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- 5 p.m. Carillon Recital
Pat Neff Hall Tower
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- 6:30 p.m. Pigskin Review
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- 9 p.m. Pep Rally & Bonfire
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- 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Texas
Collection Open House
Carroll Library
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Autistic get new vision of Christmas

Baylor worker fabricates decorative trees that don't overwhelm the senses

BY HOLLY RENNER
REPORTER

For many families, a Christmas tree represents joy, holiday spirit and precious memories. For others, a tree represents unsafe curiosity, potential danger and added stress.

Killeen native Jessica Mann's 5 year-old son, Jayian, was diagnosed with autism in February 2010. For her, having a large Christmas tree in the home poses multiple problems.

"To have a Christmas tree in our home is dangerous because when he has his meltdowns, he will want to throw things at it or tear it down," Mann said.

Children with autism tend to have a difficult time with Christmas trees because their curiosity with bright lights takes over and it can be potentially dangerous, Mann said. She expressed her desire to make Christmas an enjoy-

able experience for Jayian by having a smaller Christmas tree she can put somewhere out of reach.

"For him to have a Christmas tree that he can place in his room and still get stimulation from the lights - knowing what Christmas is, it would still mean a lot to me," Mann said.

Part-time supervisor for Baylor basketball and football games and China Springs native Neil Knight has made this possible for the Mann family. He devotes countless hours to making Christmas a joyful experience for children with autism.

Knight makes smaller, intricate trees with varied decorations to give away to the Heart of Texas Autism Network in Waco to ensure children with autism will have a Christmas tree. Each tree takes Knight about eight hours to make, and Knight pays for the costs of making the trees, which is approximately \$25 per tree.



Neil Knight and his wife Doris stand with one of the Christmas trees he made for a person with autism. Knight donates his trees to the Heart of Texas Autism Network and individual families during the holidays.

Knight uses a wooden, circular base with a pole in the middle, wrapped in small lights. Fishing line filaments are strung from the top to the bottom of the base, which light up. Knight then puts custom-made decorations around the base of the tree. Each tree stands less than 2 feet, making it easily movable.

For the past 15 years, Knight has worked at Baylor basketball and football games. He said he makes the trees in his spare time.

"I enjoy doing it - it's relaxing for me to do it," Knight said. "So I love giving them away, and my wife says it keeps me out of trouble."

Knight was inspired by his travels and began making the trees in 1995. He said he would see these trees in different places during his travels, and realized he could learn to make them as well.

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USC Halloween party goes critically wrong

BY GREG RISLING
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Violence that sometimes borders the University of Southern California crept onto campus when an argument outside a Halloween party escalated to a shooting that critically wounded one man and injured three other people and led administrators Thursday to reassess policies of the school near high-crime neighborhoods.

Neither the victims nor the two men detained were USC stu-

dents, but the shooting reinforced concerns that the campus' location near downtown Los Angeles presents risks on and off campus.

The shooting comes after security was strengthened following the April slayings of two Chinese graduate students about a mile from the school.

As students returned to class Thursday after the campus was shut down for three hours, school officials said they are reviewing policies regarding visitors and

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Los Angeles police officers investigate on Thursday a shooting that occurred Wednesday night at a Halloween party on the University of Southern California campus in Los Angeles.



SARAH GEORGE | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Shining stars of Pigskin

Members of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Sigma perform their act "Bienvenue a la Masquerade" during Pigskin Revue at Waco Hall on Thursday. There will be two more Pigskin performances tonight and one on Saturday.

Ex-Penn State president charged in Sandusky case

BY MARK SCOLFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The "conspiracy of silence" that protected Jerry Sandusky extended all the way to the top at Penn State, prosecutors said Thursday as they charged former university President Graham Spanier with hushing up child sexual abuse al-

legations against the former assistant football coach.

Prosecutors also added counts against two of Spanier's former underlings, Tim Curley and Gary Schultz, who were already charged with lying to a grand jury.

"This was not a mistake by these men. This was not an oversight. It was not misjudgment on their part," said state Attorney

General Linda Kelly. "This was a conspiracy of silence by top officials to actively conceal the truth."

Spanier's lawyers issued a statement that asserted his innocence and described the new charges as an attempt by Gov. Tom Corbett to divert attention from the three-year investigation that began under his watch as attorney general.

"These charges are the work of a vindictive and politically motivated governor working through an unelected attorney general ... whom he appointed to do his bidding," the four defense lawyers wrote.

Corbett spokesman Kevin Harley said the defense statement "sounds like the ranting of a desperate man who just got indicted."

Curley's lawyer Caroline Roberto said he was innocent of all charges, as he has asserted in the past. She said the new documents were being reviewed and would have a more comprehensive comment later. Schultz also has maintained his innocence; his lawyer did not return a message seeking

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Learn from ‘L’Aquila Seven,’ don’t let it happen here

Editorial

It’s hard to believe that anyone in this day and age would say something like “let’s lynch the scientists.”

Unfortunately, the sentiments once reserved for medieval peasants’ feelings towards the local “wizard” when he told a bad fortune are resurfacing in the modern world.

Let us imagine, for a moment, a hypothetical situation.

Rusty Garrett, a respected and popular voice of local weather for over 20 years, is in the office on the night of a big summer storm.

It’s a type of storm system that in the past has created severe weather, including tornadoes. Rusty Garrett knows this from years of experience and is watching the storm closely.

The radar, however, is not indicating any type of tornadic activity. The storm-chasers on the ground can’t see any sort of funnel clouds or anything that would indicate a tornado was imminent.

It looks like our area is out of danger and they are about to give the “all clear,” when a tornado suddenly forms outside of a small community — say, Central Texas City, a town of about 300 — and tears through the town killing 30 people.

Naturally, the people of Central Texas City would be angry the next day.

Rusty Garrett did everything he could to accurately predict the

storm and warn the people in its way and it was only due to a freak happening of nature that he was wrong.

Their loved ones were taken and their homes destroyed in the hypothetical tornado and the man they trusted to tell them when they were in danger had failed. In fact, all of the local weathermen had failed them.

At this point it doesn’t matter how many times Rusty Garrett or the other weathermen said things like “stay in your houses” or “find a sturdy building.” They didn’t predict that the tornado would hit Central Texas City and cause so much damage.

It’s a natural reaction. When confronted with tragedy, we look for a place to lay blame and it often goes to figures like doctors and officials who “could have done something about it.”

We blame them, they lose a little bit of credit and maybe make an apology, and we all move on knowing that they did their best and we’re not really mad at them as much as our circumstances.

What we do not do is bring them to trial for manslaughter.

That is what happened, unfortunately, in Italy a few weeks ago.

Seven leading seismologists formed a panel to assess potential danger to the town of L’Aquila. Their predictions were wrong and 300 people died.

Unfortunately the opportunity to bring a country together after this tragedy was marred by the arrest and conviction of the scientists involved.

Instead of days of shared mourning and repentance, the situation devolved into a scene reminiscent of the blood sports of ancient Rome.

This time it was the Italian legal system and the court of public opinion that ripped apart the people with the different ideas, not lions.

That kind of knee jerk reaction — blaming people that, through chance, couldn’t prevent a tragedy — is tantamount to blaming the prettiest girl in town when your cow gets sick. Convicting them of manslaughter is dangerously close to burning the “witch” at the stake.

More disturbingly, this trial sets a worrying precedent for the responsibility of scientists in consulting roles across the world. Volcanologists in Italy may be less willing to officially predict an eruption of Mt. Vesuvius if they feel there will be repercussions for making a wrong call.

