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Live music for all

Student Activities will host Acoustic Cafe from 8 to 9:30 p.m. today in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den. This event is free and open to the public.

Fitness frenzy

Campus recreation will hold a health and fitness expo from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Bill Daniel Student Center in the Barfield Drawing Room. Registration is at the front desk of the McLane Student Life Center and is \$12. The expo includes a luncheon, presentations by a keynote speaker and group workout sessions.

Cheer the Bears

Women's lacrosse will play against SMU from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Parker Brothers Sport Complex on LaSalle Ave. This event is open to the public.



Falconry unusual solution to bird problem

By TAYLOR REXRODE
STAFF WRITER

Birds keep out of the weather and flock together on power lines and in parking lots.

At the Central Texas Marketplace, a strip center near Highway 6 and Interstate 35, Baylor students have encountered a sea of black, rustling feathers while shopping and dining out.

Grackles, a common iridescent black bird native to North and South America, frequent areas like this strip center during winter months.

Arlington junior Ryan Blue said driving through the parking lot near Panera Bread at Central Texas Marketplace was difficult.

"There was an extremely large amount of birds," Blue said. "They seemed to congregate in patches. Even if you drove in front of them, you couldn't get through the lanes."

Plano junior Alex Fernandez recently noticed the grackles while driving on Highway 6 past the strip center.

"I have noticed that there are a ton of birds that should be south of here," Fernandez said.

Dr. Joe Yelderman, a profes-



COURTESY PHOTO

The Fal-Tech, Inc. falcon, Chucky swoops down on his handler during a training session. Fal-Tech, Inc. uses falconry to decrease the overwhelming number of unwanted roosts in public areas all over Waco.

or in the geology department, said these birds will flock to areas where they can stay warm and safe during the night.

"As someone who observes birds a lot, they roost there in the

winter because it is warm and safe at night," Yelderman said. "They have taken advantage of the space we have created for them."

One way of moving birds that has gained popularity within the

past few years is through falconry. With falconry, hawks and other predatory birds are used to push roosting birds to another location.

Fal-Tech Inc., a state-run a

bird abatement company, treats areas similar to the Central Texas Marketplace as well as other areas that attract swarms of grackles.

The company uses Harris hawks, medium-size raptors that hunt in small groups, to move winter roosts of grackles, starlings, cowbirds and crows.

Fal-Tech Inc. could not confirm abating the Central Texas Marketplace due to client confidentiality.

Roger Crandall, master falconer and owner/operator of Fal-Tech, Inc., said introducing these raptors into a habitat causes birds to feel unsafe and leave.

"One of the reasons that grackles pick a location is because they feel safe there," Crandall said. "We come in and they feel unsafe."

Fal-Tech, Inc. brings their hawks to a roost during the day. The hawks are trained to stay within the abatement location since staying with their falconer leads to a successful catch of prey.

"They are very intelligent and social raptors," Crandall said. "Once they learn how successful they can be, they switch gears pretty quickly."

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Push for concealed carry on public campuses heats up

By SIERRA BAUMBACH
STAFF WRITER

In the wake of recent gun violence, one Texas bill may impact college campuses and their safety.

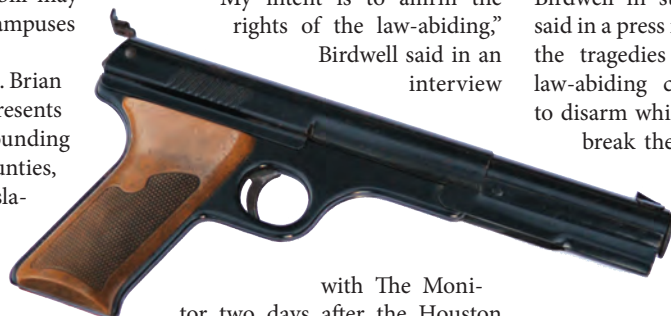
Texas State Sen. Brian Birdwell, who represents Waco and surrounding District 22 counties, recently filed legislation to allow students, faculty and staff with a concealed handgun license to carry firearms for personal protection on college campuses.

While legislation similar to Birdwell's has been seen before, this filing came only days before a school shooting on January 22 at Lone Star Community College in Houston.

Senate Bill 182, or The Campus Personal Protection Act, affirms private property rights by ensuring that independent or private universities may establish

rules concerning CHL-holders on their campuses, and regulations governing the storage of handguns in dorms.

"My intent is to affirm the rights of the law-abiding," Birdwell said in an interview



with The Monitor two days after the Houston area shooting. "When you tell the law-abiding that they can't exercise a God-given, constitutionally-protected right to keep and bear arms, you make them subject to the tender mercies of the criminal element that would do them harm and you make them defenseless against that element."

The bill also prevents colleges or universities from circumventing the intent of Act by imposing Administrative bars or penalties on students or employees lawfully

carrying a licensed handgun on campus.

Texas Sen. Donna Campbell of the 25th District, who has joined Birdwell in support of the bill, said in a press release, "We've seen the tragedies that occur when law-abiding citizens are forced to disarm while violent offenders break the law. We shouldn't have to surrender our rights at the door of our public universities."

She went on to say the Campus Personal Protection Act restores Second Amendment rights and is a step in the right direction toward protecting law-abiding citizens and preventing further tragedies.

Birdwell is also backed by the National Rifle Association and the Texas State Rifle Association with TSRA Legislative Director Alice Tripp saying in a statement that "Personal protection is a ba-

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Study observes how athletes react to negative tweets, social media

By LINDA NGUYEN
A&E EDITOR

Imagine if your every movement was being scrutinized and you knew that with the click of a button, thanks to social media, it's all readily available with a couple button-clicks or keyboard-strokes.

That is the reality for many celebrities and high-profile people, but it's also a reality for student athletes as young as 18.

Dr. Blair Browning, assistant professor in the department of communications, co-authored a study with Dr. Jimmy Sanderson at Clemson University, which examined how student athletes use social media sites like Twitter deal with criticism.

Browning interviewed 20 student athletes from a NCAA Division I school.

"I had a high-profile student

athlete in class in the spring," Browning said. "Following a performance good or bad, he would look on Twitter. It struck me how ingrained in their lives social media had become."

Browning said coaches at other schools have gone as far as banning student athletes from social media in order to protect them from making a critical error on social media.

"What we specifically looked at is how they respond to negative tweets directed towards them," Browning said. "Criticism comes with the turf. They know criticism comes with playing at a higher level. These are collegiate students 18-20 years old and yet the wrath they receive online can be immense."

Browning said he thinks part of the reason online social media can be harsh is because of the an-

onymity people have that comes with being behind a computer screen.

"Something we saw is a growing societal problem," Browning said. "They are emboldened because they have the freedom to throw verbal daggers and not have to account for it."

Browning said the criticism student athletes now receive is immediate.

"Ten years ago, it was hard to get these negative comments to student athletes," Browning said. "We need to be educating them not only in how to use social media but also how to respond to messages they receive."

Browning said there are several strategies student athletes can deal with negative feedback.

"They could ignore it," Browning said. "It's optimal, but it's

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App: Plants can text

BU alumni develop application to help gardeners water plants more effectively

By KATE MCGUIRE
STAFF WRITER

What was once inconceivable is now a reality. Gardeners can now text their plants.

Plant Link, a new product designed by Baylor alumni, allows gardeners to water their plants properly by calculating the plants' environment and when it should be watered. Baylor graduate ('11) Eduardo Torrealba ('11) who is the founder and CEO of Oso Technologies, developed Plant Link after his wife received a plant from a former professor and it began to wither.

