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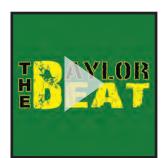
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#### Viewpoints

*"If a student* 

By Josh Day Reporter

It's official: Baylor has a new beauty queen.

The Armstrong Browning Library's elegant design has earned it a place in BBC's list of America's most beautiful college libraries published on Jan.14.

The library is the only entry on the list from Texas.

One of the features of the library is the dome in its foyer is which, is entirely coated in gold leaf; The fingerprints of the artists can be seen where it was hand pressed.

Sixty-two stained glass windows are also scattered throughout the building where rare collections of art and poetry can be seen.

"We're thrilled and we think that it's well deserved," associate librarian Cynthia Burgess said. Fort Worth junior Hillary Shellnut said she was impressed but she wasn't surprised "because this is a beautiful place."

Burgess also said the recognition follows Dr. Andrew Joseph Armstrong's intentions when he built the library.

"I think it reflects on Dr. Armstrong's dream for the building," she said.

From 1948 to 1951, Armstrong, the chairman of the English department, worked alongside a team of architects, including Wyatt Hedrick. In a KWBU production, Dr. Scott Lewis, a Baylor graduate, said Armstrong wrote a letter to Baylor President, Pat Neff in 1936 which read: "My dream is a Browning Library, and dreams very frequently come true. My dream is to have something as rich in its architecture, beauty and delicacy as the famous Taj Mahal in India which is said to be the most beautiful building in the world."

BBC honors library for its beauty

Seventy-seven years later, his dream of the library's reputation is coming true.

BBC's list ranks the attractiveness of Baylor's 19th-centuryresearch library alongside four other beautifully constructed libraries from the east and west coasts.

The Andrew Dickson White Library in New York is Cornell University's main library.

It is three levels of spiraling wrought iron and red carpet that is accented by the light of the stained glass windows. According to Cornell University's website, the overall ambience has given it the nickname "Harry Potter Library" among the students.

Another on the list is the Fleet Library of Rhode Island's School of Design.

According to its website, it



BAYLOR MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

Baylor's Armstrong Browning Library has found itself on the list of the Nation's Most Beautiful Libraries that was published by BBC.

was converted to a library from the donated building of the former Rhode Island Hospital Trust bank. The banking hall itself is now the reading room, complete with SEE **LIBRARY**, page 6

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NKorea set for third nuke test White House calls plans 'provocative'

> By Matthew Pennington Associated Press

WASHINGTON — North Korea's plan to conduct a third nuclear test is "needlessly pro-

Lodge to be to be torn down Baylor aims to enhance highway view

STAFF WRITER

The Old Main Lodge on Fourth Street will be demolished in February, creating a clear view from Interstate 35 of campus across a crisp green lawn. The razing of the Old Main Lodge, a 38-year-old Best Western Hotel near the International House of Pancakes, is just one of many construction projects meant to help expand Baylor and make it aesthetically green. Brian Nicholson, associate vice president for facility, planning and construction, sees the green space, whether temporary or not, as a positive change for the university. "For the short term, it will be green space," Nicholson said. "We will work with others on campus to figure out what is best. For now, green space will be good so you can see campus." Best Western gave up its lease in December when the hotel closed, weeks before the lease ran out in mid-January. According to a Yahoo Travel site, the Old Main Lodge opened in 1974 as the closest hotel to Baylor campus where family, alumni and Waco visitors could stay during Baylor festivities. The land between Interstate 35, University Parks Drive and South Fourth Street has been in Baylor possession for eight to 10 years. Though the Old Main Lodge will fall, the International House of Pancakes adjacent to the hotel will not be touched. Lori Fogleman, director of media communications, said the lease for the International House of Pancakes does not end until 2019. "The tear-down of Old Main Lodge will set us up so we have space to expand whatever program we need to expand," Nicholson said. "We have options now."

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#### **Bear Briefs**

The place to go to know the places to go

#### Stay smart, Baylor

Don't forget about the tutoring sessions offered by the Success Center. Students are taken on a first-come, first-served walk-in basis only.



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Monica Lake | Lariat Photographer

### Giving back

Baylor freshman and Kappa Alpha Theta member Joy Seaboch plays with a local girl on the jungle gym at Kennedy Circle. Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha Tau Omega hold an after-school program for local Waco children at 4 p.m. every Thursday.

# Study explores how PR pros raise ethical questions

#### By Sierra Baumbach Staff Writer

For many in the public relations field, protecting the public's interest has caused them to raise ethical questions.

A study recently published by Dr. Marlene Neill, lecturer in the journalism, public relations and new media department, discusses the trials faced by public relations professionals when they acted as the "organizational conscience" inside of a company.

"The study focuses on the how and why public relations professionals raise ethical concerns," Neill said. "It explores their motivations and what techniques they use to raise their concerns to senior managers." The study, "PR Professionals as Organizational Conscience," evaluated 30 senior public relations professionals, many of them having served

as advisers and counsel in organizations including corporations, nonprofit organizations, g o v e r nment agen-

Dr. Marlene Neill cies and independent

public relations agencies. "We talked to 10 practitioners from 10 states in the U.S. and five practitioners in Australia as well," Neill said. "I took advantage of travel opportunities and attended a conference in New York and also attended the Southwest District conference in Oklahoma City.

"My co-author took advantage of her trip to Australia and interviewed professionals while she was there," she said.

Participants in the study were required to have at least 10 years of experience, with all but three informants having served as the chief public relations officers in their organizations for at least two years.

According to the study, informants did not conceive of their roles as chief public relations officer as merely communication.

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vocative" and will only increase its isolation, the White House said Thursday, as the U.S. expanded its financial sanctions against the north Asian country.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said he's seen no outward sign that North Korea will follow through soon on its plan to conduct a test — following its underground atomic explosions in 2006 and 2009.

