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University to face Title IX lawsuit

JESSICA HUBBLE
Staff Writer

Former Baylor student Jasmin Hernandez plans to file a Title IX lawsuit against Baylor University for the way they handled her case.

Hernandez was assaulted by Tevin Elliott, former Baylor student and football player in 2012. Elliott was sentenced to 20 years in prison and fined \$10,000 in January of 2014 for two counts of sexual assault.

"Individual incidents are deeply personal matters that do not benefit from our public statements. Even if a survivor chooses to speak or take other actions to support their healing, we must not publicly comment in a way that could compromise student confidentiality or inadvertently discourage future students from coming forward," wrote assistant director of media communications Tonya Lewis in a statement to the Lariat.



Elliott

There will be a press conference today at 11 a.m. at the Courtyard Marriott at 101 Washington Ave.

In January, the university was accused of mishandling sexual assault cases in ESPN's "Outside the Lines" report.

In the report three alleged sexual assault victims, one of them being Hernandez (who went by Tonya in the report), spoke out and discussed how they were treated by university faculty and staff in regards to their sexual assault cases. The women felt that the university did not try to help them. The women's identities were concealed.

Hernandez claims that the university did not help her in her case. She said she went to Baylor Police and they told her they were helpless because the assault happened off-campus. Hernandez also said she went to the counseling center and was referred somewhere else. She sought help from academic services and said she didn't get help there either.

Elliott was suspended from the football team weeks after the assault and was later expelled. In the trial, it was found that three other women had accused Elliott of sexual assault and received a misdemeanor citation in 2011 for attempting to assault a local community college student.

Hernandez is being represented by Zalkin Law Firm in California to file the lawsuit. Zalkin Law firm is a sexual abuse and personal injury firm.

Baylor has put into action a \$5 million plan to address sexual assault on campus. The plan includes expansions to the Baylor Title IX Office, Counseling Center and Department of Public Safety. The plan also includes the creation of an executive level task force to oversee and help implement the suggestions made by Pepper Hamilton Law Firm in their independent review of Baylor's handling of sexual assault cases.



Eric Vining | Reporter

LOCAL LAW The Texas Supreme Court held two oral arguments on Wednesday at the Baylor Law School. Members of the Waco community sat in on the proceedings.

High Court Hearing

Community gathers to hear Texas Supreme Court arguments at the Baylor Law School

ERIC VINING
Reporter

Hundreds of Baylor law students, professors and members of the public packed Baylor Law School on Wednesday morning to listen in on oral arguments before the Supreme Court of Texas.

The two cases, one from the Dallas Court of Appeals and the other from Houston's 14th Court of Appeals, were the last two cases on the docket to be heard by the state's highest court this term.

Unlike most other U.S. states, which require their respective Supreme Courts to hear cases in the state capitol, the Supreme Court of Texas has been allowed to hear cases anywhere in the state through an amendment to the state constitution in the 1990s.

"For many years in the 19th century, the Supreme Court was required to come around the state and sit on circuit, but we supported the passage of a constitutional amendment that required the court to sit in Austin," Chief Justice Nathan Hecht said during the introduction to the proceeding. "Recently, though, it seemed that it would be good to sit throughout the state so that people would have the chance to see oral arguments in their own locales. So, since the 1990s, the court has been doing that."

The first case, listed by the court as "Texas Department of Insurance, Workers' Compensation Division v. Bonnie Jones and

American Home Insurance Co." was focused on the issue of workers' compensation benefits.

During oral arguments, counsel for the Texas Department of Insurance argued before the court that "small-money" settlements involving worker compensation benefits were not in the best interest of the court to grant because of the immense difficulties this would place on the state court system. Counsel also argued that state workers' compensation law is specific enough to address such issues through mediation. Opposing counsel disputed this claim as well as the timing of the workers' compensation claim made by the opposing party in the suit.

Following a short break, the court heard oral arguments for the second case, listed by the court as "Benton Stanfield v. Jon T. Neubaum and Barbara Neubaum."

In this case, the Neubaums claimed that their counsel had misrepresented them in lower court, committed malpractice and negligence and sued for damages under malpractice law. Opposing counsel, however, cited concerns that interpreting the law in this manner would allow for an influx of frivolous suits by anyone who felt as though their attorneys had not represented them well enough.

Oral arguments by both the petitioners and the respondents in this case were made by Baylor Law School alumni Sam Houston

and Kristin Bays, respectively, at the very institution they began their studies of the law.

Following oral arguments, the nine judges returned to the bench for a brief Q&A period with Baylor law students.

Most notable was one student's question regarding Justice Don Willett's strong Twitter presence and how it affects his decisions while sitting on the court.

"I don't really peruse or scroll through my Twitter feed mining for legal wisdom," Willett said. "But I do follow a lot of law-related and legal-related Twitter feeds, and it's a great way to stay on top of everything that's going on, but I can't say I consulted to aid in my decision-making."

"It initially began for me as a political communications tool," Willett said. "We are utterly mysterious to most voters. So whatever you can do to remove distance and raise awareness is all to the good. Whatever you can do to demystify the judicial branch of government, I think, is a good civic benefit."

