



Sexual assault claims resurface



FACING SCRUTINY ESPN's "Outside the Line" reports that Baylor University is being accused of mishandling sexual assault claims after a student reported being sexually assaulted in 2013 by former tight end Tre'Von Armstead and former practice squad player Myke Chatman.

ESPN's 'Outside the Lines' reports Baylor mishandling of 2013 sexual assault case

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Baylor University is accused of mishandling sexual assault claims against two football players from two years ago in ESPN's second "Outside the Lines" report, which was published Wednesday.

Former tight end Tre'Von Armstead and former practice squad player Myke Chatman were accused of sexually assaulting a Baylor student after a police report was filed in 2013 by the woman. Universities are required by Title IX to address allegations of sexual violence involving students immediately. According to "Outside the Lines," Baylor did not investigate the allegations until Sept. 11, 2015.

In January, Baylor was accused of mishandling several sexual assault cases in a separate "Outside the Lines" report and in March the university had a Title IX lawsuit filed against them.

"Due to the deeply personal and sensitive nature of individual cases and federal law, we do not publicly address specific cases, even when a student shares publicly details or reports of his or her own experience," said

Tonya Lewis, assistant director of media communications at Baylor. "This safeguard also helps assure other students that their right to confidentiality will be protected. The decision to report to the university or other authorities is a brave and personal choice and occurs on the student's timetable. Once a complaint is filed, the Title IX process conducts a prompt and equitable investigation and resolves the complaint fairly."

According to the Waco police report on April 18, 2013, the woman was adamant that nothing had happened and that she had not been sexually harassed. The officer on the scene was advised to make call notes and inform Baylor University of the situation.

According to the Waco Police report, a roommate of the woman came home and said he heard the woman scream his name "as if something were wrong." The roommate began calling for the woman and received no response.



Armstead

He stated he could hear floorboards squeaking upstairs, the report said.

According to the police report, he walked through the house and checked the bedrooms, and received a response from a male saying, "We all right." When the woman came downstairs, her shirt was inside out and she was out of breath, teary eyed and said the males were leaving.

The police report said that the woman went back upstairs and the roommate followed her and saw a "tall black male." The male went back into a room and shut the door behind him.

According to the police report, another roommate of the woman walked in and heard "a large bang" and "fists hitting noises." They also heard the woman saying, "No, no please stop."

The roommates then went into the garage to hide and called 911. The woman came downstairs and collapsed, saying, "I told them to leave but they wouldn't." One roommate then picked her up and carried her to the garage.

According to "Outside the

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Oakman jailed on charge of sexual assault

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Police arrested former Baylor football player Shawn Oakman Wednesday afternoon on charges of sexual assault.

Oakman, 24, met with detectives at the Waco Police Department and was served with two search warrants for his cellphone and DNA samples. He was then arrested and taken to the McLennan County Jail, according to a Waco Police Department press release.

Information regarding his bail has not been released.

Tonya Lewis, assistant director of media communications, issued a statement on behalf of Baylor.

"We are aware of the arrest of Shawn Oakman, a graduate of Baylor University and a former member of the football team. We will continue to cooperate with the Waco Police Department to provide any information that could be helpful to the ongoing investigation," Lewis wrote.

The investigation, led by Waco Police Detective Sam Key, began last week when a Baylor student reported that she had been assaulted by Oakman after leaving Scruffy Murphy's on Speight Avenue in the early morning of April 3.

He asked her to walk home with him after meeting at the bar, according to the affidavit. Oakman is accused of forcibly removing



Oakman

her clothing and forcing her onto the bed before sexually assaulting her at his apartment.

The woman left after the assault, but left behind underwear and an earring, according to the report. She then went to the hospital, received treatment for injuries and was given a sexual assault examination.

Waco police searched his duplex the same day for evidence of the woman's belongings that may have been left behind. The police were looking for clothing, earrings, blood, semen, bodily fluids, hair, skin cells, DNA, bed sheets and other items, according to the police affidavit for the search warrant. Two comforters, a fitted sheet and flat sheet were seized from the property.

According to the affidavit, Oakman admitted to having consensual sex with the woman.

Oakman is an NFL draft prospect and was one of Baylor's top defensive players. He was suspended for the Southern Methodist University game last season for rule violations. During this time Oakman had two warrants issued for running a stop sign and failing to appear in court. He graduated from the university in December.

He previously played for Penn State University, where he was dismissed for trying to steal food from a campus store.

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JUDGE REPLACEMENT Baylor law students gather on Wednesday to hear panel members discuss the recent Supreme Court vacancy. Baylor University President and Chancellor Ken Starr, professor of law Biran Serr, professor of local government and constitutional law David Guinn and professor of law Rory Ryan were on the panel.

Starr, panel discuss Scalia replacement

ERIC VINING
Reporter

Since the passing of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia on Feb. 13, politicians and the media alike have speculated on how the U.S. should respond to his sudden and untimely passing.

Baylor President and Chancellor Ken Starr and faculty members of the Baylor Law School aimed to answer this question for undergraduate and law students Wednesday afternoon during a four-member panel session.

The panel, hosted by the American Constitution Society and consisting of Starr and Baylor law professors Rory Ryan, Brian Serr and David Guinn, took time to address both Scalia himself and the vacancy's implications on the court.

