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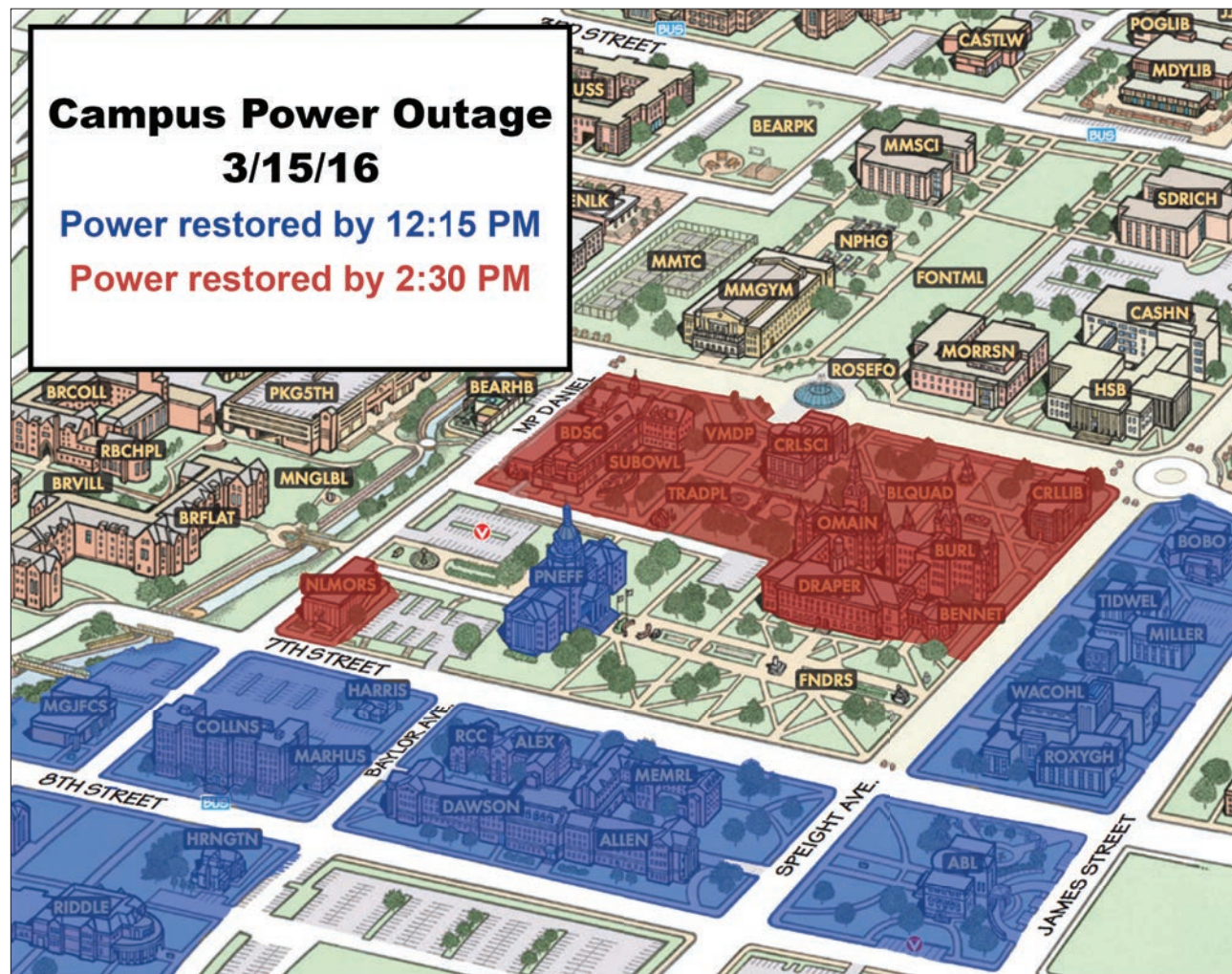


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## Power Off

### University deals with blown fuse Tuesday

**JESSICA HUBBLE**  
Staff Writer

More than 20 Baylor buildings lost power around 9 a.m. Tuesday because of a blown fuse on the overhead powerlines on Seventh Street.

The cause of the blown fuse is not known at this time. Baylor did not lose power from the substation that provides power to the university, but lost power from the overhead line.

Facility service crews worked with electrical contractors to replace the fuse, and that was completed by late morning. However, the facility staff had to go from building to building to manually reset each building's power.

"It's like when you have a fuse blow in your home and you have to manually flip the

switch," said Lori Fogleman, assistant vice president of media communications.

The outage affected the area from James Avenue to Waco Creek and from Fifth Street to Ninth Street. The buildings that were without power were Tidwell Bible Building, Bobo Spiritual Life Center, Waco Hall, Roxy Grove Hall, Carroll Library, Carroll Science, Armstrong Browning Library, Old Main, Burleson, Draper, Alexander Hall, Memorial Hall, Dawson Hall, Allen Hall, Memorial Dining, Collins Hall, Mary Gibbs Jones Family and Consumer Sciences Building, Stacy Riddle Forum, Harrington House, Harris House, Martin House, Eighth Street Parking Garage, Pat Neff Hall, Neill

**ONE TRUE CHAMP** More than 20 buildings lost power on Tuesday when a fuse blew out. Above is a map of all the areas affected by the power outage. The university was able to replace the fuse later on in the day.

Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

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## Student government may be moving elections

**SAWYER SMITH**  
Reporter

Should the new Baylor Student Body Constitution be ratified this Thursday via online voting, student officer elections will take place on April 7 and 8 instead of Diadeloso, which is on April 12 this year.

In the past, these elections have been held every "Day of the Bear," but this has traditionally left student government little time to transition roles and complete formalities before the end of the school year.