With the conclusion of the docket for the session, justices will resume court business in 2017 following the 2016 election cycle. Three seats – held by justices Eva Guzman (R), Debra Lehrmann (R) and Paul Green (R) – are all open during the election. All three justices defeated primary opponents in March and will face opponents in the general election this November.

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Jessica Hubble | Staff Writer

SPREADING KNOWLEDGE Former U.S. ambassador to Sweden and Baylor Law School graduate, Lyndon Olson spoke to two advanced public relations classes on Wednesday.

Former U.S. ambassador talks career to PR students

JESSICA HUBBLE
Staff Writer

Former U.S. ambassador to Sweden and Baylor Law School graduate Lyndon Olson spoke Wednesday to public relations students about his extensive career, his work and research with the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library, and warned against the current rhetoric in politics today.

Olson spoke Wednesday March 30 to the Advanced Public Relations class in Castellaw Communications Center. Senior lecturer in the journalism, new media and public relations department Dr. Cassy Burleson introduced Olson.

"In a sentence, he is the kindest, most intelligent, most articulate, learned statesmen I have ever known," Burleson said.

Olson was born and raised in Waco and

attended Baylor. He majored in political science and religion and went on to the Baylor Law school. At 23, while he was in law school, he ran against 16 other people for the Texas House of Representatives. Olson won and served McLennan County.

He held this position for six years until Texas Gov. Dolph Briscoe appointed him chair of the Insurance Commission of Texas. He was 30 years old at this time and served in the position for nine years. The commission sets prices for insurance, as creates and dissolves insurance companies and makes sure insurance claims are viable. After his nine years as chair of the Insurance Commission of Texas, he became the chair of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

In 1998 President Bill Clinton approved

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EDITORIAL



Silencing, shaming benefits no one

The fight for gender equality is not a novel one nor is it one that will be completely resolved within the next few years. On campus, the student-led Baylor Feminists group, has attempted to address this issue through in-person meetings and through its Facebook page. Topics the group has sought to address range anywhere from the wage gap to sexual assault on campus. Though there is no doubt that their mission is an important one, it seems as if the group is starting to lose sight of what it aims to accomplish through questionable discussion tactics on its Facebook page. Many members have stopped addressing issues and opted for calling out individuals for contradictory viewpoints. Tactics such as these have bordered on cyberbullying. Such methods are a step backwards for creating meaningful discourses that inspire change and therefore pose as a threat to the group's overall purpose.

With the first post dated at July 22, 2015, the Facebook group has undergone a dramatic change from what it initially started out as: a place to discuss issues of gender inequality. Members would share articles for discussion or pose questions about what it means to be a feminist. With 527 members today, the invite-only group still does this. However, the group has quickly taken to calling out individuals in their conversations.

In one recent incident, a member of the organization posted a screenshot of a disagreement she had with another person concerning patriarchy. While this alone is not considered cyberbullying, it becomes problematic when the name is still left on the image and draws criticisms about the individual. This was not an isolated incident, and it also led to unrelated commentaries about people on campus. This was the case when a Baylor Feminist member recently shared a post from the Baylor For Free and For Sale Facebook page. In the post, a man was seeking to find a woman to date on campus. The original post, which been shared on various Facebook group pages, has had students jokingly tagging others to the thread. Since then, the author of the post has expressed his frustration with the amount of backlash he has received. On the Baylor Feminists page alone, some members of the page resorted to name-calling the individual with words like "awkward" and "socially inept."

The Lariat has been subject to this sort of scrutiny on the group's Facebook page as well. As a publication with its share of controversial

columns, disagreement is inevitable. And while the Lariat editors do their best to avoid hate-speech, it remains a strong advocate of free speech. The problem lies not with disagreement from members of the feminist group, but when they verbally and very personally attack authors of the columns. This is where a line is crossed. Dialogue seeking to address change, or even change the minds of others, cannot do so when an opponent aims to silence through personal attacks.

An issue that both members and non-members of the page struggle with is where men who wish to participate in the feminist discussion fall. Earlier this month, a member of the page posted, "If you're a man you are a guest in this space. You cannot come here and expect yourselves to have an equal voice." According to the author's reasoning, the opinion comes from a desire to keep "one little corner of the Internet" for women. A look at the page's mission of supporting "gender equality to benefit all people" and the mixed-gender composition of the group directly contradicts this statement.

The problems that have arisen from the Baylor Feminists should not suggest, however, that the group has not been effective in some means. A notable contribution of the group has been in bringing the voices of sexual assault victims on campus to the forefront. They have provided a type of support group for these individuals and joined the demand for increased Title IX efforts at Baylor. This is why it is especially disheartening to see the group's efforts reduced to name-calling, sex-divisive rhetoric and postings of purposely polarizing media. Administrators on the page have tried to create page guidelines but to no avail. Energies are wasted in these types of behaviors and legitimacy is compromised.

