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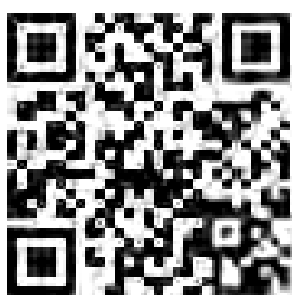
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A Baylor in London summer study abroad program information meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. today in 248 Castellaw.

Learn new things

Dr. Dave Schlueter, Institutional Review Board chair, and Dr. Wade Rowatt, IRB vice chair, will be conducting an IRB seminar titled "Human Subjects in Research" at 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 26 in 303 Hankamer School of Business. All faculty, staff and students are invited to attend this event.



Obama calls for reform

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REPORTER

President Obama's state of the Union speech was met with mixed reactions Tuesday night as he laid out his goals for the next four years.

While the president spoke on a range of topics, the President's statements on economic reform, budget issues and the gun control debate stood out. Among some of the president's stated goals for the next four years were a \$9 federal minimum wage, a \$2.5 trillion budget reduction and comprehensive immigration reform. The president's overall message was upbeat.

"Together, we have cleared away the rubble of crisis, and can say with renewed confidence that the state of our union is stronger," Obama said.

The president began by highlighting some of the successes of his first four years in office. Obama cited the withdrawal of overseas troops and the creation of 6 million jobs as just some of the improvements since the beginning of the financial crisis.

Among the president's solutions to restart America's economy is a change in how the education system works.

One of President Obama's proposals struck at the very base of the problem — free pre-school education for all children in America.

"Every dollar we invest in high-quality early education can save more than seven dollars later on — by boosting graduation rates, reducing teen pregnancy, even reducing violent crime," he said.

In addition, the President proposes changes in high school education that will make high school graduates more prepared for college and the job market, and changes in the funding of college education to make it easier for students to get a quality education at a reasonable price.

"I ask Congress to change the Higher Education Act, so that affordability and value are included in determining which colleges receive certain types of federal aid," he said.

One of the most surprising of President Obama's goals was his promise to raise the minimum wage to \$9.00 per hour. That may not be the final amount, but the President affirmed his commitment to making the federal minimum wage more in-line with the idea of a living wage.

"Let's tie the minimum wage to the cost of living so that it finally becomes a wage you can live on," Obama said.

Currently, the federal minimum wage is set at \$7.25 per hour, which most states — including Texas — have set as their state minimum wage. Some — like

Washington state with the highest minimum wage of \$9.19 per hour — set their minimum wage higher. And a few, such as Arkansas and Mississippi, set their state minimum lower than the federal minimum or have no minimum wage at all.

According to President Obama, this increase in the minimum wage, along with incentives for businesses that employ Americans, and investments in research and green energy will help make American manufacturing competitive on the global scale.

Other economic recovery plans referred to by the President included Department of Defense partnerships with "economic hubs" to increase high-tech job opportunities, partnerships with "20 of the hardest-hit towns in America to get these communities back on their feet," and projects aimed at improving infrastructure to make America more attractive to large employers.

In perhaps the most striking moment of the speech, President Obama began to talk about the recent string of gun violence. The president mentioned bipartisan plans for what he called "common-sense reform" including universal background checks.

The President emphasized the need for congressional discussion by telling the story of Hadiya Pendleton, the 15-year-old Illinois girl who performed at the inauguration and was shot earlier this year in the neighborhood near the Obamas' house in Chicago. The President told Congress that it didn't matter if they voted against it, the discussion needed to happen — especially for Pendleton's parents because "They deserve a vote."

"Gabby Giffords deserves a vote. The families of Newtown deserve a vote. The families of Aurora deserve a vote. The families of Oak Creek, and Tucson, and Blacksburg, and the countless other communities ripped open by gun violence — they deserve a simple vote."

Several members of congress, including Arizona Republican Senator John McCain were shown wearing green ribbons in support of the families of the Sandy Hook Massacre.

Republican Response

Florida Senator Marco Rubio gave the Republican response to the State of the Union address.