"The timeline for elections presented in the new constitution allows enough time for elections, runoffs and swearing in of all newly elected positions to take place before the end of the academic year, no matter where Dia falls on the university calendar," said Port Barre, La., junior and Student Body Internal Vice President and President of Student Senate, Lindsey Bacque.

Creating changes for the new constitution has been a work in progress for several months now. The Governing Documents Revision Committee, led by Waco, senior, Daniel Pellegrin, originally re-wrote the document for clarity and consistency

with regard to election dates and more.

"Previously, the old constitution contained numerous errors, oversights, ambiguities and contradictions. These made the day-to-day operations of student government very difficult, and as a result, student government could not effectively work for the students. Now, under the new document, student government has the necessary procedures and foundation to represent the students better," Pellegrin said.

After it was drafted, the newly written version was sent to the student Senate Operations & Procedures Committee, where it was extensively reviewed and edited. Following the O&P Committee permitting the new draft, Student Senate passed as well. In order to take effect, however, the constitution must be ratified, on Thursday by the student body.

Filing for candidates who wish to run for Senate seats and class officer positions is ongoing from now until March 30. For those already in student government looking to run for president, internal and external vice president applications must be filed by March 21.

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Charlene Lee | Lariat Photographer

**TIME TO VOTE** The Baylor Student Senate gathers on January 28 to discuss and vote on new rules and regulation for Baylor students.

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## Baylor makes push to promote gender and women studies minor

**RACHEL LELAND**  
Staff Writer

Baylor gender and women studies minor is taking steps to grow and publicize the well-developed but relatively unknown minor.

Created in 1996, the minor works to prepare students to live in a diverse society and consider the experiences of men and women worldwide while encouraging a better understanding of gender, race and class relations.

"It would give you the ability to recognize sexist thinking and writing, and hopefully give you the ability to be open and aware," said Dr. Lisa Shaver, associate professional writing professor. "There isn't a week or a day that

goes by when you see a news story where that type of awareness of thinking from multiple perspectives was needed."

As director of the Gender Studies Advisory Council, Shaver worked alongside other faculty to update the curriculum.

Twenty-two classes offered at Baylor are applicable to a minor in women's and gender studies, according to the minor's course listings.

Since the program has existed for so long, over time the program has lost some classes offered and gained new classes.

With the curriculum updated, the council set out to publicize the minor, which currently enrolls seven students.

Next fall, the council plans to advertise the

minor at orientation to freshmen who might not otherwise know of its existence.

Most of the students currently enrolled heard about the minor during a class that satisfies a women and gender studies requirement.

Given that the minor now includes classes in 10 disciplines, the program casts a pretty large net for prospective students.

Mansfield sophomore Sierra Nicole Smith became excited when she learned through an introductory sociology class that Baylor offered a gender studies program.

Smith is pre-law and hopes to one day fight for gender, racial and LGBTQ+ equality. The

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## EDITORIAL



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# Let Mexico go

## Mexican government needs to guide Pemex, not control it

While it is hard to point a finger at exactly what has led to the violence and poverty plaguing Mexico within the past few years, serious changes need to be made to avoid complete state failure. One such target area should be in facilitating the economic turnaround for Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, Mexico's national oil company.

The oil giant has held a monopoly on the country's oil and gas sector since its creation in 1938. It wasn't until 2013, under the reforms introduced under Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto, that the company was partially privatized. Despite these changes, the company have yet to see the drastic results it was hoping for. Three years later, after reporting consecutive losses, Pemex appointed its new CEO Jose Antonio Gonzalez Anaya, who has publicly expressed Mexico's struggles with entering the competitive foreign oil market. A combination of national pride, public distrust in the private sector and fear of oil scarcity has led to citizen disapproval on the kinds of changes being made to the company.

There is still hope for Pemex, though. The first step should be in setting its long-term focus on weaning off direct action from the Mexican government. According to the Pew Research Center, a 2015 poll found that 66 percent of Mexican citizens believe the economy is bad. This statistic paired with the overall declining public approval of Peña Nieto presidency, has left many disillusioned with the state of the country and its future. Much like a mom letting her child go off on its first day of school, the government needs to serve as a guiding rather than a controlling force when it comes to decisions being made within

the company. While critics point out that matters have only gotten worse since the energy reform, part of Pemex's struggles are the symptoms of transitioning from a former state-controlled industry.

Contrary to popular belief, Pemex did not completely privatize. Only four-fifths of Pemex's resources are up for sale. While it is a still a majority, keep in mind that the government still serves as a hand that can move decision-making processes within the company. Mexico needs foreign investment and competition. However, from an investor's point of view, it is understandable how the company's losses and increasing debt accumulation can leave potential partners skeptical. This is why initiatives should be taken toward regaining credibility internationally while promoting Mexico's stake on resources in the Gulf of Mexico.

A thriving Pemex can lead to a better outlook for Mexicans as a whole. If Pemex can successfully stabilize, then the government can work on investing more into the country's social programs. With the poverty that sweeps parts of the country, job creation must be a priority. Political corruption notwithstanding, the financial insecurity that some citizens face has contributed to driving individuals toward the illegal drug trade business and given rise to ongoing cartel violence.

Pemex's success can be the Mexican government's success, but it has to be willing to let go. Considering that the company supports a large chunk of government spending, Mexico cannot afford to gamble with the company's future any longer. It is time for results.

## COLUMN

# Look out for yourself, others during college

JACQUELYN KELLAR  
Reporter

Growing up, my most terrifying and harrowing experience was my brush with death...against a jellyfish.

My family and I make the trek to the beach almost every summer, but a week of sharing a house with my boy cousins reminded me why I was so grateful to be an only child. A competitive side of myself came out every year, and that is what got me into trouble that day at the beach. In my attempts to be brave and swim out as far as the boys, I ran into a tangle of tentacles that wrapped themselves around my legs from ankle to thigh. Kicking only tangled them more.

My dad answered my agonizing shrieks, and whisked me and my bright purple striped legs back to the house to be doused in vinegar.