Members of the Baylor Feminists need to reconsider the way they discuss issues that matter or risk undermining the whole purpose of the group. Like any cause, there needs to be a balance between speaking out indignantly against injustice and generating damaging criticism. It is not just necessary, but it is the group's responsibility that this occurs. Too many people are affected on a daily basis by gender inequality for those who have undertaken the cause to be associated with hostile blaming and hypocrisy. Shame the behavior, not the person, and most importantly, remember that actions often speak louder than words.

Shame the behavior, not the person...

COLUMN

Feeling powerless? Try standing tall

REBECCA FEDORKO
Reporter

Superman never seems nervous when facing the bad guys, and yet my palms get sweaty and my head starts to swim any time I have to do something as seemingly easy as sitting down for a casual interview. What makes Superman so sure of himself in the face of situations that would scare any sane person half to death? According to social psychologist Amy Cuddy, Superman's confidence doesn't come from his cape, his skin-tight clothes or even his alien superpowers—it's his pose that does the trick.



Body language is a huge part of human communication. But a little-known fact is that body language not only changes how others perceive you, it changes how you perceive yourself.

In a TED talk titled "Your body language shapes who you are," Cuddy explores how these different postures affect your mood. Cuddy says that it is not a one-way street with attitude and posture. People don't just take a certain posture because they feel a certain way; they can feel powerful or powerless because of the way they are sitting or standing.

Almost everyone has seen a movie or video clip where an animal, when threatened, either makes itself look bigger to exert dominance or makes itself smaller to show submission. It works the same way with humans. People who are confident tend to spread out and take up more space. Cuddy called this the "Alpha male" response. Conversely, someone who feels out of place or uncomfortable will try to make themselves smaller by doing things like folding their arms, crossing their legs or hunching.

As it turns out, these posture changes affect the human endocrine system in a drastic way. According to a study conducted by Cuddy and the Harvard Business School, changes in posture affect testosterone and cortisol levels in the body.

Testosterone is the dominance hormone and cortisol is the stress hormone. The study tested the hormone levels of two groups of test subjects. The first group of test subjects took a low-power pose, making themselves smaller and taking submissive or defensive postures. The second group took high-power poses, such as standing with their legs apart and their fists on their hips or raising both fists into the air in a victory stance. The study found that taking a dominant pose for just two minutes increased testosterone levels by 25 percent while decreasing cortisol levels by 15 percent. The subjects said that they felt more self-assured and less stressed out after holding the pose.

This study translates almost seamlessly into the life of a college student. Class participation, important tests and job interviews are all high-stress situations that can cause a lot of anxiety. One way to walk into each of these situations with confidence is to take a power stance. Now, that doesn't mean standing in the middle of class looking like Superman and staring down every person who walks in. In class it may simply look like sitting up straight and raising your hand high when you want to ask or answer a question.

One thing that Cuddy does suggest is, before a test or an interview, assuming one of those high-power stances (a good example is the way any superhero looks when they confront the main bad guy) while in front of the bathroom mirror or in an unused classroom. Holding it for just two minutes can increase your testosterone, decrease your cortisol and help you walk into any situation with confidence like Superman's.

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COLUMN

Forget measuring up to others, work for yourself

MEGHAN MITCHELL
Reporter

As the semester draws to an end, it seems as if students stress out over every little thing. From homework grade to problems with roommates, it seems like we can find imperfections in everything, while wanting perfection.



Shouldn't imperfections be OK, though? I realize that we all want to do our best, but at the end of the day we are human and will never be perfect.

Once was told that "imperfections are beauty." I realize that many may see them as something completely different, but I see them as the building block that makes us who we are. Without them we would all be living the same, boring life. In the word itself it says, "I'm perfect." While I do not take it literally, I see it that I am perfect the way I am, with all my flaws and everything.

We all have pressure coming from different avenues in life. However, most of us will never be able to live up to the standards that people expect out of us. Shouldn't that be OK, though? I believe that we should be the ones aiming for our own goals and shouldn't live our lives trying to please others. Yes, it is good to make others happy, but it is not worth giving up one's own happiness over.

As a big test approaches, you may feel the need to cheat to get a higher grade, but all you are doing is cheating yourself. I have been in the situation before, but I think to myself, is it worth it? It isn't. I need to learn for myself, to better my future. I may never get a 100 like my classmates across the room, but that is OK because I am doing the best that I can do.

So while pressure may be building up to get a perfect score or be the best roommate in the world, just relax and be the best you can be. At the end of the day, it is up to you to make yourself happy and smile, and we should never let others try and dictate our lives. Like Bruno Mars would say, "You are amazing just the way you are."

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Charlene Lee | Lariat Photographer
PANCAKES FOR CHRIST
Baylor students Rachel West, a sophomore from Nashville, Tenn., (pictured) and Maggie Geiler, a junior from Friendswood, open their house to the public in efforts to raise money to fund a summer mission trip to Syria.

Students bake to fund trip to Syria

ASHLYN THOMPSON
Reporter

On Tuesday night, two Baylor students served stacks of pancakes in exchange for stacks of cash. While many students are excited for beach trips and a lack of responsibility, Friendswood junior Maggie Geiler and Nashville, Tenn., sophomore Rachel West will spend their summer in Lesvos, Greece, serving Syrian refugees. Tuesday night's personal fundraiser served to garner funds for their mission trip.

