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SHOWING SOLIDARITY Baylor University's Student Advisory Council will host The Clothesline Project at 3 p.m. Sunday in Burleson Quad. Students will be encouraged to write messages on T-shirts about sexual violence. The shirts will be displayed until April 15.

Clear Message

Project asks students to speak out against sexual violence

RACHEL LELAND
Staff Writer

In light of the recent criticism concerning Baylor University's handling of sexual assault cases and National Sexual Assault Awareness month, students will be offered the opportunity to voice their sentiments on the issue this weekend.

Baylor University's "It's On Us" Student Advisory Council will host The Clothesline Project at 3 p.m. Sunday on Burleson Quad.

The Clothesline Project began in Hyannis, Mass., in 1990 as part of Take Back the Night, a march organized to end physical and sexual violence.

Clothesline Project participants are asked to draw on T-shirts to vocalize their personal encounters with violence or draw awareness to the gravity of the issue. The T-shirts are then strung on a wire and displayed in a public place.

"It was something that the students really wanted to do and so we wanted to make that happen. We got funding approved and go-ahead to make it happen," said Title IX training and prevention specialist Sarah Macpherson.

The national organization recognizes Clothesline Projects in 41 states and five countries.

"It is very much student involved and

student-led because the students are the ones making the shirts and sharing their own experiences and their own thoughts and any myths they want to get rid of about sexual violence," graduate student Gloria Holloway said.

Holloway's alma mater had a similar event, and she said she hopes that the students at Baylor can benefit from the anonymity of the event. The display is entirely anonymous and allows survivors to tell their story without coming forward.

"I think it can be very powerful. It's not coming from someone way up there or over there that they are not familiar with. It's people that they may know. It's something that they don't have to do if they don't want to," Holloway said. "They can support friends and look at the shirts throughout the week."

McPherson hopes that students who would not otherwise consider the relevance of sexual assault are impacted.

"I think it really makes the point come home for people when we realize this could be the person next to you or the person walking by you," McPherson said.

Students are invited to decorate shirts on Sunday, where pizza and drinks will be served.

The shirts will be displayed until April 15.

Baylor police officers awarded for efforts

JESSICA HUBBLE
Staff Writer

Three Baylor police officers were presented with honorary commendation awards at the Waco Police Department's quarterly award ceremony.

Officer Justin Swanson, Lieutenant Greg Perkins and Officer Travis Tews were presented the awards Thursday afternoon for assisting Waco Police Officers' capture of suspects involved in a robbery involving multiple U-Haul trucks.

"It means quite a bit to me, it lets me know and the department know that we are doing what we need to do and what we are asked and desired to do," Perkin said. "It's kind of hard to explain because I'm kind of excited about the fact that they took the time to recognize us for something that we saw as

so minor and they saw as well enough to recognize us."

On Dec. 1, 2015, Waco officers responded to a robbery in progress and followed two suspects in a vehicle as they got onto Interstate 35. The suspects exited northbound onto Fourth and Fifth Streets check toward Baylor University campus. Waco Police alerted Baylor Police as the suspects drove onto campus.

As the road turned into a parking lot the suspects fled the vehicle on foot onto Baylor campus. Waco police relayed the direction of travel and description of the suspects to dispatch. Baylor police were able to locate and detain the suspects until Waco police took them into custody.

The suspects were charged for theft of property over \$5,000 and theft of a U-Haul truck worth \$45,000.

Several U-Haul trucks were stolen from different locations around Waco. There were four different crime scenes.

Waco Police Chief Brent Stroman commended the whole Baylor police department on the way that it works with other units in McLennan County. He said departments working together like the Waco and Baylor Police departments doesn't happen in most places in Texas or even in the United States.

"I appreciate Baylor University working with us on the streets. I appreciate the chief working with us on the executive level," Stroman said.

The Waco police officers who responded to this robbery also received a meritorious unit award.

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Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

Rochester, Minn., senior Christina Hagen presents a poster on her undergraduate research to a judge on Thursday at the Baylor Sciences Building.

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Panel discusses human impact

LIESJE POWERS
Staff Writer

The College of Arts and Sciences held a STEM & Humanities Symposium on Thursday at the Mayborn Science Theater. The event featured a number of faculty members, both visiting and from Baylor.

Department chair and French professor, Dr. Heidi Bostic, served as the moderator for the faculty panel and gave opening remarks.

The symposium touched on a number of environmental issues and brought to light the work already being done to combat world issues. Bostic said she hopes that it will encourage students in their fields.



Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

SCIENTIFIC DISCUSSION Joseph Ferraro (left), associate professor of anthropology, speaks on a faculty panel at the 2nd annual STEM & Humanities Symposium on Wednesday. Ferraro is joined by Julia Daniel, associate professor of modern American poetry at the panel.

"This symposium actually is to highlight the really great has several goals, one of which interdisciplinary work already

happening at Baylor. It's also to galvanize future research — get students more interested in realizing that the research we do, and the learning we do, in classes has a real world implications," Bostic said.

The theme of the faculty panel discussion was "The Anthropocene from Where I Stand." The Anthropocene is an interdisciplinary journal that is based on the significant effects that humans have made and will make on Earth's ecosystems and geology.

Dr. Anne Chin, professor of Geology and Environmental Science at the University of

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EDITORIAL

Careful Consideration

Obama could have been more thoughtful in response to bombings

Two weeks ago, there were three bomb incidents that have been reported to have been connected with terrorist groups. The attacks in Belgium and Iraq have been linked to ISIS (also referred to as ISIL or IS), while the Easter Sunday bombing in Pakistan is reported to have been done by the Taliban.

The Brussels attack was the first and most widely reported attack of the three in American media from two weeks ago. Piling on to his controversial trip to Cuba, President Obama found himself receiving even more criticism after the Brussels attack for the way he responded to the attack.