But that doesn't mean preparations aren't under way.

"They have the capability, frankly, to conduct these tests in a way that make it very difficult to determine whether or not they are doing it," Panetta told reporters.

North Korea's National Defense Commission said Thursday a nuclear test was part of "upcoming" action directed against the U.S. but did not say exactly when or where it would take place. The commission, led by leader Kim Jong Un, also made clear that its long-range rockets are designed to carry warheads aimed at striking the United States. The North has previously said its launches are for a peaceful space program.

Pyongyang's statement came two days after the U.N. Security Council condemned its December launch of a satellite atop a long-range rocket for violating a ban on ballistic missile activity. The council, with the support of the North's only major ally, China, also tightened sanctions.

"North Korea's statement is needlessly provocative and a test would be a significant violation of United Nations Security Council resolutions," White House spokesman Carney told reporters. "Further provocation would only increase Pyongyang's isolation,

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## Students with meal plans should use as they wish

### Editorial

Trying to swipe a friend through in the dining halls is a fairly common experience. Perhaps, if you are a student who has a meal plan, you've tried it yourself. Perhans you've been told no

Perhaps you've been told no. You see, all meal plans come with five guest passes per semester, with which you can treat a friend or family member according to CampusDish, Baylor's website for dining hall services. However, try to use any more than five, and you'll be turned down (in theory). Your guest will have to pay for their own meal, or, if you're feeling generous, you can pay for it yourself, but not using your meal plan. Why not?

If you want to take your best friend to dinner at Collins Dining Hall, you should be allowed to use meals from your meal plan if you do not need them for yourself. Otherwise, this meal could be wasted, a meal that you've already paid for.

How?

Well, if you've purchased a meal plan with a set number of meals, if you don't use all of the meals in the time allotted, they expire and you cannot claim them.

This is the case in all meal plan options available but for one: the Unlimited. Because the Unlimited is a special case in which unlimited meals are offered at any time during the semester, the Unlimited should be considered an exception. Students who buy this meal plan should not be allowed to use these meals for anyone but themselves, as otherwise they could invite the whole community in to dine; a noble aspiration, but a terrible business model - and an impossible one.

However, if a student has purchased a limited meal plan and has an extra meal to spare, they should be allowed to use their allotted meals as they see fit, rather than only for themselves. They have already paid for the meal, and if they don't use it in the time allotted, they will have spent money on nothing, essentially wasting it. Why not offer a friend or coworker dinner on you if the meal is going to waste anyway?

Let's break it down:

There are several meal plan options available. If you are a freshman or a Resident of Brooks Residential College, you are required to buy a meal plan, meaning you must choose from several plans. These options range in price from \$ 1,992.05 per semester to 2589.34.

Meal plans are divided into two categories: block plans and weekly plans. The weekly plans feature a limited number of meals that must be consumed weekly or they expire. Meals from weekly plans do not roll over; if the meal isn't consumed by week's end, you lose it.

The block plans feature a set

number of meals that may be used at any time throughout the semester, although they expire once the semester is over.

There is no refund available for meals not eaten. It is wrong that a service you have paid in advance for should be denied to you.

This policy takes advantage of students, who, in trying to find the money for tuition, room and board, may already be struggling and should not have to waste money because of frivolous restrictions in meal plan allowances.

Students and others who have purchased limited meal plans should get exactly what they pay for: a set number of meals that expire in a given period, regardless of who is doing the eating. Dining Hall Prices
\* If you wish to pay meal by
meal
Breakfast : \$5.50
Lunch : \$8.75
Dinner : \$9.25
Late Night : \$6.50
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## Student meal plan menu

On- and off- campus students who do not live in Brooks College may choose meals from the first or second columns. Freshmen and residents of Brooks Residential College must choose from the first column.

**The Unlimited** Unlimited meals per week. This plan allows you to have unlimited meals at any time in any hall. \$2,589.34/semester

> The Block 225 225 all-you-care-to-eat meals/semester \$75 Dining Dollars included Cost: \$2,074.38/semester

> > The Works 16 meals/week \$100 Dining Dollars included Cost: \$2,065.82/semester

> > The Classic 11 meals/week \$150 Dining Dollars included Cost: \$1,922.05/semester

145 meals/semester No set meals per week \$1,305.50/semester

The Block 145

The Block 90 90 meals/semester \$100 Dining Dollars included Cost: \$909.71/semester

**The Basic** 7 meals/week Cost: \$1,150.70/semester

**The Socialite** 5 meals/week \$100 Dining Dollars included Cost: \$941.10/semester

> **The Light Eater** 3 meals/week \$250 Dining Dollars Cost: \$704.65/semester

#### ASHER FREEMAN

### Armstrong may be product of competitive society, but he's still wrong

Lance Armstrong wasn't a particular hero of mine. I never found his sport or his image fully captivating, or his answers "riveting," as Oprah said in an interview.

However, he's much more interesting now his dirty laundry has been aired and is continuing to be aired all over network television. Though I am uninterested in the sport of cycling, I do respect it, and I respect the man.

For those of you who don't know, Lance Armstrong has been stripped of his seven Tour De France medals and is under continued investigation for participating in and leading a corrupt doping ring among his fellow elite cyclists. Not only is he under major fire from the press, anti-doping officials have imposed a life-long ban from sanctioned events. He is also facing several lawsuits.



But something stopped me: a pack, or, better yet, surpass the tiny whisper in my head that said, "Of course."

Of course this happened. Of course this will continue to happen. Why would you think this isn't to be expected?