Starr, a former judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and U.S. Solicitor General under President George H.W. Bush, was a close friend of

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EDITORIAL

US women’s soccer unjustly underpaid

The gender pay gap: a phenomenon some say doesn’t exist. However, the recent lawsuit filed by the US women’s national soccer team is shedding new light on an old controversy.

On March 29, five women from the national team– Carli Lloyd, Alex Morgan, Megan Rapinoe, Becky Sauerbrunn and Hope Solo – filed a wage-discrimination action against the U.S. Soccer Federation for being paid substantially less than the comparable U.S. men’s national soccer team.

Members of the women’s team earned about one-fourth of what male soccer players earned in 2015, despite winning their World Cup and bringing in \$20 million more in revenue than the men’s team did. The women who filed this lawsuit are seeking equality and to make progress toward closing the pay gap.

Even though the U.S. Soccer Federation only pays men if they are called to the national team while women are salaried employees, the discrepancies in bonuses received by the two teams should not differ to the degree they do.

Based on data in the lawsuit, the players on the men’s team receive a minimum of \$5,000 to play in each game regardless of the outcome, in addition to receiving anywhere from \$6,250 to \$17,625 per game based on the ranking of their opponent and whether they win or tie the game. The women, on the other hand, are paid

\$72,000 a year to play a minimum of 20 games, and can receive a bonus of only \$1,350 for each one they win. Unlike the men, they only receive the bonus if they win the game and they get nothing if they tie.

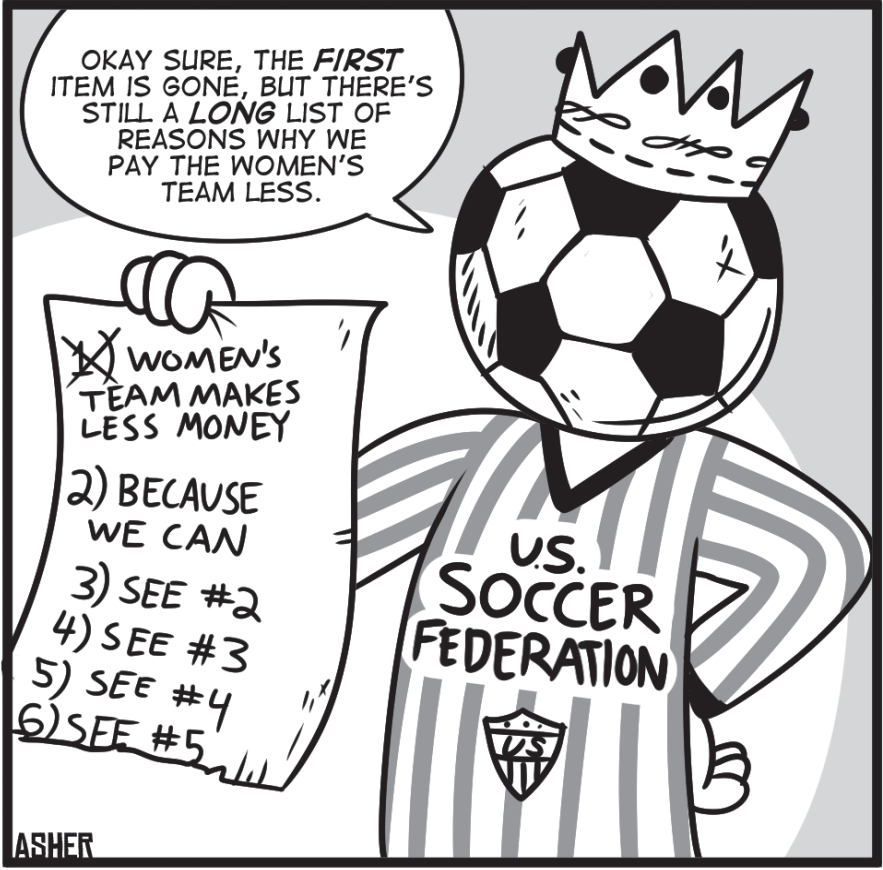
If the women happen to win all their games, the most a player would make from the federation would be \$99,000 for that year, while the men’s team can lose all their games for that season and players would still earn \$100,000. Men who win all their games can earn as much as \$260,000 in a season.

Furthermore, after playing 20 games, a female player will not earn any additional compensation while a man could earn bonuses anywhere from \$5,000 to \$17,625 for additional games played.

And these numbers represent just discrepancies in the earnings from the U.S. Soccer Federation and doesn’t include bonuses from the World Cups.

The only time the men and women are paid the same is when they qualify for the Olympic roster. The Federation then pays each of those players \$15,000 for making the team, showing that the idea of equal pay between the teams isn’t such a taboo idea.

Some will argue that men’s soccer has been around longer, has a larger fan base and they plays harder teams. While there are some



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differences between the two teams, there is no reason for a pay gap this large. This pay gap cannot even be justified from a business standpoint since the women’s team brought in more revenue than the men’s team.

Gender inequalities are still prevalent in society, and this issue highlights the pay inequalities that still exist. Men and women

should, at the very least, be paid a comparable amount and receive comparable bonuses.