In his speech, Rubio asked for smaller government, saying the tax increases and deficit proposals the president put forth will harm the middle class and will not help create jobs. He said the United States should lower its corporate tax rate to attract more overseas businesses. Rubio called for financial aid reform and incentives for schools to provide better education through more

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TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Honoring an American hero

People along Interstate 35 in Waco stand in the median and on overpasses to watch the funeral procession for slain former Navy SEAL sniper Chris Kyle on Tuesday. As the it traveled the 200-miles south to his final resting place at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin, mourners lined the highway in many major cities. Some 7,000 people attended a two-hour memorial service for Kyle on Monday at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington. Kyle and his friend Chad Littlefield were shot and killed Feb. 2 at a North Texas gun range.



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Manhunt leaves deputy dead, cabin in flames

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
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ASSOCIATED PRESS

BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif. — The manhunt for a former Los Angeles police officer suspected of going on a killing spree converged Tuesday on a mountain cabin where authorities believe he barricaded himself inside, engaged in a shootout that killed a deputy and then never emerged as the home went up in flames.

A single gunshot was heard from within, and a law enforcement official told The Associated Press late Tuesday that officials

had found a charred body.

If the body of Christopher Dorner is found inside, as authorities suspect, the search for the most wanted man in America over the last week would have ended the way he had expected — death, with the police pursuing him. He is believed to have killed at least four people.

Thousands of officers had been on the hunt for the former Navy reservist since police said he launched a campaign to exact revenge against the Los Angeles Police Department for his firing. They say he threatened to bring "warfare" to officers and their

families, spreading fear and setting off a search for him across the Southwest and Mexico.

"Enough is enough. It's time for you to turn yourself in. It's time to stop the bloodshed," LAPD Cmdr. Andrew Smith said at a news conference held outside police headquarters in Los Angeles, a starkly different atmosphere than last week when Dorner was on the loose and officials briefed the news media under heavy security in an underground hallway.

A short time after Smith spoke

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BU alum revamps Waco's oldest hardware store

BY TAYLOR REXRODE
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A Waco alumnus is giving the oldest hardware and lumber store in Waco a makeover.

Accounting alumnus Larry Dagley and his wife Norma Dagley, an Alumna by Choice, bought the store last year as a venture into the retail market.

"It was a business opportunity and something I had never done before," Dagley said. "It's a great location and just down from Baylor. It was an opportunity to do

something I hadn't done in life."

Circle Hardware and Lumber, established in 1945 on La Salle Avenue, sells hardware, electrical supplies, paint and accessories, lumber, lawn and garden tools and other items for residential and commercial needs.

Dagley said he hopes the renovations will expand the store, particularly in plumbing supplies, light bulbs and door and cabinet hardware.

The store will remain open for business through renovations, which will expand the store from

3,800 square feet to 5,800 square feet by mid-May.

When the Dagleys took over Circle Hardware, they signed up as members of the Do It Best co-op.

Do It Best helps independently owned home improvement retailers by keeping prices comparable to those found at retail giants like Home Depot and Lowe's.

Brent Watts, manager of the Waco Do It Best warehouse, said Do It Best helps small businesses

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Circle Hardware & Lumber owner Larry Dagley stands in Waco's oldest hardware store on Tuesday. The store is currently undergoing renovations.

Chafing. Eww.

Baylor toilet paper not doing its duty

Editorial

Baylor makes sure to equip the football team with the best gear. The Baylor Science Building has state-of-the-art science equipment. Armstrong Browning Library has beautiful art throughout its halls.

But no bathroom on campus has quality toilet paper.

Picture a student with back-to-back classes. This student is plagued with the task of rushing a trip to the bathroom to get to class on time. This student now has to deal with the nightmare that is one-ply toilet paper.

One-ply toilet paper is a burden for everyone. Few people purchase it to use in their homes, and when they do, they try to avoid making that mistake twice.