Our world refuses to slow down. Maybe it's human nature, or maybe just physics. Our planet is hurtling through space at thousands of miles per hour and the process of human evolution has followed suit. There is no slowing down or moving backwards in whatever field you work in. People will always expect faster, better results at any cost. "In a matter of days, Lance Armstrong will be forgiven and forgotten by the general public, and he will continue on with his life as an elite cyclist...Situations like these only see Lance Armstrong as a symbol of America's increasingly competitive society.

Beyond the symbolic implications of his situation, I am furthermore absolutely opposed to the amount of coverage and sympathy he has been getting from Oprah and her fans. Historically, America has been very forgiving of public figures that have done horrible things even beyond your run-ofthe-mill mistake.

Nixon, R-Kelly, Michael Vick, Martha Stewart, etc. all went through the wringer during their scandals.

Yes, the powers-that-be have banned him from competing for the time being, but there are already talks of the ban being lifted in his case.

And now, he's playing the sympathy card on Oprah to save face. In the latest interview, Armstrong brought up his son, who staunchly defended him throughout the case. With a wavering voice and a hint of tears, Armstrong continued to express regret for the sake of his son.

So what! That doesn't mean he

Ashley Davis | Copy editor

After this controversy was brought to light, my first instinct was disgust and disdain. I was on the verge of disparaging him in my blog and to my friends in our inevitable debates.

Lance Armstrong is a prime example of this mentality.

We live in a world where people, especially athletes, would do anything to keep up with the reinforce the sad fact that the more famous you are, the easier it is to get out of trouble."

pack completely. In this case, I

However, their shame was a little too short lived in my opinion.

In a matter of days, Lance Armstrong will be forgiven and forgotten by the general public, and he will continue on with his life as an elite cyclist. deserves pity or sympathy. Situations like these only reinforce the sad fact that the more famous you are, the easier it is to get out of trouble.

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## Volunteers win Baylor record in sustainability efforts

#### By KARA BLOMOUIST Reporter

Recycling is becoming cuttingedge.

Baylor has set a university-wide recycling record for the second year in a row.

In 2012, the university recycled 440.71 tons, breaking its previous record of 414.34 in 2011 by more than 25 tons. All of the university's recycling is weighed by SunBright Disposal Services, which reports the weight of the recycling to the university.

"The Office of Sustainability is making incredible progress," said Smith Getterman, sustainability coordinator.

"Baylor has had weak recycling months in the past," Getterman said. "The months when school is not in session, such as May and December, are typically low

months. Now, those low months are showing great improvement." In May 2011, Baylor recycled 18.9 tons. In May 2012, that number

Because glass is difficult to

transport and costly to recycle,

the program will be for internal

use only. Unlike paper and plastic

recycling, where students, faculty

and staff can bring their recycling

jumped to 31 tons. Baylor stu-

dents are also about to have a new way to recycle. "We're looking into glass recycling on campus. I think that will be

something that

happens this

semester," Get-

terman said.

*"We're doing this"* because God created the earth just for us."

Smith Getterman | Sustainability Coordinator

to campus, glass recycling will only be available to the on-campus community.

The success of Baylor sustainability may be due to student awareness of sustainability.

The current

senior class is

the last class

to have expe-

rienced Baylor

before sustainability had a presence on campus, Get-

terman said. He said most of Baylor's students don't know the university without a sustainability program.

"I think the fact that people have now had the experience of living and breathing sustainability on campus, they've had that kind

of opportunity to get into that routine," he said. "I think that makes a huge difference."

Pattie Orr, vice president for information and dean of university libraries, also attributes the success of the Office of Sustainability to student awareness. Orr also said the success of Baylor sustainability is due to good communication and good use of volunteers.

Callie Jo Clevenger, student assistant in the Office of Sustainability, has seen the impact of those volunteers at the football games.

Student volunteers help raise awareness and encourage others to recycle at the games.

"Their efforts alone have let our numbers just grow over the years in football games," she said.

Clevenger said she realizes Baylor sustainability has made great progress, but there is still a long way to go.

Orr said one area Baylor sustainability has room to improve is in preventing contamination. One obstacle sustainability faces is keeping the recycled material in a clean state, such as emptying bottles before they're recycled. A whole load of recycling will be ruined and become trash if one thing gets in that shouldn't be there. Paula Young, director of game

operations, said the issue of contamination is prevalent at athletic

According to Getterman, the biggest obstacle to sustainability is mindset. When people approach sustainability with the idea that "this is good enough" or "Baylor doesn't need to do that," improvement can be difficult, he said.

"We're not doing this just to save money or because we're environmentalists," Getterman said. "We're doing this because God created the earth just for us, and He cared enough about it to create a covenant with us for the Earth to spare it for us."

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Clevenger said she believes sustainability means more than just conserving.

"Recycling can be so much more than just throwing your plastic in the bin. It can be about just the realization of God's great power and appreciation for all that He's created for us," she said.

Young said she believes the costs of sustainability are well worth the benefits.

"I just think that we should do all we can for future generations to take care of the Earth as best we know right now," she said.

Students, faculty and staff can find out how to get involved in sustainability efforts by visiting Baylor's sustainability blog at http:// osogreen.tumblr.com.

This bill would not affect stu-

Orr and the academic Affairs

dents who entered Baylor under

university that can enact the bill.

Colorado Springs, Colo., sopho-

more and chaplain Meagan Rowell

began the meeting by challenging

the members of the Senate to a

week of kindness. Rowell encour-

aged senators to be kind in their

pursuit of building a better Baylor.

The Senate voted in unanimous

the current catalog.



In a May 9, 2012 file photo, Capt. Sara Rodriguez, 26, of the 101st Airborne Division, carries a litter of sandbags during the Expert Field Medical Badge training at Fort Campbell, Ky. The Pentagon is lifting its ban on women serving in combat, opening hundreds of thousands of front-line positions and potentially elite commando jobs after generations of limits on their service, defense officials said Wednesday.