"The system starts with links that you place in the soil of your plant. The links then measure the soil moisture," Torrealba said. A link is an electronic device tailored to a specific plant that monitors that plants water needs. It is designed to send a signal to any device that uses the PLant Link App and send notifications for when the plant needs water.

Once the soil has been measured, it connects back to the Plant Link database where the researchers customize a watering schedule for customer's plants. This schedule is designed so plants receive the proper amount of water based upon the factors that guard the plant, such as temperature, current and future weather conditions, even the soil in which it is planted.

Plant Link sends emails, text messages and push notifications

when you are close to your plants so you can feed them.

If the plants are outside — like a garden or even your grass — Plant Link automatically starts to water your plant with a waterless valve that is connected to the hose. After the plants have received enough water, it shuts off automatically. The Plant Link will sell for around \$100, which includes the valve and three links, with individual links to be sold soon. It will begin selling from different companies this coming summer.

Torrealba developed the idea during the summer of 2011. Once his wife's plant started to wither, Torrealba began playing with different automated parts to find a way for the plant to water itself.

"I found that over and under-watering are the top killers of houseplants and gardens," Torrealba said. When working with different prototypes, Torrealba said he knew he needed to bring in his engineering friends from Baylor to help. Michael Clemenson, who graduated from Baylor in 2010, said Torrealba had a meeting to show the engineers his ideas. Torrealba and Clemenson received their undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from Baylor and both began graduate work at the University of Illinois at Urbana.

Clemenson received his master's this past summer and is now

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College and concealed carry: Don't buy guns just because you can

Since the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary, people across the country have been shaken. Federal and state governments have tried to find an answer through gun laws and legislation.

While President Obama has worked to put restrictions on certain types of firearms to prevent mass casualties by a gunman, Texas Senator Brian Birdwell has filed legislation this month that allows concealed handguns on college and university campuses. If it passes, the Campus Personal Protection Act will allow anyone over 21 years old with a concealed carry license, including students, faculty and staff, to carry handguns on campus.

When I thought about the potential reality—a Baylor with on-campus guns—I was torn between two sides of myself. Luckily, the university has said it will opt out of any potential legislation as a private university, but if the legislation passes, and the university changes its mind, it could happen.

There's the part of me that grew up around guns. Like many families, my family used guns for hunting and guns for self-defense for as long as I can remember. I recognize the benefits of a firearm and could use one if I had the need.

That part of me wants to believe that students, faculty and staff secretly carrying firearms will make campus life safe. After all, no one would open fire on a group of students who could easily defend themselves. Everything would be the way it was—but safer—since no one would know that so-and-so has a loaded gun in the classroom.

There's another side of me that, regardless of safety, knows that campus life would never be the same should guns be introduced. Whether students realize it or not, concealed carry on campus would disrupt the learning environment and forever change our "Baylor bubble" and the community that surrounds it.



Taylor Rexrode | Staff writer

I'm glad that Birdwell's legislation does have some restrictions. It does not support gun carrying at sporting events and it lets individual campuses choose whether or not students can have firearms in dormitories. Nonetheless, I find it disconcerting that people could be carrying guns while at the SUB. Or

at the library. Or at Christmas on 5th, Homecoming or Diadeloso. The sense of security felt on campus would be disjointed, at best.

I am a defender of the Second Amendment just as much as any-

"I can't change what happens in Austin. I know that the Campus Personal Protection Act could pass and that public universities would have to adopt its policy. In turn, private universities like Baylor could follow suit if they so chose. My hope is that [...] students won't feel the need to go out and get a concealed carry license just so they can feel powerful carrying a gun on campus."

one else, I really am. I think that responsible gun handlers should have firearms for self-defense in their car or residence, especially with the armed robberies that occur off-campus.

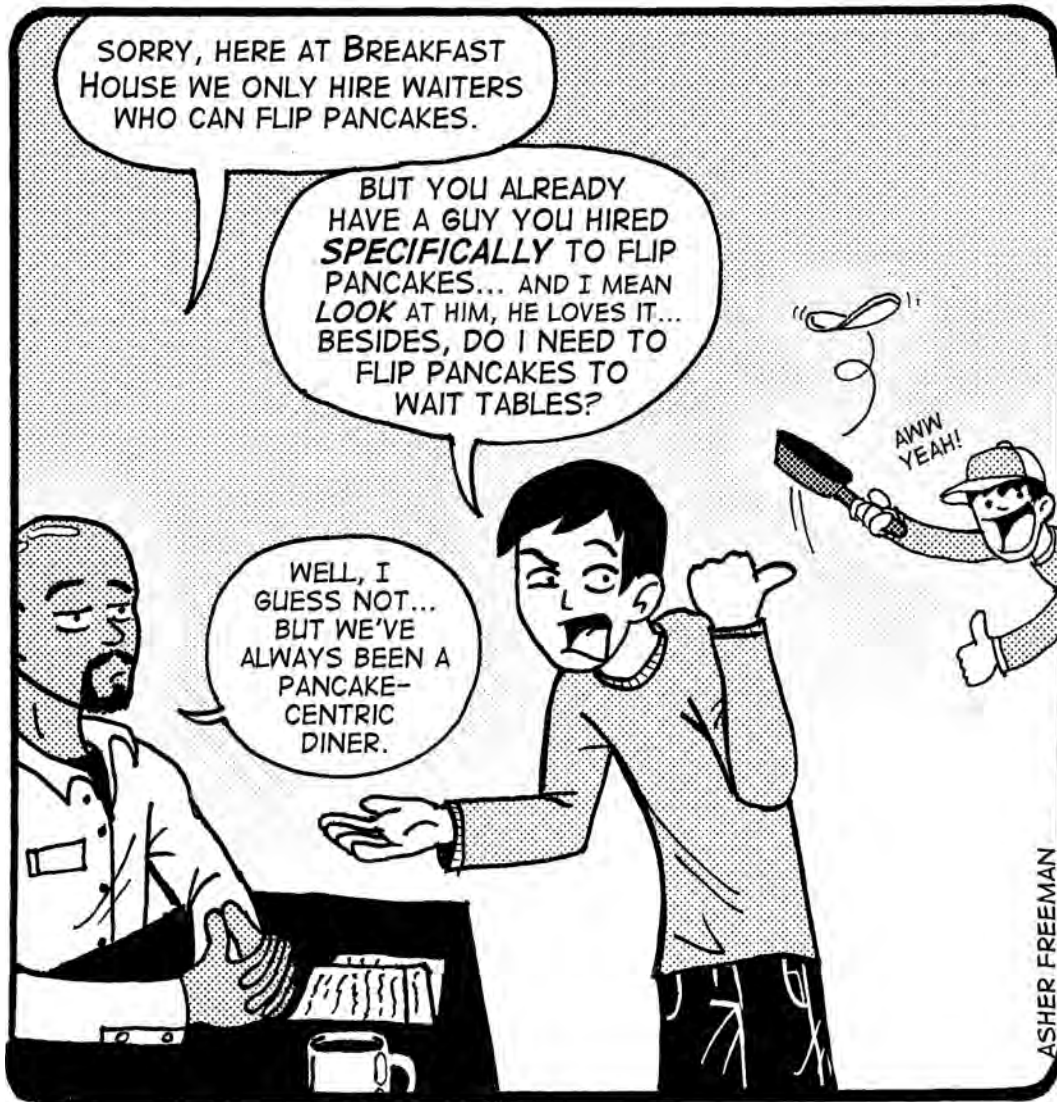
But when I see legislation pop up, and at the same time pawnshops and sports stores are getting cleaned out of their stock of assault weapons, I can't help but feel that this responsible decision to carry a firearm has evolved into a craze; a craze that has made people unnecessarily paranoid and hungry for the chance to exercise their Constitutional right to bear arms.