Kelley O’Hara, one of the players on the women’s soccer team once said, “No excuses. Play like a champion.” While winning the World Cup last year, the women did just that. Now it is time for the U.S. Soccer Federation to step up and pay them like the champions they are.

COLUMN

Change is opportunity to grow; embrace it

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Each morning when I wake up, I can look forward to seeing a new Facebook memory on my timeline bringing back middle school jokes and pictures from when throwing up peace signs was still cool. While they give me a good laugh and let me reminisce, they also let me see how much change has taken place over the years.

Just recently, one of the memories that popped up on my feed was an article I wrote over a year ago detailing my battle with Ankylosing Spondylitis, a rare type of juvenile arthritis, and how I overcame some of the challenges that came with it. This particular arthritis causes severe pain in the spine and could eventually cause my spine to fuse together one day, which could greatly reduce my mobility when I am older. When I was first diagnosed with it my junior year of high school, I struggled with the fact key components of my life were changing and I had no control over them.

I struggled because change was scary to me.

When I came to college, I was filled with even more change. Change in location, priorities and personal growth. From new classes to new friends, everything was different.

At first, as it is to many other freshmen, this change was unsettling to me. I tried to control the change

in any way I could, trying to plan out what my future was going to look like. I sought out plans, like potentially going to law school, that would bring me the most security rather than the ones, like becoming a broadcast journalist, that would fulfill my passions. I knew my dreams were risky, uncertain, and would bring constant change.

But this way of thinking is backwards. I realized I had been thinking about change all wrong. Instead of thinking the uncertainty of change was scary, it should be seen as a new opportunity to grow. You can only grow when you put yourself in uncomfortable situations and when you are fearless enough to try something new.

There is a certain feeling of peace that comes along with knowing you have no idea where you will be in the future, but being OK with following God’s lead. By pursuing journalism, I have no idea what city I will be in when I graduate in a few years, but I have found comfort in the idea of traveling around, seeking change, rather than running away from it.

The only sense of security we need is faith in His plan and the rest will naturally work itself out. Change is not something that is scary or alarming, but rather something exciting that helps us enjoy the journey of life.

When I look back to those Facebook memories, I enjoy seeing how I have personally grown over the years. I am happy I have grown from the awkward preteen who was going through puberty and making weird faces in photos, to someone who no longer fears change and the uncertainty life brings.

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COLUMN

Brand bias is pointless when buying cameras

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Nearly every time I go photograph an event, someone wanting to get into photography sees me with a rather large camera and asks, “So you use Canon? Is it better than the rest?” or “Don’t you know Nikon is better?” People seem to have a very set idea that one must be better than the other. That’s just not how it works.

Typically those who bring this up with me are fairly surprised when I say that there really isn’t a quality difference between them.

If there was a clear and distinct difference making a brand responsible for the No. 1 camera in the world, then every professional would use that brand and it would not be split like it is in the field.

There are only a few reasons why I chose to buy Canon and most of those reasons are not relevant anymore or relevant to other people.

To start, I would like to preface that a Nikon was actually the second DSLR that I owned. I thought Nikon was the best thing in the world and didn’t understand why anyone in their right mind would ever shoot anything else because, obviously, Nikon was the best.

I then started working for a company, Malinda



Julien Photography, that used Canon. Believe it or not, the images were just as good as the images from a Nikon. And believe it or not, the camera did not bite when I picked it up to use at work.

I had only just started getting into photography, so I did not have a wide variety of lenses to use with my Nikon. The company I worked had lenses, but they were only compatible with Canons. In order to use the lenses they had, I would need a Canon camera, so I sold my Nikon and purchased a Canon body. Thus begun my long relationship with Canon.

The only other reason I was convinced to move to Canon is not even an argument anymore. Canon has something called Canon Professional Services. The service is for those who have purchased several thousand-dollars worth of Canon equipment and get free cleanings, equipment loans, repair discounts and on-site servicing. I wanted to be a part of this program to have the perks. At the time of my switch, Nikon did not have an equivalent, but if I understand properly, Nikon now offers a professional resource like Canon Professional Services.

Canon or Nikon both produce beautiful images, there is no doubt to that. The question really comes down to personal preference. Do you personally prefer one interface over the other? Do you know someone with one that would be willing to share their equipment?

Asking which one is better is the same question as asking what brand do you use. There isn’t a good answer.

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‘Affluenza teen’ given nearly two years in jail

Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A judge on Wednesday ordered a Texas teenager who used an “affluenza” defense in a fatal drunken-driving wreck to serve nearly two years in jail, a surprising sanction that far exceeds the several months in jail that prosecutors initially said they would pursue.

Ethan Couch, who was appearing in adult court for the first time after he turned 19 on Monday, received 180 days for each of the four deaths in the June 2013 crash.

Initially, state District Judge Wayne Salvant said he would

not immediately rule on how much longer Couch, already in custody since he was arrested in Mexico last year, would spend in the Tarrant County Jail.

But he reconsidered his ruling after prosecutors convinced him that Couch should be sentenced not to 120 days in jail for the crash, but to 180 days for each of four counts of intoxication manslaughter under a separate part of Texas code.