### Lifted ban sparks new doubts over emotion, ability in female soldiers

## Student government passes bill to change grading scale

#### By Dan Henson Reporter

The Student Senate got into a heated debate during their weekly meeting Thursday evening over a bill that would change Baylor's grading scale.

Senior Academic Affairs Chair Cody Orr sparked a debate when he discussed the bill he had authored, which proposed the adoption of a plus and minus grading scale. Orr admitted that he wrote the bill reluctantly.

"I view this bill like taking medicine," Orr said. Orr insisted that Baylor's current grading scale is unique among those used by schools of Baylor's caliber in its grade inflation.

The current grading scale is strictly a plus system.

Associated Press

charges continue to mount against a Texas man who had described

himself as a spokesman for the

hacker-activist group Anonymous.

returned Friday in Dallas charges

A two-count federal indictment

DALLAS — The criminal

"None of them do what we do, and that's a problem," Orr said. A

few senators took issue with the bill, claiming that it misses the problem and should not take precedence over bills the Senate could pass that would represent current Baylor students.

The majority of the Senate agreed with the bill, citing the importance of one's GPA in relation to the professional world. "This makes you a more serious player in the work world," Sugar Land senior Meredith Meece said.

cerns and questions of his fellow senators, Houston senior and Student Body President Brian Kim held a vote on the bill.

The Student Senate passed the

The new grading system will include minus grades, which the current grading scale does not. The proposed scale would not include A-plus or A-minus grades.

Man tied to Anonymous faces charges

The 31-year-old defendant was

a de facto spokesman for Anony-

mous, willing to speak for a move-

ment that prides itself on anonym-

that he concealed the laptops from

The latest indictment alleges

puters from authorities.

dence by hiding two laptop comciated identified only as "KM."

The indictment doesn't detail what was on the laptops.

He already is accused of stealing data from the Austin-based private intelligence firm Stratfor and threatening an FBI agent on the Internet.

A message to Brown's attorney,

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Committee are unsure of when the new grading policy would be implemented. if the university decides to put the bill into effect. Now that the bill has been passed it must be reviewed and approved by a department in the

After Orr addressed the con-

bill 29 to 14.

favor of swearing in six new members, including a chief justice, three junior senators, one freshman senator and a freshman secretary of

the treasury.

By Julie Watson Associated Press

SAN DIEGO - During her time in Iraq, Alma Felix would see her fellow female soldiers leave the Army installations where she worked at a desk job and head into combat with their male counterparts

But many returned home feeling that few knew of their contributions.

"I guess we do disappear into the background," the 27-year-old former Army specialist said.

"You always hear we're losing our sons out there. And although women have fallen out there, you really don't see very much of it."

Now, with the Pentagon ending its ban on women in combat, Felix and other female troops hope the military's plan to open hundreds of thousands of combat jobs to them will lead society to recognize that they, too, can be courageous warriors

"We are the support. Those are the positions we fill and that's a big deal — we often run the show but people don't see that," she said. "Maybe it will put more females forward and give people a sense there are women out there fighting for our country.

"It's not just you're typical poster boy, GI Joes doing it," she said.

Thursday's announcement promises to change the image of battlefields around the world, as debate rages on whether women can fight like men.

What's clear is that the move will pave the way for women to earn higher pay and earn better promotions.

The shift is the military's biggest since the policy banning openly gay service members was lifted in 2011.

And as was the case with "don't ask, don't tell," troops were expected to fall in line with the new rules.

The change overturns a 1994 rule prohibiting women from being assigned to smaller ground combat units, and is expected to open up more than 230,000 combat positions that have been off limits to women.

"We owe it to them to allow them to pursue every avenue of military service for which they are fully prepared and qualified," said Defense Secretary Leon Panetta. He said women have shown they are willing to fight and die alongside their male counterparts.

Across the country, members of the military of both sexes said they accepted the policy so long as women will have to meet the same standards as their male colleagues. Both men and women were skeptical about putting females in infantry units, however.

"This gives us more people to work with," said Army Sgt. Jeremy Grayson, assigned to field infantry at Fort Bliss, Texas.

"But they would have to be able to do the physical stuff that men do. ... They have to be able to pull their own weight."

Panetta said the qualifications will not be lowered and acknowledged that not all women will meet them.

He said allowing women to serve in combat roles will strengthen the ability of the U.S. to win wars.

It will be up to the military service chiefs to recommend whether women should be excluded from more demanding and deadly positions, such as Navy SEALs or the Army's Delta Force.

Veterans and some in the military argue the public may not be ready to handle seeing more female troops come home in body bags or with lost limbs.

"It's harder to see a mother or a daughter dead. We (men) are seen as protectors," said Army Staff Sgt. Anthony Lemaitre.

Army Spc. Jean Sardonas, who works as a lab technician at a hospital, said she understood Lemaitre's opinion.

Sardonas said she had thought about joining an Army team that conducts social work in the field and faces combat situations.

But she's since become a mother, changing her perspective, and said women tend to be more emotional.

"If you see the enemy, well, that's the enemy, but now if you see a kid with a gun you're going to think twice," she said.

At McP's Irish Pub near the Navy SEALs base in Coronado, battle-hardened veterans chuckled and sighed at the news.

There were no celebrations planned yet at the dark bar decorated with combat memorabilia, a framed article announcing the death of Osama bin Laden and a bronze plaque quoting W.C. Fields saying, "Marry an outdoors woman, then if you throw her out into the yard for the night, she can still survive."

