Supreme Court to hear alumna’s case

Fisher says UT rejected her based on race

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The Supreme Court will hear University alumna Abigail Fisher’s lawsuit today against the University of Texas at Austin, which she filed after she said she was denied admission because of her skin color: white.

National media has swarmed the case in the last 24 hours — The New York Times, USA Today and local outlets printed the story on their front pages Tuesday — as the Supreme Court prepares for the hearing that could change the way public universities grant admission.

In 2008, Fisher claimed she was denied entrance to UT on grounds of affirmative action, the right of an institution to take race, sex and religion among other classifications into account, in an attempt to counter discrimination in education, business and other areas.

Texas high school students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their classes are guaranteed entrance into public Texas universities. Fisher, a Texas native, was not in the top 10 percent of her class and was evaluated on other factors for admission, including race.

Fisher enrolled at LSU after being rejected from UT and graduated in May. Admissions based on race at LSU are only a “minute” part of the admissions process, according to Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management David Kurpius.

Fisher told The New York Times she hopes her lawsuit will take away the right of universities to use race in admissions and base admissions solely on merit.

UT said Fisher would not have been admitted to the university anyway and questioned whether she had sustained any injury from the rejection that would give her reason to sue, according to reports. The university also cited that it must be free to assemble a varied student body, a right the Supreme Court endorsed in 2003’s Grutter v. Bollinger.

In the case, the Supreme Court ruled the University of Michigan Law School had a compelling interest in diversity, allowing it to use race as a factor to discriminate in admissions.

Fisher’s case argues that the top-10-percent plan throughout Texas works extremely well in creating a racially and ethnically diverse student body. Edward Blum told The Daily Reveille in March. Blum is the director of the Project on Fair Representation, an organization that provided counsel for Fisher.

But the ruling could be different this time around. The Supreme Court has become more conservative — five of the nine justices are on record opposing affirmative action.

It could mean defeat for UT and a possible ruling that any schools that receive public funding — including some Ivy League schools — cannot use race in admissions.

Abigail Fisher talks about her Supreme Court hearing in a video. Fisher’s lawsuit is against the University of Texas at Austin for factoring race in admissions decisions.

Here’s what some Supreme Court justices said about racial discrimination in the past:

“The way to stop discrimination on the basis of race is to stop discriminating on the basis of race.”
Chief Justice John Roberts
June 2007 ruling involving racial preferences in public schools

“I believe blacks can achieve in every avenue of American life without the meddling of university administrators.”
Justice Clarence Thomas
dissenting in 2003 Grutter case

“I am a product of affirmative action. I am the perfect affirmative action baby.”
Justice Sonia Sotomayor
1990s while serving as a U.S. District Court judge

“‘The most powerful role models are those who have succeeded without a hint of favoritism.’”
Justice Samuel Alito
1985 brief he co-wrote as assistant to the solicitor general

Information from USA TODAY

The LSU Police Department arrested a University student who attempted to shoot her mother in New Orleans on Oct. 8.

Around 6:30 a.m., LSUUPD received a call from the stepfather of Nicole Lea Boover, 19, of 4617 Richland Ave. in Metairie, informing police that Boover had attempted to shoot her mother at a New Orleans residence, according to a news release.

Boover’s mother told police she opened her front door to her daughter’s knocks at 4:30 a.m., but quickly closed and locked the door when she noticed Boover was holding a handgun, Officer Hilal Williams, New Orleans Police Department spokesman, told Nola.com.

Boover fired three shots at the door before leaving. Her mother was not injured.

Her stepfather told police he believed she was driving back to the University campus with a male companion after the incident.

After confirming the incident and pending warrants with NOPD, LSUUPD was able to find and arrest Boover, a biological sciences freshman, at her dorm room in Evangeline Hall.

“It’s still really surprising,” a former acquaintance of Boover told The Daily Reveille. “Everyone is in complete shock right now.”

Police later located Boover’s vehicle with the unidentified man inside, and he was also arrested.

Officers found a small amount of marijuana in her residence and vehicle, but they could not find the gun Boover allegedly used.

Boover was booked with attempted first degree murder by NOPD and possession of marijuana by LSUUPD. She is being held in East Baton Rouge Parish Prison.

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INTERNATIONAL
Taliban gunmen shoot and wound 14-year-old Pakistani girl activist

MINGORA, Pakistan (AP) — Fourteen-year-old Malala Yousufzai was admired across a battle-scared region of Pakistan for exposing the Taliban’s atrocities and advocating for girls’ education in the face of religious extremists. On Tuesday, the Taliban nearly killed her to quiet her message.

A gunman walked up to a bus taking children home from school in the volatile northern Swat Valley and shot Malala in the head and neck. Another girl on the bus was also wounded.

Lady Gaga visits WikiLeaks chief

LONDON (AP) — Ecuador’s Embassy in London says WikiLeaks boss and would-be refugee Julian Assange has had a celebrity visitor: Lady Gaga.

The 26-year-old American superstar posted a photograph Monday of herself standing next to the 41-year-old Australian to her Twitter account. The embassy in London says WikiLeaks and North Korea warned Tuesday the U.S. is within its missile range.

North Korea says South Korea, United States are within its missile range

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea warned Tuesday the U.S. mainland is within range of its missiles, and said Washington’s recent agreement to let Seoul possess missiles capable of hitting all of the North shows the allies are plotting to invade the country.

South Korea announced Sunday it’s developing a missile it plans to use to defend itself against North Korea.

North shows the allies are plotting to invade the country.

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia police have unearthed a body entombed in concrete, stuffed inside a plastic storage container and buried in a backyard. They believe the remains could be those of a missing Florida man.

Police in the northeastern city of Winder arrested 31-year-old twins Christopher and William Cornier on Tuesday, a day after the body was found. They were charged with concealing a death.