The trip will take place through Antioch Community Church's "Engage the Crisis" mission, a project built to assist the Syrian refugee crisis overseas. Missionaries will travel not only to Lesvos, also spelled "Lesbos," but also to other countries across Europe.

The mission has now sent two groups to Lesvos and to other European locations to assist refugees. The original trip took place last semester, when three women involved at Antioch explored the unique needs of the people in Lesvos. Antioch sent a group of students over Christmas break to Lesvos to serve in ways both practical and spiritual.

The fundraising event, held at Geiler's house on Seventh Street, took place from 6-9 p.m. West said she originally anticipated around 200 people to show up to the event, praying to raise the full \$6,000 needed to fund both their trips. In the end, around 60 people showed up to the event, eating pancakes and spending time talking about the trip.

"We expected more to come," said West of the turnout. "But honestly, anything helps the cause."

West said they were willing to make unlimited pancakes for anyone who showed up. The team bought multiple boxes of pancake mix and said they had a runner ready to go to the store if need be.

The team prepared pancakes for friends and supporters all night, accepting donations as they came. Geiler said they got the idea from an event she had held last year while fundraising for a different trip. While West is attending "Greeks to Greece," a special trip primarily for students in sororities and fraternities, Geiler will be stationed in Lesvos all summer as an intern.

"On the island of Lesvos, there are about 20 interns," Geiler said. "Every base has interns, but Lesvos is the hub."

Geiler said all the teams will go through Lesvos. As an intern, she will host short-term teams coming through and will be stationed in Lesvos from May to August. She said this experience will give her insight into what a career in missions would look like.

"It's such a defining summer, and I could be doing PR internships for my major," Geiler said, "but I can't say no, because this is what I want to be doing."

Flint corrosion mystery finally solved

JOHN FLESHER
Associated Press

FLINT, Mich. — Shortly before this poverty-stricken city began drawing its drinking water from a local river in a cost-cutting move nearly two years ago, officials huddled at the municipal water treatment plant, running through a checklist of final preparations.

Mike Glasgow, a plant supervisor at the time, says he asked a state water quality official at the meeting how often his staffers would need to check the water for proper levels of phosphate, a chemical added to prevent lead corrosion from pipes.

The official, Mike Prysby of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, replied, "You don't need to monitor phosphate because you're not required to add it" until after a year of testing, according to Glasgow.

Recalling the meeting Tuesday in an interview

with The Associated Press, Glasgow said he was taken aback by the state regulator's instruction; treating drinking water with anti-corrosive additives was routine practice. An engineer for a consulting firm in attendance also seemed surprised, Glasgow said.

"Then," he added, "we went on to the next question."

In hindsight, it was a fateful moment. For nearly 18 months, Flint residents would drink water that had coursed through aging pipes and fixtures, scraping away lead. By the time Gov. Rick Snyder announced in October 2015 that Flint would return to its earlier source of treated water, the Detroit municipal system, dangerously high levels of the metal were detected in the blood of some residents, including children, for whom it can cause lower IQs and behavioral problems.

Glasgow's account of the meeting, given first at a state legislative committee meeting Tuesday and

then in more detail in an interview, supplied the biggest missing piece of the puzzle about Flint's water contamination crisis that has stunned experts, elected officials and the city's beleaguered citizens for months: how a municipal process that is considered ordinary went so terribly wrong.

It was a story of harried water plant staffers scrambling to meet a deadline for a water system switch, political appointees making changes to save money for a city swimming in debt, and a state engineer confidently but erroneously describing federal guidelines for ensuring water quality. And no one questioning what they were being told.

"That one meeting was the difference between this city being poisoned and not being poisoned," said Lee-Ann Walters, the homemaker-turned-activist who helped bring the crisis to light after battling for months with government agencies over contamination that she believes has damaged her family's health.

What's Happening on Campus?

Hang out with your friends and get connected by attending these fun and free* events

*Unless otherwise noted.



Thursday, March 31 | **Campus Kitchen Garden Shift**

1 p.m. Volunteer at the Baylor Community Garden, located at 9th and James, with the Baylor Campus Kitchen. Water, harvest, plant and prune vegetables that will be used to make meals for individuals in need at Mission Waco, the Family Abuse Center and Salvation Army.



Thursday, March 31 | **Campus Kitchen Food Delivery Shift**

5:45 p.m. Pick up prepared food from the Baylor Campus Kitchen and deliver it to Mission Waco or the Family Abuse Center.



Thursday, March 31 | **Women's History Month Poetry Night**

7:30 p.m. Join Baylor NAACP for a celebration of female writers. Enjoy poetry recitations, speeches and performances of works written by female authors.



Friday, Saturday & Sunday, April 1-3 | **Baylor Baseball**

6:35 p.m. Friday, 3:05 p.m. Saturday and 1:05 p.m. Sunday. Support Baylor Baseball alongside The Bullpen, as the Bears take on Kansas at the Baylor Ballpark.



Saturday, April 2 | **Heart of Texas Autism Walk/Run**

7 a.m. Show your support for National Autism Day by walking a 1K or running the 5K at Brazos Park East. Enjoy games, activities, music and refreshments. Register online at HOT254.org.



