Dan Coats talks Trump, North Korea

Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats says he remains “skeptical” of Kim Jong Un’s upcoming talks with President Donald Trump, citing what he sees as time lost through concessions and broken promises over the years.

The former U.S. Senator and ambassador to Germany speaking at Baylor University on Wednesday ahead of a speaking engagement at an intelligence conference in Austin.

Coats was appointed as the fifth director of the agency by Trump last January and has since been tasked with providing the president with daily intelligence briefings. He said that on Thursday his intelligence team met with Trump for over an hour to catch the president up on news on the latest developments abroad.

Coats said the intelligence community is very political, but that there is “a lot of turmoil going on in Washington.” Still, this hasn’t left Coats out of the political scene as he has become a leading voice in the ongoing threats presented by North Korea.

“North Korea will be among the most volatile and confrontational WMD threats to the United States over the next year,” Coats said in an on the record assessment of threats abroad.

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The Lariat identified Huxley, Iowa, junior Austin Allaire as its top candidate for student body president. Allaire has spent time in student government as both a student senator and as the director of communications, and offered the most clear outline of his goals for the office. He also serves as a community leader in Martin Residence Hall.

Among Allaire’s plans for next year is an increase in Counseling Center resources for students, as well as an expansion in both of these departments. He also serves as a community leader in Martin Residence Hall.

For internal vice president, the Lariat endorses Yvonne North junior Elizabeth Larson. Although Larson is running unopposed, she has proven to be an important part of Baylor. She has accomplished a great deal in her time at IVE and certainly deserves another term.

Larson tells the Baylor student newspaper that she has had the unique opportunity to work with both students and administration, and the IVE also serves as the president of Student Senate.

Among Larson’s plans for next year is an increase in counseling center resources for students, as well as an expansion in both of these departments. Larson’s vision is to build a Baylor that works for everyone on the campus and reaches everyone that calls the place home.

ELEANOR SIMPSON
External Vice President

For the position of external vice president, the Lariat endorses San Antonio sophomore Eleanor Simpson. Simpson has served in student government since her freshman year as both secretary/treasurer and director of student organization engagement and stood out as a detail-oriented and driven candidate.

Simpson said she hopes to increase the profile of Waco with Baylor students by creating a monthly meeting open to campus called “Waco Wednesday.” She also hopes to connect students to alumni to benefit the students through mentorship, and the alumni by allowing them to still be involved at Baylor.

Simpson said one of her goals in to develop an event or conference where the Baylor community can come together and learn “what makes everyone come together.” Another hope for Simpson is to involve in as many ways in student government as possible.

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Students receive prestigious toxicology awards

MICALEA FREEMAN
Staff Writer

Oxford, Miss. senior Yoomin Jo and Houston senior Dan Dinh received awards from the Society of Toxicology, the nation’s leading scholarly society in the field of toxicology.

On Mar. 11, Jo, a University Scholar concentrating in environmental health science, received the Pfizer Society of Toxicology undergraduate research travel award at its 57th annual meeting in San Antonio. Jo was one of only 14 recipients of the award recognized.

Jo said that the award and her research has greatly affected her time at Baylor and looks forward to the future.

“I have been working on this project for two years, and even though it’s been quite challenging it has been very worthwhile,” Jo said. “I have learned a lot by working closely with professors and graduate students who are always willing to help and who have become great mentors throughout these two years.”

The past four years for Jo, she said, have been full of opportunities and has helped her further her research in many ways with help from professors and support from friends.

“For the most part, Baylor professors are very approachable when it comes to working with undergraduate students,” Jo said. “All of my friends are currently working on a wide array of projects in very diverse topics such as: agricultural practices in Vietnam, holistic health in Brazil and democratic peace processes in Latin America.”

On Mar. 13, Dinh, who studies environmental health sciences, received an award from the risk assessment specialty section. Dinh was the only undergraduate to receive this award, and was also selected as one of the top 10 submissions in human health risk assessment for her abstract at the Society of Toxicology international conference.

Distinguished professor of environmental science Dr. Bryan Brooks said on the Baylor Proud blog that he is ecstatic with both Jo and Dinh for their research and representation of Baylor.