Winder police weren’t ruling out additional charges. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation was assisting in the investigation.

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Cars zoom by the PMAC on Tuesday. Submit your photo of the day to photo@lsureveille.com.

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ACADEMICS

University makes schedule, pre-req. changes
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University students will graduate over the course of two days this May in response to the increase of graduates and lack of space, something LSU has not done in at least 25 years.

Though the Registrar’s Office has not finalized graduation times yet, Patricia Beste, senior associate registrar, said two colleges will graduate in the PMAC on May 16 and four other colleges will graduate in the PMAC on May 17.

Beste said some colleges, like the College of Engineering, usually use the Carl Maddox Fieldhouse for graduation, but the venue is under construction.

Since the Computer Science Department moved from the College of Science into the College of Engineering, Beste said the number of engineering graduates has increased.

She said they believe the college will eventually outgrow the Fieldhouse and will graduate in the PMAC this May.

“This allows for more space and more family and guests to celebrate their culmination of hard work,” Beste said.

In addition to graduation changes, Beste said the Registrar’s Office moved the first day of classes for the spring semester from Jan. 22 to Jan. 14.

ALEKS test prepares students for calculus, teaches precalcusil skills

Clay Benton, assistant registrar, said the University implemented ALEKS, assessment and learning in knowledge spaces, last spring as a prerequisite test to Math 1550 or 1551.

“The purpose behind it is to test students’ basic capabilities before they enroll in calculus courses,” Benton said.

Charles Delzell, mathematics professor, said the test prepares students for calculus, especially those who may have forgotten a concept from precalcusil.

“We don’t teach [those concepts]... but ALEKS does,” Delzell said.

He said the test shows which topics the student missed and how to master these topics. Delzell said students must score at least 70 percent for Math 1550 and 75 percent for Math 1551.

Benton said students who do not pass the test the first time can take it multiple times as needed to pass.

ENVIRONMENT

Campus turns greener with $10K grant

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Bright sunshine and cool temperatures made Tuesday an enjoyable, outdoorday for many students, but Campus Sustainability had other reasons to celebrate.

The primary reasons included a large green recycling dumpster and a $10,000 grant that will go toward purchasing 1,000 new, bigger recycling bins to strengthen the roughly 1,500 bin fleet already in use during tailgating season and some campus events, like Fall Fest.

The 24-gallon blue bins will allow more recycling to take place with less manpower, since the current 18-gallon green bins provided by the city are too small and, in some cases, falling apart, said Denise Newell, Campus Sustainability manager.

“We definitely need more bins because [the old ones] fill up so fast,” Newell said.

The recycling dumpster arrived Tuesday, lathered in green paint, awaiting cans, old papers and other recyclables to fill its 25 cubic yard capacity.

The dumpster was brought in by Campus Recycling for off-campus students, as a place to come drop off their recyclables if they didn’t have convenient options at home.

Unlike many dumpsters, the top is sealed shut, so people will not throw in non-recyclable items, which can create all kinds of problems when the time to sort the items comes around, said Campus Recycling manager Andres Harris.

Odd items such as washing machines, dead animals and huge pipes, as well as many others, have ended up in bins before, Harris said.

The dumpster itself came from behind Edward Gay Apartments, having originally been donated to Residential Life from Walmart years ago. One similar in size would cost about $7,000 today, Harris said.

Those who wish to recycle should place the items into one of three holes along either side of the dumpster, he said, only needing to push back the sliding door covering the holes to do so.

“By having this, [students] can keep their green bug happy,” Harris said.

He said they chose the location, set in between Campus Federal and Walk On’s, because many community-driven events such as the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, as well as baseball and football tailgates, set up in the grassy fields behind the parking lot.

The University has boosted its recycling numbers dramatically in recent years, going from about 300 tons a year in 2005 to 1,500 tons last year, Harris said.

According to Campus Sustainability, 95 percent of University paper comes from 30 percent recycled content, 73 percent of students use sustainable commuting options and 34 percent of waste was diverted from landfills to recycling factories in 2011.

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Documentary educates about Mexican drug war

Campus screening is first in U.S.

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Contributing Writer

Independent filmmaker Charlie Minn wants students to look around next time they’re at a football game in Tiger Stadium and imagine an even bigger crowd.

“More people have been killed due to the drug war than would fit in Tiger Stadium,” Minn said.

University students and faculty participated in the first U.S. campus screening of documentary “The New Juarez” on Tuesday evening.

“The New Juarez” is the third film in a trilogy about the violent conflict between the Mexican government and drug cartels that has resulted in more than 100,000 casualties to date.

“Mark my words, in five years there will be another 100,000 people dead in Mexico at the rate we’re going,” Minn said.

He told students the film was not made to be enjoyable or entertaining.

“I hope you learn something. I want this to be Mexico’s version of the Kony movement,” Minn said. “[The drug war] is the most overlooked tragedy that people never talk about.”

Although the event was sparsely attended, students and faculty present felt strongly about the drug war.

First year Hispanic studies graduate students Kendal Kyzar and Liliana McGuffin-Naranjo said Americans see drug violence as something far removed from their lives, but they hope the film exposes the issue.

“What’s fueling this is the desire Americans have to use drugs,” said assistant history professor Steven Andes.

Drugs move across the Mexican border to distribution centers like Dallas and Houston. From there, the drugs circulate around the country.

“Shit-head kids our age who smoke on the weekends are the problem,” said freshman Fernanda Zamudio-Suarez. “When the effects of that begin to affect my grandma (who lives in Mexico), it’s a major problem. Like when the phone rings, I wonder if my family is OK. Because of American oversight. No one realizes that.”

According to Minn’s research, Americans contribute 8 to 10 billion dollars annually to Mexico’s drug market. As drugs move north of the border, cash and weapons flow south.