Couch had always faced the prospect of adult jail time as part of his probation once his case had moved out of the juvenile system. Prosecutors didn’t ask the judge to declare



Associated Press

Sentenced Ethan Couch is brought into court for a hearing on Wednesday at Tim Curry Justice Center in Fort Worth. The judge ordered Couch to serve nearly two years in jail.

Couch had violated his juvenile probation by fleeing to Mexico with his mother, or to consider it in his ruling.

Each 180-day term will be served consecutively, Salvant ordered. Tarrant County Sheriff Dee Anderson said

Wednesday that it was not clear if that would include the time Couch has already spent in jail.

Prosecutors declined to comment afterward on their strategy, citing a gag order Salvant has issued in the case. For months, they had indicated they wouldn’t be able to get more than a few months in jail for Couch, though they said he might face decades in prison if he violated his probation as an adult.

But as the hearing Wednesday neared an end, prosecutors said they wanted Salvant to consider a section under the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure that allows a judge to give a defendant facing probation for a felony crime up to 180 days. Prosecutors asked Salvant to issue a “stacked” sentence, running each of the four punishments consecutively.

Salvant agreed over the objections of Reagan Wynn, one of Couch’s attorneys. But he said he would give both sides two weeks to file any response to his sentence, suggesting that he might reconsider.

The initial sentence of 10 years of probation that Couch received in juvenile court outraged prosecutors and relatives of the victims, which include one teenager who was paralyzed and uses a wheelchair.

Zika linked to birth defects

Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Confirming the worst fears of many pregnant women in the United States and Latin America, U.S. health officials said Wednesday there is no longer any doubt the Zika virus causes babies to be born with abnormally small heads and other severe brain defects.

“There is no longer any doubt that Zika causes microcephaly,” CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden said. The CDC said it is also clear that Zika causes other serious defects, including damaging calcium buildups in the developing brain.

The CDC and other health agencies have been operating for months on the assumption that Zika causes brain defects, and they have been warning pregnant women to use mosquito repellent, cover up, avoid travel to Zika-stricken regions and either abstain from sex or rely on condoms. Those guidelines will not change.

But the new finding should help officials make a more convincing case to the public for taking precautions.

The World Health Organization has made similar statements recently. A WHO official applauded the CDC report.

“We feel it’s time to move from precautionary language to more forceful language to get people to take action,” said Dr. Bruce Aylward, who is leading WHO’s Zika response.

Public health authorities have mounted mosquito-eradication efforts, including spraying and campaigns to eliminate the sources of standing water in which mosquitoes breed.

The virus causes only a mild and brief illness, at worst, in most people. But in the last year, infections in pregnant women have been strongly linked to fetal deaths and devastating birth defects, mostly in Brazil, where the Health Ministry said Tuesday that 1,113 cases of microcephaly have been confirmed since October.

So far, there have been no documented Zika infections in the U.S. caught from mosquitoes. Nearly 350 illnesses in the 50 states were reported as of last week, all linked to travel to Zika outbreak regions.

The CDC report comes at a time when health officials have been begging Congress to approve an emergency \$1.9 billion in supplemental funding to fight Zika internationally and prepare for its spread in the U.S. Earlier Wednesday, top House Republicans said they will probably grant a portion of that, but probably not until September.

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8 p.m. Enjoy free bowling and billiards in the basement of the Bill Daniel Student Center until close.



Friday, April 15 | Relay for Life

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Obama claims progress on Islamic State amid conflict

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LANGLEY, Va. — President Barack Obama claimed progress Wednesday in the U.S.-led fight against the Islamic State group, even as political turmoil in Iraq and renewed violence in Syria threatened to jeopardize hard-fought gains.

During a rare presidential visit to CIA headquarters, Obama said it had been “a bad few months” for the Islamic State and gave a detailed account of areas where U.S.-backed forces have wrested territory back from the extremist group. Though he acknowledged the fight remains difficult and complex, he said IS was on the defensive and that the U.S. intends to “keep that momentum.”

“Every day, ISIL leaders wake up and understand that it could be their last,” Obama said, using an acronym for the extremist group.

Obama offered no new steps or specifics about how the U.S. will beef up the fight against IS, although U.S. officials have suggested those steps are in the works. Defense Secretary Ash Carter has said the Pentagon is seeking ways to increase military support for the fight, including a likely increase in U.S. forces, along with the possible use of Apache helicopters for Iraqi-led combat missions.

The visit to the CIA’s campus in suburban Virginia was designed to assure Americans that the U.S. is fully engaged in the fight, despite persistent complaints from Obama’s critics that his strategy isn’t aggressive enough. Indeed, in recent months Obama has made similar field trips to the Pentagon and the State Department to illustrate how all facets of the U.S. government are on the case.

“They are working around the clock to keep us safe,” Obama said, adding that CIA operatives had thwarted terrorists repeatedly without being able to acknowledge it publicly. “They don’t get a lot of attention.”

Though Obama gave an optimistic portrayal of progress in both Iraq and Syria, the picture on the ground remains



Associated Press

STATE OF SECURITY President Barack Obama speaks at the CIA Headquarters Wednesday in Langley, Va., after a meeting with his National Security Council. Obama pays a rare visit to CIA headquarters as the United States weighs sending more forces to Iraq to fight the Islamic State group.

muddled at best.