Other, less democratic countries may seize the chance to scapegoat scientists using the Italian trials as an example. Imagine president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad jailing economists in his country for failing to predict the effects of UN sanctions.

In the American climate it would be dangerously easy to fall into a similar situation.

If Hurricane Sandy had been predicted to hit South Carolina instead of Manhattan, New Yorkers would be livid.

It would be easy to get swept up in some of the victims’ search



for someone to blame and the National Weather Service would be tempting.

But instead of blaming people tangentially related to the problem, we should focus on consoling the victims’ families and moving past the tragedy as a country.

As Americans, and even more as just regular folks, we need to learn from the L’Aquila case and make sure it won’t happen again. Science isn’t a magical force that lets us know everything at once. It’s as good as the imperfect people that study it, and we must re-

member that. The Italian scientists were wrong, and they share some of the blame for the deaths.

But they should be held responsible in the scientific community, not in a court of law.

The GOP’s view on sacred life

“And I think even when life begins in that horrible situation of rape, that it is something that God intended to happen.” — Richard Mourdock, GOP candidate for the U.S. Senate.

Life is sacred. That, Mourdock would later insist, was what he was trying to say last week during a debate with his opponents.

Instead, he became the latest in a growing list of conservatives to trip over women’s bodies. The Indiana Republican said he didn’t mean it the way it sounded, i.e., that rape is something God intends or approves. Rather, his point was that “Life is precious. I believe (that) to the very marrow of my bones.” His party agrees.

This year, the GOP adopted — again — a platform under which no woman could ever legally have an abortion. Not if she were impregnated by her own father. Not if she were raped. Not if the abortion were needed to save her life. Never. Because life is sacred.

And that leaves you wondering: what about the 12-year-old girl who has grown up dreading the midnight creak of her bedroom door, the weight settling above her, the whispered assurances that “This is our secret.”

What about this sixth grader whose barely adolescent breasts are suddenly swollen and who wakes up racing for the toilet every morning, sick to her stomach? Is her life sacred?

What about the co-ed who can still feel the stranger’s hands forcing her knees apart, still feel his hot breath on her cheek, the lashing whip of his curses, that terrible moment of penetration, invasion, violation and bitter, impotent rage?

What about this student who now holds the home pregnancy

test strip in her hand, watches it change colors and feels, as she slips to her knees on the bathroom floor with that hateful seed growing in her womb, as if she was just raped all over again? Is her life sacred?

What about the mother of three, just diagnosed with an aggressive cancer, the woman whose doctor says she needs chemotherapy immediately if she is to have any hope of survival. What about the agonizing decision she must now make, to refuse chemo,



Leonard Pitts Jr

knowing it will mean dying and abandoning her existing children, or to take the drug, knowing it will kill the child she carries inside? Is her life not sacred?

It doesn’t seem to be, at least, not in the formulation embraced by the Grand Old Party. In that formulation, women are bystanders to their own existence, their individual situations subordinate to a one-size-fits-all morality, their very selves unimportant, except as vessels bearing children.

For that matter, the children themselves, once born, are not particularly sacred, especially if they have the misfortune to be

born into less-than-ideal circumstances, situations where they might need help from the rest of

“Murdock and other conservatives tout the sacredness of life, but they seem to have a rather narrow definition thereof”

us. But you see, “life” is not just the fact of existence.

The term refers also to the nature and quality of that existence.

So if we truly hold life sacred, we do not balance budgets by denying funding to programs that feed hungry children. We do not look the other way when kids have no access to health care. We do not countenance easy gun availability that makes the playground a war zone. We do not put up with child welfare agencies where tragedies routinely befall children who are always said to have “fallen between the cracks.”

Murdock and other conservatives frequently tout the sacredness of life, but they seem to have a rather narrow definition thereof. They seem to consider life sacred only until the umbilical cord is cut.

So for all its moral earnestness, their argument against abortion rights always manages to go too far and yet, not nearly far enough.

If life is sacred when it is in the womb, well, it is also sacred when it is not.

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The Lariat Stress Test

The Lariat wants to know what stresses you out and how you deal with it. As always your responses are completely anonymous and have a chance to be printed in next Thursday’s Lariat. Go to www.baylorlariat.com to answer these questions and more.

- What stresses you out? How do you deal with stress?*
- Have you or anyone you know ever used a less than legal substance to get ahead in school or work?*
- What level of effect does stress have on your personal life?*

When voting, think about Texas beaches

Lariat Letters

Like many of you I am a frequent visitor to the beach.

I fell in love with Texas beaches in 1955. I was 6 years old when I built my first sand castle on Stewart Beach. I built my last one with Tori, my 6 year-old granddaughter, just a few weeks ago. Public beach access is very important to me. I want Tori to be able to enjoy our coast as much as I have. Every visitor to the coast should have that same opportunity.

Earlier this year the Texas Supreme Court overturned the Texas Open Beaches Act in a lawsuit

filed by Carol Severance, a California attorney. Her goal was to reverse the OBA guarantee of the public’s right to use our beaches - from the water to the line of vegetation. The sand is, after all, obviously “the beach.” She prefers the California version of a public beach - only the sand that is covered by high tide each day. The dry sand is private property in California. Five members of the Texas Supreme Court agreed with her. They created an exemption from the OBA for the front-row owners on West Galveston Island. Dry sand is now “private beach.”

There are three Supreme Court positions on the ballot on

Tuesday. The two incumbents sold-out Tori, you and I. They took away our 53 year-old right to use the entire beach. For this reason I refuse to vote to re-elect Don Willett or Nathan Hecht.

There is only one candidate for the court who wants to preserve your public beach access - Michele Petty.

If you believe Texas beaches belong to the public, please do the same.

*Ellis Pickett
Activist with the Texas chapter of the Surfrider Foundation which advocates for the health of and free public access to Texas beaches.*

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Annual basketball tournament is bigger than ever

By LINDA NGUYEN
STAFF WRITER

Delta Epsilon Psi fraternity is hosting its sixth annual "Who's Got Game" charity basketball tournament Nov. 9-11 in Russell Gym and the McLane Student Life Center.

There are two events students can compete in, a 3-versus-3 basketball tournament and a free-throw contest. Both events offer men's and women's games.

The cost for the basketball tournament is \$10 per person with a maximum of five people on each team. Students can register on

the Delta Epsilon Psi "Who's Got Game" website, <http://www.dep-sizeta.org>. Registration comes with a free T-shirt.

The cost for the free-throw contest is \$3 per person.

There is a \$300 cash prize for each division of the basketball tournament and a \$50 cash prize for each division of the free throw contest.

All proceeds go to the fraternity's philanthropy, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Houston sophomore Jonathan Jaoude, the fraternity "Who's Got Game" chair, said Delta Epsilon Psi is excited to host this event again.

"We do it every year," Jaoude said. "We started out with a few teams and now it's grown to over 25 teams a year. It's been growing, and every year we break our record."

Jaoude said Delta Epsilon Psi started the basketball tournament because they wanted to do something no other organization was doing.

"I know every single organization throws a signature event," Jaoude said. "We noticed that not many teams threw a basketball tournament, so we thought to do that."

Tulsa, Okla., sophomore Parth

Bhakta, another "Who's Got Game" chair, said the tournament holds special meaning for him.