Drug cartels use weapons to control the drug plaza and enforce their power.

There’s only one gun store in Mexico, and it’s in the capital. The U.S. supplies the majority of arms to Mexico — a staggering 90 percent.

Minn said stopping the flow of weapons across the border would reduce the death count.

Minn said film has the power to inspire social change. He has worked in all aspects of film but loves documentary filmmaking most.

He said he surrounded himself with the issue consistently for the past two years.

“It’s been a horrible experience. I got too close to it. It’s unhealthy to deal with it every moment of your life, but I did that with all my films,” Minn said. “It’s been a learning experience but deeply troubling.”

The event was co-sponsored by the International Studies Program, Film and Media Arts Program and the foreign language, history and political science departments.
Century-old Louisiana newspapers now available on digital database

Ben Wallace
Senior Contributing Writer

Anyone with an Internet connection and a little computer sense can find quotes, images and stories about entire generations of Louisianians who had no idea anything like the invisible communication network would ever exist.

Newspapers from as far back as the early 19th century have now been copied, scanned and digitized to create a historical data mine of cultural significance as part of the Digitizing Louisiana Newspapers Project at the LSU Libraries Special Collections.

On Tuesday afternoon, a group of mostly journalists and researchers gathered at the Hill Memorial Library to hear about the latest updates to the database, which currently allows digital access to 77 Louisiana newspapers dating back to the 1830s, said DLNP manager Laura Charny.

“Not only do we want you to be able to view these items, we want you to be able to search them,” Charny said.

The grant-funded project is a subgroup of the National Digitizing Newspapers Program at the Library of Congress, which gathers newspapers published before 1930 and digitizes them for more convenient research access.

Before Charny demonstrated how to search the databases, Michael Taylor, assistant curator of books gave a brief history of newspapers in Louisiana.

“I get to be the ghost of newspapers past,” Taylor joked. Louisianians who had no idea of those that don’t subscribe to The Times-Picayune loss of Times-Picayune

Subscribers plan to switch papers

Joshua Bergeron
Staff Writer

The Advocate’s newly-announced New Orleans edition may see an influx of subscribers, according to a study conducted by the University’s Public Policy Research Lab.

The study, released Oct. 2, details New Orleanians’ reactions to cutting back the Times-Picayune to three days a week. The study also examined the potential exchange of subscribers from The Times-Picayune to The Advocate.

Michael Clinek, operations manager of the Public Policy Research Lab, said the study was conducted because of the Mansfield School of Communication’s status as a top-tier institution and its proximity to New Orleans. Clinek said one of the more interesting findings was that a large portion of citizens plans to purchase a subscription to The Advocate’s New Orleans edition.

“One half of Times-Picayune subscribers said they plan to buy the Advocate,” he said. “And, one third of those that don’t subscribe to The Times-Picayune plan to purchase The Advocate.”

Half of the participants also said they plan to read The Advocate online. Many of the respondents didn’t know that Nola.com and The Times-Picayune are connected.

“It is interesting that people didn’t know that Nola.com was The Times-Picayune’s website,” said Lisa Brou, a Public Policy Center analyst. “That is really a brand they need to establish if they are serious about going to a three-day edition.”

Initial reports of citizens’ transitions to The Advocate have been negative. Engineering sophomore Kylie Breaux said her parents didn’t receive the Baton Rouge-based paper for three days.

“I know they were supposed to receive the paper on the first,” Breaux said. “But I talked to them a few days ago and they said they didn’t get a paper until the fourth. If they plan to take over New Orleans, they need to do a better job than that.”

However, Clinek said the initial reception from the research has been positive.

“We have gotten a good amount of media attention,” he said. “I think the Mansfield School and the Reilly Center plan to make a book out of the whole thing.”
University urges students to submit conference proposals

Wilborn Nobles III
Senior Contributing Writer

With only 17 days remaining, the University’s African-American Cultural Center is still open for workshop submissions for the sixth annual Multicultural Student Leadership Conference on Oct. 27 at the Student Union.

This is the only free conference on campus focusing on leadership and diversity for both undergraduate and graduate students, according to a news release Tuesday. The conference is co-sponsored by several University departments, including Student Government.

The African-American Cultural Center is looking for conference tracks varying in topics that include gender and sexuality, student-athlete leaders and spirituality and religion, said LaKeitha Poole, the African American Student Affairs coordinator.

“In the past, we have had presentations consisting of diversifying your work experience, studying abroad, programming 101, biracial identities, substance use and abuse, LGBTQ awareness, life after college and many more,” she said in an email.

During last year’s theme of “Discovering Dimensions of Diversity,” the conference invited Evette Castillo Clark, Tulane University’s assistant dean of students in the Division of Student Affairs, to be a keynote speaker.

The keynote speaker this year is Alexandra Chung Rouse, Teach for America’s director of alumni affairs and an LSU alumna.

Estepania Reichard, an international studies senior and president of the Hispanic Student Cultural Society, said she attended the conference her freshman year to meet students of diverse backgrounds and to further her networking on campus.

“...I have been different workshop sessions that the conference offered. The workshops covered topics that included overcoming stereotypes all the way to improving leadership skills, which are all topics that college students should focus on,” she said in an email.

Reichard said she’s attending this year’s conference to look for leadership qualities to potentially benefit her after graduation along with potential inspiration for her post-graduation plans.

Poole encouraged all students to submit proposals for past topics and any new topics for presentations or panels. The extended deadline for submissions is Oct. 12 at 5 p.m.

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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Campus Crime Briefs

Student arrested for outstanding traffic warrants in routine stop

History student William Chase Gore, 21, was arrested Oct. 2 for outstanding traffic warrants.

LSU Police Department officers conducted a routine traffic stop on West Lakeshore Drive around 12:15 a.m., said LSU PD Capt. Cory Lalonde.