The idea behind buying one-ply toilet paper is that it saves money. While a roll of one-ply is cheaper than other thicker, softer options, no money is saved. Two-ply toilet paper is often soft and can do its duty without too much hassle. Few can realistically expect Baylor to

provide three-ply toilet paper, the bath tissue of kings, but two-ply is reasonable.

Students that find themselves in the unfortunate situation of using an on-campus bathroom are seldom frugal with their toilet paper usage. Many students pull foot

“Nothing can ruin a visitor’s experience quite like a bad bathroom experience. Forcing prospective students and prominent visitors to use toilet paper with the consistency of saw dust and dead grass is inconsiderate if not downright insulting.”

after foot of toilet paper so that the wad (or fold, if you decide to go that route) is thick enough for the job. The last thing anybody wants is to grab too little and get poop on hands.

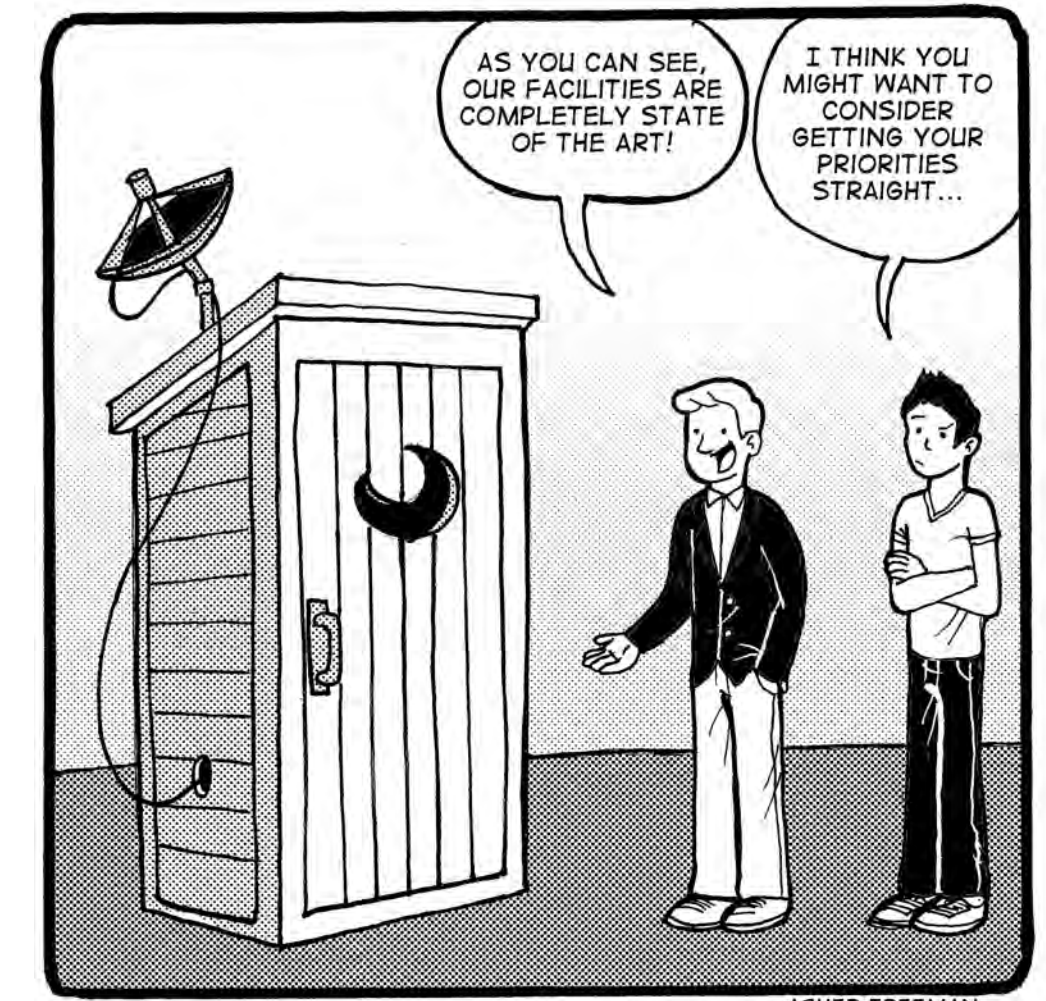
With thicker toilet paper, stu-

dents wouldn’t have to spend two full minutes pulling toilet paper from the dispenser. Charmin Ultra taught us that less is more when it comes to thicker toilet paper.