"I think our culture instinctively teaches us to take care of women and we won't be combat ready," said the pub's owner and a former Navy SEAL, Greg McPartlin, who is a Bronze Star recipient. "We're more interested in protecting her than shooting the bad guy?

Felix bristles at that kind of thinking but has heard that from young male soldiers. "It's hard to see any comrade fall, whether it's a woman or a man," she said.

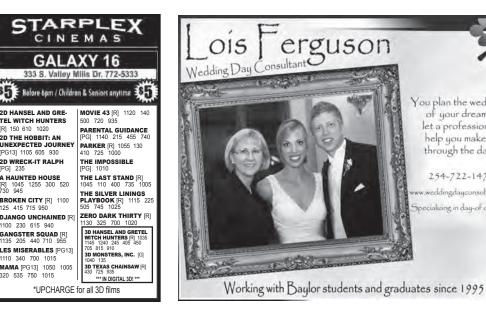
Women comprise about 14 percent of 1.4 million active military personnel.

More than 280,000 women have been sent to Iraq, Afghanistan or to jobs in neighboring nations in support of the wars.

And of the more than 6,600 U.S. service members who have been killed, 152 have been women.

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### Arts & Entertainment

### Weekend Calendar

Today

Heart of Texas One Stop Shop Hop - Quilting Exhibition *Time: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.* Waco Convention Center Cost: \$5

"The Bride of Brackenloch: A Ghastly Gothic Thriller?" Time: 7:30 p.m. The Waco Civic Theatre -1517 Lake Air Drive Cost: \$18 (adults), \$13 (students and kids under 18)

Jeanne Williams (soprano), Soon Cho (mezzo-soprano), Kurt Kaiser (piano), Jeffrey Peterson (piano) *Time: 7 p.m.* Armstrong Browning Library Cost: Free

#### Saturday

Heart of Texas One Stop Shop Hop - Quilting Exhibition Time: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Waco Convention Center Cost: \$5

**Baylor Concerto Compe**tition (final rounds) Time: 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Jones Concert Hall Cost: Free

"The Bride of Brackenloch: A Ghastly Gothic Thriller?" Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: The Waco Civic Theatre - 1517 Lake Air Drive Cost: \$18 (adults), \$13 (students and kids under 18)

Battle of the Burning Sands Step Show Time: 7:30 p.m. Waco Hall Cost: \$20

Jason Hess - Ceramics **Exhibition and Spinning** Yarns - Photography Exhibition Time: All Day Martin Museum of Art -Gallery 1 and 2 Cost: Free



Workers prepare for the grand opening of the Melody Ranch dance hall. The grand opening of Melody Ranch, which is located on the corner of Robinson Drive and Primrose Drive in South Waco, is scheduled for Feb. 9 and features John Conlee.

## Melody Ranch reopens after hiatus

By Taylor Rexrode STAFE WRITER

Watch out, Wild West -Melody Ranch is back in action as Waco's largest country dance hall. The Melody Ranch, located

off the traffic circle on Robinson Drive, reopened this month after a nearly 13-year hiatus.

The Ranch first opened in 1972 and brought in large crowds for big-name artists, including George Strait, Willie Nelson and Tim Mc-Graw, who played at the Ranch early in their careers.

Over time, the club's attendance dwindled after country music declined in popularity and Baylor students started visiting other clubs.

After a three-year struggle to keep crowds in, the Melody Ranch closed its doors in June 2000.

Victor Fuentes, who owned a smaller club near the Melody Ranch, purchased the dance hall reopened and the building as El Rancho, a bingo hall by day and a Tejano and DJ-inspired dance club by night. General manag-

ers Shane Christian and Roger Scott, a 2002 Baylor alumnus in entrepreneurship, decided to reintroduce Wacoans to the Melody Ranch after experimenting with country acts at El Rancho over the past year. Christian, who is the lead singer for the

country-dance band 35 South, said he played there on the weekends where he saw increasingly large crowds hit the dance floor.

"We saw there was a need for a place where people could go for a good, safe atmosphere with a big stage and a big dance floor," Christian said. "It allows us to entertain people and that's what we really focus on."

Christian and Scott plan to use the stage and dance hall size to their advantage.

According to an article in the Waco Tribune-Herald, the Melody Ranch is larger than Whiskey River, Hog Creek Icehouse and is nearly two times larger than Wild West, which brings in national and Texas country acts on a regular basis.

> "We have the ability to hold a capacity of 1,350 where our competition can't," Scott said. "Other places get shut down when they bring a Texas act in."

A big factor in deciding to reopen the club lies in the nostalgic pull Christian and Scott feel from the Melody Ranch. Scott, in particular, remembers visiting the Melody Ranch on his first night in Waco as a Baylor student. 'We came out to Melody and

had a good time," Scott said. "I'm from San Antonio and I'd seen similar places, but here, it was like you were back in the 70s on the set of an old movie."

Owners Nick and Jamico Fuentes, along with Christian and Scott, are working to get the Melody Ranch up and running with a new sign, professional outdoor lighting, an outdoor stage and a nonsmoking party room. The Melody Ranch will host live music acts on weekends, serve food and might host karaoke or comedy nights on Sundays.

They are confident that students returning to campus will help their business grow. The Melody Ranch Facebook page has gained over 600 likes in the past three weeks and more

than 250 people have reposted about the dance hall, but most of the attention given to the Melody Ranch has come from those who remember the dance hall during its glory days.

"This place has such a history," Christian said. "I'm already getting calls from Houston, Fort Worth, the Austin area - those musicians who know the history of this place and know the Melody Ranch is about entertainment, and we already have regulars after three weeks. We see the same people coming out Friday, Saturday and Sunday night. They will get to see this place transform as we build it. Now, we want the younger generation."