Officers determined Gore, the driver, had outstanding warrants with Baton Rouge Police Department.

Gore, of 6258 Sac Fox Street in Shreveport, was booked in East Baton Rouge Parish Prison.

Two students arrested for vandalizing walls of Huey P. Long Fieldhouse

LSUPD arrested international studies student Anna Catherine Lee, 20, and physics graduate student Matthew Stephen Champagne, 24, on Oct. 3 for breaking into the Huey P. Long Fieldhouse and spray painting the walls.

Officers were dispatched to the Fieldhouse after an alarm was triggered just after 11 p.m., Lalonde said.

Officers discovered Lee and Champagne, who both admitted to spray painting the walls.

Both were arrested for unauthorized entry of a place of business and criminal damage and booked in EBR Parish Prison.

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FOOTBALL

Tigers confuse outsiders, bond over indirect tweets

Chris Abshire  
Sports Writer

Take everyone’s favorite inside jokes, song lyrics and passive-aggressive thoughts, then broadcast them for the world to see.

Welcome to the art of subtweeting on Twitter, where the LSU football team rules over its imagined kingdom with mighty keystrokes.

The Tigers, known for their powerful hits and direct contact on the football field, often employ the site’s most ambiguous tool for personal expression.

Subtweeting involves responding to a person on Twitter without directly replying or using his or her Twitter handle. It’s roughly equivalent to the play-ground era, with cliquish jokes or behind-the-back snideness in equal measure.

LSU football players are just a drop in the proverbial subtweeting bucket, but several Tigers are its most visible local artists.

The examples are plentiful.

Sophomore receiver Jarvis Landry often bemoans an unrequited love, junior fullback J.C. Copeland reassures fans of his health and freshman cornerbck Derrick Raymond jokingly pleads with teachers to cancel class when homework piles up.

LSU players say subtweets can be liberating without stirring the pot too much.

“There’s a lot of subliminal messages in our guys’ tweets,” said sophomore punter Brad Wing, one of the team’s most prolific tweeters. “It’s stuff only for us to know. It’s a way of getting

Brad Wing @bwing38  
Some people...  
23 Sep

Jarvis Landry @God_Son88  
If you having nothing positive to say don’t mention me. It’s us out there at practice everyday etc. What give you the right to have a voice  
6 Oct

King S.D @TerrenceMacree  
I feel like Its So many things you could have told me And saved me the trouble of tellin my mistakes show me  
25 Sep

Luke Muncie @Lmuncie52  
How about you calculate the statistics right  
24 Sep

Sam Montgomery @Sonts311_SC  
People need to know the difference between playing and being disrespectful  
24 Sep

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A day in the life of an LSU swimmer

Athletes balance school and training

Scott Branson  
Sports Contributor

As if the rigors of being a college student weren’t enough, some Tigers add hours in the pool and a few miles of swimming to the daily docket.

“Such is life for members of LSU’s swimming teams, whose women’s squad opens Southeastern Conference competition today at Vanderbilt with the men’s squad starting conference competition Oct. 20 at Auburn. LSU sophomore swimmer Frank Greeff walked the Reveille through a typical Monday, one day out of many that led up to the eventual culmination of the aquatics squads’ season – SEC and NCAA championships, in February and March, respectively.

5:10 a.m.

As is routine, the alarm clock signals the start of another day.

“The least favorite part of my day is getting awake in the mornings,” Greeff said. “Getting out of your bed and jumping in the pool
Swimming and Diving

Chandler Rome
Sports Writer

The Lady Tiger swimmers will hit the road for a rare midweek Southeastern Conference dual meet showdown with Vanderbilt today.

While swimming coach Dave Geyer admitted the midweek competition may throw the Lady Tigers out of their usual routine, he said the Wednesday start mimics the SEC Championship meet, which benefits his team as the season progresses.

“I takes us out of our comfort zone as far as going out in the middle of the week,” Geyer said. “It gets us up and racing in the middle of the week, which is good for us at this time of the year.”

Geyer said he hopes NCAA Qualifiers senior Sara Haley and juniors Torrey Bussey and Rainey White take the reins as team leaders, all the while watching for freshmen swimmers to transition to collegiate swimming.

The transition looked seamless Sept. 22 against Centenary, as freshmen Megan Cox, Danielle Stirrat and Jesse James swept the top three finishes in the 200-meter freestyle, while classmates Taryn MacKenzie and Rebecca Werdine claimed the 100-meter breaststroke and 50-meter freestyle titles, respectively.

“I’m really looking for some of our freshmen to see how they’re developing in the water as they move from a club-based training into collegiate training to see how their bodies are reacting now,” Geyer said.

With all the headway he and his staff have made in just a short time, it’s clear he’s the man for the job.

From day one, Jones has hit the recruiting trail hard. He had to after Johnson left the cupboard in the 2012 recruiting class bare. The lone commitment was sharp-shooting guard Malik Morgan.

In a span of seven months, Jones reeled in nine players who will wear purple and gold the next two seasons.

Within 10 days of being hired, Jones got forwards Shavon Coleman and Shane Hamink to jump aboard.

He rounded out the 2012 recruiting class with point guard Corbin Collins in June and former University of New Orleans and Memphis guard Charles Carmouche in August.

The 2014 recruiting class now has five verbal commitments, including top-100 prospects Jordan Mickey and Tim Quarterman.

It’s not necessarily the most glamorous recruiting class, but it’s a good start nonetheless. Who knows if Johnson would have been able to round up any players other than Morgan to come to a program that hasn’t been relevant in the SEC since 2008.

LSU returns barely any size in the front court other than 6-foot-9 Johnny O’Bryant III and lost its best wing scorer with the transfer of Ralston Turner to North Carolina State.

The football team may have more wins than Jones’ initial squad.