“I couldn’t be more excited for Dan and Yoomin. Their dedication to research in environmental health sciences, facilitated by Baylor’s support of experiential learning and STEM education, research and service, is exemplary,” Brooks said. “To be awarded by the Society of Toxicology for their research represents gold-standard recognition of Yoomin and Dan’s accomplishments as outstanding undergraduate researchers at Baylor.”

As an advocate for toxicology, Jo said she hopes her research helps other comprehend the effects of toxicology and her research.

“Through this study, we want to achieve a better comprehension of alternative toxicological models in order to better understand the toxicity of the thousands of unknown compounds in our environment,” Jo said.

Dinh, who is Baylor Habitat for Humanity Fundraising Chair, said Baylor has aided her in her research and that working with fellow professors has encouraged her to pursue competitive research.

“Professors within our department are very eager and willing to expose students to research,” Dinh said. “I started out working as a lab assistant in the Brooks lab and that’s how I started this independent research project.”

Jo said she is looking forward to further her research at graduate school and is grateful for the opportunities Baylor has given her.

“Thanks to this experience and their guidance I have been able to discern that I would like to build a career as a researcher,” Jo said.

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Indeed, the director made much of deep learning at DNNF's Center's website as a place where new students can get a good job in the field.

I came to Baylor because I thought this was a rich ground to be a leader on campus and to be an example for the Baylor Ambassadors who lobby on behalf of the university in Washington, D.C. and Austin.

Kylee Nik Fisher, Baylor Ambassador president, said they were able to get

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learn in serving is that you will expect to get anything back, but with being involved with Dong in the labs, I have learned that you can’t just give and expect to get anything back, because sometimes you won’t be appreciated, and you also won’t have the type of feedback that you would have as a student.

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It's a general theory for those on the outside of the art world looking in—artists harness the pain and suffering in life to create beauty. This raises the question—how multifaceted is the concept of the 'tortured artist'? It is not the first time these questions have been proposed, and the topic is often discussed and debated in the art world.

Vincent van Gogh is a single example of an artist who created masterful paintings and simultaneously led a tortured artist concept, and that pain is indeed necessary for success and synonymous with genius. In truth, regardless of their circumstances, “we need to be a tortured one for them to find success. The implication that pain is necessary for inspiration or artistic genius; the life of an artist does not need to be a tortured one for them to find success. “Winter Rusiloski, professor of painting in Baylor’s art department, said she does not agree with the implication that pain is necessary for inspiration or artistic genius; the life of an artist does not need to be a tortured one for them to find success. “I think artists, like all other professions, succeed from research, discipline and hard work regardless of their circumstances,” Rusiloski said.

Van Gogh, an artist well-known for his suffering, is frequently referred to as proof of the ‘tortured artist’ concept, and that pain is indeed necessary for success and synonymous with genius. In truth, Van Gogh is a single example of an artist who created masterful paintings and simultaneously led a painful life. His life was one that was revolved around art, and he arguably succeeded both because of the way his suffering influenced his work and because of his passion and dedication. His paintings, in fact, were often reversed post mortem, as he was mostly perceived to be crazy and unconventional during his life.

There are notable figures, however, that little high-selling paintings and pain. Picasso’s painting “La Gernsback” sold for over 167 million, which broke a record during that time. However, it was not Picasso’s most expensive painting sold at an auction. His “Nude, Green Leaves and Ball” was purchased for over 136 million in 2018.

Anne S. Laughead, an Irish actor and performer based in Dublin, wrote for the Irish Times about how inspiration comes in waves. Laughead wrote the popular idea of a ‘tortured artist’ was nothing more than a myth, describing it as ‘a concept we’ve invented to turn people who create into demigods.”

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In his article from the Huffington Post, Zara writes that, without suffering, the art world likely will not be as great. Tirunelveli, India, sophomore Kirupa Sargunaraja, a studio art major, said she thinks the concept of the ‘tortured artist’ is not true. Life experiences are necessary for expressing various concepts, but having a painful life does not guarantee that the work is easier to complete, or better in the long run. “It’s wrong to think that it makes an artist’s work stronger or more interesting,” Sargunaraja said.