Though Melody Ranch had its soft opening earlier this month, the dance hall will host its first big country headliner John Conlee on Feb. 9 at its grand opening. Christian and Scott hope to bring in Texas and Nashville country artists on a regular basis as these artists tour from Dallas-Fort Worth to Austin.

> "It seems like as you go up and down I-35, there's always that little lag where they skip over Waco," Scott said. "Now we're trying to change that and have that little stop where big acts can play on a Friday night."

### Marathon encourages donations

By Rebecca Fiedler Reporter

Running through Waco will change lives on Sunday, as the Be The Match marrow donor program hosts its 10th annual Miracle Match Marathon. All the proceeds of the marathon go to Be The Match Registry to help those needing lifesaving bone marrow transplants.

Be The Match is a part of the National Marrow Donor Program, an organization that recruits and supports donors and patients, educates doctors and conducts research programs. Locally, Be the Match works with the Scott & White Marrow Donor Program.

Participants can register to run on raceit.com. Registration fees for adults are \$110 for the marathon, \$95 for the half marathon, \$55 for the relay, \$40 for the 10K and \$20 for the one mile. Registration fees for kids are \$10.

'Two of our miles are actually dedicated to two Baylor students that actually have matched and donated for Be the Match," Nancy Goodnight, the race's director said.

Races for the Miracle Match Marathon run across Baylor campus and some go through Cameron Park. Medals are awarded for race finishers.

People can also join the Be The Match Registry on Race Day and sign up for free to become a marrow donor. Goodnight said those wishing to donate marrow do not have to register for a race.

Goodnight said signing up to be a donor consists of filling out papers and providing a cheek swab. It does not commit anyone into bone marrow donation. It is only a test to see if a person is eligible to be a match. The commitment to donate can be pursued after the results return. People can register to be a donor all day Saturday.

"The most common age that matches and actually donates is between 18 and 22," Goodnight said. "That's why it's so important to get college-aged kids registered."

Goodnight said that there are misconceptions about donating marrow, as some say that it is a painful process. She argued that marrow donations are pain-free and non-invasive.

Goodnight said 8,000 people are currently waiting for a donor.

Races will end at the Waco Sus-

Jan. 27

Senior Recital: Chelsea Berner (mezzo-soprano) Time: 5 p.m. Roxy Grove Hall Cost: Free



**GRAND OPENING** 

OHN CONLEE

A limited number of tickets for the John Conlee concert are available at the Melody Ranch for purchase. Standing tickets are \$15 and a reserved seat during the concert costs an additional \$5.

pension Bridge. The Suspension Bridge finish line is a symbol of how the Miracle Match Marathon "Bridges the Gap" between donors and recipients.

People interested can go to miraclemathchmarathon.net for registration and more information.



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## Men's basketball to travel to TCU for next tip-off

By Daniel Hill Sports Writer

The Baylor Bears head to Fort Worth to take on the Texas Christian Horned Frogs on Saturday.

Baylor and TCU are two basketball teams heading in two separate directions. TCU is winless in conference play and Baylor is 4-1 and coming off a victory against Oklahoma State on ESPN's Big Monday showcase.

"I think the great thing about crowds and the Big 12 is every game you are excited," Baylor head coach Scott Drew said. "This is an in-state school. I know Baylor and TCU have a lot of tradition. A lot of fans really get excited for any in-state rivalries like this and our players are no exception. They get excited about it. A lot of them get the chance to play in front of family and friends in the Metroplex, so everyone's excited."

TCU plays a deliberate style of basketball. They try to control the pace of the game and dictate the tempo of the action.

"That's the great thing in the Big 12. Every game is a challenge," Drew said. "TCU is one of those teams who really plays at a slower pace than most of the teams you face and it all starts with them on the defensive end. They are tremendous at holding opponents to under their averages. They've done a good job in turning the other team over as well."

The Bears have already defeated the Horned Frogs earlier in the season 51-40.

This will be the last time these two teams meet for the season, unless their paths should cross in the Big 12 tournament.

In that first meeting, TCU disrupted Baylor's style of basketball and held a 22-21 lead at the end of the first half. But Baylor made the necessary adjustments in the second half to run away with a comfortable victory.

"We tried to run last time against them too, but when they got the ball, usually they can dictate when you can run and when you cannot," Drew said. "We'll have to pressure them a little bit more than last time and pick them up a little higher in our half-court pressure. They are a team where a lot of teams try to do that and at the end of the day they normally get the kind of pace they want. Early in the game we had a chance to get some margin and we didn't finish on our fast break opportunities. Second of all, when we do get the ball in the half court, we have to make sure that we are smart and get the shot that we want versus playing 70 seconds of defense."

Even though the Horned Frogs are 0-6 in the Big 12, the Bears are not taking the skill or resume of their next opponent for granted.

"I didn't even know they were 0-6, but in this conference anyone can beat anybody on any given night," junior guard Brady Heslip said. "We are going to prepare for them the same way we did the first time and just go in there and try to execute the game plan. It's one of the best conferences from top to

bottom, so we're ready for every game."

Despite struggling on offense early in the nonconference portion of the schedule, the Bears have found their stride defensively and are buying into the philosophies of the coaching staff.

"We come in every day for every practice knowing exactly what we have to do defensively," junior forward Cory Jefferson said. "We're buying into it, the guards, the bigs, the coaches and everybody that has anything to do with Baylor basketball.

Even though he's known mostly as a perimeter scorer, Heslip agrees that it's all about defense with Baylor basketball.

"I'm buying into whatever the coaches are doing," Heslip said. "That's why I came here. All the years that I've been here, it's been about defense. That's how you win games. This year specifically, we've been pretty good defensively about holding people to a pretty low amount of points."