There’s only one way for the LSU basketball program to go after four years of Johnson’s regime: up.

Today’s LSU Basketball Media Day will reveal more of the new direction Jones has in store for the Tigers.

The season opener is still a few weeks away, but it’s hard not to think optimistically about the future of LSU men’s basketball with Jones at the helm.

Micah Bedard is a 22-year-old history senior from Houma.

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Tigers look for freshman impact at Vanderbilt

Chandler Rome
Sports Writer

The 2006 Final Four is a distant memory for LSU men’s basketball fans.

Local products like Tyrus Thomas, Brandon Bass and Glen “Big Baby” Davis littered the Tigers’ one road win in Southeastern Conference play a season ago.

The football team may have one fans hope to soon forget.

On April 16, LSU men’s basketball coach Johnny Jones describes the conversation in which he was asked to become the program’s new head coach.

LSU basketball headed in right direction with Jones

Chandler Rome
Sports Writer

The Commodores are fresh out of a fifth-place finish at last year’s SEC Championship meet, the team will rely on Bussey, White and Haley, along with fellow NCAA Qualifiers sophomores Amber Carter and Marlene Niemi in what Geyer called a great midweek competition.

A developing program, according to Geyer, Vanderbilt finished last season in 10th place at the SEC Championship, something Geyer and his staff are not taking lightly.

The Commodores are fresh off a trip to Fayetteville, Ark. last Saturday, where they brought home three bronze medals in the 3x100 yard breaststroke relay, 400 freestyle relay and the 400 medley relay competing in the Arkansas Relays.

“It’s going to be a great test for us,” Geyer said. “We’re going to go with pretty much our most competitive lineup we can go.”

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**Tigers to battle it out with Tennessee on ESPNU**

Mike Gegenheimer

Sports Contributor

The LSU volleyball team will put its fresh start to the test when Southeastern Conference pre-season favorite Volunteers visit Baton Rouge on Wednesday.

LSU coach Fran Flory plans to continue the Tigers’ (7-10) fresh start against Tennessee (11-5) after hitting the reset button on the season following a disappointing five-set loss to Georgia last Wednesday.

The Tigers are looking to avenge the two-game sweep they suffered against the Volunteers last season: “I remember going to their place and we knew we had it in for us,” said sophomore setter Malorie Mannari. “They have really tall girls, more than six feet tall.”

The series has been relatively evenly matched in recent history, with Flory earning a 12-9 record against the Volunteers during her time in Baton Rouge. Flory described her team’s matchup with Tennessee as “war.”

“We kind of know their tendencies, but the flipside of that is they know ours too,” Flory said. “The match is going to come down to who’s going to execute on the highest level and who can seize that momentum and maintain it.”

LSU knows it faces one of the SEC’s biggest teams in Tennessee, but Flory said she believes her team can match up well against the powerful Tennessee front court.

Tennessee enters the match with 10 of its 18 players standing more than six feet tall, compared to LSU’s six of 14. “They’re just a big, physical team,” said senior libero Meghan Mannari. “They have really tall girls, and a lot of them are seniors and juniors, so they’re experienced.”

**Next up for the Tigers:**

**Who:** LSU (7-10) vs. Tennessee (11-5)

**When:** 7 p.m.

**Where: PMAC**

**Watch or listen at home:** ESPNU/91.1 KLSU

A key focus for the Tigers this week is the serve and pass battle, something Flory said is a necessity for them to control if they want to beat Tennessee.

“We have to serve tougher than in the matches we’ve lost,” Flory said. “We’re winning the passing battle more often, but we aren’t winning the serve.”

The Vols won’t be the only thing the Tigers will have to overcome on Wednesday—they’ll also be battling their nerves as ESPNU will show the game live on national television.

This will be the second time in as many weeks the ESPN trucks will set up outside the PMAC for a volleyball game.

Flory said her team was distracted by the lights and cameras last Wednesday, and it played a part in their loss to Georgia.

Hitting the Volurges last season was difficult for the Tigers, which is happening all around South Carolina’s campus.

Safety D.J. Swearinger said a teacher called him to the front of the room to apologize for the nearly 200 classmates who applaud him for South Carolina’s Georgia win.

“That’s heady stuff for a team not used to big-time success. But Swearinger said neither his head, nor his teammates’, will be turned by the attention.”

Swearinger told the defensive players at Monday’s practice they could not afford to dwell on last week’s victory, not with an angry bunch of LSU Tigers ahead.

“We’ve got a bigger task at hand than Kentucky” two years ago, Swearinger said.

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Quarterback Connor Shaw quipped, “They’re just a big, physical team,” said senior libero Meghan Mannari. “They have really tall girls, and a lot of them are seniors and juniors, so they’re experienced.”

A key focus for the Tigers this week is the serve and pass battle, something Flory said is a necessity for them to control if they want to beat Tennessee.

“We have to serve tougher than in the matches we’ve lost,” Flory said. “We’re winning the passing battle more often, but we aren’t winning the serve.”

The Vols won’t be the only thing the Tigers will have to overcome on Wednesday—they’ll also be battling their nerves as ESPNU will show the game live on national television.

This will be the second time in as many weeks the ESPN trucks will set up outside the PMAC for a volleyball game.

Flory said her team was distracted by the lights and cameras last Wednesday, and it played a part in their loss to Georgia.

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Sandusky receives 30-year sentence, claims innocence

The Associated Press

BELLEFONTE, Pa. (AP) — Jerry Sandusky, maintaining his innocence, was sentenced Tuesday to at least 30 years in prison — effectively a life sentence — in the child sexual abuse scandal that brought shame to Penn State and led to coach Joe Paterno’s downfall.

A defiant Sandusky gave a rambling statement in which he denied the allegations and talked about his life in prison and the pain of being away from his family.

