninth career double-double with 24 points and a season high 13 rebounds.

"Anytime you're playing Texas, it means a lot to our fans, and it means a lot to us," head coach Scott Drew said. "Let alone, it's a Big 12 tournament, and you're playing for a chance to win the championship."

With a win in the quarterfinals, Drew earned his 250th game as head coach of the Bears as they advanced to play No. 1-ranked Kansas on Friday.

In the first half, Baylor carried over their defensive success from the previous game, holding the Jayhawks to a season low 21 points.

Lindsey drained a three-pointer at the buzzer for the second straight game to give the Bears a two point halftime lead.

However, the Jayhawks found their offensive rhythm in the second half, going up by as many as 16 points before Kansas head coach Bill Self removed his starters from the game.

Baylor didn't give up, though, going on an unbelievable 18-5 run in the final two minutes to pull within four points of the No. 1-seeded Jayhawks.

"I think it gives us confidence that we're never out of a game," sophomore guard Al Freeman said. "Everybody has to be bought in and know that it's a 40-minute game. It's not a 38-minute game, not a 37-minute game, it's a 40-minute game."

Self put his starters back in with 23 seconds left, and the veteran Kansas players were able to make their free throws and win the game, 70-66.

"The game's not over until the horn sounds," senior point guard Lester Medford said. "This just gets us prepared for the NCAA tournament, for close games, because we've been in a lot of close games."

In the end, the Bears were unable to overcome their own mistakes, turning the ball over 13 times and missing 11 free throws in what could have been a much closer game.

Baylor was awarded with a No. 5 seed in the NCAA Tournament and will face No. 12 seed Yale at 1:40 p.m. Thursday in Providence, R.I.

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Time for madness

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Sports Writers

The Lady Bears (33-1) were given the No. 1 seed in the Dallas region of the NCAA women's basketball tournament Monday night. For the fifth year in a row, the Ferrell Center will host the first two rounds of NCAA women's basketball tournament.

"This time of year, there are no bad teams. I don't even know how the committee can rank and select who gets what seed because it's a difficult task, but it's a reward for the team, but also for our fans," said head coach Kim Mulkey. "When you can host the first two games here, and if you should win those and get to go to Dallas, it's a perfect setup. It doesn't guarantee any wins, but it's certainly good for our fans."

With the No. 1 seed in their hands, the Lady Bears will take on No. 16 Idaho at 5 p.m. Friday at the Ferrell Center.

The Vandals are advancing to their third NCAA tournament appearance in four years.

"We played them a few years ago," Mulkey said. "I can bet you without having seen them play this year that they can all shoot the three ball, so here we go again going up against another team that can shoot the three ball."

Junior guard Alexis Jones has made her mark on the court this season after transferring in from Duke and sitting out because of injury.

"Alexis Jones is so talented, and to have her blend into this team with all the talent we already had speaks volumes of her being super intelligent to figure it out and work her way into it and being a great player here," Mulkey said.

Louisville and Texas A&M are both in the Lady Bears' side of the draw and a matchup between them is possible in the Elite Eight.

"I'm not going to talk much about



Richard Hirst | Photo Editor

GOLDEN MOMENT Head coach Kim Mulkey (center), junior forward Nina Davis (left) and senior guard Niya Johnson (right) cheer after learning they were given the No. 1 seed of the Dallas region of the NCAA tournament on Monday at the Ferrell Center.

those guys because we all have to win to meet up in the Dallas regional, but isn't that funny? Those two guys had our number the last time we played," Mulkey said.

With senior forward Breanna Stewart leading the way, Connecticut has dominated this season and have deservedly earned the No. 1 seed overall. With the Lady Bears looking to make it to the Final Four, a matchup with the Huskies could be in the making.

"UConn is the team to beat," Mulkey said. "UConn is just better, but I've won a national championship at Baylor when the better team didn't win and I have lost a national championship when the better team didn't win."

"I have been a part of it long enough to know the highs and lows of this business. Are we talented enough? Yes. Are we experienced enough? Yes. Will we play good enough? I don't know. Just go play and do the best you can."

With the motto all season being "eight is not enough" the Lady Bears look to make their mark as they start the run to a NCAA championship.

"Our goal today is to win four games," Mulkey said. "If you win four games, you get to the Final Four. Once you're there, anything can happen."

Men face No. 12 Yale

Baylor men's basketball has received a bid to the NCAA

Tournament for the third year in a row and the sixth time under head coach Scott Drew.

The Bears (22-11) were given the fifth seed in the West Region and will play twelfth-seeded Yale (22-6) in the first round on Thursday in Providence, RI.

"You can never take making the NCAA Tournament for granted," Drew said, "you've got another opportunity in March, and I know our seniors are excited about it."

In last year's tournament, Baylor, a three seed, was upset in the first round by 14th-seeded Georgia State 57-56.

"Last year, we didn't like how it ended," Drew said. "We had had a lot of success in the tournament, and that

was the first time we really got stung. I know the returning players and coaches are motivated to make sure we do better."

The Bears held a twelve point lead with just three minutes left before watching Georgia State guard RJ Hunter bury a long three to give the Panthers the upset win.

"That loss is on everybody's mind," sophomore guard Al Freeman said. "We know what it's like to get upset, we know what it's like to be sent home in the first round. It's not fun, it leaves a bad taste in your mouth. And we don't want that this year."

Baylor faces a Yale team that made the NCAA Tournament for just the fourth time in school history and the first time since 1962.

The Bulldogs won the Ivy League by posting a conference record of 13-1, with the only loss coming on the road against Princeton.

Yale is the automatic qualifier for the Ivy League after winning the regular season crown because the conference does not have a tournament.

"They're not here for no reason," Freeman said. "They made it out of their conference, and it's hard to do that, especially when you've got to win your conference to make it in. It takes a lot of heart, it takes a lot of grittiness, focus, determination. That's why they're in the tournament right now."

The Bulldogs will lean on sophomore guard Makai Mason and senior forward Brandon Sherrrod who lead the team in points, averaging 15.8 and 12.5 per game respectively.

A win in the round of 64 would likely result in a matchup with fourth-seeded Duke in the round of 32. The Bears and Blue Devils met in the Elite Eight in 2010, with Duke winning 78-71 and then going on to claim the national title.

Even-numbered years have been good for Drew's Baylor teams, as the Bears have reached the Elite Eight in 2010 and 2012 and the Sweet Sixteen in 2014.

STRIKE A POSE



Richard Hirst | Photo Editor

Junior Shayla Kelley stands firm as her teammates hold her during the Bears' meet against Fairmont State and Adrian on Monday at the Ferrell Center. The Bears won with a final score of 285.585.

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