While we shouldn't idly allow shootings to occur without changing policy, we also shouldn't, as citizens, let recent events escalate us into a fit of gun frenzy. A mass shooting is not a call to live a life of paranoia where the fear of one person with a gun creates a sea of people walking across Fountain Mall with pistols in their backpacks.

I can't change what happens in Austin. I know that the Campus Personal Protection Act could pass and that public universities would have to adopt its policy. In turn, private universities like Baylor could follow suit if they so chose. My hope is that, no matter what happens in legislation and no matter how Baylor responds, students won't feel the need to go out and get a concealed carry license just so they can feel powerful carrying a gun on campus.

I hope that students think about the implications of concealed carry and I hope that, should Texas and Baylor adopt this legislation, whoever chooses to carry a firearm will never have to use it.

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It's time to rethink CL requirements

Editorial

You get accepted to Baylor. You move in during Welcome Week.

You're away from home for the first time, alone in a new environment without your parents and no idea what to do about your laundry. Who do you call?

Your Community Leader, (CL) is there to welcome you and provide guidance.

During this rough transition from home life to college life, it is essential to have someone with experience to whom you can put questions. A CL serves as a year-round mentor, rule enforcer and friend to the students who live in Baylor housing and are under his or her care.

CLs are crucial and necessary jobs which, due to the responsibility involved, require excellent candidates who will be supportive and caring toward students while still enforcing university policy.

Strict criteria, of course, are used to determine an applicant's credibility. Listed in the basic requirements is "demonstrated Christian faith."

While we applaud Baylor's effort to provide Christian leadership to its students in keeping with its mission, having exclusively Christian CLs is both unnecessary and unfairly excludes students of other faiths who may need the economic benefits of Community

Leadership.

In the first place, although Baylor is a Christian school, it is not limited to Christians - students of other faiths can and do attend Baylor. Some of them even hold jobs on campus.

Since non-Christians are invited to attend and can even hold other on-campus jobs, it seems unnecessary to bar them from this one.

Also, having exclusively Christian CLs is a redundancy, as the spiritual needs of the students who live in the residence halls are attended to by resident chaplains who live in there in the halls with them.

If non-Christian CLs were to be hired, they could simply direct students in need of Christian guidance to the resident chaplains who live in the halls for that purpose. Having a non-Christian CL would not impede Christian students who need religious guidance because of the resident chaplains, who are surely only too happy to offer Christian counsel.

Once that obstacle is cleared, it seems obvious that in every other function, a non-Christian could perform just as well as a Christian. Regardless of religion, students who choose to come to Baylor are subject to its moral codes and behavioral requirements, meaning that they, too, must accept university values. And religion is not a factor that affects any other aspect of the job: non-Christians are able to be on-call and perform administrative functions just as well as

Christians.

Furthermore, excluding non-Christian students from being hired as CLs deprives them of an important economic benefit.

CLs receive a scholarship for the cost of housing and an 11-meal-per-week plan, in addition to a stipend (anywhere from \$400 for a first-time CL to \$1200 for a CL mentor, an experienced CL who counsels other CLs).

Let's add it up, using the cheapest options available:

A double-occupancy room that shares a community bathroom in a traditional residence hall costs \$5312 per person per year. The Classic, a meal plan option offering 11 meals per week plus an additional \$300 in Dining Dollars per year, costs \$3844.10. CLs are offered 11 meals per week, so by subtracting the \$300 for Dining Dollars, we have a rough estimate of \$3544.10. We'll add to that a \$400 stipend.

The total economic benefit is \$9256.1 using the cheapest options. Students who are excluded from becoming CLs on the basis of their religion are missing out on nearly \$10,000 that could help them to afford their education, or potentially more, depending on several factors including housing placement and if the student in question has served as a CL before.

When all of these factors are considered, excluding non-Christians from the post seems both unnecessary and unfair, and the university should consider re-evaluating this requirement.

Lariat Letters

Gender differences must be recognized in domestic violence cases

I'm writing in response to the Lariat editorial "New definition of rape will lead to justice for unrecognized" which ran on January 24.

Specifically, I'm responding to two paragraphs in the editorial that address the Duluth Model, a philosophy for responding to domestic violence that was created at the Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs, where I work, in Duluth, Minn.

The paragraphs name fairly common criticisms of the Duluth Model: that it unfairly targets men as the sole perpetrators of domestic violence; that it is based in "sexist, outdated beliefs that fail to reflect reality"; and that domestic violence is a gender-neutral issue—that men and women in relationships use violence against each other with equal frequency, purposes, and effects.

Our experiences tell us that men who use violence against women most often do so to gain or assert power and control in their relationships, and that women who use violence against men most often do so to resist or defend themselves against men's abusive power and control. From a certain perspective all that violence can seem identical in purpose and effect. From a perspective developed by talking to men and women who have used violence and had violence against them in relationships, and by paying close attention to the short- and long-term effects of violence on men and women, differences between battering and resisting become obvious.

We acknowledge that there are women who batter men. Our experiences tells they are FAR less common than men who batter women, and that men's violence against women is overtly and subtly supported by many forms of culture and socialization that teach boys and men to dominate and girls and women to be deferential.

We resist notions of gender neutrality in domestic violence because our experiences tell us it doesn't exist.

We're always eager to have conversations about these matters. We're confident in what our work and experiences tell us, but we're also grateful for opportunities to learn from and share with folks whose experiences are different from ours.

—Chris Godsey
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Correction

In the story titled "Professor shares Middle East photos with libraries," which ran yesterday, Dr. Colbert Held's book "Middle East Patterns: Places, Peoples and, Politics" was incorrectly identified as "Middle East Patterns, Peoples and Politics." The Lariat regrets the error.

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McLane honored for support of Texas higher education

By KATE MCGUIRE
STAFF WRITER

Baylor alum Drayton McLane Jr., longtime Baylor benefactor has given the biggest gift in Baylor history as well as receiving the most prestigious award in Texas higher education.

McLane, regent emeritus and philanthropist was presented the 2013 Mirabeau B. Lamar Award for Higher Education on January 23.

This award was presented by President Judge Ken Starr and Mary-Hardin Baylor President Randy O' Rear along with Marc Nigliazzo, president of Texas A&M University, and Thomas Klinck, chancellor of Central Texas College.

"This award was given in recognition of his contribution in education in Texas," Starr said.

The Lamar medal is awarded to

those who have made huge contributions in funding to higher education in Texas.

In regard to why McLane received the award, Starr said, "It was the extent of his giving and the amount of his giving."



McLane

McLane graduated from Baylor in 1958 after living in Cameron, outside of Waco, his whole life. At that time Baylor had around 5,000 students McLane said.

Although he was first interested in studying history, McLane was influenced by his father's work to switch to business.

He began taking business courses the start of his sophomore year.

Through his academics, he was taught teamwork, self-worth, and self-value.

He began graduate school at Michigan State University, where

he received his MBA in 1959.

"This was considered a bold move at the time because people didn't travel very much and we didn't have a lot of resources," McLane said.