“I’ve forgiven, I’ve been forgiven. I’ve comforted others, I’ve been comforted. I’ve been kissed by dogs, I’ve been bit by dogs,” he said. “I’ve conformed, I’ve also been different. I’ve been me. I’ve been loved, I’ve been hated.”

Three victims spoke, often fighting back tears. One looked Sandusky in the eyes at times. Two of the men exchanged a long embrace before court was adjourned.

The 86-year-old former Penn State assistant coach was found guilty in June of 45 counts of child sexual abuse, convicted of molesting 10 boys over a 15-year period. Witnesses said Sandusky used the charitable organization he founded to abuse children who might have been able children who might have been able to report suspicions.

His statement in court lasted 15 minutes and his voice cracked as he spoke of missing his loved ones.

“I speak today with hope in my heart for a brighter day, not knowing if that day will come,” Sandusky said. “Many moments have been spent looking for a purpose. Maybe it will help others, some vulnerable children who might have been abused, might not be, as a result of the publicity.”

His statement also included numerous sports references: He said he once told his wife “we’re definitely in the fourth quarter” and he referenced the movie “Seabiscuit.”

He also spoke of instances in which he said he helped children.

Among the three victims who spoke Tuesday was a young man who said he was 11 when Sandusky groped him in a shower in 1998. He said Sandusky is in denial and should “stop coming up with excuses.”

“I’ve been left with deep painful wounds that you caused and had been buried in the garden of my heart for many years,” he said.

Another man said he was 13 when, in 2001, Sandusky hired him into a Penn State sauna and then a shower and then forced him to touch the ex-coach.

“I am troubled by flashbacks of his naked body, something that will never be erased from my memory,” he said. “Jerry has harmed children, of which I am one of them.”

Before sentencing, Judge Cleland designated Sandusky as a sexually violent predator under the state’s Megan’s Law. The label essentially has no effect on Sandusky, since its requirement is lifetime registration after a convict is released from prison. Sandusky won’t be released on parole before the minimum 30-year term is up.

“The tragedy of this crime is that it’s a story of betrayal. The most obvious aspect is your betrayal of 10 children,” Cleland told Sandusky. “I’m not going to sentence you to centuries in prison, although the law will permit that.” Still, Cleland said he expects Sandusky to die in prison.

In sentencing the ex-coach, Cleland called Sandusky’s comments in the radio statement about a conspiracy against him “unbelievable.”

The scandal brought devastation in State College that will take years to fully assess, as Sandusky’s victims are pressing civil claims and a January trial is pending for Gary Schultz and Tim Curley, two university administrators charged with failing to properly report suspicions about Sandusky and lying to the grand jury that investigated him.
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things off our chests, but keeping it personal enough.”

Subtweet subjects tend to involve love interests, messages to “haters” or hip-hop lyrics that double as someone’s current mental state.

In that vein, LSU players are emotional Picasso’s, often firing off late-night musings, pointed commentary and inspirational messages to heartwarming and hilarious effect.

But junior linebacker Lamin Barrow, who doesn’t have a Twitter account, said subweets’ abilities to work as inside jokes also build team camaraderie.

“The last social network I had was MySpace,” Barrow said. “I make sure to keep up with what guys are saying [on Twitter], though. The fun part about it is, if you’re not in that inner circle, you won’t know what’s going on. That kind of unity brings us together.”

Players consistently tagged Wing — who claims he doesn’t subtweet often — senior defensive end Chancey Aghayere and sophomore defensive lineman Anthony Johnson as the team’s most notorious subtweeters.

While a quick scan of Aghayere’s account reveals relatively few subweets in recent months, Wing said the 2011 defensive linemen mastered the method.

“Chancey and [junior defensive tackle] Bennie Logan and [former tackle Michael] Brockers were all over that, throwing like kidding insults and jokes at everybody,” Wing said. “They stick out as the Twitter freaks.”

Junior linebacker Kevin Minter only recently joined Twitter.

The reason? He was tired of being lost during team discussions.

“That’s the main reason I got on [Twitter],” Minter said. “The subweets and the stuff that went down with guys clowning each other was all I’d hear in the locker room. I had to keep up.”

The subweets have caught the eye of LSU’s coordinator of social and new media, Jake Terry.

Terry said the players’ reputation as an emotional group requires constant monitoring, especially in the Twitter world.

“It’s a sign of the fact that they’re young and wear emotions on their sleeve,” he said. “There are occasions when I do have to tell players to take stuff down.”

One of those players was former LSU cornerback Tyrann Mathieu.

Mathieu’s rapid rise to football fame via his game-changing plays and Honey Badger persona made him a controversial subtweet.

“Tyrann quickly eclipsed 100,000 followers and was the most followed player in college football last year,” Terry said. “He often got caught up emotionally in addressing negative followers or bait for him, which we would make him take down. We had to keep a close eye on him, but this year’s team has nobody as visible as he was.”

Minter said he sees the ignorance and negative messages in subweets but thinks LSU players do it “all in fun for the most part.”

That doesn’t mean he — or the rest of his LSU teammates — always understand their comrades. Minter admitted players are sometimes just as clueless as the general public about a subweeter’s meaning.

“Normally, I get my girlfriend to translate them for me,” he said. “She’s a master at reading [subtweets]. Even better than the team, but just barely.”

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average yards per game.

Junior offensive tackle Chris Faulk was sidelined before the season began after injuring his knee during fall camp.

Faulk’s absence has turned the Tigers’ offensive line into a carousel of rotating players this season.

Senior offensive lineman Josh Dworaczyk was shuffled to left tackle early this season, but has been replaced in recent weeks in favor of freshman Vadal Alexander.

But with Miles still uncertain whether Williford will be able to play Saturday against South Carolina, the Tigers’ turntable of offensive linemen could continue, and Dworaczyk could see starting time again, filling in at right guard.