The ocean is a different entity to me now, a beautiful but dangerous thing that surely holds more horrors than this tiny gelatinous blob that caused me so much pain. The shock I received from the jellyfish served as a warning, and I surely wasn't going to test those waters the same way again.

I was lucky enough to be given the same kind of warning when I arrived at Baylor as a freshman. Like the ocean, college is fun, but can be filled with dark dangers that are difficult to navigate. I was fearless once again, freely exploring campus with my roommate.

But within my first few days at Baylor, I was stung by a jelly, and realized that I was no longer safe at a beach house where my dad could swoop in to make it better.

We were headed home for the night, having had our fill of adventure. On the way home, a dark figure appeared 20 feet behind us, matching our pace. It wouldn't have been suspicious, except the figure was familiar, an older student we had made small talk with before. He sped up to awkwardly join our conversations, as we had begun to talk and laugh to try to ease our nerves and growing suspicion of this stranger that had at first seemed so kind. After a few minutes, he dropped back again and continued to follow us... all the way to our dorm.

We somehow made it safely home without incident, finally shaking him in the parking lot. It only took one small sting to warn me that Baylor is to be cherished and admired, but also carefully navigated like treacherous waters.

In the wake of recent events concerning sexual assault, I am reminded of these warnings I was given. Even though many of us are lucky enough to have escaped such circumstances, these unfortunate events should serve as a warning to all. Just as the ocean isn't like "The Little Mermaid," college isn't like middle school anymore. During this transition period of our lives between childhood and adulthood, there are real, adult dangers and it is imperative that this fact isn't forgotten.

Not everyone respects personal space and not everyone is out to be friends. It's a sad fact of life, and most everyone will agree that it absolutely should not be that way. So many are fighting against sexual violence. However, until the battle is won, there are ways that we can fight from the other side by remaining vigilant. By fiercely protecting each other, we can prevent it from being possible in the first place.

Never walk alone at night. This one

is hard; I'm tempted to do it all the time. When you're studying at the library late at night and just want to get home, it's so easy to forget how dangerous that half-mile stroll can be. The golf cart shuttle service is there for this very purpose. It runs from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., the time of day that most sexual assaults are likely to occur. The shuttle service can be requested by calling 254-265-0690. The Bear Trail is not excluded from this rule, especially because it loops around the campus exterior. Find a running buddy.

Party safely. It's college, we get it. We all want to have some fun and let loose. But it's important to stay safe because 66.3 percent of sexual victimization situations occur off campus, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. The best way to achieve this is to stay in groups. Phone apps such as Find My Friends help to keep track of your friends. It's easier to get out of a potentially dangerous situation if your friends can see what's going on and swoop in with a fake emergency. Single targets are more easily attacked than groups. Also, if you didn't see with your own eyes what went into the drink someone is offering you, do not take it. Even if a friend handed it to you, there is no guarantee that he or she saw it being made. Everyone laughs at "Don't drink the punch" at orientation, but in all seriousness, don't drink it if you don't know what is in it.

Don't trust everyone. This is a Christian university, but not everyone is friendly, not even your friends. According to The Campus Sexual Assault Study by the National Institute of Justice, 88 percent of victims of assault knew their attacker personally. It isn't always a dark figure lurking behind the dumpster in the parking lot. It could be the person sitting next to you in class who asks you to come to their party. This doesn't mean to pepper spray anyone who comes near you, but be mindful of any suspicious behavior.

Be observant. Be on the lookout for suspicious activity around you and react accordingly. If you feel as if you're being followed on your way home, don't go home and risk them finding out where you live. Make your way to a public, well-lit area and make a call to get a ride. Don't make yourself an easy target. Be aware of your surroundings and don't ruffle through a bag or look distracted or off guard. Don't sit in your car on the phone when you are leaving the store. If someone gets close enough to attempt an attack, be assertive and cause trouble. The possibility of getting caught pursuing a time consuming or difficult victim is not worth their trouble.

Report it. The Bureau of Justice Statistics reports only about 6 percent of attackers will ever see a jail cell and that's because less than 5 percent of attacks against college students are reported to law enforcement. Victims may feel guilt or the pressure to remain silent. But unless it is reported, the attacker is free to roam and do it again to someone else. Taking a stand and reporting the incident makes the world safer for you and others. If you are not the victim but you witnessed suspicious behavior, encourage the victim to speak up. It is no one but the attacker's fault and reporting what happened is the first step toward justice.

A lot of these tips may seem obvious, but if everyone follows them, we have the potential to eradicate sexual assault at Baylor, and hopefully everywhere someday. Sexual assault is never the victim's fault, but we have the power to take the matter into our own hands by being preventative and making everyone feel safe and protected.

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GLOBAL BRIEFS

US bans drilling for oil offshore

WASHINGTON — In a major reversal, the Obama administration said Tuesday it will bar oil drilling off America's Atlantic Coast, a move cheered by environmentalists and consistent with the president's aggressive steps to combat climate change.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said the decision "protects the Atlantic for future generations."

However, business groups and most Republicans criticized it as another example of what they call executive overreach.

Migration deal faces roadblocks

NICOSIA, Cyprus — European Union leaders seek a mutually binding deal with Turkey to stem the flow of migrants by sea to Greece, but several nations stand in the way of such a pact.

Leaders of the EU's 28 divided nations plan to reconvene in Brussels this week in hopes of ironing out disagreements on a proposed agreement with Turkey. Their tentative agreement struck March 7 would allow Greece to return migrants to Turkey as Europe opens new routes for pre-screened migrants to seek asylum legally.

But Turkey demands big concessions from Europe in return, particularly on its long-held dream of joining the EU, an idea viewed with trepidation by many Europeans.

Cyprus announced Tuesday it has no intention of permitting full negotiations for Turkey's EU membership — a position that could stop the deal. Each EU member must consent to any deal.