Improving the quality of toilet paper will help improve the university’s image. Nothing can ruin a visitor’s experience quite like a bad bathroom experience. Forcing prospective students and prominent visitors to use toilet paper with the consistency of saw dust and dead grass is inconsiderate if not downright insulting.

Limiting students, faculty and staff to one-ply toilet paper is comparable to forcing journalism majors to use typewriters. The technology has progressed so that the problems of the past can go away for good, but Baylor keeps us in the bathroom Dark Ages.

Software company Nitro commissioned a recent study that suggests that only 6 percent of Americans would be willing to use less toilet paper in order to help save the environment, but 31 percent said that they would give up books. Emphasizing recreational reading is another issue entirely, but the point still remains that Americans don’t mess around when it comes



ASHER FREEMAN

to our toilet paper.

It was 78 years ago that a company called Northern Tissue advertised its “splinter-free” toilet paper. Our condolences go out to anyone that has had to use toilet paper that is not “splinter-free,” but

our current one-ply toilet paper is only a small step up.

Two-ply toilet paper was introduced in 1942, but Baylor has not bought in to this just yet.

This slope is slippery. If a company invents half-ply toilet paper,

will Baylor purchase that to save money? Dare we comply?

Improving the quality of on-campus toilet paper is serious. Some of us can’t hold it in any longer. Everybody deserves better toilet paper on campus.

Scout sounds off: BSA should include all

Before I begin, I feel like I need to list some credentials.

I am an Eagle Scout, and yes, “am” is the correct tense for that verb. I was in Troop 308, Longhorn Council (formerly Heart of Texas Council), and I was inducted into the Huaco Lodge of the Order of the Arrow as a Brotherhood member. My father was also an Eagle Scout and both my grandfathers were in scouting. My paternal grandfather was a Scoutmaster and received the Silver Beaver award.

Scouting was one of the best and most useful experiences I have had. The skills I gained, the leadership roles I was given and the fun I had are things that have shaped my adult life.

Which is not to say that I think that the Boy Scouts of America is a perfect organization.

For me, Scouts was all about getting you out of your comfort zone, encouraging you to try — encouraging you to fail even. It gave you the ability to push through your own self-doubt and find that inner well of strength.

Since I left Scouting, there have been a few organizational changes that I haven’t approved of — mostly relating to the merit badge system. Some of the new and planned merit badges have become a source of personal frustration.

In the end, however, my personal gripes with the merit badge system pale in comparison to an issue which has the potential to



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utterly destroy the institution of Scouting — homosexuality.

This is an issue that strikes people so hard that it has prompted some of my fellow Eagle Scouts to return their badges and renounce their rank.

I know how hard this decision must have been. I can remember the hard work, the pride, the sense of accomplishment. Setting that aside all that must have been difficult, and I both pity and admire those whose conviction was so

strong they felt they had to.

I hope that their gesture helped make the BSA think about rescinding their ban, but in the end it was money that made them act.

First it was announced that some backers were going to withdraw funding because of the BSA’s policy of not allowing homosexuals or their children to participate.

Then the Scouts announced that it was considering a decision to let troops or councils decide for themselves whether or not to let homosexuals participate.

In response, other groups threatened to withdraw their funding completely.

That is honestly one of the most ridiculous things I have ever heard.

Defunding an organization that is as influential on as many people’s lives as the Scouts for not having discriminatory policies does nobody any good.

It says, essentially, “We want the main purpose of this organization to be discrimination against homosexuals.”

That is not now, nor has it ever been the purpose of the Scouts.

In fact, the Scouts can be incredibly tolerant.