With South Carolina being hailed as one of the best pass-rushing defenses in the country, the Tigers will need to quickly find a lineup that works. LSU has allowed 15 sacks in just six games, which is one more than it allowed through the entire regular season in 2011.

Sophomore offensive guard La’el Collins said the offensive line’s performance would be better if it could find some consistency.

“If we didn’t have to move anybody, and everybody was healthy, [the line’s play] would be remarkable right now,” Collins said.

The losses for LSU have been numerous, but Miles said he has confidence in the backups because of their abilities to acquire depth in recent recruiting classes.

“We’re counting on our guys to play the position well, period,” Miles said. “When they step in and they’re no longer a backup, they’re a starter.”

Though it is difficult to replace key contributors week after week, Minter said he and other Tigers aren’t using injuries as an excuse for their play in last Saturday’s 14-6 loss to Florida.

“Injuries happen,” Minter said. “This is football, one of the most violent sports on Earth, and you just have to be ready.”

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Natural gas: what’s really at stake?

We are told the world is in an energy crisis, and the United States holds a commanding lead in the consumption of crude oil, the main source of today’s energy. However, within recent years, it has become evident that the United States also holds an incredible amount of natural gas in our shale rock formations occupying more than 30 states. Natural gas is cheaper, it is the cleanest of all fossil fuels as it gives off 30 percent lower carbon emissions than oil and coal, it can be used to fuel vehicles and it’s already widely used in homes. Atop all the pros, there is said to be twice as many natural gas reserves in the United States as there is crude oil in Saudi Arabia. This is a grand opportunity to greatly relieve our dependence on foreign oil. Solution to our energy crisis, right? Apparently not.

The problem with the production of natural gas is the process to obtain it, called fracking. Fracking, in short, uses explosives and proppants, or fracking fluids to crack and keep open the shale formation in order to enable the flow of natural gas through the drilling rig casing into production piping on the surface. The problem with fracking is the toxic chemicals that compose proppants. The chemicals are supposedly seeping into underground freshwater supplies. It is no secret that drinking proppants would be unwise. But there are tremendous holes in this allegation. The deepest freshwater aquifers reach on average 1,200 feet, while foot-shale fracking occurs somewhere between 7,000 and 12,000 feet — at least a mile away.

In addition, proppants are typically composed of 99 percent water and sand. A miniscule amount of chemicals are employed in the fluids, which are more like mud — hence another name, liquid mud.

The grassroots movements against fracking are largely fueled by liberal passion. Historically, liberalism has been the force driving the dire need of the lower class to progress, rather than keeping the status quo — a conservative trait.

This is not a ploy to distinguish which political party supports the exploration of natural gas — but presidential candidates acknowledge its importance. It’s a matter of who will be more proactive.

But energy companies — the “bad guys,” often called conservatives — are global leaders in technological advancement, possibly second only to military industries. These companies create more economic activity than any other industry, and arguably put more people to work than any other industry. During the recession, shale drilling created more than 57,000 jobs in Louisiana’s Haynesville Shale.

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It would be foolish to claim that drilling and fracking are fraudulent, though these grassrooters probably got settlement checks from the “bad guys,” regardless.

The grassroots movements against fracking are ill-motivated, uneducated and can even be selfish. These are the most inopportune circumstances that contradict the endless desire of the public who just can’t seem to get a break.

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California steps up by banning gay conversion therapy

TATE'S A STRONG WORD
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Columnist

Once again, California has made great strides to treat homosexuals as equals by banning gay conversion therapy from being administered to minors.

Minors who are still trying to figure out their sexuality will no longer be thrust into this non-scientific therapy starting Jan. 1. It’s about time something was done to stop this harmful “cure.”

Let’s look at the facts.

The American Psychiatric Association determined that the therapy poses a great risk, including the possibility of increasing depression and self-destructive behavior in the individual.

The association points out that homosexuality is treated as a normal and positive variation of human sexuality among behavioral and social sciences and the mental and health professions.

Yet homosexuality is still treated as a disease by many practitioners, which leaves them clueless as to why this ban was passed.

Even the “ex-gay” Christian organization Exodus International apologized for its advocacy of reparative therapy.

President Alan Chambers stated in January 2012 that almost all conversion therapy participants did not experience any change in their sexuality. He also believes that any homosexual can have gay sex and still go to heaven.

Well, thank God.

Opponents of the law include David Pickup, a spokesperson for the National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality. Pickup insists children come to his office in search of help because they are confused and distressed.

Maybe what those children need is someone to listen and help them figure out their emotions instead of a therapist who attempts to convert them to heterosexuality.

Of course, there have been lawsuits filed against banning this quackery.

The Pacific Justice Institute, a network of more than 1,000 attorneys who defend religious, parental and other constitutional rights, filed suit claiming the law was unconstitutional.

The assumption is that parental rights are taken away with this law in place.

So parents have the right to pay for their child to be mentally and emotionally abused? Ridiculous.

We all know it is difficult to prevent child abuse in private homes, but we can easily avoid taking away these rights.

The American Psychiatric Association determined that the therapy is abusive, considering the case of Kirk Murphy, who hung himself at the age of 38 after going through therapy decades earlier.

Murphy’s parents, who are obviously closer to him than his therapist, blamed therapist George Rekers for the damage done to their son during therapy. Rekers replied to these allegations saying it “would be inaccurate to assume that it was the therapy” that led to suicide.

Let’s not ignore the fact that Murphy never stopped being gay, only “his feminine behavior was gone.” This only supports the claim that reparative therapy is a sham.

While this ban bans reparative therapy for minors, it freely allows consenting adults to go to therapy. If someone wants to plunge into self-hatred therapy, be his guest.