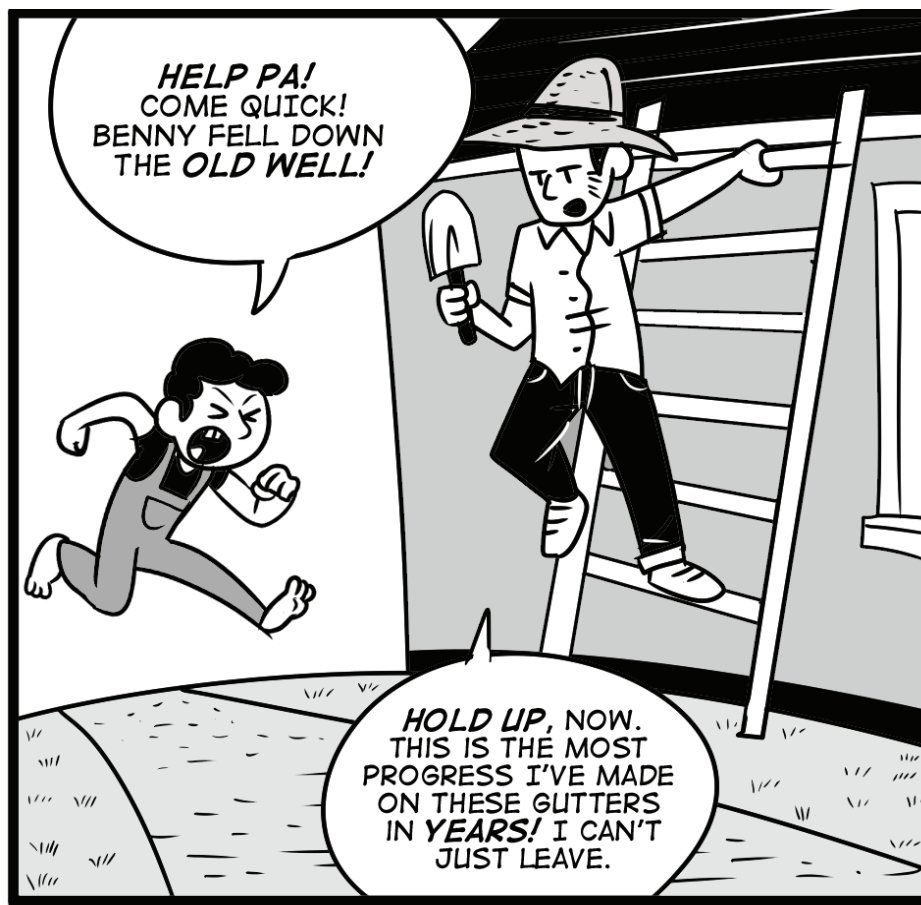
Obama had already been in Cuba for a couple days that week, meeting with Raul Castro, President of the Council State of Cuba. It was the first trip to Cuba by a sitting U.S. President since 1928. Whether one agrees or disagrees with Obama's trip to Cuba, the trip in and of itself was an indisputably historic moment in international relations between the two countries.

On the morning of the attack, Obama and Castro had already planned to participate in watching an exhibition baseball game between the Cuban national team and the MLB's Tampa Bay Rays. The baseball game being one of the trips' last big moments, a moment Obama intended to be a ceremonial victory for relations between the two countries.

In other words, Obama was in the middle of a trip he considered to be an important initiative in final days of presidency, albeit with its fair share of criticism. And this trip was unexpectedly eclipsed by a terror attack in Belgium.

Terrorism at strikes unanticipated times. By its very nature, it is untimely and mostly unpredictable. In that sense, political leaders responding to terrorist incidents is not really an exact science. Diplomatic response to terrorist attacks are approached and handled differently on a case-by-case basis.

However, these considerations do not excuse the way Obama did choose to respond to the



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attack in Belgium while he was in Cuba.

Not knowing the attack would happen in Belgium that day, Obama had already planned to host a press conference in Cuba that morning for other reasons. After learning about the attack, Obama did include a statement about Brussels in that press conference and said he made a phone call to Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel earlier that morning to offer his condolences.

While at the baseball game later that day, Obama was interviewed by ESPN commentators during the game and was offered a chance to

comment on the Brussels attack again. All this to say Obama did respond, indeed, in multiple venues.

But it wasn't necessarily Obama's words that sent a limp message to Americans and America's allies in the fight against terrorism. It was his choice to continue his daily agenda mostly uninterrupted and seemingly unphased by the attack in Belgium that showed a lack of decorum. The juxtaposition of the two events – while Brussels burns, Obama enjoys a baseball game in the tropical breeze of Cuba – is a rather cruel one.

Just a few days later during Obama's visit to Argentina, the aforementioned juxtaposition developed in way that apparently tipped the scales against Obama even more. Pictures began to circulate of Obama dancing a tango while in Argentina, a national pastime and cultural dance in the South American country. This came after the bombings in Iraq and Pakistan which each took even more lives than the attack in Belgium.

Granted, if there hadn't been a terrorist attack, or three, for that matter, this picture of the tango probably would've been one that produced some laughs and a kind of comic relief for American daytime news. Like the baseball game, the dance was a kind of ceremonial joining of two countries – an intended positive moment.

But there were terrorist attacks. And this wasn't a time for jokes and dancing.

People die every day around the world. Some may be asking, at what point does the president draw the line? Is he supposed to stop his trips and his schedule for every single killing?

To put it simply, of course not. But consider the significance of these attacks based on who was responsible for them. Two of the attacks were claimed acts of terror by ISIS, a group that Obama and the U.S. in general have placed massive focus on and directly addressed as a national security concern the U.S. will fight against.

Granted, the methods of which Congress and the president have proposed for dealing with ISIS do differ, but the acknowledgement of the existent of the threat it poses is not really a matter of dispute. In other words, Obama himself has said ISIS is a matter of concern that falls under his responsibility as commander in chief.

Therefore, these weren't just some killings that happened and are inconsequential to the U.S. On the contrary, these were specific events done by certain groups of interest that warrant a better response from the president.

COLUMN

The key to a clean slate is sometimes letting go

JESSICA HUBBLE
Staff Writer

Letting go of people that are close to you is one of the hardest things to do, but sometimes it is necessary. Letting negativity surround you and being constantly unhappy for the sake of someone else's happiness isn't fair to you.

When I graduated high school and came to Baylor I decided to leave some people behind because of the negativity that they brought into my life. I was scared to death because doing so meant I would be coming to Baylor all alone.



Eight months later, I can say that was one of the best decisions I could have made. I had a clean start and no one constantly telling me I was not good enough or that my interests were unimportant. I became surrounded by people who support me, want to see me succeed and value my presence.

I went potluck for roommates, a decision that some commended me for and some thought I was crazy for. I wanted a clean slate, I wanted to make new friends. Those roommates I went potluck for are now my best friends.