Saturday, April 2 | **Texas Food Truck Showdown**

All day. Enjoy live entertainment and delicious food at the second annual Texas Food Truck Showdown in downtown Waco. Tickets for food, available onsite, start at \$4.



Saturday, April 2 | **Baylor Football Showcase**

10 a.m. Connect with fellow football fans at the Baylor Football Showcase. Fan Fest, with a photo booth, face painting, poster giveaways and more, is located at McLane Stadium South Plaza with the football scrimmage beginning at noon.



Now through April 17 | **Student Art Exhibition**

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Enjoy featured artwork at The Martin Museum of Art. Entries, completed by students in studio art classes, have been selected by a guest juror, and some pieces will be available for purchase.

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Bear Faire

Event aims to get students ready for graduation in May

KALYN STORY
Editor-in-Chief

The Bear Faire is taking place today from noon to 6 p.m. in the Stone Room of the Ferrell Center.

Students will be able to check their diploma name, purchase their cap and gown, order graduation announcements, record shout out videos to be played before the ceremony, take yearbook photos and order a yearbook, take senior photos, ask questions about student loans, connect with the Baylor Alumni Network and more.

Carbondale, Colo., senior Jayson Denton is graduating with his bachelors and masters of accounting. After five years at Baylor, Denton said he is excited to graduate. He has had a job lined up at an accounting firm in Denver since his sophomore year and is looking forward to using the skills he has worked so hard to learn.

"I'm sad to be leaving Baylor. It seems like

I've been here forever, but I'm excited to move on," Denton said. "I know Baylor has prepared me to go out into the field, and I'm actually working with a few other Baylor grads, so that's comforting."

Now that Denton has his cap and gown, he said graduation feels closer and much more real.

Houston senior Kelly Cochran got her cap and gown and took her senior pictures at the Bear Faire, but she is most excited about the shout-out video she filmed.

At the Faire, all seniors have the opportunity to record a 30-second video thanking their family and friends for supporting them through their college career. The videos will be played before the ceremony begins.

"I'm not telling my parents about the video, I want it to be a surprise. I hope they don't miss it," Cochran said. "My parents have supported me my whole life and listened to my tears every time I called complaining about majoring in mechanical engineering. I'm so glad I got to make a video thanking them."



Richard Hirst | Photo Editor

GETTING GRADUATION READY San Antonio senior Justin Rodriguez and Houston senior Ashley Oradat sign up to take their yearbook portrait at the Bear Faire on Wednesday.

College Station senior Savannah Batista says going through the Bear Faire feels surreal.

"I'm waiting for that 'High School Musical' moment when you're together with all of your friends for the last time, I can't believe it's almost here," Batista said.

Batista is taking her international studies degree and going to work in Germany with a study abroad company. She is excited to start

the next part of her life but she is going to miss Baylor, especially the football games and the Thanksgiving dinners.

"There is no place like Baylor," Batista said. "I know I will never find a community like this anywhere else, and I am so proud to be graduating from this University."

Professional writing to get major changes

KALLI DAMSCHEN
Reporter

Baylor's professional writing program will get a facelift this fall, with changes to the program's name and course requirements.

"There are a lot of strengths about the professional writing program," said Dr. Lisa Shaver, associate professor of professional writing. "It's a very versatile major. Students can use it in a lot of different ways, even if you don't go into a field that's primarily writing."

The professional writing major is one of three majors within the English department. The other two majors are English language and literature, and linguistics. Shaver said the professional writing major was established in the mid-1980s and had not been significantly updated since then, even though courses were taught differently.

"The change was really to make it even more writing intensive and, also, to make it more explicit," Shaver said. "We tried to make our course titles more explicit to show the type of writing and the skills that you would learn in those courses."

In addition to more descriptive course names, several special topics classes will become regular courses. Additionally, the name of the major will change from "professional writing" to "professional writing and rhetoric."

As suggested by the name, Shaver said the professional writing and rhetoric major will have a stronger theoretical basis in rhetorical concepts. The updated major will also place more emphasis on students' writing and research skills.



Photo by Tribune News Service

UPDATE The professional writing program will get a change this fall that puts more emphasis on skills like research.

"They'll be more well-rounded," Shaver said. "This will allow students who are interested either in going into careers in publishing, technical writing, healthcare writing — whatever field they're interested in — to do that, as well as students who are interested in going to law school or graduate school."

Shaver said professional writing majors experienced the transition will not be affected by these changes, but they may have the opportunity to take new courses if they would like.

"They're adding new courses, which is going to add different styles of writing to the major," said Dallas-Fort Worth senior

Amanda Walker. "One of the courses is editing and publishing, and I know a lot of people who go into the professional writing major, that's what they want to do. So they're starting a class that will highlight that and give people the skills to do that so when they graduate they can go into the publishing industry."

Current professional writing majors have also been brought into the transitional process. Students in Dr. Michael DePalma's professional writing classes analyzed ways for the major to be more appealing to students.

"From the start of revising the major, we considered student perspectives because we wanted to understand what students are most interested in learning in relation to course materials," DePalma said. "We're also interested in thinking about how we can best prepare our majors for the job market."