Graduate school helped him mature as a young businessman so that when he returned to Texas he began work at his father's grocery distribution company.

In 1966 he helped his father move the company to Temple.

In Temple, his family started selling to big discount merchandisers.

Once the company took off there was no looking back. McLane then became CEO of the McLane Co. in 1978 as it helped to sell to restaurants, grocery stores and discount merchandisers as well as selling restaurants themselves.

Throughout his life he has grown in his Christian faith and recalls that Baylor helped him grow even stronger during his time here.

In 1959 he became the deacon and chairman of his hometown church.

He believes his biggest accomplishments in life were marrying his wife Elizabeth and raising his two sons, Drayton McLane III and Denton, as well as being a

grandfather to his five grandsons.

In 1993 McLane bought the Houston Astros major league baseball team for around \$1 million and sold it in 2005 for around \$6 million.

Now, McLane is working on continuing his philanthropy at Scott and White and to universities like Baylor, Mary-Hardin Baylor and other colleges and universities. Students may recognize the

McLane's name when they hear of the McLane Student Life Center, the McLane Carillon in Pat Neff Hall, or the McLane Organ in Jones Concert Hall.

"I always got excited to hear the carillons and then they stopped working in the 80s so my family and I saw the need to have them ring again," McLane said.

McLane has contributed to the largest gift in Baylor's history which students may know of as the new Baylor Stadium.

"Being the only Big 12 school that didn't have a stadium on campus — as well as to get the recruiting that we needed, we had to get a new stadium put together," McLane said. With the gift comes the chance to name the stadium, which McLane and his family named Baylor Stadium instead of naming it after their own family.

"I think too many stadiums get named after corporate officials so we thought that naming the stadium after Baylor was more important than our family name," McLane said.

"They are very generous, very humble and the stadium is something our alumni can rally for," athletics director Ian McCaw said.

McLane served on Baylor's Board of Regents from 1991-2006 and was named Regent Emeritus in 2010.

He then served as chairman for the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees, and Trustee for the Baylor College of Medicine.

McLane also served on President George W. Bush's Presidential Steering Committee in hopes of bringing the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum to Waco. The library's final location was settled in Dallas.

In regards to the upcoming stadium McCaw said, "The stadium costs around \$260 million and holds 45,000 seats, and will include 45 suites and 79 loge boxes. We think it will be great for families."

"Drayton is a wonderful individual. That is why he received the Lamar Award. He wanted Baylor to be the best in the country," McCaw said.

Scholars will discuss ancient Judeo-Christian texts today

By BROOKE BAILEY
REPORTER

Researchers from Edinburgh and Oxford are traveling to Baylor to give insight about papyrology, the study of papyrus manuscripts.

Dr. Larry Hurtado, professor of New Testament language, literature and theology at the University of Edinburgh, and Dr. Dirk Obbink from Christ Church College Oxford will be talking to students and faculty about their research.

All students are welcome to hear Hurtado speak about papyrology at 3:30 p.m. today in the Armstrong Browning Library. Space is limited to 45 students.

Hurtado will lead the workshop

today. He will present his research in his lecture "The Codex, The Nomina Sacra and the Staurogram: Visual and Material Expressions of Early Christianity." Hurtado's research specializes in New Testament manuscripts.

Hurtado and Obbink will discuss the Green Collection, one of the largest collections of Judeo-Christian ancient texts and items. Today and Friday, Dr. Jeffrey Fish, associate professor of classics, said. Hurtado and Obbink will also present their work on literary texts with Baylor faculty and students today and Friday.

The research includes text fragments of ancient Greek literature and classical works, such as the

Homer's "Iliad." Samples of Christian Scripture will be discussed as well.

The event is in connection with students participating in the Green Scholars Initiative. The initiative is a national program that hosts its academic headquarters at Baylor. Students are selected to apply for the program and conduct upper-tier research with manuscripts.

"These scholars are world-renowned and top of their field," Dr. Marlene Neilson said, a faculty mentor in the Initiative program.

Fish organized the Initiative-sponsored event in collaboration with the Baylor Institute for Studies in Religion and the classics department.



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Flying straight

Shreveport, La., junior Dylan Greenleaf throws a disc in the "Big D Little D" ultimate Frisbee tournament in Denton on Saturday.

Browning Library's love story contest to honor poet namesake

By JOSH DAY
REPORTER

Even in late January, love is in the air.

Today is the last day for any faculty, staff or student to enter Armstrong Browning Library's second annual "How Do You Love Thee" love story contest.

In the spirit of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's Sonnet 34, which begins with the words "How do I love thee, let me count the ways," the staff of the library will be judging love story entries no longer than 200 words.

In order for a love story to be considered, the entrant must submit his or her story by midnight tonight. According to the Armstrong Browning website, an entry must

also include "an appropriate photo of you and your Valentine." Entries should be emailed to mktcommit-slib@baylor.edu.

Last year, a group of Baylor library staff invented the contest and decided to host the contest again this year.

"People enjoyed writing the stories and others enjoyed reading them afterward," said Allison Truett, marketing and communications coordinator for Baylor libraries. The stories must be a real and personal experience from the person who submits it.

"We're accepting all Baylor love stories," said Jessica Mejia, Armstrong Browning's public relations and facilities supervisor. She also said if a story includes themes relating to Armstrong Browning,

Baylor, the Brownings or Sonnet 34 itself, it would gain special consideration.

The grand prize includes one couples' ticket to Armstrong Browning's Fifth Annual Valentine's Day Extravaganza, on Feb. 9. The event will consist of a performance of romantic duets in the library's foyer, followed by a dessert reception. The prize also includes a copy of the Armstrong Browning Library souvenir book and a Sonnet 34 inspired ornament.

The second place prize is the souvenir book and the ornament and the third place prize is the souvenir book.

Further rules and explanations can be found on the Armstrong Browning website, www.browninglibrary.org.

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BU lecturer creates shining spiritual icons

By REBECCA FIEDLER
REPORTER

Carol Perry is a Baylor lecturer who does things a little differently.

Perry is a full-time lecturer in journalism, public relations and new media. When she's not performing her instructional duties, however, she's connecting with God in a way that many Christians have never even heard of: she's writing icons.

Iconography is a symbolic style of religious painting, though the creation of an icon is typically referred to as "writing," not "painting." Perry said she creates icons through 15th century Russian methodology. Perry majored in art when she was a college student at Texas Christian University and gained an interest in Byzantine art. Her paintings are usually of Christ, the virgin Mary, John the Baptist or one of many saints.

The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher, a bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and former director of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Waco, knows Perry through his time spent serving at St. Alban's, where Perry attends.

"Making an icon is not like painting," Fisher said. "It's a spiritual practice where every layer in the making of an icon leads you down a spiritual journey. That's how Carol experiences it."

Making an icon is a long process that begins with a layer of gold, Fisher said. People will request

Perry to make an icon for them, he said. Perry will talk to them to learn details about their spirituality, praying about that person as she creates the icon, Fisher said.

"We are not trying to interpret what was done," Perry said of iconographers. "We are trying to honor the tradition and be true to the tradition. Even the process of making the paint — we make our paint the same way they made their paint in the early medieval days. And that's to honor the tradition they did."

The process of making icons is divided into three different levels, Perry said. The key is going from darkness to light, she said. The first level of painting involves natural light, which represents light before humanity existed. The second level is concerned with man's light or human understanding. The last level represents spiritual progression toward God's light, which is what the gold leaf symbolizes.