Thankfully, this law does not ban regular therapy sessions that would help children identify with a sexuality. That is the kind of help that would be most beneficial.

Luckily, the University has Spectrum, an LGBTQ organization for students and their allies.

Spectrum hosts a wide variety of events, from Rainbow Rush in early fall to the Louisiana Queer Conference in the spring.

Since Oct. 11 is National Coming Out Day, Spectrum will be celebrating in Free Speech Plaza on the 10th and 11th. Everyone is encouraged to come out and be proud of who they are.

California has set a wonderful example for the rest of the country, and we can only hope Louisiana follows suit.

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NATO, U.N. may soon pay for inaction in Syria

BLUE-EYED DEVIL
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Columnist

If the ongoing crisis in Syria didn’t seem as though it could get any worse, it just has.

In April of last year, Bashar al-Assad, Syria’s despotic president, authorized the use of deadly forces to disperse the hundreds of thousands of peaceful protestors in the streets of Homs, Douma and Hama.

And the United Nations refused to make a move. This wasn’t Libya, we couldn’t just go around blowing stuff up in the Levant — not without risking a major war.

At least that’s how the reasoning went, anyway.

But now the war has found our NATO allies before we could approach it ourselves, and the risks of our collective procrastination may soon be realized on a catastrophic scale.

What began as a nationwide series of protests and demonstrations has become an all-out civil war — a war that has cost the Syrian people roughly 40,000 lives and counting.

Despite the United Nations’ half-hearted efforts to contain the Syrian situation through toothless observers and paper-thin sanctions, that death toll might be about to undergo a dramatic increase.

On Oct. 3, a mortar fired from somewhere inside Syria landed across the border in the Turkish village of Akcakale, killing a five-member family preparing dinner in the courtyard of its home.

This wasn’t the first time Syria had inadvertently fired on its neighbor and former ally.

Earlier in the year, Assad’s forces shot down a Turkish fighter jet as it flew over international waters, prompting an emergency meeting of NATO.

Syria also killed a Turkish Army medic as Assad’s soldiers fired indiscriminately into a Syrian refugee column as it fled across the border.

Turkey has had enough — and now it’s determined to respond with a show of force.

“You have to be ready at every moment to go to war if it is necessary,” Turkey’s prime minister, Recep Erdogan said over the weekend. “If you are not ready for this, you are not a state. If you are not ready for this, you are not a nation.”

Shortly after the attack on Akcakale, the Turkish Army began firing heavy artillery into Syria.

And because Turkey is a member of NATO, and NATO’s stated motto is “an attack on one is an attack on all,” an emergency meeting of the member states was called once again.

“We have all necessary plans in place, to protect and defend Turkey,” said Secretary General of NATO Anders Fogh Rasmussen to the press.

That’s double-speak for, “We’re ready to drop a barrel of hurt on Syria.”

Droves of high-level political and military officials have defected to the Free Syrian Army or simply slipped from the country with hastily crammed totebags full of dollars and liras.

As the regime crumbles, what’s left of the army has decided to play footloose with the international community — alternatively escalating the border conflict with Turkey and Lebanon, as well as shuffling Syria’s massive cache of chemical weapons from one fortified base to the next.

And now all the pawns are lined up, the rooks and bishops are placed upon the board.

We’re looking at the serious possibility of a major military conflict in the Levant — one with much broader international implications.

With Iran backing the regime in Damascus and Israeli officials sending ultimatums in the United Nations, what was the Syrian people’s attempt at reform has been transformed into a worldwide powder keg.

Had the international community acted swiftly and decisively in the beginning of this crisis as opposed to sticking fingers in its ears and hoping everything would blow over, this situation may not have escalated to Cuban-missile-crisis proportions.

And now the United States, a NATO member, is facing the real possibility of another horrific and bloody conflict in the Middle East.

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is hard, especially when it becomes winter because it’s so cold.”

Greeff, a native of Uitenhage, South Africa, said getting each day off to a good start hinges on the preparation from the day before.

“Knowing what’s coming and knowing you’re in a competitive environment makes you want to be at your best every morning,” Greeff said. “The better you plan things and the earlier you get to bed, the easier the next day will be for you.”

6 a.m.

Greeff and his teammates arrive at the weight room, where they train for an hour before heading to the LSU Natatorium for an hour of swimming.

“In the mornings, we swim about 4-and-a-half to 6,000 yards,” Greeff said. “The further we get into the season, the more it gets.”

Four-and-a-half thousand yards equates to more than 2.5 miles — roughly 80 lengths of a 50-meter, Olympic sized pool — all before many students roll out of bed for 8:30 a.m. classes.

9:30 a.m.

Greeff is off to his first class of the day, having already been awake for more than four hours. Two classes later, Greeff has an hour to rest and get something to eat before another class starts at 12:30 p.m.

While an hour may not seem like enough time to accomplish much of anything, LSU swim coach Dave Geyer said the short breaks play a big part in the productivity of each day.

“Our fitness level gets to such a point, as well, where there’s a certain amount of rest they can function on pretty well on a day in and day out basis,” Geyer said. “They’re smart enough as athletes to figure out that even just a five-minute nap can help get them through the rest of the day.”

1:45 p.m.

Greeff returns to the LSU Natatorium for two more hours during a part of the day many students are making their way back home.

“To be active for so long and do so many things for so many hours then come back for another two hours, you have to be mentally tough in what you’re doing,” Greeff said. “It has to be something you love doing and something you want to be doing.”

4 p.m.

“Back to the books,” Greeff said. After logging miles in the pool and hours in the classroom, Greeff heads home to work on homework with the goal of getting everything done so he can get to bed as early as possible.

“You have to plan everything,” Greeff said. “Leaving things to the last minute is going to drag you behind. So much more is expected from you and that’s the fun part about it — showing you can do two things at once.”

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