The devotional book they give out at Philmont Scout Ranch is divided into three equal sections — Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

At Philmont, I attended a Jewish service at an outdoor chapel while some of my friends went to the Islamic, Catholic and Protestant services and some other people I knew didn’t go at all.

So where did this policy come from?

Well as best as I can tell, its most recent resurgence began sometime in the last 15 years after a string of incidents of molestation by scoutmasters came to light.

The reaction from the Boy Scouts was to try and make Scouting safer for the scouts — a completely reasonable step — and they decided to do that by banning gay scoutmasters. That’s about where reality and rationality divorced.

The reasoning behind this seems to be based on the assumption that someone attracted to men would be more likely to be attracted to boys.

Once again, that is incredibly ridiculous.

Pedophilia and homosexuality are two different and completely unrelated behaviors. Adult, gay men are attracted to other adult men. Pedophiles are not attracted to any sort of adults.

Another argument used against homosexuals in Scouts is that it’s against the basic tenants of morality laid down in Scouting. That

comes from a few lines in the Scout Oath — “do my duty to God and my country,” and “keep myself... morally straight.”

Notice that the phrase is morally straight, not sexually straight.

Also, I fail to see how homosexuality fails to uphold the promise to “Do my best to do my duty to God.” The operative word there is “best.” Even if you choose to believe that homosexuality is somehow set apart above all the other sins the Bible rattles off (greed, murder, adultery, etc.) then you cannot make a judgement on how good is any individual’s “best.”

Obviously, when a Scout or Scouter’s sins cross the line into legality or create a dangerous situation, a line must be drawn. Homosexuality does neither of those things.

A more foundational tenant of Scouting, in my opinion, is the Scout Law. The Law lays out all the things that Scouts are, or should strive to be. In fact, it goes a long way to define what is meant by “morally straight.”

A Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.

Notice the words judgemental, discriminatory, hateful and heterosexual are conspicuously absent.

But that’s not really the point either.

Scouting is an international movement, and even in the states it’s incredibly diverse. There are factions that think that homosexuality has no place in Scouting.

That’s fine. No, really, it is. One of the things that Scouting gives us is an appreciation for the American system of free speech and diversity.

People have the right to think whatever they want, and they deserve the opportunity to be in Scouts like everyone else.

That’s why the plan proposed by the BSA is the best way to handle the issue. Let the troops decide for themselves. It’s democratic, it pacifies everyone and it gives people options. If a troop doesn’t want homosexuals they don’t have to have any, and if people don’t want to be in a troop that allows homosexuals, they don’t have to stay.

Granted, it’s a compromise, but that’s the way America was designed to work.

The point is that Scouting is an institution that everyone can benefit from and it does too much good for the people it helps mold to let it fade into history.

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Sitcom star shares stories at banquet

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Students, faculty and members of the community gathered together and celebrated black heritage.

The 26th Annual Black Heritage Banquet was put on by the Association of Black Students in conjunction with the Department of Multicultural Affairs.

The focus of the event was on the accomplishments of African-Americans throughout history and to also highlight key events like Brown vs. Board of Education and the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.

The banquet featured a live jazz band playing selections from artists such as Luther Vandross and Stevie Wonder, and music from students Holly Tucker, Savion Wright and P.O.R.T.R.A.I.T.S., a group of three students singing without accompaniment.

Dallas freshman Constance Mary Davis, a member of the Black

Heritage Banquet Committee, said there were many things to consider when planning the banquet.

"We had to think of a theme which was the Bible verse Romans 8:38," she said. "There was marketing. We made announcements in Chapel and chose the menu items."

Davis was pleased with the way the event came together. "I am very glad about the turn-out. I am surprised and relieved," Davis said.

The keynote speaker was Jasmine Guy. She is most recognized for her role as Whitley Gilbert in the show "A Different World" that ran for six seasons (1987-1993). She also won six consecutive NAACP awards for lead actress in a comedy series.

She spoke about how the show gave her a platform to work with people such as Spike Lee, Redd Foxx and Bill Cosby.