I held onto the people who brought negativity into my life for seven years because I thought that if I was good to them they would reciprocate. I have been under the misconception that others will do unto you as you do to them. It's a harsh reality, but you cannot change anyone. You cannot make them treat you right. I've learned this is true not only in friendships but in relationships.

I was surprised when I had friends who checked up on me, friends who were supportive and did not judge my every move.

My biggest flaw is that I am loyal to a fault and a people-pleaser. I will be loyal to someone no matter how many times they do me wrong. I keep giving them a chance because I want them to be the person I know they could be or the person they were at one time. Truth is, people change and they are who they want to be, but I am also who I am and I have learned not to stand for being treated like I do not matter.

It's not a way to live. There is nothing wrong with removing toxic people from your life. There are good people out there that will care for you and, who knows, they may already be there. You just haven't noticed them because you were spending too much time pleasing others who, frankly, are not worth your time.

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COLUMN

Toll roads are solution to growing traffic problem

ERIC VINING
Reporter

If you're from Houston, Dallas, Austin or any other major city in the U.S., you know that traffic is a major hassle. As a native Houstonian, there are few things more frustrating than sitting in the literal parking lot Interstates 10 and 45 become every morning and evening.



Luckily, there's a simple solution to our traffic woes – local and state-operated toll roads.

The idea is simple – drivers who want to avoid the horrendous traffic on busy highways and interstates can simply pay a fee to use a cleaner, faster, better-kept and quieter road.

Many people in Texas, however, feel that such tolls are a double-tax by local governments, and thus have worked for years to eliminate toll roads altogether by making current roads for use by all people free of charge.

While such an idea sounds great in theory, it will do little to solve the traffic

problem the construction of such roads sought to eliminate in the first place. In fact, it may turn out to be even more expensive for taxpayers in the long run.

The Texas Department of Transportation currently has or has had jurisdiction over 51 toll roads and bridges in the state. According to a report brought before the Texas House Committee on Transportation on March 30, the maintenance and bond debts the state would have to pay to make these roads free for all would top \$21 billion. If the state were to pay off these debts over time, which is more likely than not, the cost would top \$30 billion according to the report's findings.

There are definitely some cases where toll roads were built at too steep a cost for the service they ended up providing to taxpayers, and measures should be put in place to keep such projects from getting off the ground in the first place. Eliminating tolls altogether, though, will just exacerbate the traffic issues toll roads were designed to ease.

So yes, toll roads are oftentimes expensive for those who use them. But to make all taxpayers in a locality pay for a road that will become just as congested as a free interstate highway doesn't seem like a great deal.

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UT freshman dance student killed

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Associated Press

AUSTIN — A first-year University of Texas dance student whose body was found near the heart of campus was the victim of a “horrifying and incomprehensible” killing that was the first on school grounds since the bell tower mass shooting nearly 50 years ago, university officials said Thursday.

UT President Greg Fenves identified the victim as 18-year-old Haruka Weiser of Portland, Ore., and said the “unthinkable brutality against Haruka is an attack on our entire family.”

Weiser was last seen leaving UT’s drama building on the Austin campus around 9:30 p.m. Sunday. “She never made it to her dormitory that night,” said Assistant Austin Police Chief Troy Gay, who spoke with Fenves at a somber news conference.

Her roommates reported her missing shortly before noon the following day, and Weiser’s body was discovered Tuesday in a creek near the alumni center and football stadium, an area bustling with activity day and night.

The route to her dorm often took her along the creek where her body was recovered, and Gay said authorities “knew the direction that she traveled” based on what she texted to one of her friends.

Details of how Weiser died haven’t been released. An autopsy showed that she was assaulted, but Gay refused to elaborate, saying it was too early in the investigation.

Gay showed a surveillance video of a man he said was a suspect pushing a bike north of the stadium around 11 p.m. Sunday. Gay said there was no indication that the man in the video was a student or that he had sought to target Weiser



Associated Press

HOMICIDE University of Texas President Gregory L. Fenves, center, speaks during a news conference about the death of student Haruka Weiser on Thursday in Austin. The first-year dance student was the victim of a homicide, and police are searching for a man seen near the heart of campus, where her body was found.

specifically. He said authorities believe the man was in the area for at least a couple of hours, and that no weapon was recovered.

Security officials for the university said they had not received recent reports of criminal activity in the area.

Weiser’s was the first on-campus homicide since former Marine Charles Whitman climbed to the top of UT’s bell tower on Aug. 1, 1966, and opened fire, killing 16 people and wounding scores of others.

In response to this week’s slaying, the university has expanded security programs designed for students to be escorted across campus safely. School officials also are urging students to walk in groups and avoid walking at night or while distracted with cellphones or headphones. UT asked Austin police to lead the investigation with the help of the Department of Public Safety, which has assigned 20 state troopers to campus per day — including some on horseback.

DPS Director Steve McCraw is also reviewing security on campus, including video monitoring, lighting and building security systems.

“We would like the students and faculty to continue to have a high degree of awareness and vigilance until our suspect is arrested,” said Gay, who added that law enforcement is offering a \$15,000 reward for information leading to an arrest.

In Oregon, Weiser was known for her dancing. As a sixth-grader in the Portland suburb of Beaverton, home to Nike, Weiser entered the Arts & Communication Magnet Academy and also attended Dance West, a dance company at the school geared toward the most talented students.

Dance West artistic director Julane Stites said Thursday that Weiser had “a dancer in her soul” and that she headed to the University of Texas with the help of the largest scholarship any Dance West student had received.

“She adored ballet, but she was also an amazing modern dancer,” Stites said. “But you can’t be an amazing modern dancer without strong ballet in my opinion, so she could’ve gone any direction she wanted.”

Weiser’s family said she had planned to take on a second, pre-med major soon and to travel to Japan this summer to see family, according to Fenves.

“She was so happy to be a student at UT and was looking forward to the opportunity to perform again as a dance major,” said Fenves, reading a statement from Weiser’s family. “We know Haruka would not wish for us to be stuck in sadness but to keep living life to the fullest. That is what we will try to do in coming days.”

IS abducts 300 cement workers in Syria

**ZEINA KARAM
AND SARAH EL DEEB**
Associated Press

BEIRUT — In a brazen assault near the Syrian capital, Islamic State militants abducted 300 cement workers and contractors from their workplace northeast of Damascus on Thursday, as fighting against the extremist group raged in the country’s north ahead of a new round of peace talks.