Senior guard A.J. Walton assumes a leadership role on the team. He knows there are still aspects of the game that the team needs to improve upon, like bringing consistent mental focus for every second of every game.

"It's getting there," Walton said. "We could do a little better. We don't tend to stay focused for 40 minutes of the game. It's coming along. We just have to keep working. It's my job to lead us in that aspect and I'm going to keep pushing these fellas."



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Freshman center Isaiah Austin throws down a two-handed jam against the Texas Longhorns on Jan. 5 at the Ferrell Center. The 7-footer is averaging 14 points and nine rebounds on the season for the 13-5 Bears.

## Tennis off to strong start, has high hopes

By Larissa Campos reporter

With only four returning players from last season, the Baylor women's tennis team is still in the process of becoming elite. The Lady Bears received a 15th overall ranking earlier this month by the International Tennis Association, but head coach Joey Scrivano thinks the team still has a lot to prove.

"Quite honestly, we aren't where we need to be," Scrivano said. "We are a young and unproven team, and there are a lot of steps we need to go through."

The youth on the team has forced some younger players to step up into leadership roles for the team. As one of the four returning players, sophomore Ema Burgic has felt the need to become a leader this season. "We are a really young team and have a lot of new girls," Burgic said. "It's important for us to keep everyone on the same page and make the new girls trust and believe in what our program is doing." of injuries. Alex Clay and Alex Leatu transferred to Baylor last year. However, both players suffered shoulder injuries and were unable to play in the fall.

Leatu debuted for the program at the HEB Invitational last weekend, but Clay is still a month away from returning to the court.

To start the season, the team won both the singles and doubles title at the HEB Invitational last weekend. Junior Megan Horter was undefeated and claimed the singles title for the Bears. The doubles duo of freshman Victoria Kisialeva and Burgic also saw victories on all three days in the tournament, locking in the doubles title.

Scrivano said he was happy



# Women's hoops to take on Oklahoma

*By Parmida Schahhosseini* Sports Writer

The No. 1 Lady Bears will play No. 20 Oklahoma at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Ferrell Center.

Senior center Brittney Griner is only seven blocks away from a NCAA record for career blocks. She is also 18 points away from a Big 12 record in career points.

Baylor will try to bounce back from its lowest offensive outing, which was Wednesday against Iowa State. Baylor only managed 66 points in the contest.

Oklahoma's defense is allow-

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ing 28.7 points per first half and is holding its opponents to 35 percent shooting. While Oklahoma's defense is stout, Baylor is third in the NCAA in scoring and first in field goal percentage at 50.8 percent.

While Baylor does play tough physical defense, the Lady Bears have to stop Oklahoma's productive offense.

Oklahoma ranks 17th in scoring offense and is fifth in 3-point percentage.

Baylor has won 15 straight games including a nation-best 49 straight home games.

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Along with having to overcome a lack of collegiate experience, the team has also dealt with a number with Horter's performance last weekend and credits her success to her hard work.

"I'm excited for Megan Horter because she's put in a lot of hard work," Scrivano said. "It's just nice to see some positive things happen for her."

Despite a satisfying win this weekend, Scrivano said that it is important not to get too excited about the team's win and make sure they stay focused on being consistent.

TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore Ema Burgic serves during her match against a Sam Houston State opponent on Thursday. Burgic won the match 6-0, 6-0.

"We're not really getting too excited about any result right now," Scrivano said. "It's going to take a consistency of doing the right things on a daily basis."

The Lady Bears opened up their official season Thursday against Sam Houston State. Baylor won every match in straight sets, including a 6-0, 6-0 victory from Burgic, and earned the 7-0 sweep.

Baylor will host the ITA Indoor Championship qualifier matches this weekend. The Bears open up play against Florida State at 11 a.m. Saturday on their home court.

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## Bill filed in Mississippi seeks to nullify federal laws

By Emily Wagster Pettus Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — Mississippi defied the union during the Civil War and civil rights era, and at least two lawmakers think it is time to do so again.

Republican state Reps. Gary Chism and Jeff Smith, both of Columbus, filed a bill this month to form the Joint Legislative Committee on the Neutralization of Federal Laws.

Chism said Thursday that the tea party-backed measure is a response to President Barack Obama's federal health care overhaul and proposals to curb gun violence.

"Certainly, the Obamacare started this," Chism told The Associated Press, referring to the health care plan, "but then gun show loopholes that the president wanted after Newtown really put an exclamation on that — that we need to do something to stand up for the Tenth Amendment."

The Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution says powers not specifically reserved for the federal government are reserved for the states.

House Constitution Committee

Chairman Scott DeLano, R-Biloxi, said the bill has a good chance of being debated and that he has heard from other lawmakers who support it.

But Mississippi College constitutional law professor Matt Steffey said the measure is a waste of time because federal law trumps state law when the two are in conflict.

"It is hard to imagine a less productive use of time by key legislative officials than to pursue that which they have no power to pursue," Steffey said.

Republican Gov. Phil Bryant last week asked legislators to block

enforcement of "any unconstitutional order" from Obama regarding guns.

Mississippi has resisted federal laws as far back as the Civil War and during the Civil Rights era. During the 1950s and '60s, a state agency called the Sovereignty Commission spied on people believed to be sympathetic to racial equality. The agency was dismantled in the late 1970s.

Some critics compare the proposal by Chism and Smith to an attempt to rekindle the Sovereignty Commission.

"It's absolutely the most hor-

rendous idea that has ever come before this august body," said Rep. Steve Holland, D-Plantersville. "It's awful. It is wrongheaded. It is anti-New Testament. It is political fodder for the right and borderline stupid."