"When I did 'School Daze,' there were not many movies being made by brothers, showing up in a cinema and being filmed in a



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A jazz band plays Tuesday during the Association of Black Students' Black Heritage Banquet in honor of Black History Month.

studio," Guy said. "When I walked into that audition, there were people there from the yellowest of yellow to the blackest of black," she said.

It inspired her to see a person of color, Spike Lee, making movies about other people of color and being successful at it.

She had many stories about what it was like working on Broadway, directing T.V. shows, and working in television and film.

The overarching theme of her speech was living in a different world.

She emphasized embracing different walks of life and experiences in order to succeed and grow in your endeavors.

"Whatever your gifts are, whatever your first discipline,

whatever you claim to be, doctor, dancer, you're going to have to use all your gifts," Guy said.

After her speech, the floor was opened for people in the audience to ask questions about her experiences.

The banquet was a way to bring together many different people from all walks of life and commemorate black history during Black History Month.

Davis said she hopes events like these will educate people on the impact African-Americans have had on American culture and help bridge the gap between races.

"I think it's important to show that black history is also American history," Davis said. "And I hope in the future we can get more races to come."

Lecture series to focus on education

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REPORTER

Students, faculty and the Waco community are coming together this week to discuss higher education issues as part of the School of Education's Distinguished Lecture Series.

The series will take place Thursday and Friday, and is free and open to the public.

Dr. Paul Lingenfelter, president of the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association, will lead the discussion both days.

Executive Vice President and Provost Dr. Elizabeth Davis will introduce Lingenfelter's first lecture, "American Education Second to None: How Must We Change to Meet 21st Century Imperatives?" It will last from 4:30-6 p.m. Thursday in Bennett Auditorium.

The second part of the series, "A Conversation with Paul Lingenfelter About Changing Demands on Educators in the Community," is scheduled for 8:30-10 a.m. Friday at the Community Auditorium,

Education Service Center Region 12, located at 2101 W. Loop 340 in Waco.

The lecture series is designed for anyone interested in education issues affecting their community.

Dr. Jon Engelhardt, dean of the School of Education, expects a broad audience in attendance.

"We hope they will take away an appreciation for the challenges and the changes that education K-16 will be facing and will be needing to make," Engelhardt said.

The K-16 movement centers on creating aligned policy for kindergarten through undergraduate studies.

Each semester the School of Education opens the Distinguished Lecture Series to the public for the discussion of issues in education.

"We asked him to speak because he has paid attention to the connection between K-12 education and higher education," Engelhardt said.

Student social scientists tackle issues of inequality, discrimination

By LINDA NGUYEN
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At first thought, some people may associate research with mad scientists in a lab with test tubes and chemicals. Plano senior Olivia Ho does research every week, but she doesn't work with test tubes or chemicals.

Social science research, which includes fields like sociology and psychology, involves the study of people and their interactions with one another.

"Social science research provides scientific methods to answer questions such as how much inequality there is in society, is it growing greater or declining, the

nature of prejudice and discrimination, and how do you motivate people to care about the environment," said Dr. Larry Lyon, professor of sociology, dean of the Graduate School and director of Baylor's Center for Community Research and Development.

"I can't imagine anything more interesting than those questions and anything more important than trying to answer those questions," he said.

Ho does social science research, along with about 12 other students, in Dr. Wade Rowatt's social and personality psychology research lab. Ho said their lab meetings run like small classes and there's not a single beaker in sight.

"We all gather around and Dr. Rowatt starts off the meeting by addressing different things going on in the lab," Ho said.

"He lets other people talk like the graduate students, or honors thesis students talk about their ongoing projects," she said.

Ho also said researcher roles are different between hard science and social science research.

"In our type of social science research, you're given a script and you memorize it, read it and follow the instructions," Ho said. "You do a practice run on the person in charge of the study and once they approve you, you're cleared to run participants."

Ho said conversely, in a hard

science lab there isn't a script that you learn and read.

"It's more procedural," Ho said. "There isn't a test where you get cleared to run. You do it over and over until you feel comfortable and then you do it yourself."

Ho said there are definite benefits and 'pros' to working in a social science lab.