"It's a prayerful process," Perry said. "Sometimes you're consciously praying as you're working, and that's part of the gift to those of us who do the work; the tremendous

peace that comes with the work." Icons are written with paints made from all natural materials, Perry said.

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One of those icons, an image of Christ, sits in his office by his computer screen. He calls this his "traveling icon" and has taken it with him to Africa and Central America. McCormick uses this painting for personal devotional practice, he said.

"Moving pictures have come to dominate our lives," McCormick said. "You see that icon? It never moves. It's an oasis of quiet there, right by my computer screen, and that icon teaches me every day. It never moves, and it teaches me consistently, and this is due to Carol's good work."

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Perry



CURTIS CALLAWAY | LECTURER IN JOURNALISM, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND NEW MEDIA
Baylor lecturer Carol Perry wrote this icon which represents St. Michael.

"It's not like magic," Fisher said. "It's just a tool — some people get on their knees to pray, some close their eyes, some say the same phrase over and over again — it's just a tool that people use to get their mind off of themselves and put their minds onto God."

Fisher said he sees icon usage as a form of sacrament. What a sacrament means, he explained, is that God speaks to people through material things, such as through bread, wine or the water in baptism.

"Icons allow you to have a dif-

ferent kind of partner in prayer — a different tool, no different than a prayer book," McCormick said. "And, in its deepest essence, an icon should be a window to heaven."

McCormick said Perry's icons have special meaning to him as opposed to a generic printed icon because he knows Perry, who prayed specifically for him while she wrote his icon.

"It's a real gift to me," Perry said of icon writing. "It's the perfect marriage of art and faith."

'How I Met Your Mother' renewed

By YVONNE VILLARREAL
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Mother's Day has come early at CBS: Its veteran comedy "How I Met Your Mother" will indeed return next season — and it will be the final one for the series.

The entire gang is set to return for the show's swan song. And patient viewers of the long-running comedy will finally learn the identity of the enigmatic mother in the title.

CBS and 20th Century Fox TV made the news official Wednesday after much speculation about the show's fate. CBS Entertainment president Nina Tassler had hinted earlier this month at the Television Critics Assn. press tour that a renewal announcement was imminent.

The series, from Carter Bays and Craig Thomas, premiered on CBS in September 2005 and became a strong performer for the network among adults 18-49 and among total viewers. This season it is bringing in around 10 million viewers.

"Through eight years, 'How I Met Your Mother' has mastered the art of leading-edge comedy, emotional water-cooler moments and pop culture catch phrases," Tassler said in a statement. "We are excited for Carter, Craig and (executive producer) Pam Fryman and this amazing cast and to tell the final chapter and reveal television's most mysterious mother to some of TV's most passionate fans."

Last September, Bays and Thomas had said the uncertainty of the show's future had them planning out the eighth season as its last — and expressed needing a firm "yes" or "no" soon so they could adequately resolve story lines.

"It's going to be more and more work that we have to throw out if this isn't our last season," Bays said in September. "We'd like to know as soon as possible. If this is the last season of 'How I Met Your Mother,' it's everything we've dreamed of and more — that being said, do we have a ninth season within us? Absolutely. We could do a ninth season, if it was possible."

What might fans expect in the final run of the series?

"We have a plan to bring back many people we've had on the show," Bays said. "Not to steal their idea, but I loved the 'Seinfeld' finale where you saw everyone that's ever been on the show. We have a way to do it that sort of fits in with the universe of our show."

Puppies try their paws competing in football

By GREG DEVRIES
SPORTS EDITOR

Millions of people will plant themselves on their couches on Sunday and stuff their faces with nachos and pizza for one of the best traditions that the United States has to offer.

As an avid sports fan, my heart races with excitement at the thought of watching championship football, but the Super Bowl isn't the only event circled on my calendar on Sunday.

Animal Planet's Puppy Bowl should be part of everybody's Sunday itinerary. If you have yet to watch a Puppy Bowl, then you are in for a treat.

The Puppy Bowl features dogs between the ages of 8 weeks and 4 months. The dogs are placed in a miniature football stadium, about 19 feet by 10 feet, with various chew toys and water bowls scattered about. For the next two hours, hearts melt as the puppies run around and play.

POINT OF VIEW

This year, Animal Planet added a puppy hot tub and a "Cute Cam" for slow motion replays. Surely this will enhance my viewing experience. While the Puppy Bowl might sound basic and dull, it is anything but. It's a unique combination of adorable dogs and excitement that captivates viewers.

A constant smile will be draped across my face as I watch to see if Biscuit, a Puerto Rican sato, will be able to steal the chew toy from Cash, a pit bull. Maybe Harry, a shorthaired Chocolate Dachshund, will fall in the water bowl in the end zone. Will Fitz, a Catahoula mix, fall asleep at midfield late in the second half? The cute possibilities are endless.

I know Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis is going to try and lay some big hits across the middle to San Francisco's offensive players, and that certainly has its time and place on Sunday evening.



KEITH BARRAQUOUGH | ASSOCIATED PRESS

This photo provided by Animal Planet shows dogs playing on the field during "Puppy Bowl IX." The "Puppy Bowl," is an annual two-hour TV special that mimics a football game with canine players.

But on Sunday at 2 p.m., I want to see puppies run around and play. It's been a busy week in the Lariat newsroom, and cute dogs are nature's stress relievers.

The game may seem chaotic, but there are rules. While puppies are allowed to tackle and bite each other, they are penalized for

doing their "business" on the field. A puppy touchdown occurs when a toy football crosses the goal line, and timeout is called when the water bowl runs low.

A Most Valuable Puppy is also named after the game. Last year, Fumble, a Chihuahua/terrier mix, was given MVP honors. As the an-

nouncer put it, Fumble "combined offensive firepower with doggie defense. He not only put points on the board, he outworked and outthusted every other Fido on the field."

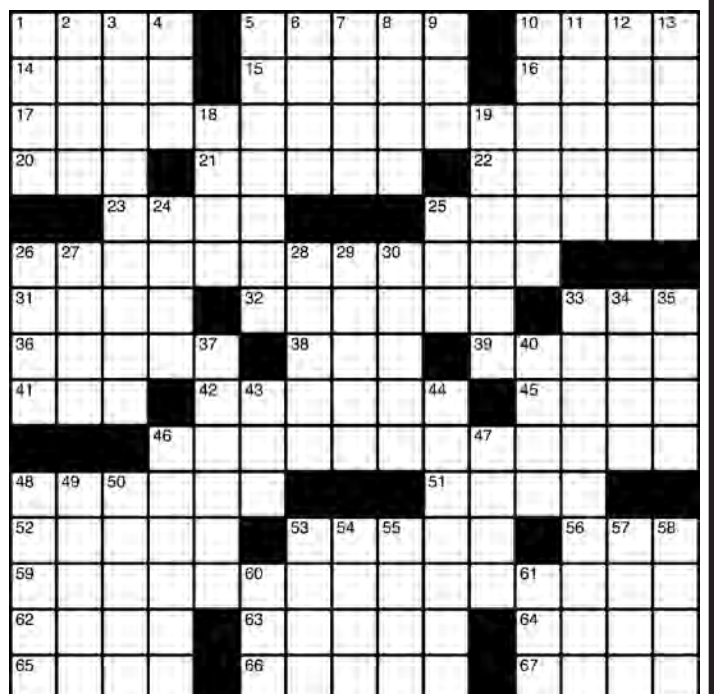
This year marks the ninth time Animal Planet has blessed us with its lovable Puppy Bowl, but it wasn't always as successful as it is now. The first Puppy Bowl drew around 300,000 viewers. Last year, the game drew 10 million viewers and was the second most-watched social television program in America. Geico has even purchased naming rights to the stadium.