Rep. Kelvin Buck, D-Holly Springs, a member of the Legislative Black Caucus, said he sees the bill as part of a trend of defiance toward federal authority. "I think much of it is because we have an African-American president," Buck said.

"I think it is outrageous," Buck said. "In my view, it is taking us back to the pre-civil rights era."

Chism said the bill is not an attempt to roll back civil rights advances. He also said it is not an attempt to revive the Sovereignty Commission.

"That was an ugly past," he said. "It ain't got nothing to do with that.'

Smith did not immediately return messages seeking comment.

The Central Mississippi Tea Party said in a news release in December that it wants state lawmakers this year to "re-establish limited federal involvement in Mississippi."

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and its continued focus on its nuclear and missile program is doing nothing to help the North Korean people."

Carney said the council decision to tighten sanctions would impede the growth of weapons of mass destruction programs in North Korea. He said the U.S. would be taking additional steps. The government later designated as "trade" several entities said to be involved in missile development.

Carney noted the council's warning to take further action in the event of a further launch or nuclear test.

"We judge North Korea by its actions, and provocations like these are significant violations and we act accordingly," Carney said.

North Korea claims the right to build nuclear weapons as a defense against the United States, its foe from the 1950-53 Korean War. The U.S. still maintains 28,000 troops in South Korea as a deterrent against aggression from the North.

North Korea's recently launched rocket has the potential to hit the west coast of the U.S. mainland, but experts say it still doesn't have the capability to make a missile reenter the atmosphere and hit a target. Nor is it believed to have miniaturized a nuclear device to mount on a missile. A nuclear test could move it closer toward that goal.

The elevation a year ago of Kim Jong Un following the death of his father Kim Jong Il had fueled hope of improved relations with Washington, particularly after the North accepted a substantial offer of food aid in exchange for nuclear concessions. But that agreement collapsed last April when the North conducted a long-range rocket launch.

Carney said the U.S. has not seen a noticeable change in North Korea's behavior.

The Treasury Department levied sanctions Thursday against a Hong Kong-based trading company and two officials of a North Korean bank. The administrative move prohibits them from transactions with Americans and freezes any assets they may have under U.S. jurisdiction.

Treasury described the Tanchon Commercial Bank as the financial arm of Pyongyang's premier arms dealer and main exporter of goods and equipment related to ballistic missiles and conventional weapons.

The bank has also been involved in ballistic missile transactions between the arms dealer, Korea's Mining Development Trading Corporation, and Iran's Shahid Hemmat Industrial Group, a U.S.and UN-designated organization responsible for developing liquidfueled ballistic missiles, Treasury said.

"By continuing to expose these entities, and the individuals who assist them, we degrade North Korea's ability to use the international financial system for its illicit purposes," David S. Cohen, the Treasury's undersecretary for terrorism and financial intelligence, said in a statement.

The State Department also designated the Korean Committee for Space Technology, which it said has orchestrated rocket launches and has contributed to development of long-range ballistic missile development.

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munity, which is projected to open this fall, will sit adjacent to a park-

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pansion.

Fogleman said the demolition

of the Old Main Lodge will help

fit into Baylor's master plan for exarea between East Village and the Speight Plaza Office and Parking Facility will also be home to a new "We're always planning and discussing and dreaming of what business building in the coming we can do and what makes sense vears for Baylor and our neighbors in "We are in the process of evalu-Waco," Fogleman said. Nicholson ating the current business building also shed light on other construc-

and it will be repurposed," Nicholson said. "This expansion relates to Pro Futuris strategically by continuing the master plan of reinforc-

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marble columns and a beautiful hanging clock.

The largest among the five is the cathedral-like George Peabody Library of Maryland's John Hopkins University.

It boasts six levels of books, a marble floor and a skylight.

University of California, Los Angeles' William Andrews Clark Memorial Library is the most similar in style to Armstrong Browning. Its carved wooden walls, painted ceilings and candelabras make it a popular place for chamber music concerts.

The Armstrong Browning library was also included in the lists of Travel and Leisure, Mental Floss and Flavorwire.

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Call 254-710-4960 to schedule a tour.



Polo players of Team BMW, blue, and of Team Ralph Lauren, challenge for the ball during the St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow on Thursday



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## on the frozen lake in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

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ing campus development."

North Korea's Unha-3 rocket lifts off from the Sohae launch pad on Dec. 3 in Tongchang-ri, North Korea.

Instead, they viewed their roles as "consultative" and "problem solving."

East Village Residential Com-

"While you would think that public relations practitioners would focus on communication issues, the types of issues they discussed covered a broad spectrum of dilemmas," Neill said. "They had faced dilemmas including being asked to fire someone without cause, a workplace affair, they sort of addressed issues beyond just 'what's the right message?' Their counsel extended beyond communication issues.

The most consistent finding, according to the study, was that informants who had played the role of organizational conscience expressed a dual loyalty to their employers on one hand and to the public interest on the other.

"The reason we refer to PR professionals as the 'organizational conscience' is because a lot of scholars and industry leaders have said that PR should act as the conscience of an organization," Neill said. "We said that it's broader than

that, because all organizations face ethical dilemmas. That's why we use the term 'organizational conscience,' believing that it applies to all people who are willing to stand up, and raise their concerns if they see something that conflicts with their values or threatens the organization's best interests."

The study has grabbed the eye of numerous blogs, newspapers and people around the globe, inspiring tweets from Saudi Arabia, Europe and South America and appearing on blogs such as E! Science

News, Phys.org, and PRNewser.

"I was attracted to the study because I know that people who work in PR resent the idea that they are just blank slates who repeat corporate mantras," Patrick Coffee, editor of PRNewser, said. "Readers appreciate research that backs up their own opinions about the work they do. PR folks are more than that, and this study helps break down the stereotype and change the public's view."