"While no one in my immediate family has juvenile diabetes, my dad's brother and sister both have Type 2 diabetes," Bhakta said. "It makes life a lot harder. You have to watch what you eat, live a healthier lifestyle and for children, it's probably worse. For example, Halloween was on Wednesday. Children with Type 1 diabetes don't get to enjoy Halloween."

Bhakta said they've already met their initial \$5,000 goal due to registration fees and donations from local businesses.

"At this point, we've met our goal, which is awesome for us," Bhakta said. "Everything else that is added on is amazing. We don't have another set goal in mind; we're just really happy we've met our initial goal and everything more is just great."

Jaoude said the tournament is very competitive and it gets more competitive every year.

"The teams that play are good," Jaoude said. "There are teams that aren't so good that come out just to support us, but for the most part it's competitive."

Jaoude said every team that registers to play in the tournament

is guaranteed to play at least two games, so the tournament takes a couple days.

He also said the tournament is already bigger than the tournament was last year.

"Historically, our girls teams haven't been large, but this year we already have more girls teams than last year," Jaoude said. "We also have a free throw contest that's been growing. Last year, we had 15 people and now we're already at 25 to 30 people."

Jaoude said the registration deadline is today, but they will extend the deadline through Sunday for teams who still want to register.

Tonight set to bring back nostalgic memories of tradition and spirit

By MAEGAN ROCIO
STAFF WRITER

Baylor should expect to experience a blast from the past.

The Baylor Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Friday Night Flashback from 6 to 10 p.m. today and Saturday in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

The event will combine the past with the present. The Friday Night Flashback coordinator for Homecoming 2012 Emily Smith said.

"Friday Night Flashback is in essence a Baylor museum meant to evoke nostalgic memories for the returning alumni, as well as excite current students by displaying recent history," Smith said in an email to the Lariat. "When people enter the SUB, they will be surrounded by Baylor spirit and tradition. They will be surrounded by past, present, and future members of the Baylor Line who take great interest in all of the history as well. It is a time to be proud and nostalgic for the university, and what better time to be so proud than with other Baylor Bears who share in your excitement."

Smith said Friday Night Flashback will showcase the history behind well-known university events such as All-University Sing, Athletics, Baylor mascots Lady and Joy, homecoming queens and the Immor-

tal Ten.

Smith said the Chamber will also honor the winners of the Meritorious Award for the 2012 - 2013 year, which will be a separate event from the dinner hosted Thursday.

"There will be a display that has a board of information of what they've done and why they won the award," she said.

Smith said the event will also feature the Heisman Trophy.

"The Heisman will be on display in the SUB alongside the women's basketball national championship trophy, which also symbolizes one of the university's great accomplishments," she said. "The Heisman and Women's National Championship trophy will enter the display at 5 p.m."

Smith said visitors can take pictures of the trophies if they wish.

Smith said the Chamber is grateful to the athletics department for allowing them to display the trophies in their showcase.

"I'm proud that we are able to display such wonderful accomplishments," she said.

Smith said the Chamber is equally proud of and excited for both athletics programs and the others that they could not display this year during the event.

Smith said Friday Night Flashback contributes to Homecoming a unique way.

"I think one of the cool things about Friday Night Flashback is that, unlike the parade that shows the current year and Pigskin which shows last year's Sing winners, it encompasses many years, including the beginning of Sing," she said. "The other events geared more for the present. Friday Night Flashback is geared more toward the alumni. It will have pictures of many past years and a TV in the Sing area, the CUB area, that will show two past years of events."

Smith said students, alumni and community members should come to Friday Night Flashback to experience Baylor and its past.

"Baylor is a unique university in that we are always looking back to the past to remember where we came from, as well as learn and grow from our past experiences," she said. "Friday Night Flashback is a place where alumni can gather around the Sing displays, point out pictures of themselves and say, 'I remember when...' It's a place where families can gather to look at pictures of the bears, of campus, and learn about the history of Homecoming. And it is a place where avid sports fans can rally around the national championship trophy, the Heisman and the model of the new Stadium."



DANA DEWHIRST | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Getting busy

Waco senior Joanna Murrieta actively participates in a mock interview on Thursday with the regional manager of Henry Schein Dental, Glenn Showgren, during the Baylor Business Sell-Off in Hankamer School of Business.

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Baylor alum kicks off his go-green office supply business

By LINDA NGUYEN
STAFF WRITER

Many people try to be environmentally conscious and one Baylor alumnus is striving to help people do just that.

Justin McBride, who graduated in 2009 with a double major in biology and biochemistry, started dasjj.com in April. Dasjj.com is a website that specializes in selling notebooks and pens made from recycled materials.

The store is completely online but the company is based in Waco. The website name dasjj.com stands for Desk Accessories and Simplification. The two "j"s stand for McBride and McBride's partner, who does not wish to be named.

"Right now, we are a recent start up," McBride said. "We only have five different products. For the future, we would like to have more

products."

The five products currently available are a retractable ballpoint pen, mini-sized retractable ballpoint pen, spiral notebook, water bottle pen and a spiral notebook with sticky notes and a retractable ballpoint pen.

McBride said his academic background influenced his decision to start a company that uses recycled materials.

"We started because I wanted to start a company and I've always been kind of fascinated about the whole 'going green' thing ever since high school," McBride said. "I took an environmental science class in high school and ever since then, I've been fascinated with the whole 'going green' thing and alternative energy."

McBride said he started the company because of his entrepreneurial interest.



Baylor alum Justin McBride shows off his innovative office supplies made from recycled materials.

"We wanted to do a website instead of a store," McBride said. "We

can basically run it anywhere as long as we have our produce and are able to ship it."

McBride said they're currently trying to establish themselves as an online company by utilizing marketing techniques like reaching out to blog sites and using Google Ads.

"We need to do a lot more marketing and advertising," McBride said. "Being a website, we need to have much more of a web presence."

McBride said he also hopes to use his website to inform other people about environmental sustainability.

"I'd like to promote the whole 'go green, waste less, recycle' thing," McBride said. "On the website I'm going to offer more information on how we can better recycle and put information to where you can put your recycle goods. I'd like to expand our product line and pro-

mote other ways to go green."

McBride said the products, which are manufactured by a vendor who formerly worked with McBride's partner, are all made of different percentages of recycled materials.

"Our products have different recycle percentages which are listed on the website in the product description," McBride said.

Houston senior Tim Kwon is one of dasjj.com's customers.

"My friend told me about the website because he's friends with Justin," Kwon said.

Kwon said he's been pleased with the products that he has bought from dasjj.com, which include a pen.

"I've been using it well and there haven't been any problems with it," Kwon said. "I'm also recycling trees so it's good to buy from the website."

Toxic train fire burns in Kentucky with no end in sight

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The blaze that authorities initially said would end in a couple of hours instead spewed flames and smoke from a derailed tanker car for a second day Thursday with no end in sight, as crews scrambled to prevent it from igniting railcars loaded with toxic chemicals nearby.

Hundreds of people have had to evacuate, including the entire town of West Point and some people from the outskirts of Louisville.

The burning butadiene, a chemical commonly found in rubber used to make tires, can damage the central nervous and reproductive systems.

Workers were hosing down other railcars nearby filled with another corrosive chemical, hydrogen fluoride, which can cause severe respiratory damage.

All the water used to keep those cars cool, however, raised fears that contaminated water could wash

into the confluence of the Salt and Ohio rivers.

The Environmental Protection Agency was monitoring water quality and quickly erected a dam to keep out contaminated water.