Shaver said that there are currently about 50 professional writing majors, which allows professors to know all the students in the major.

"Our classes are really small, so there's a lot of individual attention and hands-on learning with faculty," DePalma said. "We get to know our students really well and develop relationships with them."

Shaver hopes that these upcoming changes will make the major more understandable to prospective students.

"We think there's an opportunity that there would be more students interested in this major if they knew about it," Shaver said. "I think this curriculum makes it more transparent what professional writing is, what we're teaching in professional writing."

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Olson U.S. Ambassador to Sweden. Olson's father and grandfather were immigrants from Sweden.

"I knew if I left Wall Street I'd leave a lot of money behind, frankly," said Olson. "I didn't know if I was going to make that commitment but for Sweden I would. Simply because of bringing honor to my family and closing the circle where my grandfather and great-grandfather were immigrants to this country."

Olson was heavily involved

in Holocaust asset gathering. He said this involved gathering gold from Nazi vaults in Switzerland and giving the gold back to survivors of the Holocaust and giving back items that belonged to them. Olson said this was an international effort.

Olson said he believes that the country is now in a dark period in our nation. Olson quoted U.S. Congressman William Poage and talked about how Poage felt that there should be a

moderate conservative wing in the Democratic Party and a moderate liberal wing in the Republican Party or the United States will be in a lot of trouble.

Olson said he has never seen anything as hateful and angry as the current civic and public rhetoric. He said he believed that society will not survive as a democracy is that continues.

"We talked a lot about politics, and I thought his importance on the moderate conservative and the liberal

was very important concerning our climate and it was something a lot of our students need to hear especially coming from an older generation," said Oklahoma City senior Netta Mustin.

Olson is also the vice chairman of the Lyndon B. Johnson foundation library. Olson said he found it alarming how little millennials know about Johnson and the several acts he passed including the civil rights act and the great society.



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>> Today

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>> Friday

Starting at 10 a.m. — First Friday in downtown Waco.

7 p.m. — Brazos Nights Concert Series presents Lee Fields and the Expressions with Brown Sabbath at Indian Spring Park. Free.

8 p.m. — Honest Men with Aspen at Common Grounds. \$5 in advance, \$7 day of.

8 p.m. — Queen of Kings at Muddle. Free.

Honesty's the best policy

Honest Men take the stage Friday at Common Grounds

HELENA HUNT
Arts and Life Editor

They're a regular Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, these four Honest Men. Though they may never go to the fiery furnace or lion's den, the band is as serious about faith and, well, honesty as its spiritual forbears.

Honest Men first performed a year ago at Student Union's Battle of the Bands, where they played Gnarl's Barkley's "Crazy" and took first despite never having played together before. Now, a year later, Waco sophomore Seth Findley, the band's frontman; guitarist Brooks Whitehurst, a Baylor graduate; drummer Zach Solomon, also a Baylor graduate; and Killeen sophomore Nathan Wallace, the bassist, are showing how they've gotten better over the last year in a show at 8 p.m. Friday at Common Grounds.

"I think when we started, we were kind of all over the place," Whitehurst said. "We've learned simplicity meets the goal, rather than trying to do all these crazy things all at once."

From the beginning, however, simplicity was one of the band's goals. Findley and Solomon rejected several competing band names, including Captain Nathaniel Flint and Floodland East, before settling on the apt moniker Honest Men.

"We decided on Honest Men because it's



Charlene Lee | Lariat Photographer

KEEP IT HONEST From left, Killeen sophomore Nathan Wallace, Waco sophomore Seth Findley and Baylor graduate Brooks Whitehurst play on March 19 at The Rooftop Bar in Austin. Honest Men will play its new songs for Waco at 8 p.m. Friday at Common Grounds.

positive and encouraging, like K-Love, you know," Solomon said.

Christian radio comparisons aside, Findley said the band strives to make music that's more than just music, music that has some meaning that's bigger than the people writing it. Wallace cited Mutemath and Colony House (but not K-Love standards like Jeremy Camp and Chris Tomlin) as the groups that have most influenced Honest Men's music.

Findley said the band's newest songs are primarily inspired by the book of Daniel, however. The band has raised money to go to Nashville this summer to record half those songs, which it will perform at its show Friday.

"These songs are telling the story of

Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, King Nebuchadnezzar, all the characters in this book, and showing that there's so much of it that relates to my own life and our own lives," Findley said. "Even though it happened thousands of years ago, the themes, the messages and the lessons they're learning still apply to us today."

Findley said that, like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, some difficulties have made the band stronger than ever. Even when Solomon's car broke down at a show last week in Austin, Honest Men just got closer.

"A lot of things went wrong, but there was a lot of beauty in the things that went wrong because it brought us closer together," Wallace said.

Gateway to India brings South Asia to Baylor Saturday

REBECCA FEDORKO
Reporter

This year marks the Indian Subcontinent Student Association's 21st annual Gateway to India celebration showcasing all the vibrancy of South Asian culture. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the free event will start at 6 p.m. Saturday in Waco Hall, followed directly by the eighth annual Taste of India festival where ISSA will serve free Indian food.