There is more than just entertainment at the Puppy Bowl. Each year, a small segment is included that gives viewers information about where to adopt rescued dogs and how to volunteer at their local animal shelters. There are opportunities to volunteer in the Waco area, and I encourage you to help out if you have time, but you're definitely going to want to check out the Puppy Bowl this weekend.

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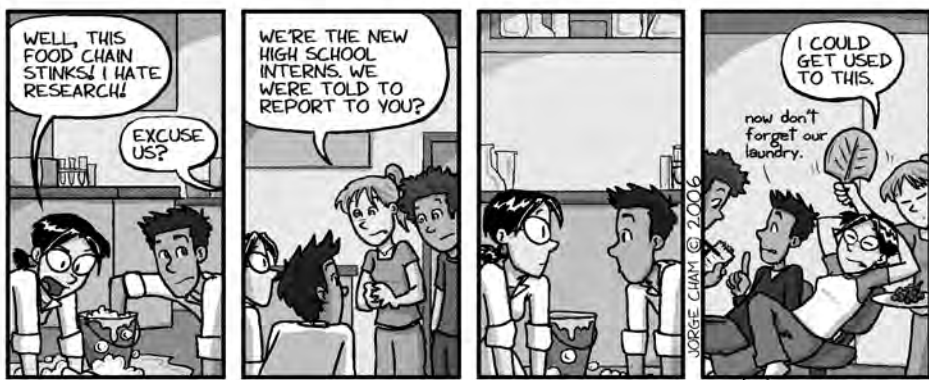
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Bears rally late, cannot overtake Oklahoma

By DANIEL HILL
SPORTS WRITER

The Baylor Bears fell to the Oklahoma Sooners 74-71 in a thrilling Big 12 Conference game on Wednesday night at the Ferrell Center.

The Bears came out in the first half and played lethargic basketball. They only managed 26 first-half points. Oklahoma, on the other hand, shot 53 percent from the field in the first half and surmounted a convincing 12-point lead going into the half, 38-26. The Bears only held the lead one time in the contest and that was early in the game with a 4-2 advantage.

Baylor had shown improvement on the defensive end of the court in Big 12 Conference play, but in the first half was a major step back for the Bears. The Bears conceded 38 first-half points and gave up many open looks.

"I think it's a typical Big 12 game," head coach Scott Drew said. "In the first half, we couldn't stop them offensively. We didn't come out and defend and rebound or take care of the ball like we needed to. They got us in a hole. Second half, the intensity and defense

picked up and we were able to get some buckets. I'm proud of how we finished the game, disappointed with how we started the game. At the end of the day, you hate to put yourself in a position to climb back like that and not get over the hump. I think Oklahoma deserves a lot of the credit because they shot 53 percent against us. For the most part, they played an outstanding, stellar game."

At one point in the second half, the Bears trailed 56-67. Then the Bears rallied on a 10-0 run and only trailed by one point. The run started with a junior guard Brady Hespil three. Then senior guard Pierre Jackson earned a steal and converted the layup. The Ferrell Center went wild when senior guard A.J. Walton followed with a steal of his own. He then drove hard in the paint, made the layup and was fouled. Walton converted the free throw to make it an old school three-point play.

Jackson sparked the last bucket of the 10 consecutive points with a tip-in that was a glowing example of his athleticism.

Sooner freshman guard Buddy Hield hit a layup for Oklahoma soon after. Baylor responded with

two Jackson free throws. Oklahoma freshman guard Je'lon Hornbreak converted a layup to give Oklahoma a four-point lead, 71-67. Jackson made another layup to bring the Bears within two. Oklahoma once again responded when veteran senior guard Steven Pledger hit one of two free throws.

Jackson answered for Baylor once again by making two free throws.

Pledger corrected his form at the free throw line and converted two for Oklahoma to give the Sooners a 74-71 lead with only eight seconds remaining.

With a chance to tie the game, Jackson sprinted the length of the court and hoisted a three from the top of the arc. He missed, and freshman center Isaiah Austin grabbed the rebound and passed to Hespil.

Hespil was inside the three-point line so he was forced to use up valuable seconds to step back to the three-point line. Hespil attempted a shot at the buzzer but narrowly missed. Even if he had made it, the field goal may not have been good because it appeared as if the ball was still in Hespil's hand as the buzzer sounded.



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior forward Cory Jefferson hangs his head after the Baylor Bears drop a home game to the Oklahoma Sooners 74-71 Wednesday night at the Ferrell Center. Baylor is now 14-6 overall and 5-2 in conference play.

Austin led the Bears with a double-double, 17 points and 21 rebounds. Despite his impressive statistical game, Austin was more concerned with the loss.

When asked about his stat line after the game, Austin was not thrilled with his night.

"It really doesn't matter," Austin said. "We lost."

Jackson stepped in and answered the question for Austin by applauding his effort in the loss.

"I'll answer that," Jackson said. "He had a great game. He's a young player and that doesn't really mean anything to him. He did a great job on both sides of the ball. I'm proud of the things he can do."

Jackson had 22 points, eight

rebounds, seven assists and three steals on the night. Jackson was the spark plug behind the Baylor comeback that ultimately fell short.

With the Baylor loss, the Bears and Sooners are now tied in the Big 12 at 5-2.

Baylor's next game is at 7 p.m. Saturday at Iowa State on ESPN2.

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Griner- 40 pts, 15 reb, 7 blks, 4 asst.

Griner's career point total is now a Big 12 best 2,873. She passed Oklahoma State's Andrea Riley's 2,835.

Griner breaks record; Bears win

By PARMIDA SCHAHHOSSEINI
SPORTS WRITER

It only took a couple of seconds for senior center Brittney Griner to break the Big 12 scoring record.

She scored the first four points of the game as the No. 1 Baylor Lady Bears defeated Texas Tech 90-60 on Wednesday. She now has a Big 12 record 2,835 career points.

Griner had a productive night in many aspects. She finished with 40 points, 15 rebounds and seven blocks, and put down the 12th dunk of her career. Despite the physicality of the game, senior post Brooklyn Pope had 14 points and five rebounds. Junior guard Odyssey Sims and senior guard Jordan Madden combined to score 17.

Texas Tech had trouble generating any offense in the second half once Baylor got on a roll. Junior guard Makenzie Robertson helped close the game with seven points, including a four-point play.

Baylor extended its regular season winning streak to 31 games. They are now 9-0 in the Big 12 and 19-1 overall.

Baylor will play No. 19 Oklahoma State at 7 p.m. Saturday on the road.

Tennis needs a place in football-ruled USA

By PHILLIP ERICKSEN
REPORTER

SPORTS TAKE

Along with VCRs, fanny packs and Rosie O'Donnell, the great sport of tennis has been an American afterthought for years. This is a sad fact, because the excitement of the game goes far beyond a recorded episode of "The View."