"This is as bad as it gets as far as a haz-mat incident, if it were to be released," said Art Smith, an emergency coordinator with the EPA.

Three workers were hospitalized after the blaze ignited while they used a torch Wednesday to try to separate derailed train cars.

One of the workers remained in critical condition. Another worker, a contracted consultant, was released on Thursday, said officials with Paducah & Louisville Railway, which was operating the train.

The workers had been told the air was clear and they could use a cutting torch, said Gerald Gupton with P&L.

Asked if the workers who supplied those air measurements were responsible for the fire, Gupton replied, "Absolutely not. It was an accident."

When further pressed about who was responsible, he said, "I'm not prepared to answer that right now. The investigation is being conducted."

Otherwise, the main concern and biggest threat of danger was the cars filled with hydrogen fluoride that were within about 10 feet of the burning car. Gupton said those cars would be carefully moved so that the chemical can be removed.

Officials had expected the fire to burn itself out within a couple of hours, but more than 24 hours later, it was unclear exactly how long it would burn.

"We can't get up and look in the hole and take any measurements with the conditions as they are," Gupton said.

Evacuated residents who had lined up at a P&L outreach center to receive financial assistance were left with uncertainty.

"I've never heard anything about how long it's going to be, I guess we're just going with the

flow," said Casey Bynum, a West Point resident who had evacuated with her six children.

P&L Railway were reimbursing those forced from their homes for lodging, food, lost wages and other expenses. They can also receive \$100 per day for adults and \$50 for each child for each day they are displaced.

The train derailed on a line that runs between Paducah in western Kentucky and Louisville, which is home to rubber manufacturers and other chemical plants, most concentrated in the Rubbertown neighborhood.

The train derailed near Dixie Highway, a main corridor between Louisville and Fort Knox.

Nine of the 13 derailed cars were carrying hazardous chemicals.

The train was traveling from the company's headquarters in Paducah to its Louisville switching facility, said P&L Railway spokeswoman Bonnie Hackbarth.

She said she did not know



Fire crews in Jefferson County, Kentucky try to contain the blaze

whether Louisville was the final destination for the chemical cars or if they were going elsewhere.

Records provided by the company show it reported a total of 13

derailments to the Federal Railroad Administration since 2008.

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Baylor Quidditch team flies across t



Members of the Baylor Quidditch Team prepare to begin the match in a tournament against North Texas University at 12 p.m. Saturday at Texas State University which hosted the tournament in San Marcos.



Richardson junior Drew MacBrayer goes races with the quaffle against a UT opponent during a quidditch match.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KEVIN FREEMAN
The Baylor Quidditch team raises their Sic 'Ems at the tournament hosted by Texas State University last Saturday.



Members of the team celebrate their victory after the match.

By TRAVIS TAYLOR
REPORTER

When you think about sports, equipment, cleats, water bottles and sweatbands all come to mind.

For the Baylor Quidditch team, broomsticks are just as important as jerseys and shorts.

Born from a number of different sports, Baylor Quidditch has grown to a team of more than 25 players.

Keller junior Stuart Miller, a member of the team, said it's hard to decide what sports have influenced Quidditch the most.

"It's a combination of dodge ball, rugby, track and lacrosse," Miller said. "Pretty much any sport is just thrown in there."

Quidditch is a sport that was created from the imagination of J.K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter book series. Usually confined to the world of fictional wizards and witches, "Muggle," a term meaning "non-magic," was adapted into a sport that is now an international organized association.

According to the International Quidditch Association, the first Muggle Quidditch match was played in Middlebury, Vt., on Oct. 9, 2005. It took two years for the first intercollegiate match to be played between Middlebury College and Vassar College, dubbed the "First Official World Cup." By 2009, the third annual World Cup involved 21 college teams playing in front of 2,000 spectators.

Today, Quidditch is a sport played in more than 40 countries with more than 1,000 registered teams. Texas has more than 40 teams, the majority of which come from college campuses around the state.

Keller junior Paul Williard, president of Baylor Quidditch, said the sport is growing at Baylor as well.

"As long as the future leaders of Baylor Quidditch see this as an organization that really stands out to students, I think it will continue to grow and be successful," Williard said.

Williard said Quidditch offers a unique blend of sports ranging from dodge ball to rugby, and that "if you

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Beissy Sandoval battles a UT opponent in the Texas State University Quidditch Tournament held last Saturday. Baylor placed second in the Texas State Tournament.

All photos not captioned were taken by Lariat reporter, Travis Taylor. Here are the results of last Saturday's tournament:

A&M	70 - 30	Baylor
Texas State	70 - 120	
UT	80 - 90	
Rice	10 - 100	
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Dylan Greenleaf, chaser, attempts to score a goal in the match against an A&M opponent. Baylor lost the match 70 - 30.

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Baylor Lariat app calling all to stay on top of campus news

BY AMANDO DOMINICK
STAFF WRITER

Students looking for the latest Baylor news and beyond, now need to look no further than their pocket.

The Baylor Lariat has recently released a free app on numerous platforms that brings news and headlines directly to readers' iPhones, iPads and iPods and will soon be available on any device running the Android operating system.

The iPhone and iPad apps are currently available, and New Aperi, the Baton Rouge-based company hired to develop the app, said the Android version of the apps is slated to be completed sometime this month.

The content in the app is automatically updated every day the newspaper publishes, and also for weekend events such as sports.

Push notifications, which apps use to send alerts to the devices they are installed on, will be used to notify users of breaking news. Inside the app, information is categorized into sections labeled Headlines, News, Sports, Arts and Entertainment, Opinion and Multimedia.

"In order for us to be competitive with other news organizations, this app opens a door for us that allows us to showcase what our students are doing every day in an instantaneous fashion," said Dr. Sara Stone, interim chair of the journalism, public relations and new media department.

The app developed over the course of a year from an idea of student publications director Paul Carr to an actual product that, by November of 2012, will be available to 85 percent of the smartphone market through both the Apple and Android operating systems.

"This app will help us connect with both current students and alumni who are interested in keeping up with what's going on around campus and want to see the student's perspective on events — whether it's the issues of the day, sports coverage, campus events, photography, those sorts of things," Carr said.

Carr said the app should help increase the Lariat's reader base substantially by providing access-

ibility to students who are interested in reading it and keeping up with it, but don't have the time to pick up a physical copy of the paper.

"What we want is for people to come to the Lariat for Baylor news, but if we're not there in the market with an app, then chances are we're not going to be their first stop," said Julie Freeman, assistant media adviser.

The app also gives readers the option to share articles via Facebook, Twitter, email and other social outlets — an option already available for stories posted on the website.

"I don't think there is a single student doing an advanced public relations internship who is not using social media, and obviously

social media is a big part of new media," Stone said.

Not only does the app convey the news of the latest events and contain push notifications for breaking news to its subscribers, it is reflective of changes happening in the industry itself — changes that have prompted the journalism department to become the journalism, public relations and new media department.

"We've been on the Web, and it was just time to take it to the next level — that's what our industry is doing and that's what we need to do," Carr said.

"It used to be that people picked up a newspaper to get their news or they watched the six o'clock news on television — but that is not how the average person, and certainly

not how the average young person today, gets news," Stone said. "This app is very important because it allows us to communicate with people in a really easy way that they're used to being communicated with."

Freeman said the app is beneficial to readers because they receive notifications when breaking news happens.