Gateway to India has been ISSA's biggest event of the year since the organization started hosting it 21 years ago. It has grown from a simple showcase to a full-blown competition and opportunity to truly showcase the talents, customs and culture of Baylor University students.

"It started off as a bunch of Baylor students who were still really intact with their roots," said Frisco sophomore Sabah Janmohammad, who is a culture co-chair for the event. "They did



Courtesy of Indian Subcontinent Student Association

THROUGH THE GATEWAY From left, Sugar Land senior Anisha Roy, Baylor graduate Uzair Shahnawaz and Sugar Land senior Aaminah Saifuddin perform in Gateway to India last year.

classical dances and played classical instruments and stuff. Now it's turned into a competition

with acts from outside of Baylor, and judges give out awards."

Schools from all over Texas, including The University of Texas San Antonio, Texas A&M University, the University of Texas and the University of Houston, are sending teams to perform in the dance competition.

Members will also get to show off their most beautiful Indian clothes in a fashion show, which follows a special guest performance by popular Indian artist Jai Matt.

"He's an up-and-coming artist," said Hurst senior Anokhi Patel, a culture co-chair for ISSA and organizer for the Gateway to India event. "He's a really great performer. I think he is really going to be able to entertain the crowd and get them excited and pumped up."

This event is also where the ISSA presents the funds that its members have raised for its philanthropy, Developments in Literacy, which helps young girls in Pakistan and India get better educations.

"In countries like those where men are given

more importance, women are neglected on the education side," Janmohammad said. "This place provides books and pencils so they can go to school and learn to read and learn to write."

Patel said ISSA is really hoping to see more Baylor students at the event this year. ISSA has already made its Holi festival a campus-wide event, and Patel said that more non-ISSA members attended than members.

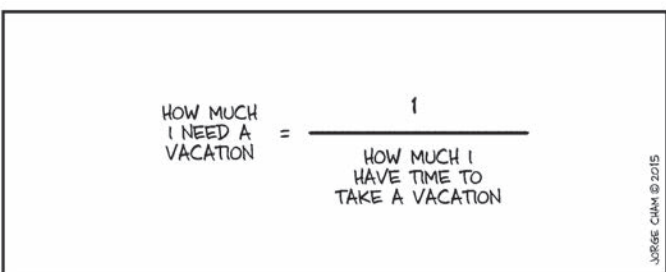
"We had a great turnout, and it was great to share that experience," Patel said. "We're trying to take it a step further and get people to come to Gateway to India."

Patel said the event has been in production since the summer and has only come together with help from the Baylor Activities Council and funding from Baylor's Department of Multicultural Affairs and student government.

"I'm really excited about it," Janmohammad said. "I just can't wait, because we put so much hard work and time and effort into it. I just can't wait to see how it turns out and how everyone in the audience likes it."

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Today's Puzzles

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- 16 Big fuss
- 17 Parody involving molten rock?
- 19 Sneaky job
- 20 APA member?: Abbr.
- 21 Med. test
- 22 Eight-time co-star of Joan Crawford
- 24 Teeth: Pref.
- 27 Note
- 28 Wind god's whaling weapon?
- 33 Crybaby
- 34 See 15-Across
- 35 Arctic flier
- 36 Stalling-for-time syllables
- 37 Honor earned by 27 Super Bowl QBs
- 39 Light lead-in
- 41 Scoreboard fig.
- 42 Director Preminger
- 44 It borders It.
- 46 Sparkling wit
- 48 Blubbery Belgian?
- 51 8th-century Japanese capital
- 52 Runs while standing
- 53 Try a new color on
- 55 June portrayer in "Henry & June"
- 56 Repeat, but more softly each time
- 60 First name in shipping
- 61 Hollywood harlequin?
- 65 Java
- 66 Eclectic quarterly digest
- 67 Hard to read, maybe
- 68 Animal in some fables
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- 12 Fan club focus
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- 28 Vital supply line
- 29 Where to find Java
- 30 Magic show prop
- 31 __ the cold
- 32 Democratic donkey drawer
- 33 Litter cry
- 38 Wrinkly little dog
- 40 __ Royale, Michigan
- 43 Skin care brand
- 45 Pool party?
- 47 Be the subject of, as a painting
- 49 Furious
- 50 Not much at all
- 53 Indian noble
- 54 Love deity
- 55 Forearm bone
- 57 Egyptian Christian
- 58 "The thing with feathers / That perches in the soul": Dickinson
- 59 Cane stone
- 62 Suburban trailer?
- 63 The Trojans of the Pac-12
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The next generation

BU basketball prospects play in McDonald's all-star games

BEN EVERETT
Sports Writer

Two future Lady Bears and one potential Bear competed in the boys and girls McDonald's All-American Games at the United Center in Chicago on Wednesday.

Two five-star recruits, Lauren Cox and Natalie Chou, have already committed to play for Kim Mulkey and the Lady Bears.

Cox is a 6-foot-4 forward from Flower Mound who is rated as the No. 1 player in this year's recruiting class. She is the first No. 1 overall recruit to commit to Baylor since Brittney Griner.