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**Make your own Torchy’s Taco**

A homemade version of Torchy’s fried portobello mushroom ‘Independent’

**INGREDIENTS**

**PICKLED CARROTS AND ONIONS**
- 2 small carrots, shredded or sliced into thin strips (can be purchased shredded from the store)
- 1/4 sweet onion, sliced into thin strips
- Jar of pickle juice.
- Using leftover juice from a jar of pickles, add the shredded carrots and thinly sliced onions to the jar. Refrigerate for at least two days. They should retain the flavor of the carrots and thinly sliced onions.

**REFRIED BEANS**
- 1 T olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 T taco seasoning
- 1/4 cup water
- 3/4 can black beans
- 1 tsp paprika
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 T coconut oil
- 2 portobello mushroom caps, thoroughly washed
- 1 T olive oil
- 1 tsp paprika
- Cotija cheese (optional)
- Fresh cilantro
- 4 tortillas (corn or flour)
- Torchy’s Diablo Sauce, salsa or other hot sauce
- Fresh avocado

**DIRECTIONS**

1. Warm 1 T olive oil over medium heat on a skillet. When oil is warm, add 2 cloves minced garlic and 3/4 can black beans. Sprinkle salt over the top. Mash the beans until they are even and consistent throughout. Transfer to a plate and set aside. Keep them warm if you can.

2. Place mushrooms directly into the oil. If the pan becomes dry and begins to create smoke, add more coconut oil a little at a time.

3. Fry for 2 minutes on one side. Use tongs to flip mushrooms over and fry for 2 minutes on the other side. They’re ready when they are tender all the way through. Transfer to a plate and set aside. Keep them warm if you can.

4. Heat 1 T of coconut oil in a skillet on medium heat. Save some of the flour, then set aside on a plate. Repeat this process another round of pickling, this time with carrots and onions.

5. Mash the beans enough for two people (four tacos).

6. SMELT refried beans onto tortilla.

7. Add 2 portobello slices, 2 avocado slices, fresh cilantro, pickled carrots and cotija cheese (optional).

**ASSEMBLY LINE**

Step 2 in the recipe above: Prepare an assembly line with two whisked eggs in the first bowl and all-purpose flour, paprika and cumin in the second.

**BREADED TO GO**

Mushrooms are coated in egg and flour before facing the frying pan.

**PLENTY TO GO AROUND**

Ingredients purchased at H-E-B and the Waco Downtown Farmers Market.

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Big 12 Showdown

Softball hosts No. 2 Sooners in home conference play

NATHAN KEIL
Sports Editor

Baylor softball has spent much of its spring season away from home. The Lady Bears have played just five of their first 26 games at Getterman Stadium, making it difficult to catch a glimpse of their hard work put in during practices.

As Baylor sports conference play begins, and the Lady Bears prepare to compete like they know how and hopefully it ends up our way, "we're just going to compete with a lineup like Oklahoma, you have to be able to compete with a top 20 lineup. To be able to compete with a lineup like Oklahoma, you have to be able to compete with a top 20 lineup," Moore said. "It's pretty amazing and a little bit scary. She's got 16 home runs and certainly someone we have to figure out how to pitch.

As dominant as the Oklahoma pitching staff is, Moore said Alo presents a stiff challenge for his pitching staff. "It's always feels good anytime I can get a win for my team," Phillips said. "That's the reason I'm here. I love being out there, helping my team win."

But despite the Sooners' three wins last year, Scroggins and the Lady Bears are confident as ever, partially because of the difficult non-conference schedule and the quality pitchers they've already seen this season.

"We do give a lot of credit. It's a new team, this year, next year and all matters what we do this weekend, so we're just going to compete like we know how and hopefully it ends up our way," Scroggins said. "I think Gia can go toe to toe with anybody in the country, "

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Veteran pitcher Phillips returns following elbow surgery

Baylor head coach Glenn Moore said this might be the best offensive team he has had in 18 years at Baylor.

"I have one of the best offenses I've had at Baylor since I've been here, so I have a lot of confidence in the ability to make things happen offensively, and to make them make plays," That's why you play the game," Moore said. "I've challenged her a little bit and now it's time to push through and be able to compete with a top 20 lineup. To be able to compete with a lineup like Oklahoma, you have to be able to have a good defense and we do have a good defense".