State TV said Thursday’s mass abduction of workers from the al-Badia Cement Company took place in Dumeir, about 28 miles (45 kilometers) northeast of Damascus, where militants launched a surprise attack against government forces earlier this week. The

state-run news agency SANA quoted a source in the company as saying there had been no success in efforts to establish contact with the workers.

At the factory headquarters in Damascus, a spokeswoman declined to discuss the kidnapped workers’ fate, saying authorities had told the company to refrain from commenting on the abduction. “The situation is not easy at all,” she told The Associated Press.

There was no formal responsibility claim for the kidnapping, but the IS-linked Aamaq agency posted a video showing the deserted cement factory, located near a military air base. The video showed what appeared to be a Syrian soldier lying on the ground, apparently dead. One militant is seen driving a truck,

towing away a fork lift.

Islam Alloush, a spokesman for the Army of Islam rebel group which has a strong presence in Dumeir, told the AP in an email that Islamic militants attacked five targets in the town, including other insurgents’ positions near the airport. They also seized control of the factory, kidnapping hundreds of its workers.

He said his group had managed to secure some workers who got away, but the fate of the kidnapped workers was not known. Alloush added that the town is densely populated, making their ability to maneuver difficult.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors the Syria conflict, said earlier Thursday that contact had been lost with dozens of workers in Dumeir.

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Colorado and editor-in-chief for the Anthropocene, gave a keynote speech on reasons to care about the journal.

Following the speech, four Baylor professors gave an introductory synopsis of their feelings on the topic. Included in the panel was Dr. Joseph Ferraro, associate professor of Anthropology; Dr. Julia Daniel, assistant professor of English; Dr. Christie M. Sayes, associate professor of Environmental Science and Toxicology; and Dr. Paul Martens, associate professor of Religion. The floor was then opened for questions and comments. Those who commented ranged from college students to professionals.

Martens said the participation of college students helps them more fully understand their future in the field.

"I think at Baylor we have a lot of incredibly well-intentioned young students who don't quite understand where they fit in the larger cultural, social and political framework in which they live," Martens said. "Conversations like this help them understand that and the benefits and responsibilities that emerge from that."

Following the panel, Dr. Peter Hotez, dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine,

professor of Pediatrics and Molecular Virology and Microbiology at Baylor, spoke on "Neglected and Emerging Infections in the Anthropocene."

Garland Texas junior Kaitlyn Hoffman was present at the symposium. The issues based on geologic records and the growth of science drew Hoffman's attention. She said she feels that events like this help encourage scientists to reach out.

"Scientists can't stick in our little laboratories all the time. We have to go out to the public and make other people understand that there are things out there that the media or celebrities don't talk about. They should be aware and get involved as well," Hoffman said.

As the head of the department, Bostic hopes that events like the symposium encourage students of different paths, not just those who study the environment.

"[We work to get] students excited in the notion that their studies can have an afterlife in their future, and that it's not just natural sciences that can have an impact on the world," Bostic said. "It's humanists, it's social sciences, it's fine artists. Across the spectrum of disciplines we can find ways to make a difference."

Putin says Panama Papers part of US plot to weaken Russia

**IRINA TITOVA AND
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Associated Press

ST.PETERSBURG, Russia — President Vladimir Putin on Thursday denied having any links to offshore accounts and described the Panama Papers document leaks scandal as part of a U.S.-led plot to weaken Russia.

Putin also defended a cellist friend named as the alleged owner of an offshore company, describing him as a philanthropist who spent his own funds to buy rare musical instruments for Russian state collections.

Speaking at a media forum in St. Petersburg, Putin said Western media pushed the claims of his involvement in offshore businesses even though his name didn't feature in any of the documents leaked from a Panamanian law firm.

Putin described the allegations as part of the U.S.-led disinformation campaign waged against Russia in order to weaken its government. "They are trying to destabilize us from within in order to make us more compliant," he said.

The Washington-based International Consortium of Investigative Journalists said the documents it obtained indicated that Russian cellist Sergei Roldugin acted as a front man for a network of Putin loyalists, and, perhaps, the president himself.

The ICIJ said the documents show how complex offshore financial deals channeled as much as \$2 billion to a network of people linked to the Russian president.

Putin said Roldugin, a longtime friend, did nothing wrong. He said he was proud of Roldugin, adding that the musician spent his personal money to advance cultural projects.

Roldugin used the money he earned as a minority shareholder of a Russian company to buy rare musical instruments abroad and hand them over to the Russian state, Putin said.



Associated Press

DENYING ASSOCIATION Russian President Vladimir Putin listens during a media forum of the All-Russia People's Front on Thursday in St. Petersburg, Russia. At the event, Putin rejected links to offshore accounts, calling the leaks part of Western efforts to weaken Russia.

"Without publicizing himself, he also has worked to organize concerts, promote Russian culture abroad and effectively paid his own money for that," Putin added. "The more people like him we have, the better. And I'm proud to have friends like him."

Putin contended that Washington has fanned allegations of Russian official corruption in order to weaken Moscow as the U.S. has become concerned about Russia's growing economic and military might.

"The events in Syria have demonstrated Russia's capability to solve problems far away from its borders," he said, adding that Moscow has achieved its goal "to strengthen the Syrian statehood, its legitimate government bodies."

Putin said it's essential to prevent the collapse of the Syrian state to stem the flow of refugees to Europe.

He praised cooperation between Moscow and Washington in efforts to broker a cease-fire, which went into effect Feb. 27. The truce excludes the Islamic State group and the al-Qaida branch known as the Nusra Front.

But while lauding contacts on Syria, he signaled tensions on another issue, accusing the U.S. of breaching its obligations under an agreement to reprocess weapons-grade plutonium.

He said that while Russia has abided by the deal and built reprocessing facilities, the U.S. has opted for a different technology which, he alleged, allowed it to maintain the so-called "return potential" of keeping weapons-grade materials if it wishes to do so.

Putin said that a rift over the issue was one of the reasons behind his decision to snub a nuclear summit hosted by President Barack Obama in Washington.

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Baylor Police Chief Brad Wigtil said he appreciates the Waco Police Department for recognizing the efforts of the Baylor police officers.