In Syria, escalating fighting between the government and militants has threatened to jeopardize a fragile cease-fire the U.S. and Russia brokered earlier this year. Peace talks resumed Wednesday in Geneva aimed at resolving Syria’s civil war, though deep disagreements about who should participate have continued to plague that process.

Syrians living in parts of the country still under government control also voted Wednesday in parliamentary elections that Syrian President Bashar Assad’s opponents dismissed as a sham intended to lend an air of legitimacy to his beleaguered government, in yet another worrying sign for the peace talks.

The uptick in violence in Syria has raised difficult questions about how to proceed if the truce falls apart and frees Assad and his Russian backers to resume attacks on U.S.-supported opposition groups. Russia, which has been

bolstering Assad with an air campaign against his opponents, recently ordered a drawdown in warplanes, but said strikes would continue against IS and the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front. Both of those groups are excluded from the cease-fire.

In Iraq, Obama pointed to the Iraqi military’s preparations to retake the IS stronghold of Mosul as an example of increased momentum in the fight. Yet modest signs of progress have been tempered by ongoing sectarian challenges and a political crisis in Baghdad that have threatened to further destabilize the country.

Obama’s remarks at the CIA came the week before he travels to Saudi Arabia for a summit with Persian Gulf leaders focused largely on the threat from the Islamic State. Previewing his request to countries attending that summit, Obama said “the entire world” must step up to help Iraq restore stability “so that ISIL cannot return.”

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Scalia during his tenure on the Supreme Court.

“He tried to be intellectually honest and he wanted all of us to be intellectually honest, even if we ended up disagreeing with him,” Starr said. “That’s all he asked for. I viewed him on the court as a colleague.”

While widely respected in the American law community for his opinions on the court, Scalia was never one to brag about his intellectual prowess.

“He was our Socrates,” Starr said. “He was searching for truth. And he wanted to engage in arguments. He’s one of the reasons the court became such as lively place you knew that he was looking for the honest answer.”

Another topic of focus was Scalia’s view of “constitutional originalism,” which was the primary guide Scalia used for making his decisions while on the court. As a philosophy, “constitutional originalism” seeks to view and interpret the U.S. Constitution in the same manner it would have been at the time the document was conceived.

“He would say the Constitution is for ‘We The People,’” Starr said. “It is not for justices to impose their view of a better society. He would say we are not drawn here to be judges of equity to ‘do the right thing.’ Rather, we are to meditate on the text of the Constitution. We need to set our preferences aside and let the people govern themselves.”

Scalia held this belief to such a high standard that he oftentimes diverged from his generally conservative views in pursuit of constitutional originalism.

“Although he is viewed as very conservative, when it came to First Amendment rights, more often than not, he came down on the side of the speaker,” Guinn said.

One particularly memorable instance of such resolve was when Scalia voted with the majority opinion in *Texas v. Johnson*, a 1989 case where the court upheld the right to burn the American flag as a form of free speech under the First Amendment.

“There’s little more horrible than for someone to take down the flag of the United States, put lighter fluid on it, set it on fire and say, ‘Red, white and blue, we spit on you,’” Guinn said. “Yet [Scalia] said, ‘Under our system, it is not the speech that we love, but the speech that we hate that we must protect.’ He was a devout disciple of the Constitution in its original meaning.”

“He believed that we are not to be governed by unelected judges,” Starr added. “We are to be governed by ‘We The People.’ That is what animated him, and originalism was, in my judgment, a means to that large meta end.”

At the end of the event, the panel discussed the implications Scalia’s vacancy has on U.S. politics for the following year.

“Good government means good politics, and I think good politics means having a hearing,” Starr said. “I don’t think that there is some judicially enforceable right on the part of anyone to insist on a hearing. It’s the exercise of the United States Senate’s discretion.”

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Lines,” the woman contacted the police the next morning after hearing about the night from her friends, and because of bruises and pain. The woman had bruises on her legs, arms and buttocks and a scratch on her back. She went to Hillcrest Hospital to receive a sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) exam, the police report read.

“While waiting for the SANE exam [she] was asked if she would sign a desire to prosecute form to which she declined saying that she did not wish to press charges against Mr. Chatman and Mr. Armstead,” the police report said.

The officer who arrived on the scene observed a bruise on her cheek and bite mark on her neck, and also thought

the woman seemed very intoxicated and affected the recollection of the night.

The investigation was suspended May 23, 2013.

Chatman left Baylor after the 2012 season and played two seasons at Sam Houston State University. Armstead was expelled in February 2016, according to the “Outside the Lines” report.

The Waco Police Department had not responded to an interview request by press time.

Philadelphia law firm Pepper Hamilton LLP is conducting an independent investigation to analyze the university’s handling of sexual assault allegations in recent years. The firm was contracted by the Baylor Board of Regents last fall.

TRAINING HARD



Charlene Lee | Lariat Photographer

Baylor ROTC struggles together Wednesday on Fountain Mall doing group push ups during training. Not only does doing team pushups build physical endurance but also forces the participants to work as one fluid team as military units do.

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BECOMING THE MAN

Baylor Opera Theater and Baylor Jazz Ensemble bring ‘The Man of La Mancha’ back to life

KENDALL BAER
Reporter

The Baylor Opera Theater and Baylor Jazz Ensemble teamed up for a two-night performance of “The Man of La Mancha” Tuesday and Wednesday at the Waco Hippodrome Theatre. The concert was a stripped-down version of the beloved Broadway musical, which turned the audience’s attention on the performers and the music instead of the set or costumes.

