Benedict XVI first to resign in 598 years

Benedict XVI has announced his decision to resign as pope, a move that comes after a period of reflection and consultation with cardinals and other church leaders. Benedict said he felt it was his duty to resign because his age and health would make it difficult for him to carry out his duties as pope.

Campus gets new look thanks to regents

The Baylor Board of Regents has approved plans for a new building on campus, which will be used for office space, classrooms, and other university functions.

Baylor will soon be getting a new building that will be used for administrative and academic purposes. The new building will be located on a 25-acre site near the existing administration building.

The new building will house offices and classrooms for various academic departments, including business, education, and health sciences.

The building will be designed to be energy-efficient and environmentally friendly, with features such as solar panels and rainwater harvesting systems.

Baylor’s strong alumni contributions have made this project possible, with more than $10 million in donations received.

The building is expected to open in the fall of 2014, and will provide much-needed space for the university’s growing student population.

Southwavel Residency: Baylor will offer additional housing options for students this fall

Baylor University will be offering additional housing options for students this fall, in response to the high demand for campus housing.

The university has added more than 200 new beds to on-campus residence halls, bringing the total number of beds available to more than 5,000.

The new housing options include a variety of room types, from singles to triples, to accommodate the diverse needs of students.

Baylor has also made improvements to its on-campus dining options, with more choices and flexibility for students.

Waco kids share the love

Valentine’s Day is a special time for students at Baylor University, as they take part in a variety of events and activities to celebrate the occasion.

On Valentine’s Day, students can expect to see a range of events, including the annual Valentine’s Day parade, where students dress up in creative and playful costumes.

The parade is followed by the annual Valentine’s Day breakfast, where students can enjoy a delicious meal and socialize with their peers.

Baylor also offers a variety of other events for students to enjoy, such as a Valentine’s Day dance and a Valentine’s Day ball.

These events are just some of the ways that Baylor University celebrates Valentine’s Day, and shows its appreciation for its students and community. 
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**Baylor offers Ash Wednesday service to begin Lenten season**

At Baylor, the season of Lent will officially begin with Ash Wednesday, which falls this year on February 27, in the church at the George W. Truett Seminary’s Paul W. Chandlin Chapel.

The service will focus on our need for forgiveness and grace, and we begin a season when penance is one of the primary themes,” said Dr. Bart Bokant, a Baylor religion professor.

Baylor will be led in worship and song in attendance of a time of prayer, reflection and worship. Several other campus ministers and members of different denominations will also be involved in the service.

"This will be a service that is very inclusive,” said Carlos Colón, an assistant professor of worship ministries for the Office of Spiritual Life at Baylor. “We have people from all different faiths that will be here. Our goal is to lead the community in a spiritual aspect of the service, which will include some of his own composition. The songs will come from different Christian traditions.

“We are committed to drawing the university together for worship because we believe that corporate worship can form us as a community,” Bokant said. “We also think that it’s important for Christians to be aware of and appreciative of spiritual practices from other traditions.”

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The Hankamer School of Business at Baylor University and the Carroll College of Business at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee are the two schools to announce the launch of their respective online Master of Business Administration programs.

Loren Glessner, director of Milwaukee’s online MBA program, said he is excited about the collaboration.

"We will be taking 280 odd fellows, but the improvements to our campus will make it worthwhile," Glessner said. "In addition to everything else that will be happening there, the building will be renovated in Northwest Quadrangle.

"We’re starting with South Russell because it is a smaller hall to refurbish," Jackson said. "It is too small. We have already started on the enrollment process."

Baylor’s former president, the Very Reverend Dr. Jim Kenan-Scott, has also expressed his support for the project.

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The Baylor theater is bringing a timeless theme to the stage with "Born Yesterday," a play by Garson Kanin.

Directed by Jost Hampton, a master’s candidate, in directing "Born Yesterday" tells the story of a rough-around-the-edges young woman whose wealthy lover hires a tutor to teach her etiquette and manners. The play stars Henderson senior Katie Amis, who plays journalist Billie Dawn, and Houston senior Jimi Wallace (left), who plays her tutor Andy Schaefer.

"Each character has more levels than the actors initially think," said Katie Amis, director for Born Yesterday.

"At first I was nervous that I would not be playing a simple role, but as I learned more, I realized that she is a strong woman," said Amis.

Amis said it is a blessing to play Billie Dawn. "I really work to access the depth of her character. Those are the things that make Andy and Billie so realistic, because they have a gender reversal and that the surest way to defeat it is repetition," she said. "The play requires a Brooklyn/New York accent as well. Amis said "That’s been challenging but fun to learn." The role of Dawn is a simple character, she is the typical female roles attributed to women, "she said.

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Amis said the production team carefully planned the stage presentation. "Each role in rehearsals. Each character requires a Brooklyn/New York accent as well, " she said.

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