"I think we are very fortunate at Baylor University

to have such a great relationship with the city of Waco police department, because us working together helps keep the Waco community, as well as the Baylor community, safe," Wigtil said.

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7 p.m. — StompFest at Waco Hall. \$8 for students and \$10 for general audiences in advance. \$12 at the door.

8 p.m. — Jenny and Tyler at Common Grounds. \$12 in advance, \$15 day of.

8 and 10 p.m. — Guerrilla Troupe at Jones Theatre. \$3.

>> Saturday

10 a.m. — Art on Elm Avenue. Free.

>> Sunday

5 p.m. — Delta Night Live at Fountain Mall. \$15.

Live from Waco, it's DELTA NIGHT LIVE



Courtesy of Green River Ordinance

Green River Ordinance plays charity event

DALLAS BOYS Green River Ordinance returns to Baylor at 5 p.m. Sunday on Fountain Mall for the inaugural Delta Night Live.

HELENA HUNT
Arts and Life Editor

On Green River Ordinance's song "Where the West Wind Blows," singer Josh Jenkins vows to "get lost with no direction, on 35 South for Texas." On Sunday, the band will make good on its Texas promises, interrupting its nationwide tour to head south on Interstate 35 all the way to Baylor.

The folk-inspired band, which originally hails from Fort Worth, is breaking up its tour in support of Delta Delta Delta's inaugural Delta Night Live event at 5 p.m. Sunday on Fountain Mall. Tickets cost \$15, and the proceeds for Delta Night Live will go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the sorority's philanthropy.

Jamey Ice, the guitarist and banjo player for the band, said Green River Ordinance uses its success to support charities like

St. Jude's whenever it can.

"That's such a fundamental value that we have as a band," Ice said. "We have this gift, and it should really be about impacting others. We use our talent and resources to give back, and we do a lot of stuff with different charities as a band."

When Lakeway sophomore Allison Malcom, the philanthropy chair for Delta Delta Delta, contacted Green River Ordinance to play for the sorority event, the band agreed, adding a Waco leg to its tour.

Of course, this isn't the first time Green River Ordinance has played for Waco audiences. Ice said his band has a long history with Waco, playing Common Grounds since before the coffee shop had its backyard stage. This is the first time, however, for the band to perform in Waco since the January release of its album

"Fifteen."

"It's one of the most fun albums we've had, and it's fun coming to Waco to play it," Ice said.

Green River Ordinance's music threads together the disparate sounds of pop, folk and country, using the fiddle and boot-stomping tunes to evoke country nights around the bonfire. In the past several months, the band has played everywhere from South by Southwest to Willie Nelson's ranch, a testament to its wide range.

Malcom said it was the band's broad appeal that made her reach out to Green River Ordinance to play the charity event.

"We wanted to do a concert, because it's an event that people would drive to come and see. It would involve people from the community, and it would involve a lot more of the campus than our

other charity events," Malcom said. "We were just thinking bigger because we want to raise money for St. Jude."

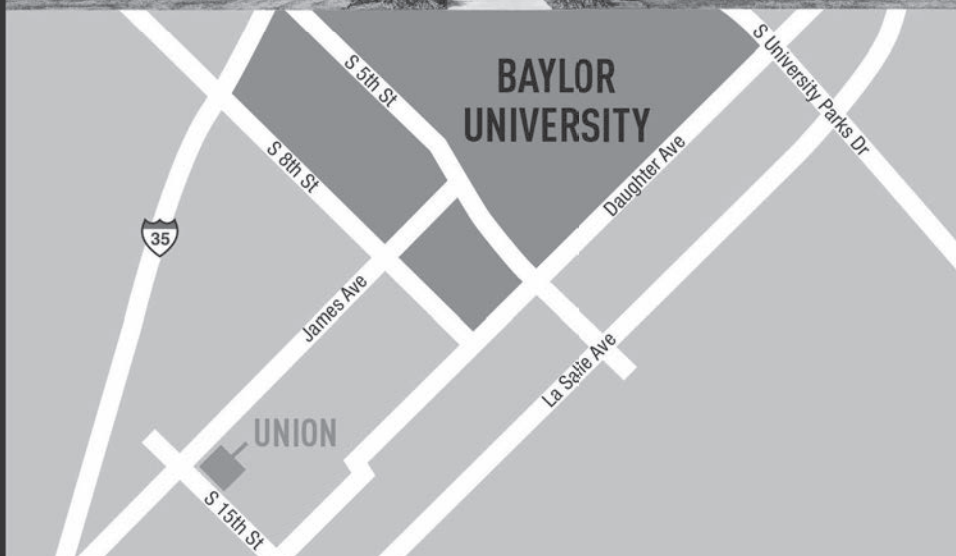
Malcom said Delta Delta Delta is particularly proud to support St. Jude's because the research hospital doesn't bill its patients. All funding for research and treatment comes from donors and philanthropies like Delta Delta Delta.

In addition to the music, which will start at 6 p.m., Pokey-O's, Dave's Burger Barn, Kona Ice and Tea2Go will all make an appearance at Delta Night Live. Delta Delta Delta will also auction off baskets and gift cards, as well as footballs signed by Baylor football players, to raise money for St. Jude's.

"By coming, hanging out and listening to music, you're actually helping to save kids' lives," Malcom said.

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Woman of Many Faces

Q&A Guerrilla Troupe member Tiffany Navarro talks bicycles and lovers



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PUT YOUR HANDS UP Spicewood junior Tiffany Navarro performs in Baylor Theatre's production of "Moon over Buffalo," a comedy which allowed the Guerrilla Troupe to flex her improv muscles.



FUNNY FACE Navarro practices her improv with Flower Mound senior Addison Pattillo and Jacksonville, Fla., junior Grant Virtue, fellow Guerrilla Troupe members.

JACQUELYN KELLAR
Reporter

Guerrilla Troupe is hosting its last independent show of the semester at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. today, as well as at 10 p.m. tomorrow, in Jones Theatre.

In its decade-long existence, Guerrilla Troupe's popularity has skyrocketed from 15 audience members a night to selling out three performances in a row in one of the biggest theaters on campus.

"The new people coming into G-Troupe are the ones reenergizing it," Spicewood junior Tiffany Navarro said. "And I think it's cool that it's lasted this long."