The original “The Man of La Mancha” shows Miguel de Cervantes, the author of “Don Quixote,” musically performing his own hero’s exploits in a prison yard. Cervantes plays Don Quixote, a knight bent on fighting for justice and wooing Aldonza, an abused woman.

The production isolated winning numbers like “Impossible Dream” and “I Really Like Him”



Trey Honeycutt | Lariat Photographer

FIGHTING WINDMILLS Alex Parker, director of jazz, conducts the Baylor Jazz Ensemble as opera students perform excerpts from “The Man of La Mancha” on Wednesday at the Hippodrome.

from the original to showcase the talents of the performing students.

The Hippodrome was packed full of audience members ranging in all age-groups at the 7:30 p.m. performance Wednesday. As the theater dimmed, Octavio Cárdenas, director of Baylor Opera Theater, spoke a few words about the concert to the audience members.

Cárdenas shared that, along with the performance that evening, select audience members would be asked to fill out a survey that would benefit the Baylor School of Music, the Hippodrome and the Waco art

community.

“For the very first time, Waco is honored to be one of the focus cities for this important research into the arts,” Cárdenas said.

Ken and Kathy Sprinkle, two audience members from New Mexico, came particularly to see cast member North Richland Hills sophomore Blake Drury play the role of Aldonza.

“We are excited to see this version of ‘Man of La Mancha,’” Ken Sprinkle said. “I have seen the musical many times, but this is the first version I have seen composed

for a jazz ensemble.”

As the performance started, Cárdenas shared with the audience that he too would be a part of the concert opera.

“We have taken some liberties with the show to make it flow with the concert,” Cárdenas said.

The show lasted a little over an hour and was filled with songs performed from the original musical. Although it was stripped to only a selection of songs from the original, the concert was easy to follow, ending with a standing ovation from the audience.

Harumatsuri festival will bring Japan to Baylor

REBECCA FEDORKO
Reporter

Plunge into Japanese culture at the Harumatsuri festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the North Village Community Center. The event is free to the public and will feature games, photo booths and live musical performances by various members of the Japanese Student Association.

Festivals play a central role in Japanese culture, so it only makes sense that JSA would offer a glimpse into Japanese tradition by putting on a cultural festival.

“It’s a fun way to get to experience another culture,” said San Antonio

senior Bria Ford, the president of JSA. “You get to take in another culture without having to travel. You get to stay right here and broaden your horizons while at Baylor.”

Harumatsuri translates literally as spring (Haru) festival (matsuri) and is thus a festival to celebrate the springtime. This will be the association’s eighth year putting on the festival.

“Typically, there are all kinds of festivals during the spring in Japan,” Ford said. “We do Harumatsuri as one celebration that pulls elements from all of those.”

The festival will include eight game booths. These will include a

photo booth, where guests can take photos in traditional kimonos; a booth for calligraphy; and a booth for contestants to play the Japanese version of rock, paper, scissors. There will also be a game that lets contestants race to see who can use chopsticks to move small circular items from one place to another.

“We’re going to have a traditional Japanese tea ceremony and some traditional taiko drummers and a lot of cool little booths,” said Eagle, Idaho, senior Brian Nixon, who is the historian for JSA.

There will also be two live music ensembles playing at the event. The JSA band, made up of JSA members

and professors, will play live contemporary music at the end of the Harumatsuri. Houston senior James Tabata, a JSA member, will also lead an orchestra ensemble performance.

One of the main attractions at the festival, however, is the taiko drummers.

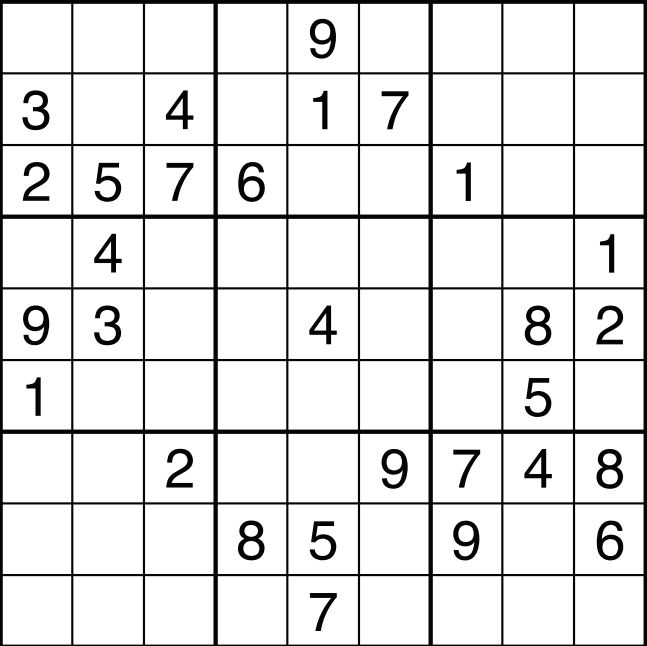
“My personal favorite thing is the taiko drummers,” Nixon said. “They are very loud in a very close space, and you can feel it in your chest.”