Cyprus says it would drop its veto if Turkey granted it diplomatic recognition, a commitment refused despite Cyprus' international recognition and 2004 admission to the EU. Turkey maintains 35,000 troops in the north, with the island's capital still divided.

Compiled from Associated Press reports.

Pennsylvania Supreme Court justice steps down from post

MARK SCOLFORO  
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A second Pennsylvania Supreme Court justice quit the bench Tuesday in a widening scandal over raunchy and otherwise offensive emails that he and others exchanged with friends and lawyers.

Justice Michael Eakin's decision to retire marks the latest fallout since embattled state Attorney General Kathleen Kane began releasing hundreds of emails in 2014 to the media and ethics agencies. Kane has since been indicted on perjury and other charges that she claims were trumped up because she took on the old boys' club of Pennsylvania's judiciary and law enforcement.

Eakin's lawyer, Bill Costopoulos, said at a news conference that an ethics trial on charges related to the emails, which had been scheduled to start in two weeks, would not proceed. He said Eakin would agree to the allegations, leaving "nothing left to try."

"This is the only process I know of in America where you can be charged with sending emails to friends that were inappropriate and face the death penalty," Costopoulos said. "I just don't think that's right."

Justice Seamus McCaffery, a Democrat, abruptly retired in 2014 after being suspended by the court for his role in swapping the emails.

The board that investigates accusations of judicial misconduct has said that Eakin sent or responded to emails that included a satirical video about a busload of "sluts" crashing, a joke about a woman told to keep "her mouth shut," and a joke about Tiger Woods that referred to his African-American and Asian background.

The email scandal, centered on the attorney general's office, has led to dozens of people being disciplined or losing their jobs.

Eakin, 67, a Republican, has

been on the state Supreme Court since 2002.

During tearful testimony in December, Eakin apologized for what he said he "allowed to happen," but he accused the news media of sensationalism and argued his job performance hadn't been affected.

"Perhaps my demeanor is one of the boys," Eakin said. "But what I sent was to people who were also one of the boys. It was in the locker room. I allowed, I created something that could be released."

The state constitution says judges lose their pensions if they act in a way that "brings the judicial office into disrepute," one of the allegations against Eakin. Costopoulos said he hoped that would not occur but it was not certain.

"We have lost one of the finest jurists of our court in the recent past," Costopoulos said. "His opinions and writing will withstand the test of history. What has happened to him and what has been done to him will not."

Lynn Marks with the good government group Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts said Eakin's decision to step down was in the best interests of the judicial system, particularly in how the public perceives it.

"We hope that the court can move on from this, and that the remaining justices and judges at all levels will understand — if they don't already — how important it is that they be above reproach in their behavior and their words when dealing with all participants in the legal process, including with each other," Marks said.

When Kane, a Democrat, turned over the new trove of emails in September, it was barely a week after Eakin voted with four other justices to suspend her law license. She argued the emails could violate rules that require judges to act in a way that promotes public confidence and prohibit them



Associated Press

**REPERCUSSIONS** Suspended Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Michael Eakin is seen through a window of the courtroom where a hearing about ethics charges pending against him was held on Feb. 25 in Pittsburgh. Eakin resigned on Tuesday in the wake of the scandal.

from appearing to undermine their independence, integrity and impartiality.

Kane's license was suspended after prosecutors in suburban Philadelphia charged her with perjury and other offenses for allegedly leaking secret grand jury material and lying about it. She is not seeking a second term this year, and her criminal trial is scheduled for August.

The exchange of explicit and pornographic emails by state prosecutors was uncovered as part of Kane's internal review of how the office handled the investigation into Jerry Sandusky, the former

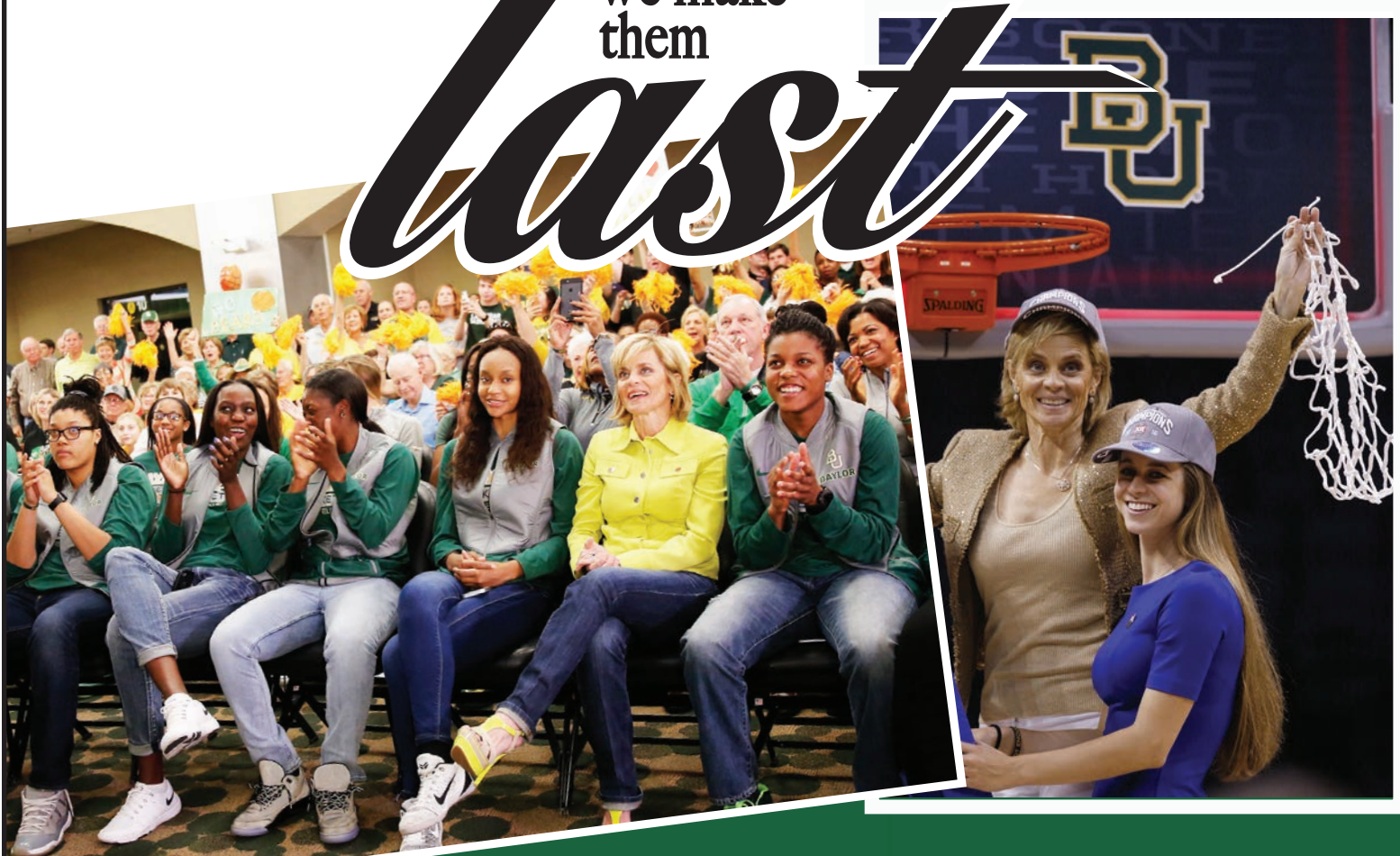
Penn State assistant football coach now serving a prison sentence after being convicted in 2012 of 45 counts of child sexual abuse.