Guerrilla Troupe will also be featured from 11 a.m. to noon on Diadeloso at the Bill Daniel Student Center's SUB Bowl. Although it will not be a full-length, independent show, it will be Guerrilla Troupe's final appearance this semester.

The Lariat sat down with Navarro to talk about her ups and downs in Guerrilla Troupe.

What made you want to join Guerrilla Troupe?

When I was a freshman, I remember watching G-Troupe and thinking, "Wow, these people are so cool. I can't believe they can do this." My friends I'd made

in the theater department freshman year told me I was funny and should audition. I auditioned my freshman year and didn't get a callback. I was super discouraged, because I thought that they thought I was funny.

I started becoming really good friends with some of the people in the Troupe, and they took me under their wing as a little freshman. They explained improv to me, because just being funny isn't enough to be in G-Troupe. You have to know how to do improv. When the auditions came around the second time, I actually kind of knew how to do it. I got a callback and then I got in, and I was super stoked about it.

What do you hope to achieve from improv acting?

I want to move to Chicago after school. Henry [Greenberg], Garrett [Williams] and Rachel [Smith] all moved up to Chicago, and they're taking classes at Second City. That's kind of what I want to do. I've actually applied for a bunch of internships in Chicago this summer so I can take classes at Second City and work up there. That's my goal with it. Just having improv training is great for being an actor.

I'm a director now too,

so working with actors who are willing to try things and come up with stuff on their own is so much easier than having to pull things out of them. Improv has helped me in my acting and my directing. It's helped me be in groups because I can get people pumped up about stuff. Going forward, I do want to pursue comedy, but it's also helped me do theater and do anything.

What was your best improv moment?

My favorite improv moment was when Rachel Smith and I were playing the Ding game, and we were playing sister wives. That was my favorite moment ever. Rachel is so good, and that's something I love about being in the Troupe with older members. They kind of carry the weight, and you just get to be funny and not have to try too hard because they know exactly what they're doing.

And your worst?

Sometimes the worst ones end up being the funniest. I remember one time when I was just mortified was when we were playing the Line game, where people write lines out for us. The plot got super messed up. I called someone my husband, and then he

called me his sister. We just weren't listening to each other. The scene was really messy. I just walked across the stage and said, "I have many lovers." It was super funny and everyone laughed, but I thought, "Why did I just say that?" I had just assumed this character that has all these husbands and lovers. It was a nightmare. I remember that one being super embarrassing.

Tell us one thing about yourself.

Wow, so much pressure. Well, I was never taught to ride a bike. I actually don't know how to ride a bike, and I've never ridden one. I think I could do it if I was given a bike. I danced, so I have balance, but I've never been granted the opportunity to ride a bike in my whole life. When I was a little kid, I'd play poker with my dad, but I never got the bike. I came to college and saw so many people riding bikes and realized I'd missed out on a crucial life skill. People have been promising to teach me since the third grade, but no one's followed through, so now I have extreme trust issues with people who know how to ride bikes.

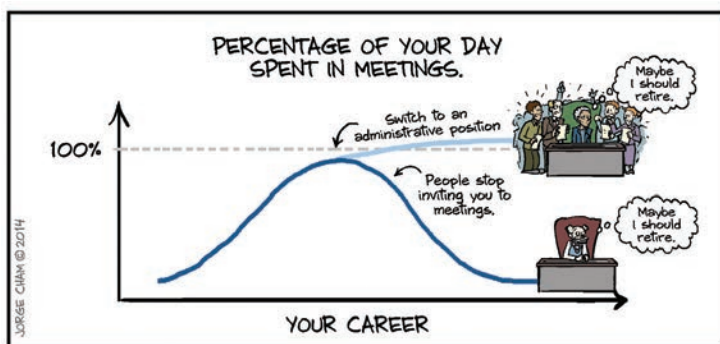
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Today's Puzzles

Across

- 1 Walks, on scorecards
- 4 Rehab hurdle
- 7 Calm
- 13 "Well, ___-di-dah!"
- 14 Deli choice
- 15 Ducks' home
- 16 Some Anne Rice novels
- 18 Dupes
- 19 *Assist Charles M. Schulz?
- 21 Completely
- 22 Wapiti
- 23 ID checker
- 24 "___ any drop to drink": Coleridge
- 26 Surface
- 32 *Free ticket given to Target Field players?
- 35 Burn soothers
- 38 Modern reaction to a riot?
- 39 Group of species
- 40 *Timepiece at a stag party?
- 43 Important Philippines export
- 44 Bros, e.g.
- 45 Fraction of a joule
- 48 Not allow to atrophy
- 50 "My vegetable love should grow / ___ than empires ...": Andrew Marvell
- 53 *Law office?
- 58 Option play option, in football
- 59 Home of the god Pan
- 60 Beverage sometimes served with mint
- 61 Besides
- 62 Inning trio
- 63 Botched (up)
- 64 Model of industry
- 65 Put into words

Down

- 1 Failed miserably
- 2 Industry leaders
- 3 Fan letter?
- 4 Meaning

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- 5 Industry leaders
- 6 Prepare tuna, in a way
- 7 Converse, e.g.
- 8 Take in
- 9 Quaker pronoun
- 10 It may be skillfully created by one who's all thumbs
- 11 Rests
- 12 Acute care letters
- 15 Eponymous skater Paulsen
- 17 Ring decision
- 20 One putting on an act
- 25 Home of Norway's royal family
- 27 Bank holding: Abbr.
- 28 Carafe kin
- 29 ___ Tin Tin
- 30 Shaggy-tailed bovid
- 31 First of September?
- 32 Lot of trouble?

- 33 "A Hard Road to Glory" writer
- 34 Merrie ___ England
- 35 Plant bristle
- 36 French narrative poem
- 37 Like some stocks, briefly
- 41 Misspoke, as lines
- 42 Surround
- 45 Rachmaninoff's "___-tableaux"
- 46 Light-sensitive layer
- 47 ___ spoon
- 49 Upholstered piece
- 51 Fancy tie
- 52 Hotel amenity
- 53 Derby, perhaps
- 54 Some bills
- 55 Chances
- 56 Speck
- 57 It may be mined
- 58 Objective reference

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TURNING TWO Senior second-baseman Justin Arrington shifts his body to attempt a double play during the Bears' game against Wofford on Tuesday at Baylor Ballpark.