Taiko is a very broad term for traditional Japanese drumming. The style was used historically during wartime, as well as for festivals and celebrations. Although it started out as an exclusively male art form,

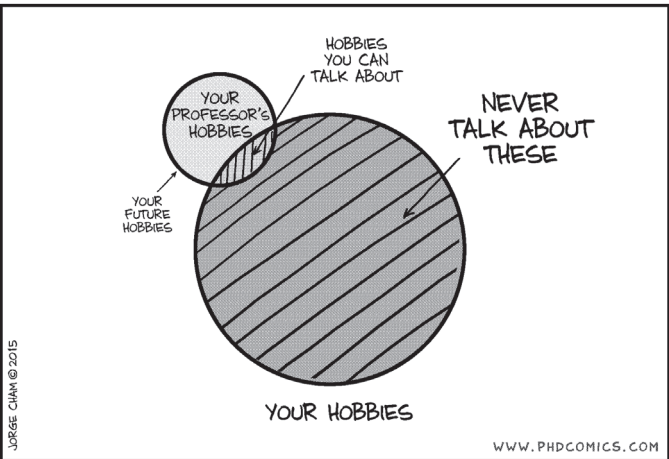
women began to be allowed access to the ensembles in the ‘80s and ‘90s. There are now, generally, even numbers of males and females in taiko performances at festivals and events.

Ford said the drums are also one of her favorite parts of the festival, along with the tea ceremony. She said the tradition, rules and culture that surround both activities are very interesting to her, and she hopes others take the opportunity to enjoy them as well.

“It’s going to be a really beautiful, small piece of Japanese culture here on campus that everyone should take the time to experience,” Ford said.



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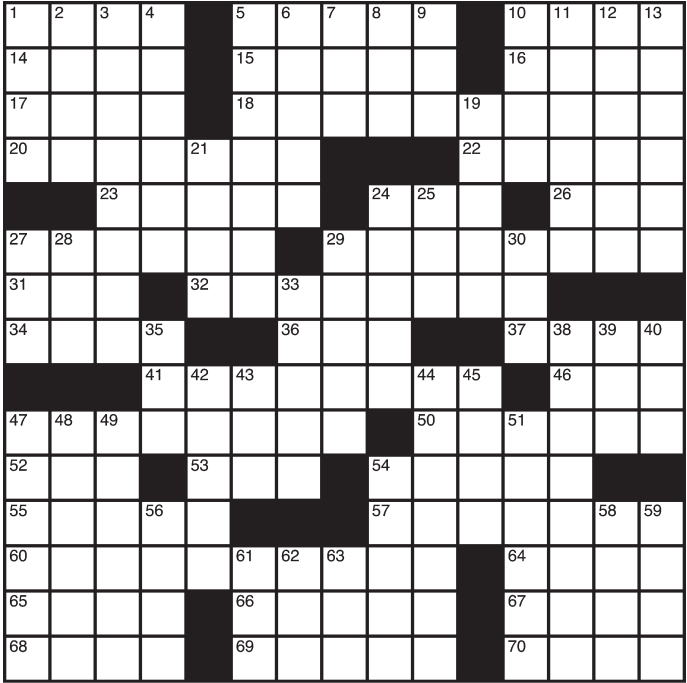


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14 Bad thing to be caught in
15 Spells
16 Virginie, par exemple
17 “Need You Tonight” band
18 Start of an old news announcement
20 Frequent Lemmon co-star
22 Chimney
23 Dublin-born poet
24 AWOL trackers
26 Tiny
27 Shine, in Cambridge
29 Ammunition dumps
31 Request to Sajak
32 Stipulation on le menu
34 Numerical prefix
36 Progressive pitcher?
37 When there’s no turning back
41 Where gas and lodging may be found
46 Tulsa sch.
47 Brings to light
50 Pitcher, for one
52 Cambodia’s Lon _
53 Enzyme suffix
54 Moisten, in a way
55 Northeastern octet
57 Old but coveted
60 Nachos, e.g.
64 Peach _
65 Landed
66 Ken Jenkins’ “Scrubs” role
67 CVI halved
68 Old map divs.
69 “Dallas” Miss
70 North-of-the-border gas

- Down
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2 Radius neighbor
3 Historic Chicago-to-Santa Monica route
4 Largish combo



- 5 Proctor’s concern
6 Infiniti competitor
7 No. after a phone no.
8 Not agin
9 Fed. benefits agency
10 Stimulating message
11 Senators’ home
12 Part of UPS
13 Betting specifications
19 County bordering Suffolk
21 Dwell annoyingly (on)
24 “Fantastic” Dahl character
25 Initials on a radial
27 “Well, _-di-dah!”
28 Lyon article
29 Weigh station counts
30 Composer Rorem
33 “_ shoe fits ...”
35 Literary assortment
38 When translated to English, beer

- brand that hints at the common feature of the five other longest puzzle answers
39 “We _ Marshall”: 2006 film
40 Brynner of filmdom
42 Wipe off
43 Some Cadillacs
44 Scott classic
45 Try
47 Hall of Fame Colts quarterback
48 Grisham output
49 Potion
51 Suppress
54 Low voices
56 First responders, initially
58 Israeli arms
59 Opera star Pinza
61 Classic Jag
62 “Small Wonder” state: Abbr.
63 In need of treatment

Right place, right time

Former club tennis player gets unexpected call to join varsity team

MEGHAN MITCHELL
Sports Writer

It was the perfect storm for junior tennis player Tyler Stayer in his unexpected journey to becoming a member of the Baylor men's tennis team.