Eakin's resignation leaves the seven-member Supreme Court with five Democrats, one Republican and one vacancy. A replacement would be nominated by Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf and require two-thirds confirmation by the Republican-controlled Senate.

Wolf issued a statement calling the case "another reminder of why we must all work with urgency to restore the public's trust in their government as well as the integrity of the judicial system."

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# Students to study Zika in Brazil over the summer

**GAVIN PUGH**  
Reporter

Be it the SARS virus of 2003, the Swine Flu of 2009 or last year's Ebola — viral diseases break out on a seemingly consistent basis. But Zika came a few years early.

The Zika virus caught public attention in January with the heart-wrenching images of children born with microcephaly, a brain abnormality closely correlated with the virus. As per its namesake, the Zika virus originated in the Zika Forests of Uganda and made its way to Brazil last year. It was from Brazil that reported cases of the virus exploded, with over a million now logged.

A group of 10 Baylor students will travel to Brazil for the second summer semester to study health science. They will get the unanticipated experience of preventing the contraction of the Zika virus.

For all the media coverage the virus has received, non-pregnant individuals have little to worry about. If a student or faculty member were to contract the disease, the symptoms they would experience are similar to the flu. That is, aches and joint pain, vomiting and nausea. Conjunctivitis, or pinkeye, has also been associated with the virus.

Dr. Richard Duhrkopf, associate professor of biology, has studied mosquitos for 50 years. He is particularly familiar with mosquitos linked with carrying the Zika virus, commonly known as the Yellow Fever mosquito. The mosquito is black with white markings, and is very common in Texas.

"First of all, you have to take the normal precautions against mosquito bites," Duhrkopf said. "You have to reduce skin exposure, you have to use

## RECENT VIRAL OUTBREAKS

- JULY 2003: MORE THAN 8,000 CASES OF SARS VIRUS REPORTED.
- MAY 2009: SWINE FLU OUTBREAKS BEGIN IN SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE
- OCT. 2014: FIRST CONFIRMED DEATH IN UNITED STATES FROM EBOLA
- JAN. 2016: ZIKA VIRUS GAINS GLOBAL ATTENTION DUE TO BIRTH DEFECTS

Gavin Pugh | Reporter

**VIRUS STUDY** Above is a time line of recent viral outbreaks. This summer a group of students will travel to Brazil to study the Zika virus.

repellents."

It is those who are pregnant, or who are trying to get pregnant that need to be concerned.

"If I were a female, and I were pregnant, I would not go," Duhrkopf said.

Dr. Eva Doyle, Director of the Master of Public Health Program, is leading the Baylor in Brazil program. She has informed the students attending the program of the necessary precautions, as well as referred them to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's notice on the issue.

Erin Thoes, the Center for Global Engagement coordinator of faculty led study abroad programs, also referenced the CDC.

Baylor Health Services began operating in conjunction with the CDC after Zika became a threat in January,

Thoes said.

The CDC notice, which was also posted on the Baylor Health Services website advises "pregnant women to postpone travel to areas affected by the outbreak."

If a non-pregnant individual were to contract the disease while in Brazil, Duhrkopf advises for them to postpone attempts for pregnancy immediately after recovery. But that may not be enough.

"To the best of our knowledge, a significant percentage of the people infected never develop any symptoms. The majority of people infected never even get sick," Duhrkopf said.

Even if the individual does not contract the disease, it would behoove them to avoid pregnancy in the following months.

## LIVING HISTORY



Trey Honeycutt | Lariat Photographer

Children pump water at the Governor Bill and Vara Daniel Historic Village at the Mayborn Museum. The museum is hosting a number of activities this week for children to experience hands-on history such as butter making and corn meal grinding.

# Trump tops Rubio in Florida

**JULIE BYKOWICZ**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump won a decisive victory in Florida's primary Tuesday night, forcing home-state Sen. Marco Rubio to abandon the race for the Republican presidential nomination. The brash billionaire also picked up North Carolina and Illinois, but faltered in Ohio.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich notched his first and only victory of the primary season by carrying his home state, but he has the fewest delegates of anyone still in the running and had virtually no electoral path to the nomination.