Ready for OU

Baseball puts four-game win streak on the line at Oklahoma

BEN EVERETT
Sports Writer

Baylor baseball takes on Oklahoma this weekend in a three game road series as a part of Big 12 Conference play.

The Bears (15-14, 3-3) have won four straight games and sit at fifth place in the Big 12 standings.

"It's very high right now," head coach Steve Rodriguez said of the team's confidence. "That's one thing I really enjoy. These guys are playing hard and we're doing a lot of good things right."

The Sooners (15-14-1, 2-4) picked up a win over Dallas Baptist this week after taking two of three in a series against Texas last weekend.

Both teams are trying to break out of the middle of the pack of the Big 12, and a series win this weekend would help either team's case.

"My goals are always winning," Rodriguez said, "and I truthfully believe, as long as you play the game the right way, you throw low

strikes, you play good defense and you have quality at-bats, you're going to have success."

The Bears took a series win over Kansas but only picked up one win against first place Texas Tech earlier in the season.

Oklahoma, meanwhile, was swept by Texas Tech before winning the Red River Rivalry series over Texas.

The Sooners are led by junior Sheldon Neuse, a pitcher who also leads the team in most offensive categories.

Neuse is first in batting average at .396, with 19 runs and team-high 42 hits and six home runs. On the other side, he holds a 0.77 ERA with a team-leading four saves on the season.

"I actually coached [him] on Team USA," Rodriguez said of Neuse. "He's a very quality young man. He can hit and pitch, so he can do a lot of different things."

While Oklahoma struggles on the road, holding a 6-9 record, the Sooners are 9-5 at home. Baylor, on the

other hand, boasts a 3-4 road record on the season.

"Personally, I really enjoy going on the road," Rodriguez said. "Because guys have a tendency to rely on each other, talk a little bit more and create a little more team chemistry."

The Sooners were ranked as the No. 21 team in the country coming into the season, but they quickly fell out of the rankings after being swept by Sam Houston State.

The Bears plan to send junior Daniel Castano to the mound on Friday, followed by junior Drew Tolson and freshman Kyle Hill on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

Baylor will look to junior outfielder Darryn Sheppard to provide a spark on offense, as he leads the team in batting average, hits, RBIs and home runs.

After the series against OU, the Bears will welcome Lamar to Baylor Ballpark next Wednesday in a midweek game.

Softball hosts No. 12 Oklahoma Sooners

MEGHAN MITCHELL
Sports Writer

Coming off a dominant series win against Iowa State on the road and squeezing past Lamar at home, the No. 19 Lady Bears are on a roll as they face No. 14 Oklahoma in a three-game series matchup at Gettnerman Stadium.

"I think we have a lot of confidence going into this game," said senior pitcher Heather Stearns. "We've been playing really well. We are 5-0 in conference and got some wins against Iowa State and Texas that are really going to give us what we need going into OU."

With conference action in full swing, the much-anticipated matchup will kick off 6:30 p.m. Friday followed by a 4 p.m. game Saturday, and to end things 2 p.m. on Sunday.

"They are a typical OU team; they are very good as they always are," said head coach Glenn Moore. "They have great pitching and a powerful offensive lineup.

They lost a bit from last year with three All-Americans graduating, but all they do is re-load. They are a great team."

With the Sooners (27-7, 3-1) being picked at No.1 and Baylor (32-7, 5-0) at No. 2 in the pre-season poll, the weekend series could be the Big 12 championship matchup.



Moore

said senior outfielder Linsey Hays. "We know that we can win this series; we know that we can win the Big 12. We know that we are the most talented team in the Big 12 this year, and we are just going to come out and perform and do what we need to do."

Heather Stearns is projected to start and will have a chance to end her senior season on top against a tough Oklahoma team but will be faced by new faces and will need to stay focused

and on her A-game.

"OU always has power numbers. They are always going to have good batting averages," Stearns said. "They are a very young lineup, and I think that is exciting them being so young."

Coming off a series win against Kansas and a 10-1 win against Wichita State, the Sooners look to continue with the momentum but will have to find a way to get past Stearns and the tough, defensive Baylor team.

"We are a good team too, and the girls know it," Moore said. "They worked really hard to get to this point, and the pieces of the puzzle are there, and they have finally gotten to a point where they feel that they are playing some of their best ball. I don't think we are at a point where we feel we have arrived. We can still get better."

With an important series on the line, the Lady Bears will need all the support they can get.

"Our fans are great. They support us, and they get excited when we do well, and we feed off that momentum as any home team would," Moore said.