Basketball, baseball and football are the three major American sports. I could never argue against that because I love watching each of them. Not since we were in grade school has there been such high quality of truly dominating tennis players showcasing their unique styles in all four Grand Slam tournaments. While Bjorn Borg and John McEnroe owned

the early 80s, Ivan Lendl and Mats Wilander dominated the late 80s and Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras ruled the 90s, the top players of today, known as the Big Four, are just as fun to watch. Over the last decade, Roger Federer of Switzerland has won an astounding 17 majors, the most all-time, securing his place as the greatest to ever play. Not far behind is Spain's Rafael Nadal with 11. He is most dominant on the clay courts, but his 2008 Wimbledon victory over Federer is easily one of the most exciting and shocking events in sports history.

The third of the group is Novak Djokovic of Serbia, currently

ranked No. 1 in the world. He has six majors to his name, including the last three Australian Opens. His game has matured along with his personality, as he was originally known for his hilarious impersonations of top-ranked men and women players.

Andy Murray of the United Kingdom has arguably faced the most pressure of them all. He faces high expectations from his own country every summer during Wimbledon, the prestigious tournament played on grass and held in London. He won his first major last year at the U.S. Open, becoming the first Briton to win a major since 1936. After losing to Federer in last year's Wimbledon final, he gave an emotional speech addressing a na-

tion to which he has given so much hope. Though all four players remain examples of humility and sportsmanship, the ever-increasing rivalries among them grow tenser with each tournament. Edge-of-your-seat tiebreakers and five-set matches have become the norm for these semifinal and final matches.

Not only is the product on the court incredible to watch, but the storylines are as riveting as any in basketball or football. Federer plays the 31-year-old veteran, and despite his overwhelming career success and deadly forehand, has struggled recently. Nadal, the master of clay, has unseeded Federer before, but injuries have deterred Nadal slightly. "The Djoker" is the current king of tennis. His speed

and agility around the court is second to none, and his entertaining play has made him a fan favorite. Murray is still destined for greatness, and the only way to break through is with a Wimbledon title. No other athlete has an entire kingdom so desperate for a victory.

Though tennis is a more worldly sport and doesn't get as much coverage in America, the excitement level is equal or even greater to our generic SportsCenter highlights.

It may take a marketable, American player along the ranks of these four to truly get this country excited about the game once again. But the next time you're flipping channels and see tennis on ESPN2, giving it a try might be worth it.

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Section 51.936 (c) of the Texas Education Code requires Baylor University to publish and distribute during the first three weeks of each semester a summary of the Texas Hazing Law, subchapter F, Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code, and a list of organizations that have been disciplined for hazing or convicted of hazing on or off the campus of the institution during the preceding three years. In compliance with this law, Baylor provides the following information:

Texas Hazing Law, Subchapter F, Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code

§ 37.151. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter: (1) "Educational institution" includes a public or private high school. (2) "Pledge" means any person who has been accepted by, is considering an offer of membership from, or is in the process of qualifying for membership in an organization. (3) "Pledging" means any action or activity related to becoming a member of an organization. (4) "Student" means any person who: (A) is registered in or in attendance at an educational institution; (B) has been accepted for admission at the educational institution where the hazing incident occurs; or (C) intends to attend an educational institution during any of its regular sessions after a period of scheduled vacation. (5) "Organization" means a fraternity, sorority, association, corporation, order, society, corps, club, or service, social, or similar group, whose members are primarily students. (6) "Hazing" means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in an organization. The term includes: (A) any type of physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity; (B) any type of physical activity, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, calisthenics, or other activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student; (C) any activity involving consumption of a food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, liquor, drug, or other substance that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student; (D) any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism, that subjects the student to extreme mental stress, shame, or humiliation, that adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student or discourages the student from entering or remaining registered in an educational institution, or that may reasonably be expected to cause a student to leave the organization or the institution rather than submit to acts described in this subdivision; and (E) any activity that induces, causes, or requires the student to perform a duty or task that involves a violation of the Penal Code.

§ 37.152. PERSONAL HAZING OFFENSE. (a) A person commits an offense if the person: (1) engages in hazing; (2) solicits, encourages, directs, aids, or attempts to aid another in engaging in hazing; (3) recklessly permits hazing to occur; or (4) has firsthand knowledge of the planning of a specific hazing incident involving a student in an educational institution, or has firsthand knowledge that a specific hazing incident has occurred, and knowingly fails to report that knowledge in writing to the dean of students or other appropriate official of the institution. (b) The offense of failing to report is a Class B misdemeanor. (c) Any other offense under this section that does not cause serious bodily injury to another is a Class B misdemeanor. (d) Any other offense under this section that causes the death of another is a state jail felony. (e) Except if an offense causes the death of a student, in sentencing a person convicted of an offense under this section, the court may require the person to perform community service, subject to the same conditions imposed on a person placed on community supervision under Section 11, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, for an appropriate period of time in lieu of confinement in county jail or in lieu of a part of the time the person is sentenced to confinement in county jail.

§ 37.153. ORGANIZATION HAZING OFFENSE. (a) An organization commits an offense if the organization condones or encourages hazing or if an officer or any combination of members, pledges, or alumni of the organization commits or assists in the commission of hazing. (b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by: (1) a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$10,000, or (2) if the court finds that the offense caused personal injury, property damage, or other loss, a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than double the amount lost or expenses incurred because of the injury, damage, or loss.

§ 37.154. CONSENT NOT A DEFENSE. It is not a defense to prosecution of an offense under this subchapter that the person against whom the hazing was directed consented to or acquiesced in the hazing activity.

§ 37.155. IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION AVAILABLE. In the prosecution of an offense under this subchapter, the court may grant immunity from prosecution for the offense to each person who is subpoenaed to testify for the prosecution and who does testify for the prosecution. Any person reporting a specific hazing incident involving a student in an educational institution to the dean of students or other appropriate official of the institution is immune from civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of the report. Immunity extends to participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from the report. A person reporting in bad faith or with malice is not protected by this section.

§ 37.156. OFFENSES IN ADDITION TO OTHER PENAL PROVISIONS. This subchapter does not affect or repeal any penal law of this state. This subchapter does not limit or affect the right of an educational institution to enforce its own penalties against hazing.

§ 37.157. REPORTING BY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES. A doctor or other medical practitioner who treats a student who may have been subjected to hazing activities: (1) may report the suspected hazing activities to police or other law enforcement officials; and (2) is immune from civil or other liability that might otherwise be imposed or incurred as a result of the report, unless the report is made in bad faith or with malice.

The following student organizations has been disciplined for hazing or convicted for hazing during the previous three years:

1. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, fall 2012
2. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, fall 2012
3. Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, spring 2012
4. Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, spring 2010

Baylor's Statement on Hazing can be reviewed online at: http://www.baylor.edu/student_policies/hazing

HONOR CODE REPORT Spring 2013

The Baylor University Honor Council is charged with the responsibility of reporting each semester to the campus community violations of the Honor Code.

During the fall 2012 semester, there were 58 reported violations of the Honor Code; 9 of these cases proceeded to Honor Council hearings. The other 49 cases were resolved between the professor and the student. Some cases are still pending.

The types of violations and sanctions for each may be reviewed on the Academic Integrity Web site under the [Honor Council Reports](http://www.baylor.edu/student_policies/honorcode) at: http://www.baylor.edu/student_policies/honorcode.

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Crandall said each of his hawks usually catch one bird during a bird abatement service. Though controversial, Crandall said he believes this type of roost control is more effective than owl decoys and bird alarms. Where grackles quickly learn the decoys and alarms pose no threat, Crandall says that his abatement approach can keep roosts away for months.