Trump, holding forth at his resort Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Florida, urged Republicans to unify in support of him.

"Millions of people are coming in to vote. This was an example of it today," he said, citing long lines at the polls and Democrats and new voters choosing him. "We have a great opportunity."

Missouri was the fifth state to hold

a primary contest Tuesday. The other contender, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, is hoping to pick up enough delegates to force a contested national GOP convention in July.

As he suspended his campaign, Rubio tried to strike an optimistic note about his party's future, while making a not-so-subtle reference to Trump.

"Do not give in to the fear," he said. "Do not give in to the frustration."

Speaking from Cleveland, Kasich said, "I will not take the low road to the highest office of the land."

Trump's plainspoken — while controversial — appeals have resonated across the country, leaving other candidates reeling for a strategy to topple the unconventional front-runner.

"He will fix everything that is wrong with the economy and immigration," said Alex Perri, a 59-year-old retired firefighter from Margate, Florida, who was campaigning for Trump in the parking lot of an Oakland Park, Florida voting place.

Trump's promise to impose tariffs on

goods from countries that don't "play fair" has been particularly resonant with voters across the industrial Midwest.

Even as Trump racks up more wins, questions have intensified about whether he is doing enough to stem violence at his raucous rallies.

Trump said Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning America" that his record-setting crowds have had "very, very little difficulty."

The New York real estate mogul backed away from a suggestion that he might cover legal costs for a supporter who punched a protester in the face during a rally last week in North Carolina. He has blamed a larger recent clash in Chicago on Democratic protesters.

In recent weeks, Republicans who dislike Trump have banded to wage multimillion-dollar advertising campaigns against him.

Trump still leads the race for delegates, with a total of 619 including his gains in Tuesday's contests. Ted Cruz has 394 delegates, Kasich has 136 and Rubio left the race with 167.

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program's interdisciplinary nature appealed to her career goals, so she signed up.

"If I want to be one of these great female voices and amazing leaders I think it's extremely important to know about the ones who came before me, who set me up for this path and these opportunities. You have to know where you come from to know where you're going," Smith said.

The program certainly knows where it's going as well. This year it has sponsored two events, including a panel last fall to vote for the best candidate for the new \$10 bill that will feature a woman in 2020. For Women's History Month, the minor sponsored a screening of the documentary "She's Beautiful When She's Angry."

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Morris Hall and Bill Daniel Student Center.

Partial power was restored to all buildings except the Bill Daniel Student Center, Neill Morris Hall, Draper Hall, Carroll Science Building and Carroll Library around noon. Throughout the day students were kept updated via email and text alerts. Full power was restored around 2:30 p.m.

No one was hurt during the power outage, according to Fogleman.

Memorial Dining Hall and SUB dining facilities were closed during the outage. The food was not spoiled, though, due to the dining halls' commercial freezers and refrigerators that are designed to keep the food at a safe temperature, even with a power outage, according to Fogleman. With the brief interruption in power, Fogleman said that the dining hall operations staff monitored the temperatures in all the freezers and refrigerators and all units maintained a safe temperature.

Professors were told to use their own judgement when it came to holding class or not.

"Until power is fully restored, instructors should use their own judgment regarding their ability to offer effective instruction given their particular classroom circumstances," according to a Baylor Alert email. "Instructors also should work to notify students regarding these decisions as they are able."

Axtell freshman Jessica Doyle was in class in Carrol Science Building when the power went out.

"The lights went off and my teacher ignored it," Doyle said. "We opened up the window blinds and they continued teaching."

In regards to the power outage, President and Chancellor Ken Starr sent out an email apologizing for the power outage.

"We are painfully aware of how precious class and study time are at this juncture in the academic year," the email read. "We are deeply sorry for the substantial inconvenience our community experienced today for hour after long hour. Thank you for graciously bearing with us and for your patience and understanding."



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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 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.

### >> Friday

**6 p.m.** — Sam Riggs at The Backyard Bar, Stage and Grill. \$15 in advance, \$20 day of.

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

**7:30 p.m.** — A Swingin' Sinatra Spring at the Waco Hippodrome. \$10.

**7:30 p.m.** — Sean McConnell with Cameron Ray at Common Grounds. \$15.

# Heavy Metal Bands



Ellen Mote forges her jewelry career in the wilds of Waco

Trey Honeycutt | Lariat Photographer

**HANDS UP** Jewelry designer Ellen Mote poses with some of her tools in the home studio where she works. Mote is wearing one of her own handmade designs, the Gris Collar.



Courtesy of Ellen Mote

**REALLY BIG RINGS** Mote uses her metalsmithing skills to make jewelry like the Ela Collar (top) and Lida Cuff (bottom).

### HELENA HUNT Arts and Life Editor

A white house brightened by the sun sits on its clover-green bed. Two rocking chairs on the porch wait for their owners. This is jewelry designer Ellen Mote's home in the heart of Waco.

Mote said she often looks to architecture near and far from home to inspire her EM Jewelry + Design work. The braided and gold jewelry from her most recent collection is, appropriately enough, just like her new home—both striking and minimal.

But don't use the word "minimal" to describe Mote's long necklaces and looped earrings.

"I don't like minimal. It's cool, but it's so overused," Mote said.

Mote said she prefers the word "shapeful" (a term she admits is made up) to describe her pieces. They, like her house, are visually arresting. For the Gris Collar, Mote fixed milky stones to the ends of metal loops, and for the Perma Necklace from her latest collection, she hung gold half-moons from blue ropes.

"I don't see anything like it anywhere else," said Kate Duncan, who stocks Mote's jewelry in her store Wildland Supply Co. "I look at a lot of jewelry for the store, and I didn't see anyone using the materials she's using, like the yarns. She's obviously a perfectionist."