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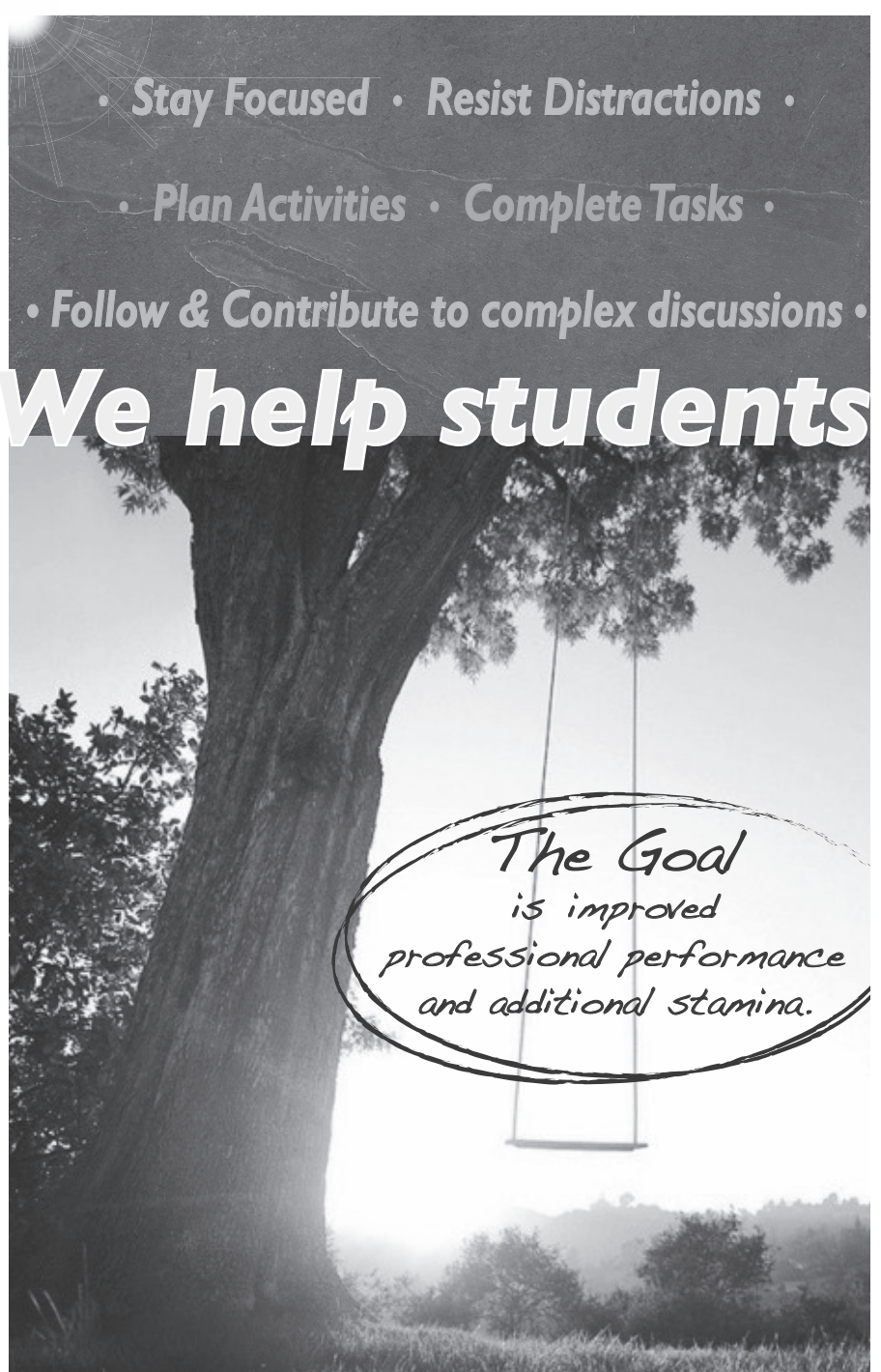
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History in the making

Baylor Acrobatics & Tumbling team hosts national championship, hopes to complete undefeated record with second national title

JEFFREY SWINDOLL
Sports Editor

The stage is set, and the bracket has been finalized. The National Acrobatics and Tumbling Association (NCATA) announced the eight-team field of schools that will be represented at the 2016 NCATA national championships on April 17 at the Ferrell Center.

Baylor, the No. 1 seed of the event after leading the NCATA standings with an undefeated season, will host the event as defending champions.

The Bears captured their first NCATA national championship under their then-first year head coach Felecia Mulkey with a win over Oregon. The Bears are the favorite to win the tournament, but the No. 2 seed Ducks will do everything in their power to stop the Bears' dream season.

The No. 2 seed Ducks have lost to the Bears

in five consecutive meetings spanning across two seasons. Two of those losses to the Bears have come while the Bears were at home and on the Ducks' home floor, respectively.

Baylor and Oregon could potentially meet in the championship, which would be a rematch of the 2015 NCATA national championship meet.

The Bears have to win two meets before getting to the national championship, though.

First, the Bears will face No. 8 seed Gannon in the quarterfinals at 5 p.m. on April 17 at the Ferrell Center.

If the Bears defeat Gannon, they will advance to the semifinal where they will face the winner of the No. 4 seed Hawaii Pacific and No. 5 seed Azusa Pacific matchup.

The semifinals will start at 5 p.m. on April 18 at the Ferrell Center, and the championship meet starts at 7 p.m. on April 19 at the Ferrell Center.



Penelope Shirey | Lariat Photographer

FLIPPING OUT Sophomore Jena Fisher performs a flip during the Bears' meet against Oregon on Feb. 21 at the Ferrell Center. The Bears won 278.935-274.450. Baylor is the favorite to win the NCATA National Championship starting on April 17 at the Ferrell Center.

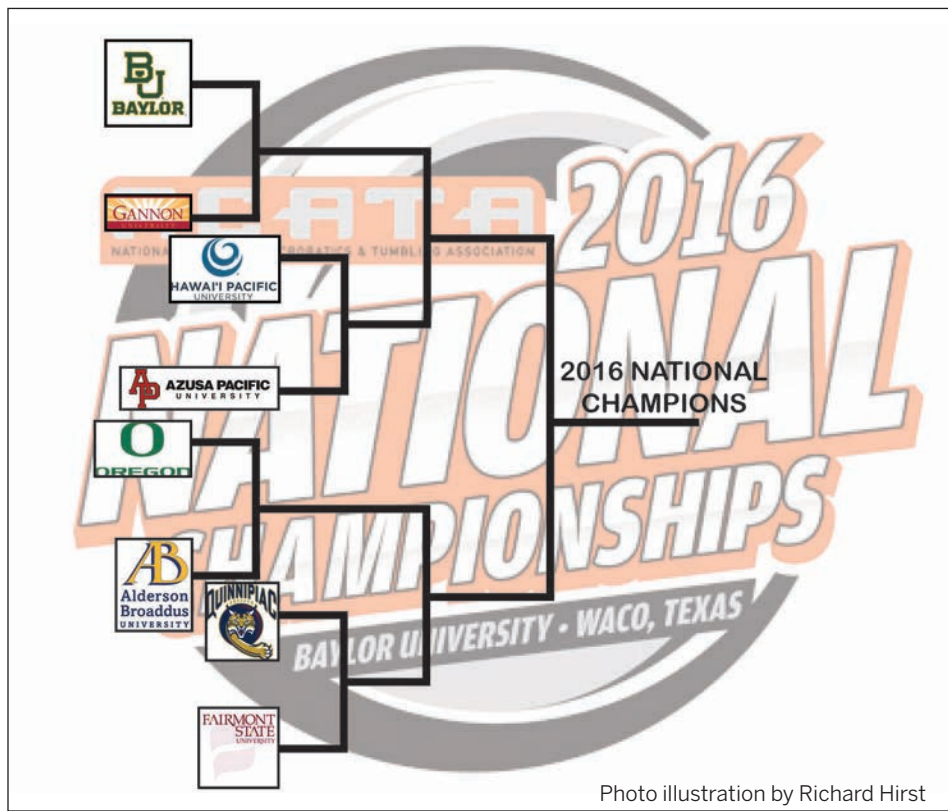


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