"Websites have been around, but the fact that you can have this in your hand that it can notify you as things happen. It's just a great thing for us and our readers," Freeman said.

"It's [the app] a reflection of the reality of how people communicate today, so I'm excited for this," Stone said. The Baylor Lariat app can be downloaded for free and the iTunes app store.

Freshman adjust from big city hustle to Waco

BY LINDA NGUYEN
STAFF WRITER

We're not in Kansas anymore. Or New York City, or Chicago, or San Diego, or Minneapolis. We're in Waco.

For the 2012-2013 school year, 862 non-Texans make up 26.5 percent of the Baylor freshman class.

Many freshmen come from big cities and other parts of the country that require them to adjust to Texas and Waco, along with transitioning from high school to college.

South Holland, Ill., freshman Jade Orr said coming to Waco and to Baylor was very different from her home close to Chicago.

Orr said her experience at the Richland Mall showed how different Waco is from her hometown.

"When I first got here, I was like, 'We have to go to the mall' and we get to the mall and there's one floor and I've never been to a one-floor mall," Orr said. "All the malls downtown were 10 to 12 floors."

Orr said there are fewer restaurants and shops close to where she lives than at home.

"I'm used to a wide variety of restaurants nearby," Orr said.

Orr said she likes Waco even though it is different from her hometown.

"The environment is so nice," Orr said. "Big cities are fast-paced. Even if you know someone, you don't stop and talk. Here, you stop and talk if you see someone. I hear that I talk slower now because apparently people talk slower in the south."

Pleasantville, N.Y., freshman Alta Maartens said her transition to Waco from her hometown near New York City was a significant culture difference.

"It's definitely been different," Maartens said. "I live near New York City so I'm used to the fast-paced environment and cold weather. I'm loving the fact that it's still so warm and everyone is so friendly and warm."

"Just the way people speak — everyone says 'y'all' here and people open doors for you all the time down here, and it's something I never really experienced in New York," Maartens said.

Maartens said growing up in

the city has helped her transition into college.

"I think, in the city, you're used to doing things on your own, being independent, so it helps in that sense," Maartens said. "You know you're going to be okay if you need to figure something out on your own."

Maartens said she has enjoyed the hospitality people have offered since she got here.

She said living in the city did not prepare her for the community and hospitality she found at Baylor.

"I was ready to figure things out on my own, but especially at the beginning of the year with move in and everything, everyone was so helpful," Maartens said. "All the people I've talked to, they're willing to guide you."

San Diego, Calif., freshman Claire Pacelli said she has had a very positive experience at Baylor, but it's different from California.

"I really love the people and the positive atmosphere of the school," Pacelli said. "Everyone here's so friendly. The hardest thing is the heat and the weather, but I'm getting used to it."

Pacelli said she's learned to enjoy being away from the city.

"I've learned how to relax more and live at a slower pace of life," Pacelli said. "I kind of just stopped taking things for granted and appreciating the little things in life."

North Oaks, Minn., freshman Rob McNeil said his Baylor experience has been fantastic.

"It's pretty much the greatest experience of my life," McNeil said. "It's been incredible."

McNeil, who lives outside of Minneapolis, said being in Waco hasn't been drastically different because he's been on campus so much.

"It's different because there's always something going on in Minneapolis and somewhere to go," McNeil said. "In Waco you can still find it, but you have to look harder."

McNeil said being in a smaller city has brought him out of his comfort zone and helped him connect to other people.

McNeil said his road trip to Dallas with his friends was one example of how different Waco is from his hometown.



North Oaks, Minn., freshman Rob McNeil is one of the many freshmen adjusting to small town life at Baylor.

"When we went to Dallas, it was an adventure, a road trip," McNeil said. "Back home, it's not a big deal to go into the city, but here, it's an adventure. On the way back, we

pulled over and watched the stars in the back of a pick up and it was so cool because I had never done anything like that back at home."

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Boys missing after superstorm

Damian Moore, reacts as he approaches the scene where at least one of his children's bodies were discovered in Staten Island, New York, Thursday. Brandon Moore, 2, and Connor Moore, 4, were swiped into swirling waters as their mother tried to escape her SUV on Monday amid rushing waters that caused the vehicle to stall during Superstorm Sandy.

Libraries kick it up for homecoming

By REUBIN TURNER
STAFF WRITER

University libraries are a few of the many campus-wide organizations set to host homecoming events this Saturday in an effort to welcome back Baylor alumni. The Armstrong Browning Library, the Texas Collection and the W.R. Poage Legislative Library have all planned special exhibits and activities designed to celebrate Baylor alumni and the history of the University.

The Texas Collection, Baylor's oldest special collections library which collects and provides access to the history and culture of Texas, has created a special exhibit for alumni which will run from 8 a.m. to noon. The exhibit will showcase digitized editions of the Lariat, the University's student-run newspaper and the Round-Up, the University yearbook. John Wilson, director of the special collections library, says that the effort has taken over four years to complete with editions that date back to 1896.

"I think this is a wonderful gift we can give to alumni who may live as close as Dallas or as far away as New York." He added that the

online collection allows them to reminisce more frequently, rather than just at homecoming. The W.R. Poage Legislative Library also plans to welcome Baylor alumni by opening their doors this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to show their current special exhibit "Race for the White House," which opened Sep. 20.

An exhibit that ran once in 2008, "Race for the White House" offers a glimpse into past presidential elections, while giving insight into the amount of work presidential candidates put into running a campaign. Mary Goolsby, a librarian at the library, says that acclaim for the 2008 exhibit was high, so the library decided to run it again due to the large volume of new presidential memorabilia received after the exhibit ran.

"We've received so many new materials including campaign items from past presidential elections including campaign posters, buttons, dresses and jewelry," Goolsby said. She added that general reception from those within and outside the Baylor community has been good. "The closeness of the election this year seems to have piqued interest in the behind-the-

scenes work of presidential campaigns," Goolsby said. Signs will be located outside near the library to help alumni and others interested in viewing the exhibit locate the library. In addition to featuring its normal exhibits, the Armstrong Browning Library will also give visitors the opportunity to celebrate the 200th birthday of Robert Browning and the centurion celebration of A.J. Armstrong's arrival at Baylor.

Rita Patteson, director of the Armstrong Browning Library, said the special exhibits, which can be viewed from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., will focus on the lives and works of not only Browning and Armstrong, but their families as well. Refreshments will be served in the newly dedicated Garden of Contentment.

"The Brownings and the Armstrongs have been major contributors to the University, and it is through this exhibit we hope to highlight their involvement," Patteson said. The library will also host tributes to Armstrong on Sunday at 3 p.m., in which Dr. Scott Lewis, a Baylor alumni and graduate of the University of London, will discuss his recently written autobiography on Robert Armstrong.

Old Lariats, Round Ups featured in Texas Collection

By MAEGAN ROCIO
STAFF WRITER

Because of the collaborative efforts of the Texas Collection and the Baylor Electronic Library, anyone can take a stroll down Baylor's historic line.

In celebration of homecoming, the Texas Collection will showcase six to seven pages from The Baylor Lariat and a number of special pages of the Round Up yearbook focusing on past homecomings at Baylor.

The display will be open from 8 a.m. to noon Friday and Saturday after the homecoming parade, which lasts from 8 to 11 a.m. and will end in front of Carroll Library where the Texas Collection is housed.

John Wilson, director of the Texas Collection, said the display will include old football programs and information about the Baylor homecoming traditions that were observed in the past.