Mote's unique qualities come from her background in visual art. She got a degree in metalsmithing and jewelry design from Texas Tech University and spent her undergraduate career making conceptual (and unwearable)

jewelry designs. Her pieces were complex and sculptural then—the distant ancestors of the understated pieces she produces now.

"I actually thought I would never make jewelry because I didn't understand how I could simplify it to make it something wearable," Mote said.

It was only when she left Texas for Portland, Ore., a move precipitated by her husband Tommy Mote's brewing career, that she found a way to make her work practical. Mote apprenticed herself to Portland jewelry designer Hannah Ferrara, who used the same traditional metalsmithing techniques Mote knew but applied them to the wearable (and minimal) jewelry designs of Another Feather.

While Ferrara's influence may be visible in Mote's smooth and often circular designs, since moving to Waco in the fall Mote has turned the focus to her own design business. She has produced two collections under the EM Jewelry + Design name. While her first set used a wide range of shapes and colors, she has narrowed the focus this time to a signature indigo and pendulous semi-circular shapes.

Though Mote said it took her some time to adjust to the slower pace of Waco life, the usually measured designer grows excited and expressive when she talks about her new city.

"I love Waco, and the Lord has given me a huge heart for the people here and for the city," Mote said. "I had so much pride moving here, thinking, 'I'm too good for this city, and I deserve better.' But just in January of this year, the Lord was like, 'You don't need those big-city things to love the people around you.'"

Mote has tried to use her jewelry to make her a place in the Waco community. She uses locally sourced materials when she can; the rope in her necklaces comes from Homestead Heritage. While she sells a selection of her pieces at Wildland, she has also hosted local release parties and pop-up shops to bring friends and guests together around her work.

"What I love about being a jewelry designer in Waco is the support of the community. There aren't that many jewelry designers in town, so it's been really amazing having different people support it and embrace it," Mote said.

Duncan said it's important to support artisans like Mote to make sure they stay local.

"If she feels like there aren't opportunities here, then she might leave," Duncan said. "And we want cool people to stay in Waco."

But Mote said she has grand plans for her EM business.

"It's very scary to say, but I see it big. One day in the future, I want to have my own store," Mote said.

She said the low cost of living in Waco has made getting that business off the ground much easier, and the slower pace of life here has allowed her to focus on her work. She tries to get into the studio at 9 a.m. every day and takes breaks to walk and look at the other houses around her green neighborhood.

"Every step of the process, it never feels like work. I love it so much," Mote said. "Even when it's frustrating or time-consuming or hurts my neck from looking down so much, at the end of the day I can't wait to get back in the studio the next morning."

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### Today's Puzzles

#### Across

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- 5 Make a decision
- 8 Within reach
- 14 Tree of Life garden
- 15 Like much sushi
- 16 Set of lines on personal stationery
- 17 \*Motorist's headache
- 19 DNA sample source
- 20 Vietnamese New Year
- 21 Dutch South African
- 22 Censor's cover-up
- 23 \*Enjoy, with "in"
- 26 Counting everything
- 29 Part of DJIA: Abbr.
- 30 \*Recap on a sports crawl line
- 34 Phi \_\_\_ Kappa
- 38 Took wing
- 39 Toward the back of the boat
- 40 Physics class subject
- 41 Evergreen shrubs
- 42 \*Kids' introduction to a full school day
- 44 Religious sch.
- 45 Wrinkle-resistant synthetic
- 46 \*Red-carpet movie event
- 53 TV studio sign
- 54 Either of two Henry VIII wives
- 55 Lacking light
- 58 Victimized lieutenant in "Othello"
- 60 "Chestnuts roasting" spot ... and a hint to a divided word found in the answers to starred clues
- 62 Election surprises
- 63 1921 robot play
- 64 Pennsylvania port
- 65 Mall directory listings
- 66 "What was \_\_\_ do?"
- 67 Lemon peel

#### Down

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- 10 Concert auditoriums
- 11 Bordeaux bye
- 12 Not even once
- 13 Hang loosely, as on a clothesline
- 18 Govt. security
- 23 Character weaknesses
- 24 "\_\_\_ Theme": "Doctor Zhivago" song
- 25 Three-time Wimbledon champ
- Chris
- 26 Up in the air
- 27 Aswan High Dam river
- 28 Once again
- 31 Less dangerous
- 32 Burglary, for one
- 33 "The Star-Spangled Banner" contraction

- 34 Ballerina's rail
- 35 List-ending abbr.
- 36 \_\_\_ list: chores
- 37 "I'm with you!"
- 43 "The Elements of Bridge" author
- Charles
- 44 7UP rival
- 46 Sharpen the image in the view-finder
- 47 Ill-suited
- 48 Rodeo rope
- 49 Penny pincher
- 50 New Zealand native
- 51 Data to be entered
- 52 January, to José
- 55 Desperate
- 56 Commonly purple bloom
- 57 Swimming event
- 59 '40s spy org.
- 61 Shriner's hat



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**FINALIST** Senior guard Niya Johnson dribbles past a West Virginia University player in their Jan. 12 match up. The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame recognized Johnson as one of the five Nancy Lieberman Award finalists. This year's winner will be announced in Indiana during the Women's Final Four.

## Johnson finalist for Lieberman Award

**MEGHAN MITCHELL**  
Sports Writer

The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced Tuesday that senior guard Niya Johnson is once again a finalist for the Nancy Lieberman Award.

For the sixteenth year, the top point guard in the NCAA Women's Division I is recognized with the award, and this year's winner will be announced during the Women's Basketball Coaches Association Award Show in Indianapolis, Indiana, during the Women's Final Four.

Joining Johnson as finalists are Connecticut senior Moriah Jefferson, Notre Dame junior Lindsay Allen, Ohio State sophomore Kelsey Mitchell, and Washington junior Kelsey Plum.

With all five players making their mark on the

court for their team, all are worthy of receiving the award.