"The range is anywhere from 60 days to 20 months," Crandall said. "I might catch 12 grackles in

a location but I'm moving thousands. It's considered a non-lethal method because we catch so few compared to how many we move."

These abatement services are not permanent fixes for areas like the Central Texas Marketplace.

"Unless we change the environment, I don't know that we won't have problems with that," Yelderman said. "I don't know what the absolute answer is for that because we have created a great roosting place. The birds are doing what

comes naturally to them."

Fal-Tech Inc. and other bird control companies are handled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Hawking Association.

Falconry is among one of the most regulated field sports in the United States, requiring applicants to pass a test and have their facility regularly inspected. Falconers serve two years in an apprenticeship under a general or master falconer.

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sic human right."

"The TSRA — the state-affiliate of the NRA — and our 45,000 Texas members strongly support Senator Birdwell and his legislation allowing adult Texas concealed handgun licensees to have this option for personal protection with them in their vehicle, on campus property, and in the classroom," Tripp said.

Not everyone, however, is supportive of the bill.

In a study published in the Journal of American Health and featured on the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence website, 86 percent of campus police chiefs disagree or strongly disagree that allowing students to carry concealed weapons on campus would prevent some or all campus killings.

Only 5 percent agree that allowing guns on campus will pre-

vent killings.

Baylor Police declined comment on the situation, saying only that there had been conversations over it already.

Lori Fogleman, director of media communications at Baylor, said permitting guns on campus would present new safety concerns.

"Because it would present so many new concerns, we generally do not believe that guns on campus are a good idea," Fogleman said.

McLennan County Sheriff Parnell McNamara, who recently went public saying that he would not enforce new federal gun laws, is behind the Campus Personal Protection Act 100 percent.

"Towards love gun free zones, they love schools, they love churches and they like to pick out places that they can do the most damage," McNamara said. "I believe self-de-

fense is a human right that we all have, we all have the right to survive, and an obligation to get home safely at night, for ourselves and our loved ones. People who have been trained in the proper use of firearms and firearm safety should have the right to carry wherever they may be in order to take care of themselves."

Versions of this bill have been seen in the Senate before, prompting Birdwell to address concerns raised by lawmakers in past sessions.

This bill expressly states that concealed carry would not extend to hospitals, day care centers or K-12 schools even if located on college or university campuses.

The Senate resumed session on Jan. 8 and the exact date that the bill will undergo review is unknown as of now.

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not ideal. We have pride that gets wounded and we want to respond, but is it worth escalating a Twitter battle with someone you don't really know?"

Browning said many student athletes do not respond to a negative comment directly. Instead, they may retweet the negative comment and let their followers and fans respond or they can "subtweet."

"Subtweeting is when you indirectly respond like, 'one of my followers said,' and they will say whatever that statement is, and they would refute that claim," Browning said. "I thought it was a creative communication strategy. You're getting your message out there without directly engaging the person who is

sending that negative tweet."

Browning said he encourages student athletes and people in general to think before tweeting.

"Hit pause before you hit send," Browning said. "Especially at an educational institution, we need

to be active in training our student athletes. It can be a great medium to engage fans, to build the brand, but the stories we usually hear about are the Twitter battles that get out of control."

Browning said the implications for his research can also generalize to a larger platform.

"It's like a press conference that never ends," Browning said.

Sanderson said he found it interesting how ingrained Twitter is for student athletes.

"We asked them to quantify how often they check Twitter, the vast majority of them couldn't quantify it," Sanderson said. "Part of the reason could be the convenience of the app on their phones, looking every couple minutes, seconds."

Sanderson said understanding how to use social media is important especially for athletes.

"I think first of all, people need to realize social media and Twitter are not going away," Sanderson said. "It's a big part of college students' lives and their social experience. It's no different for athletes. I don't think schools can ignore it and act like it's going to go away. There needs to be efforts to educate student athletes even at a high school level."

Sanderson said high schools and universities should embrace social media education.

"They're great and valuable tools if they're used in constructive ways," Sanderson said.

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Dr. Blair Browning | assistant professor of communications

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working on his Ph.D. "It was really cool because it's not very often when you get to work with your friends," Clemenson said. Torrealba then composed a team of other Baylor alumni, including Trevor Hutchins and Bradley Sanders. Together the four worked on different prototypes to create a system that could water plants automatically.

Once the team, with new members and professors from the University of Illinois in Urbana, were ready to unveil the final product they looked into the website, Kickstarter. From there they received about \$88,000 in funding from potential buyers and companies looking to sell Plant Link.

Oso Technologies has part-

nered with SmartThings, a company that works with automated household products from other companies to market these products for homeowners. Clemenson said the money from the funding from Kickstarter will go toward hiring new full-time and part-time employees who will distribute the product to buyers.

Suspect in Arizona shooting on the loose; one killed, two wounded

By JACQUES BILLEAUD ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — A gunman opened fire at a Phoenix office complex on Wednesday, killing one person, wounding two others and setting off a manhunt. Police warned the public that he was "armed and dangerous."

Authorities identified the suspect as Arthur D. Harmon, who they said opened fire at the end of a mediation session. They identified a man who died hours after the late morning shooting as 48-year-old Steve Singer.

Police said a 43-year-old man

was listed in critical condition and a 32-year-old woman suffered non-life threatening injuries.

"We believe the two men were the targets. It was not a random shooting," said Sgt. Tommy Thompson, a Phoenix police spokesman.

Thompson said authorities believe Harmon acted alone and fled the scene in a car after the 10:30 a.m. shooting.

Harmon allegedly shot at someone who tried to follow him after the shooting in an attempt to get his license plate number, according to authorities.

Police didn't immediately re-

lease the names of the wounded. But a Phoenix law firm, Osborn Maledon, said one of its lawyers, Mark Hummels, was among the wounded. The firm said he "was representing a client in a mediation" when he was shot.

According to court documents, Harmon was scheduled to go to a law office in the same building where the shooting took place for a settlement conference in a lawsuit he filed last April against Scottsdale-based Fusion Contact Centers LLC, where Singer was the CEO.

The company had hired him to refurbish office cubicles at two call centers in California, but a con-

tract dispute arose.

Fusion said Harmon was paid nearly \$30,000 under the \$47,000 contract. But the company asked him to repay much of the money when it discovered that the cubicles could not be refurbished, according to the documents.

Harmon argued Fusion hung him out to dry by telling him to remove and store 206 "worthless" work stations after the mix-up was discovered. Harmon said Fusion then told him that the company decided to use a competitor.

Harmon's lawsuit had sought payment for the remainder of the contract, \$20,000 in damages and

reimbursement for storage fees and legal costs. Pro tempore Judge Ira Schwartz, who scheduled the meeting, did not immediately return an email seeking comment. A message left Wednesday at the home of Singer also wasn't immediately returned.

Hummels was representing Fusion in the lawsuit. As police searched for the shooter, SWAT teams and two armored vehicles surrounded a home about 7 miles from the shooting scene. Police served a search warrant to enter the house, which county property records show was sold by Harmon to his son last year for \$26,000.

For a time, officers used a megaphone to ask Harmon to surrender, believing he might be inside the home. The gunfire at the office complex prompted terrified workers to lock the doors to their offices and hide far from the windows. SWAT officers searched the building.

"Everyone was just scared, honestly, just scared," said Navika Sood, assistant director of nursing at First at Home Health Services who along with her co-workers locked the entrances to their office.

Sood said police evacuated the office about 30 minutes after she first heard the popping noises.

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