"We haven't been here for awhile and it all matters what we do this weekend, so we're just going to compete like we know how and hopefully it ends up our way," Moore said. "I think Regan is on the verge of being able to beat top 20 teams.

But that offense will be put to the test against Oklahoma's pitching combination of seniors Paige Parker and Paige Lowary and sophomore Mariah Lopez. Parker is 15-1 with a 0.34 earned runs average and three saves while Lopez is 8-0 with a 1.35 ERA. The Sooners' pitching staff has only allowed 27 runs in its first 30 games and has posted 16 shutouts.

As Baylor opens conference play against second-ranked and two-time defending national champion Oklahoma this weekend, there won't be an empty seat in the stadium.

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"It's always feels good anytime I can get a win for my team," Phillips said. "That's the reason I'm here. I love being out there, helping my team win."
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Coming off of a series loss to Kansas at home, the Baylor baseball team is looking to rebound this weekend against Oklahoma.

The Bears will travel to Norman, Okla., for a three-game series against the Sooners, spanning from Thursday to Saturday, earlier than expected this season because of the Easter holiday.

Baylor (13-9, 3-3) has a tough task in facing one of the Big 12 Conference's best pitching staffs. Oklahoma (17-10, 3-6) is led on the mound by senior Devon Williams and junior Tyler Pollock, who have both combined 7-0 record in 12 appearances. The Sooners lead the conference in pitching strikeouts with 275, well above Texas Tech's second-place mark of 248.

Baylor head coach Dave Schlosshauer said his team will need to do well offensively in order to put up runs against a talented Oklahoma rotation.

"That starting pitching is very good," Schlosshauer said. "They have some great returners back. We're gonna go out there and pound the zone, command our at-bats really well!"

Schlosshauer said he has been impressed with the way his team is out-grip the ball and look like that will carry over into the series with OU.

"Really happy with how well we're throwing the ball," Schlosshauer said. "If you take at our starters it looks like, I'm really excited about that. I think if our guys go out and play the way we can play, I'll give us those good baseball games with a chance to win at the end."

The Bears have struck out just 138 times so far this season and have walked 99, compared to the Sooners who have struck out over 200 times. The Sooners have generated strong contributions from sophomore first baseman Andy Thomas, who is hitting through 22 games and freshman utility man Nick Loftin who was named Big 12 Newcomer of the Week after going 8-for-17 in Baylor's last four games, including his first two career home runs.

Loftin said he was happy to earn the award, but is still focused on the upcoming games with Oklahoma.

"I'm pretty excited about it," Loftin said. "I've just been working hard, really hard for it and getting ready for OU this week."

Sophomore catcher Shea Langeliers blasted two home runs in two of Baylor's last three games and currently leads the team with five total home runs. Junior lefty J.J. Bleday and sophomore right-hander Hayden Kettler are close behind with four, having already_dpunched their career total.

Schlosshauer said Bleday has come back nicely from an injury in the fall that caused him to miss much of the team's strength and conditioning workouts.

"Being able to maintain some health and get in to the weight room allowed the strength he was able to gain to play into his ability," Schlosshauer said. "That's what really lends out to coming out early is that strength is already starting to gain his ability and we're getting to see more home runs."

The Bears will make one change to the weekend rotation, adding sophomore right-handed pitcher Jacob Ashkinos (0-1, 1.46) to start the third game of the series. Sophomore lefty Cody Bradford (3-2, 2.95) will take game one and sophomore right-hander Hunter Kister (3-1, 2.77) will follow in game two.

Ashkinos has made nine appearances this season, including two starts in mid-week games. He said after pitching against strong competition and developing since the start of the season, he feels prepared to take on a larger role in the starting rotation.

"I don't think I could have done this at the beginning of the year. I don't think that I was ready," Ashkinos said. "But facing Texas Tech, facing Kansas, going through the ups and downs, I'm really ready for this."

Game one between Baylor and Oklahoma is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on today, with both teams coming off of games being moved to 4:30 p.m. Friday and game three starting at 4 p.m. Saturday.

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Baylor baseball to face Sooners in three-game road test over weekend

The Bears look to pick up a series win over Oklahoma as they face the Sooners starting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Norman, Okla.