Wilson said the display at the Texas Collection is also meant to announce the online Lariat and Round Up archives that are part of the Baylor University Digital Collection are now available to the general public.

"What we really wanted to do was to announce that now anyone can search the Lariats even if you're not on campus, when you graduate, or when you have a family member that wants to know what was going on in the past," he said. "You've got the entire history of the Lariat online."

Eric Ames, the curator of digital collections at Baylor, said the exhibit holds great significance for homecoming.

"It's significant because it gives people who are coming back to campus the chance to relieve history in exciting new way," he said. "It makes sense to promote them for the people who are focusing on Baylor and its history dur-

ing homecoming."

Wilson said the role of the collaboration between the Texas Collection and the Baylor Electronic Library was to make the information accessible to anyone through the online Lariat and Round Up digital archives.

"In the past, you would have to go and pull all the historic copies of them, which was time-consuming and laborious," he said. "If you didn't know what you were hunting for or knew the date, you wouldn't be able to find what would've transpired. It's a tremendous timesaver, but it's also very convenient. You don't have to come in and search for it."

Ames said the Round Up collection includes scanned copies from 1896 and 1902 - 1980.

He said the total online Lariat digital collection contains 11,270 items that are divided into two archives.

One archive spans from 1900 to 2006 and the other from 2007 until now.

The latter can be found at the Lariat homepage, www.baylorlariat.com.

Ames said creating the digital archives for the Lariat and Round-Up was a long process.

"We started working on the Lariats about three years ago and that was the early planning stages," he said. "The volumes from the Texas Collection were delivered here and scanned for the digital collections."

Ames said the staff of the electronic collections utilized a large-format scanner, software and metadata, informational input

about the digital objects such as headlines and publication dates. He said by typing in key information, visitors can find specific articles, issues and information from the Lariat and Round Up archives.

Amanda Norton, the university archivist at Baylor, said the files are important because they are a record of Baylor's history.

"It's a really good way to get inside what the students thought were important, what was going on both at Baylor and just in national history as well," she said. "You'll find articles about everything from little snippets in the early papers about who is visiting us, coming and going and such persons, the fashions of the time, the activities with the professors."

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Amanda Norton | university archivist

Ames, who worked on creating the archives, said it was interesting to learn about the daily history of Baylor.

"For past 100 years, it was interesting to see world events, things happening on

campus and around world first and reports about things that happened on Baylor, and got to see what happened in detail," Ames said.

The Texas Collection is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Round Up archives can be found online at the Baylor University Annuals website (The "Round Up").

The online Lariat archives can be found online at The Baylor Lariat website.

For questions about the digital collection, please send an email to digitalcollectionsinfo@baylor.edu.

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Freshmen get into Christmas spirit with class project

By LINDA NGUYEN
STAFF WRITER

Fill your empty shoeboxes for children.

Every year, the freshman class does a project to benefit the community through service and ministry.

This year, Kingwood freshman class and president Jay Fields and the other class officers chose Operation Christmas Child for their class project.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to bring gifts and the gospel to children who would not normally receive a present on Christmas.

"Operation Christmas Child is basically the combination of helping people who are less fortunate than us materially and people who are less fortunate than us in access

to the gospel," Fields said.

"We are at the same time helping kids who don't normally get presents for Christmas and who normally don't hear about the gospel."

Fields said the freshman class is trying to send shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies and other things to children in need.

"It's a great act of mission and service to help the life of somebody who needs it," Fields said.

Fields said the freshman class has already started taking shoebox donations. Anyone can participate by filling a shoebox or donating money.

Collection boxes are in Alexander Residential Hall, Brooks Residential College, Penland Hall, Collins Hall and the Bill Daniel Student Union Building.

They will collect shoeboxes in

all the collection boxes, but the shipping costs have to be turned in to the student government office located in the SUB.

People can also donate money to the student government office. The freshman class will be hosting Operation Christmas Child from now until Nov. 16.

"How it works is each person who wants to make a shoebox assembles their box and puts toys in it," Fields said. "A \$7 donation is needed for shipping and that can be brought to the student government office."

Fields also said people who do not have the time to individually assemble their own shoeboxes can donate money that will be put toward buying things to fill the shoeboxes.

"If someone wants to donate money, \$15 would be a good num-

ber — \$8 for the toys and \$7 for the shipping," Fields said.

Fields said the freshman class got the idea to do Operation Christmas Child from the freshman class of 2010.

"Rachel Adams, the freshman class president two years ago, was telling me about it and it seemed to be something that really fit our mission as freshman class officers and student government as a whole," Fields said. "I felt like it was a good opportunity."

Baylor law professor Brandon Quarles and his family have taken the spirit of Operation Christmas Child to heart for years.

"My wife, actually, has been in-

involved with Operation Christmas Child kind of on a year-round basis for the past six years," Quarles said.

"She and my children have been involved in packing shoeboxes for six years. I've been indirectly involved in buying toys and stuff."

Quarles said he is really excited the freshman class is doing Operation Christmas Child.

"I think it's a tremendous ministry," Quarles said.

"It is a way for people to help fulfill the Great Commission without having to travel internationally," Quarles said. "This is a very simple but important way to obey without having to leave Central Texas."



Quarles

Student Senate meeting seeks to change academic policies

By JOCELYN FOWLER
REPORTER

The final exam policies for the Baylor student body may be getting a face-lift following Thursday evening's Student Senate meeting.

The Final Exam Policy legislation written by Rockwall sophomore Brock Sterry was passed by his fellow senators with no opposition. The proposed policy put forth in the legislation would revise the current policy so that students with more than two finals within a 24-hour period would be able to appeal to a professor or dean to have one of the exams moved.

According to the present final exam policy found in the faculty handbook, "A student with three final examinations scheduled on the same day may appeal to one of the three teachers or the appropriate dean who will reschedule the exam during the final

examination period." The approved legislation will now be sent over to the Faculty Senate for further consideration and will be approved or denied upon its decision.

The policy regarding final exams may not be the only academic matter getting a makeover. The Academic Affairs committee introduced several bills with the goals of adding the GPA of majors to transcripts, recognizing majors on diplomas and adding a minor for neuroscience and psychology. Sugar Land senior and Academic Affairs chair Cody Orr is satisfied with the progress of his committee.

"I'm really happy with the bills that are coming out of the Academic Affairs committee," Orr said. "We're going out there and working on legislation that directly addresses student needs."

The proposals of the Academic Affairs committee's legislation may

be seen in effect before the conclusion of the spring semester, but the Student Senate must first pass the legislation. Other legislation introduced at Thursday's meeting dealt with some campus house-keeping issues. Dallas junior Connor Mighell presented QR Codes for Campus Maps, which recommends QR codes be placed around campus to make navigation easier for visitors and freshmen.

Carlsbad, N.M., junior Sarah Staub presented Poage Library Steps, a bill that aims to bring attention to and fix the steps outside the Poage Legislative Library.

"What I am hoping to accomplish is that the stairs in the Poage Library get new flooring," Staub said. All bills introduced at Thursday's Student Senate meeting will be reviewed and put to a formal vote at next Thursday's senate meeting.



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Venice underwater, again

People walk in high water near the Ponte delle Guglie in Venice, Italy, Thursday. High tides have flooded Venice, leading Venetians and tourists to don high boots and use wooden walkways to cross St. Mark's Square and other areas under water. Flooding is common this time of year and Thursday's level that reached a peak of 55 inches (140 centimeters) was below the 63 inches (160 centimeters) recorded four years ago in the worst flooding in decades.