Just months ago, Stayer was a member of the club tennis team. Now Stayer finds himself in the thick of a tightly contested Big 12 regular season.

With injuries and ineligibilities plaguing the Baylor men's tennis team this season, the Bears' coaching staff was left with no choice but to scout the Baylor club tennis team for reserves.

When Stayer got the call from the varsity team, the decision whether to accept the offer was a no-brainer, he said.

"It was an immediate yes," Stayer said. "I thought it was really cool. I didn't think that I would be playing regularly, I just thought I would have a chance to get a lot better at tennis, use the facilities and practice with the coaches."

Stayer thought his competitive tennis career was, for the most part, complete after graduating from high school.

Little did Stayer know his involvement in Baylor's club tennis team would eventually thrust him under the lights to represent his school again with the best of the best.

Picking up basketball and soccer early on in life, Stayer seemed to be a natural at sports, but it wasn't until he reached the age of 9 that tennis opened new possibilities for Stayer.

Stayer's mother, Melissa, recalled the first time he used a racquet. It was a moment that both of Stayer's parents realized their son's gift to play tennis.

"When he was around 9 years old, I put him in a little, local tennis camp one summer at Wagon Wheel," his mother said. "Some of these kids were very serious. In fact, when we got there we didn't even have a racquet because we thought it was a camp where they gave you racquets. So my ex-husband had to go buy him a racquet from behind the counter at the camp. Tyler beat everybody there."

From that point on, Tyler's passion for tennis began to grow.

"We put him in a ZAT tournament the following month and he won it all," Stayer's mother said. "He was 10 years old, and people were freaking out about it. So at 10 he won his first tournament with the racquet that was bought over-the-counter."

Giving up soccer to focus on basketball and tennis, Stayer would play all through middle school, participating in select basketball and competing in tennis tournaments.

It was when he started attending Brookhaven in Dallas that he started improving at a rapid pace.

"My mom, when I was a kid, would put me in a lot of different sports to see what I like, and I actually ended up liking all of them. That is why I ended up playing basketball and soccer for a long time," Stayer said. "She did research



Richard Hirst | Photo Editor

BRIGHT EYES Junior Tyler Stayer watches the ball as he prepares to hit it with his racquet during the Bears' match against Arkansas Pin-Bluff. Stayer was formerly a member of the Baylor club tennis team and was asked to join the varsity men's tennis team earlier this semester as a reserve player.

online, and that is why I ended up at Brookhaven. She really pushed me and helped me get the best tools to improve."

However, the weekend tournaments and long days of practice seemed to weigh on Stayer.

Although he had talent that could have potentially earned him a college scholarship, Stayer decided that high school tennis was enough and stopped playing in tournaments that would have improved his ranking.

While starting college seemed like the end of his tennis career, it was during his sophomore year at Baylor that a friend encouraged him to join the club tennis team. Stayer's passion for the sport reignited.

"My freshman year, I didn't play on the club team. I was a little burned out after my senior year of high school, because I played a lot my junior and senior years of high school," Stayer said. "I joined club my sophomore year because I had a friend who was joining and it was a great experience."

After an impressive club tennis season, winning various tournaments and making it to nationals, Stayer decided to return once again to the club team the following year.

It was in his second semester in his junior year that Stayer saw his tennis career take an unanticipated turn. Men's tennis assistant coach Dominik Mueller reached out to Stayer about joining team.

Stayer would see his first match against Texas Tech on April 2.

"My first match was against Texas Tech and it was at the International Indoors in Virginia," Stayer said. "I was excited, but I was also super nervous. Now that I

have been playing matches more regularly, I'm not as nervous."

"My first match I was really distracted and focused on the people in the crowd, but now I use it as a bonus. I really focus on the match, but when I hear them I get excited."

Now past the first match jitters, the coaches and his teammates have all been thrilled to have Stayer on the lineup as he continues to improve.

"He has been a joy," said head coach Matt Knoll. "The guy has improved in the three or four weeks he's been with us more than anybody I have ever seen. He listens, he does exactly what we ask him to do, and he's a great teammate. He is just phenomenal."

Senior Julian Lenz, who has played doubles with Stayer the past few matches, is blown away by the progress and skill that Stayer has brought basically out of nowhere.







"He is working really hard and he's really going out there wanting to win. He is not afraid. He is trying to help the team and he is really good," Lenz said. "He's a funny guy and social also. He is really involved. He has just improved a ton compared to how he was playing early in the season. He stays after practice, hitting serves for hours, he is doing all the right things."

As his junior year comes to an end, Stayer, who has plans to become a lawyer one day, perhaps surprised a couple people with his unanticipated collegiate tennis career. But there is one person who's not surprised by Stayer's success – his mother.

"He did very well in high school then gave it up, but then he came here (Baylor) and started club tennis," Stayer's mother said. "He got into it, and now look at where he is at. I love how he is so humble. Anything that he has wanted to do, he can be the best at it."

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