"The level of play in women's college basketball this season has been outstanding, which made the selection committee's task extremely difficult," Lieberman said. "These five point guards are the best of the best, and I look forward to watching them lead their teams in the tournament."

Johnson has helped lead the Lady Bears to back-to-back Big 12 titles and Phillips 66 Big 12 Women's Basketball Championships. Leading the nation with 8.7 assists per game and a total so far of 286, Johnson has made her mark in women's basketball.

"I know there are some point guards that score more than Niya Johnson, but there is not a point guard in the country that runs the thing better than she does," said

Oklahoma State head coach Jim Littell. "About getting the ball where it needs to be, throwing the loop pass to the post players inside. Point guards make everyone around them better; obviously she makes everyone around her better."

Johnson will be look to earn the award just as Odyssey Sims did for Baylor in 2014. While averaging only 7.1 points and 5.3 rebounds, Johnson is the Big 12 all-time leader with 953 and is sixth on the NCAA's list.

"The Nancy Lieberman Award finalists are in tremendous company with many legends of the game," said President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame, John L. Doleva. "These women have proven themselves as standout student-athletes and leaders. We wish them well as they head into post-season play."

## Time for Big 12 to prove it's as good as it says it is

**SAM MELLINGER**  
MCT Campus

Selection Sunday is full of lies.

Actually, the truest thing said about the NCAA Tournament came last week, from the mouth of Bob Bowlsby, the commissioner of a Big 12 Conference that's been described all year as the best in the country.

"It's hard to call yourself the best conference if you don't go far into March," he said.

Bowlsby is a respected leader, for a lot of reasons — even if his job comes with unique challenges. His words here are a strong combination of truth and self-evaluation, with a well-founded challenge mixed in.

Because now comes the hard part for the Big 12. The league was the consensus best in the country this year, riding Buddy Hield's brilliance and Kansas' strength and an unnaturally deep field.

The conference gripped the sport's attention with that epic KU-Oklahoma triple-overtime game on the season's first Big Monday, and held onto seven bids to the NCAA Tournament. No league has more teams in the field. And only the Pac-12 (with two more teams) and the Big Ten (four more) have seven.

But unless recent history flips, all of that is going to be a cruel setup for the jokes and (fair) criticism about the league being an overrated paper tiger.

Unlike a lot of labels in sports, the Big 12's reputation as a March failure is well earned. In fact, it is the worst-performing major conference in the country over the last decade. The NCAA Tournament is defined by surprises, and surprises can cloud small sample sizes, but this is more than a one-year fluke or three-year trend.

Since 2006, the Big 12 is dead last in NCAA Tournament winning percentage and Final Four teams when compared with the Atlantic Coast, Big Ten, Big East, Pac-12 and Southeastern conferences. The league has more total wins than the Pac-12 but trails

each of the other four leagues.

In the last five years — a college sports election cycle, if you will — the numbers are even worse.

Over that time, the Big 12 is 29-30. Each of the other leagues is at least seven games over .500. The ACC (43-24), Big Ten (54-33) and SEC (39-19) are lapping the Big 12. Since the Big 12's most recent Final Four team (Kansas in 2012), the Big Ten has had four, the SEC three, the Big East two and the ACC one.

The Big 12 has lost more games than it has won in each of the last three tournaments. In the last 10 years, no major conference has more than two such tournaments. The ACC has had none, and the Big Ten just one, back in 2006.

The league's general failures sting more than they otherwise might, and not just because of its institutional insecurity. Big 12 marketing centers largely on its double-round robin schedule being the nation's toughest.

Coaches often talk about how the conference's diverse styles, from Press Virginia's intensity to Kansas' size and defense to Baylor's amoeba zone to the wide-open offenses of Oklahoma and Iowa State, are particularly good preparation for the postseason.

That sounds logical. But the results aren't there.

Any excuses this year will be met with deserved derision. The league's depth and strength has been among the sport's most popular talking points, and what's more, the Big 12's best teams are generally led by experienced players.

Reasonable minds can disagree on this, but the league's draws are fair. No team is dealing with particularly devastating injuries.

If the field is as wide open as so many have been saying, the Big 12's depth of strength should be able to shine.

It's all there for the league, finally.

Fail now — fail again — and the response will be nasty.

*Sam Mellinger is a columnist for The Kansas City Star.*



Associated Press

**HARD LOSS** TCU head coach Trent Johnson, right, reacts after a turnover during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Iowa State, in Ames, Iowa.

## TCU coach Trent Johnson fired after 8 Big 12 wins in 4 years

**STEPHEN HAWKINS**  
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Trent Johnson was fired Monday as TCU's basketball coach after the Horned Frogs won only eight Big 12 Conference games in his four seasons.

Johnson was 50-79 with the Frogs, a period covering their first four seasons in the Big 12. They were 8-64 in regular-season conference games, with the losses coming by an average margin of more than 15 points. They finished 2-16 in league play this season.

"Trent inherited a very difficult situation, and we truly appreciated his efforts over the last four years," athletic director Chris Del Conte said. "We simply did not have the success we envisioned but believe the pieces are now in place for us to move forward."

The coach's firing was announced after he met with the team Monday morning. Johnson

had two seasons left on his contract.

"This is a new territory for me. I've never been a part of a program where going into year four you took steps backward," Johnson said after TCU's season-ending loss to West Virginia.

Johnson's best record with the Frogs was 18-15 last season, when they played all of their home games in a high school gymnasium while the \$72 million renovation on their campus arena was being done.

"Trent Johnson is a man of unbelievable integrity. It's hard to find a better person than Trent, and I have the highest level of respect for him," Del Conte said. "However, we believe change is needed in the leadership of our men's basketball program. With our new facility and playing in the Big 12, the strongest basketball conference in the country, we're positioned well to have a men's basketball program that makes TCU and Fort Worth proud."

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