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Students go global in new BU group

By DAVID McLAIN
REPORTER

Eight international graduate and undergraduate students are waiting on approval to form an organization that will help equip international and domestic Baylor students to interact in unfamiliar cultures as they study and work abroad.

Olasunkanmi Agbomeji, a business school student from Lagos, Nigeria, has joined with seven other international students to form Global Business Connect.

"Through this organization we all want to help students, both graduate and undergraduate, with a business focus and equip them give them resources that will give them an advantage in a global market," Agbomeji said.

The group has been meeting together unofficially for nearly six weeks, and they are currently awaiting a decision on their request to be a certified student organization from the Student Activities office. Agbomeji said he expects to hear from Student Activities soon. If Global Business Connect is granted its request, there will be a two-week training period for the organization following their certification.

The members of Global Business Connect are primarily business students, since the idea for the organization came from the co-founders' experiences as business students studying abroad. The eight interested members met with Jim Anderson for advice on specific developments of the organization. Anderson is a part-time marketing lecturer and manager of Baylor Business Global Connection, a program of the McBride Center



COURTESY PHOTO

Olasunkanmi Agbomeji is a Nigerian business school graduate student and organizer of the pending student organization Global Business Connect.

for International Business that procures business partnerships so that Baylor can increase opportunities in research, student internships and academic resources for continuing education programs.

"Global development is easiest done in the business school," Anderson said.

Anderson said global development is not limited to the business school, but the business school is a good place to start. Agbomeji said Global Business Connect eventually wants to expand into other disciplines.

Anderson also helped the founders of Global Business Connect realize the need to differ their organization from similar existing ones.

"Even from the name, we are something very different," Agbomeji said. "We didn't give it a cliché name, because it isn't a cliché organization."

In a developed constitution for the pending organization, Global Business Connect states three goals intended to impact the Baylor student body.

The proposed organization seeks to facilitate a deeper understanding of global business dynamics and to enhance the global focus of Baylor students, will strengthen cross-cultural skills by providing mentoring and training tailored to international students' career development needs and will increase international internships,

career opportunities, and business connects for Baylor students.

Global Business Connect currently has four social entrepreneurship internship opportunities that will be made available pending recognition by Student Activities. Two of those internships are located in Africa, one in Europe and one in Asia.

"We want to expand into other disciplines like finance, accounting, consulting and IT," Agbomeji said.

Agbomeji said that Global Business Connect's strengths lie in the diversity of its members. Members call many places home including Asia, Africa, South America and the Middle East.

"We all come from different regions of the world to connect our resources to empower students to enter the international market," Agbomeji said. "It connects grad students and undergraduates in a different way, just as a single platform to share experiences. It exists to put one and two together to get a very strong three."

Agbomeji said Global Business Connect is not only for international students.

"What ever business you start, you're going to want to go globally," Agbomeji said. "We will inform international students looking at the international market, but its also for domestic students looking to expand globally as a career path. I think everyone can benefit from it."

Baylor grad recruits seniors to teach English in Thailand

By AMANDA TOLENTINO
REPORTER

Baylor graduate Dr. Nirund Jivasantikarn and his son Ekapon Jivasantikarn are traveling to various universities to recruit graduating seniors to teach English in Thailand for 10 months from June to March with a two-week break in October.

The Jivasantikarns will host an information session on the teaching program at 4 p.m. Monday in 203 Cashion Academic Center in the Hankamer School of Business.

The program, Teach Thailand Corps, is geared toward recent native-English speaking college graduates who will receive the opportunity to teach English to Thai students throughout Thailand's provinces.

Nirund Jivasantikarn, who graduated in 1981 with a doctoral degree in education, said the purpose of Teach Thailand Corps is to recruit graduates from American universities to teach in underserved schools from kindergarten to 12th grade in Thailand for a year.

"For this ongoing year we have 24 teachers. We will need 50 teachers for 2013. I come back to Baylor once a year to advise with faculty and to recruit," Jivasantikarn said.

The program's requirements include graduates of bachelor's degrees or higher. Jivasantikarn said although the teacher can have a degree in any field, education and English could serve as an advantage for the program.

"We look for someone who is adventurous, forward-looking, is open to new experiences, and has the ability to adapt to a new environment," Jivasantikarn said. "For extracurricular activities we like people who have a background in music and sports, which will be easy to bridge the gap to as a tool to build relationships."

Teach Thailand Corps is a voluntary program, but provides housing, a monthly stipend, a work permit and visa to the teachers.

Teachers will participate in an online language and culture orientation as well as a basic teacher training before the school year begins.

The program matches candidates based on their preferred teaching age level.

Teach Thailand Corps also offers a six-week program for undergraduate students who wish to participate in the program, but cannot stay the full 10 months. The short-term volunteer opportunity is available any time of the year except during April and May.

Jivasantikarn said his hope for the students and teachers is to gain language and culture experience from working with Thai peers.

Ekapon Jivasantikarn, a graduate of Stanford University, serves on the board of the American-Thai Foundation.

"Teachers will obtain a development of skills, they will have a working and living abroad experience, they'll be able to show they can take the initiative and that also carries over to what the teachers want to do next from graduate school or working in any chosen field," Ekapon Jivasantikarn said in regards to the additional personal benefits teachers will receive.

Teach Thailand Corps was launched in 2011 with 15 students with help from the American-Thai and Yonok Foundation. Jivasantikarn started each foundation along with the establishment of Yonok University.

"My vision was to found a university to serve those who need a college education," Jivasantikarn said. "It was Dr. Herbert H. Reynolds during his presidency along with the vice president and deans that advised me how to go about founding the American-Thai Foundation. We were able to raise funds from USAID, friends, and friends from Thailand."

Jivasantikarn said his inspiration to establish a university came from his experiences growing up in Lampang, Northern Thailand

when only four universities were located in Bangkok.

"Realizing the lack of faculty and teachers in Thailand, we lack a lot of things," Jivasantikarn said.

Jivasantikarn said English-speaking teachers are an important tool for students in Thailand to advance their education.

Jivasantikarn received aid from former Peace Corp volunteers to originally establish three foundations: American-Thai Foundation, American-Thai Christian Foundation and the American-Thai Educational Development Foundation. From this Jivasantikarn established Yonok University, which opened in 1988, the first liberal arts university in Jivasantikarn's hometown in Lampang, Northern Thailand.

The American-Thai Christian Foundation and the American-Thai Education Development Foundation merged into the American-Thai Foundation to form one foundation. Teach Thailand Corps is a program under the American-Thai Foundation.

Thailand is one of the members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which consists of 10 nations: Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, The Philippines, Indonesia, Brunei, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos and Myanmar. The association has an statement declaring they will become integrated in 2015 for close cooperation in trade, cultural and educational, and security.

"It's everything from the personal enriching experience to having a sense of a rewarding year," said Ekapon Jivasantikarn. "As well as the enriching experience of living in an underserved community and being able to see the impact your contribution is having on the lives of the students. That also connects with Thailand's trajectory as it further develops and connects with the bigger context of the ASEAN community of becoming more of a union and seeing how the work the teachers are doing is helping the country prepare its citizens' future workforce."

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Knight initially made the trees as Christmas gifts for friends at Baylor, but when a mother and her autistic child moved in next door, Knight's vision changed.

"We had a new neighbor and at Christmas, we gave them a tree as a welcome gift," Knight said. "She said she had a child with autism – a large tree normally is too busy for them and they tear them down because they get too excited with the brightness."