Chou is a 6-foot-1 guard from Plano who is rated as the No. 8 player in this year's recruiting class.

Cox started for the West team while Chou started for the East team in the McDonald's All-American girls game.

The East led the West 48-38 at halftime largely due to hot three-point shooting from TCU commit Amber Ramirez.

Chou controlled the pace for the East team, taking care of the ball and knocking down two free throws, helping the East to a 68-56 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Cox made her mark on the game on the defensive end, blocking multiple shots and making hustle plays for the West.

After the West battled back for most of the game to cut the lead to three, Cox drained one from long range to tie the game with just under a minute left.

Connecticut commit Crystal

Dangerfield drove the ball to attempt to win the game for the East, but the presence of Cox under the basket forced Dangerfield into a turnover as the game was sent to overtime.

Back-to-back threes from undecided player Sabrina Ionescu sealed the game for the West in overtime as they went on to win 97-88.

One participant in the boys McDonald's game, Terrance Ferguson, is uncommitted, but he has the Bears on his shortlist of schools.

Ferguson is a 6-foot-5 guard from Dallas who originally committed to Alabama but recently de-committed because he felt he rushed the decision.

The five-star recruit is currently down to three schools: Arizona, Baylor and Kansas.

Ferguson is good friends with Baylor commit Mark Vital. Vital has been pivotal in the Bears' pursuit of the coveted guard.

"It really could happen any time," Ferguson said of his commitment. "If my mom says 'do it right now,' I'd make a decision right now."

Ferguson, who is currently rated as the No. 13 overall recruit in the country, started for the East team and scored 10 points, including a highlight reel dunk and a three pointer.

The East was unable to overcome an early deficit as the West won the game with a score of 114-107.

Duke commit Frank Jackson and uncommitted Josh Jackson were named Co-MVPs, with each scoring 19 points.

The deadline for players to sign with a school is May 15.



Associated Press

BEST OF THE BEST East's Joyner Holmes (left) shoots past West's Lauren Cox (right) from Flower Mound High School during the McDonald's All-American Girls basketball game on Wednesday in Chicago. Cox is committed to play for Baylor women's basketball under head coach Kim Mulkey, starting in the 2016-17 season.

Softball posts shutout against North Texas

MEGHAN MITCHELL
Sports Writer

The No. 19 Lady Bears stumped North Texas on Wednesday night at Getteman Stadium to take the win, 2-0.

"It was a perfect midweek game," said head coach Glenn Moore. "The scoreboard wasn't a good indicator of our offense because I thought we had quality at bats."

The Lady Bears (28-7) looked for revenge against North Texas (18-13) after they took the previous two matchups against the Lady Bears in the Getteman Classic earlier this season.

"I know they had motivation from that because a team came in here and took the Getteman title from them,"

Moore said. "They are a good team; they are scrappy; they are tough to beat."

The Lady Bears were coming off a split doubleheader to No. 4 Louisiana-Lafayette Tuesday night. After dominating in the first game, the Lady Bears' late run in the second game was not enough to overcome ULL's early lead.

On Wednesday, North Texas set the momentum by getting two batters on base quickly.

Freshman pitcher Gia Rodoni, who was seeing her first collegiate start, was in a pickle. But Rodoni was focused to get a strikeout.

Senior third baseman Sarah Smith grabbed a grounder to get the out at first base.

"Pretty much everything was

working, but I had more confidence than in the past games. I think that was key for me to have confidence and go in there and pitch comfortably," Rodoni said. "I'm excited every day that I get to play, and I just take advantage of it."

Sophomore center fielder Jessie Scroggins answered right back for the Lady Bears, grounding to get on base, then stealing two bases to find herself on third and scoring after a pop-up to right field by sophomore first baseman Shelby Friudenberg.

Continuing to dominate in the second inning, Rodoni threw three strikeouts to keep the Lady Bears up 1-0.

"She goes at them. If they are going to beat her, they are going to beat her swinging," Moore said. "That's what I

want to see out of my pitchers."

North Texas was able to get two batters on in the third, but once again were unable to produce runs.

Baylor sophomore pitcher Kendall Potts came on in the fifth inning for Rodoni to continue to shut down North Texas.

After yet another pitching change for North Texas in the sixth inning allowed the Lady Bears to find a spark, senior right fielder Linsey Hays hit a deep ball to center field to get on second.

Senior Sarah Smith drove in pinch runner Linsey after hitting a ball deep over UNT's left fielder to give the Lady Bears a 2-0 lead.

"I feel good," Moore said. "I certainly feel we are in pretty good shape right now. We just need to keep

not being satisfied because we are chasing a Big 12 title."

With North Texas unable to get anything going, a pop up to sophomore short stop Caitlin Charlton allowed the Lady Bears to take the win 2-0.

"Our goal was to come out here and win this game, and we won," Smith said.

The Lady Bears will look to continue with the momentum against Iowa State in a three day series starting Friday at 4 p.m. in Ames, Iowa.

"Their numbers don't always look good, but they are a tough offensive team," Moore said. "We are going to have a change of climate, but we are just going to have to go up there and test our focus."

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