Knight and his wife wanted to make this Christmas tradition possible for children with autism, so they contacted Anita Karney, president at Heart of Texas Autism Network, and offered to give the Christmas trees away to families with autistic children. Since then, Knight has made – and given away – about 150 trees.

Karney sends out a newsletter informing families when trees are available.

For this holiday season, Knight has made 10 trees for the network.

"With some families, not to be able to have a Christmas tree, decorations or enjoy some of those traditional things held dear to a lot of families – for him to step up and try to help families enjoy that

– that's huge," Karney said. "The Knights are so humble. They just bring love in a room and when they leave, the love stays."

Knight's most recent Christmas tree for the network has puzzle pieces as ornaments, which represent the network's emblem.

In addition, Knight recently presented Mann with a custom-made tree for Jayian that has the "Cars" movie theme, which is one of Jayian's favorites.

Knight said the most extraordinary tree he has made was for an Air Force pilot in World War II.

For decorations, Knight used model airplanes – modeled after the exact planes the pilot flew in Germany – as ornaments so it would give the illusion of planes flying.

Knight said the families really enjoy the trees, so he plans on continuing making them to give away as long as he can.

"He's an example of one person associated with Baylor doing one thing – that he does well – that can change a family's life and start a new tradition for families," Karney said. "It's a beautiful thing that's happening."

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comment.

At a Capitol news conference, Kelly said all three men "knowingly testified falsely and failed to provide important information and evidence."

Spanier was charged with perjury, obstruction, endangering the welfare of children, failure to properly report suspected abuse and conspiracy. Curley and Schultz face new charges of endangering the welfare of children, obstruction and conspiracy.

The charges were filed with a suburban Harrisburg district judge, whose office said Curley and Schultz were expected to be arraigned Friday afternoon and Spanier tentatively scheduled to appear Wednesday. They came nearly a year to the day that Sandusky was arrested.

Sandusky, who spent decades on the Penn State staff and was defensive coordinator during two national championship seasons, was convicted in June of sexually abusing 10 boys over 15 years. He has maintained he is innocent and was transferred to a maximum security prison on Wednesday, where he is serving a 30- to 60-year sentence.

Curley, 58, the athletic direc-

tor on leave while he serves out the last year of his contract, and Schultz, 63, who has retired as vice president for business and finance, were charged a year ago with lying

to the grand jury and with failing to properly report suspect child abuse. Their trial is set for early January in Harrisburg.

Spanier, 64, of State College,



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Students gather Thursday at the student union on campus at Penn State University around a television showing an interview discussing the charges against former Penn State President Graham Spanier.

had been university president for 16 years when he was forced out after Sandusky's November 2011 arrest. He remains a faculty member but was placed on paid leave Thursday.

Prosecutors said Spanier, Curley and Schultz knew of complaints involving Sandusky showering with boys in 1998 and 2001.

"They essentially turned a blind eye to the serial predatory acts committed by Jerry Sandusky," Kelly said.

The grand jury report included with the charges said "the actual harm realized by this wanton failure is staggering," and listed instances of abuse detailed at Sandusky's criminal trial that happened after 1998.

"The continued cover-up of this incident and the ongoing failure to report placed every minor child who would come into contact with Sandusky in the future in grave jeopardy of being abused," jurors wrote.

The grand jury report indicates Curley, Schultz and Spanier told the university's lawyer they had no documents that addressed Sandusky having inappropriate contact with boys.

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events but stressed that the chances of a shooting at USC are rare.

"While the risk of such an episode on campus is very low, it reminds all of us that we must look out for ourselves and be particularly vigilant about the personal safety of friends and guests at our social events," USC President C.L. Max Nikias said.

Two men were detained and were being questioned about the shooting that happened outside the "Freak or Greek" party held by the Black Student Assembly.

One man was critically injured, and three bystanders were treated for minor injuries and released.

None of those shot or detained were students at the university, said USC police Capt. David Carlisle.

Geno Hall, a former Los Angeles prep football star, was shot

seven times and is expected to live, his father, Eugene Hall told the Los Angeles Times.

Hall is playing football at West Los Angeles community college, and his goal was to transfer to a university, his father said.

The men were in a line of more than 100 people waiting to get into the party when they began arguing and one man pulled a gun and opened fire, Carlisle said.

Journalism graduate student Matt Hamilton, 25, said he and a group of friends were standing about 25 feet away when at least four gunshots rang out in rapid succession.

"And then mayhem erupted," Hamilton said. "People ran away in all directions. I tried to hide behind a building, and some people just dropped down."

USC officials said campus police officers saw the shooting and caught the two men as they ran away.

A gun was found near the shooting scene and will be tested to see if it was the weapon used, police said.

Michael L. Jackson, vice president for student affairs, said university policy requires that on-campus student parties be open only to "guests with student IDs from USC or another university."

Students arrange the parties and the events become well-known quickly on social media sites, so unauthorized guests may have been in line, Carlisle said.

USC students were admitted free, while those with a valid ID from another college had to pay.

Costumed guests and fraternity

and sorority members got a discount. A flier for the party noted there shouldn't be any worries because there would be campus police as well as "strict off-duty officers."

Brock Malinowski, a chemical engineering student, said he often studies on campus late at night and believes USC provides good security for its students.

"Last night was the very first time where I walked out and I got a feeling that I needed to get off campus very fast," he said. "USC's a great school. I've wanted to come here since I was like 9 years old. This doesn't change my opinion of it."

The Halloween shooting follows two others this year that happened near the campus, which is a few miles south of downtown in an

area historically burdened by high crime.

However, police said crime around USC is down 19 percent so far this year.

Ming Qu of Jilin and Ying Wu of Hunan, both 23, were killed April 11 as they sat in their car on a rainy night.

Two men were arrested in what police said was a robbery, and they have pleaded not guilty to murder charges.

A week later, on April 18, Jeremy Hendricks was shot in the leg by a USC security officer after he allegedly robbed four students at gunpoint late at night.

Hendricks, 24, pleaded no contest in September to two counts of robbery and one count of assault with a semiautomatic weapon.

He was sentenced to 20 years in

prison.

After the two incidents, Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck pledged to make USC the safest urban university in the country.

He said he would add more than 30 officers to the division that patrols the USC vicinity and use computer-aided models to help predict crime areas.

Many USC students are aware of their surroundings and the potential of crime.

Some believe it's difficult to try to control who enters school grounds for events even if the events are supposed to be just for college students.

"I don't think you want to make a police state of your campus," Hamilton said. Wednesday's shooting "does seem like an aberration."

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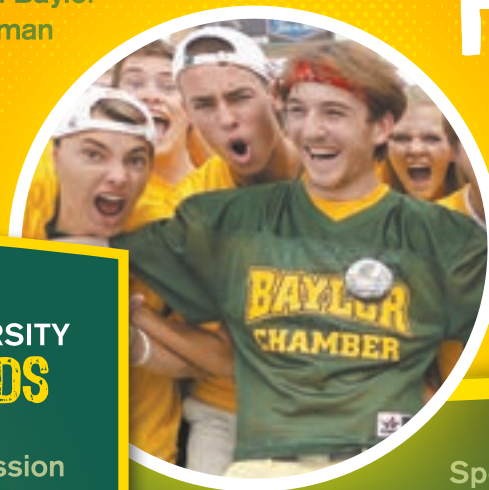
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