"Pros would be it's more relatable and you do get to work with people a lot," Ho said. "I feel like it's fairly easy. It's not complex."

Ho said there are also cons to working in a social science lab compared to a hard science research lab.

"You don't really get to work with science-y equipment," Ho

said. "You don't feel like you're making a huge impact whereas in hard sciences, I feel like you deal with much bigger topics."

Hong Kong senior Evan Choi has worked in Rowatt's lab for three years and is currently working on his honors thesis project with Dr. Matthew Stanford's lab in the department of psychology and neuroscience.

Choi said he enjoys how applicable the research is to his daily life.

"I like research because it helps us to understand human behavior and the world in general," Choi said. "It helps us gain knowledge into the world we're living in and it's fun to do research, looking at

statistics and data."

Choi said when he first began doing social science research, it was not what he had envisioned research being.

"I thought research was this environment of high technology, high ideas, people reading a lot, but when I started, it was really simple," Choi said.

"You have hypotheses and you start testing," he said. "It's not as complicated as people think. You need to be very organized and take it one by one. You just need to be methodologically and logically sound."

Choi said he enjoys social science research because of its applicability and accessibility to people.

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Local boutique offers crafts event for Valentine's Day

By PAULA ANN SOLIS
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For those still searching for a Valentine's Day gift, an arts and crafts event being held tonight by local Waco boutique Harts N Crafts may be the answer.

From 7 to 9 p.m., Harts N Crafts, located at 1125 S. Eighth St., next to Common Grounds, will host a Valentine's Day party complete with free cupcakes and drinks where patrons will also have the opportunity to create handmade gifts for their loved ones.

"We will be offering more male-focused gifts so the ladies can pick up a gift for their guy," said Jerri Schaeper, the store manager.

The boutique will have wooden letters, symbols and canvases available for patrons to paint and purchase. Prices range from \$5 to \$50. The store also carries ready-made crafts prepared by Harts N Crafts employees.

The Harts N Crafts boutique, owned by Baylor alumna Alicia Hart who graduated in 2002 with a degree in finance and international business, will also have free gifts available.

Everyone who stops by Harts N Crafts tonight will have the opportunity to design his or her own heart-shaped magnet for free.

Schaeper, a native Wacoan, said while Harts N Crafts hosts Valentine's Day-themed parties every year, this one will be the best the store has ever had.

This year's party, themed "All You Need Is Love," will also mark



Harts N Crafts workers decorate the shop for the Valentine's Day event.

the exclusive launch of a new clothing line, the Edna Rose Collection.

The chief designer of the new collection, Deanna Nail, is also a Baylor alumna who graduated in 1997 with a double major in marketing and real estate.

"That's one reason Baylor is very near and dear to me and why we wanted to start the launch here," Nail said. "The mission of our clothing line is to reach, inspire and empower women of all ages all over through apparel and accessories."

Nail said part of the proceeds from this collection is donated to ministries such as Serendipity Ministry, a nonprofit, female-empowerment organization.

The Edna Rose Collection will premiere with a line of tank tops, T-shirts and scarves. Nail described the collection as a "comfortable, casual and affordable line."

The mission of Harts N Crafts, said Schaeper, is also to "empower women while inspiring artists."

As part of tonight's event, all TOMS shoes will be on sale for \$39, and all other store items will be discounted 15 percent. Any TOMS purchased in the store can also be painted for free.

Also, beginning today, Harts N Crafts will have fresh-cut flowers available for purchase as part of their new partnership with Bloomings Floral Boutique, another female-owned Waco business.

Nail said later this year, she plans to return and introduce a fall line specifically geared toward game apparel.

"My hope is to teach women here that they can use their money wisely and that as they're buying apparel they can make an impact and give back at the same time," Nail said.

Netflix, DreamWorks Animation produce children's series 'Turbo'

By YVONNE VILLARREAL
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Via McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

Amid all the "House of Cards" chatter (e.g., 'Hey, Kevin Spacey takes down the 4th wall Ferris Bueller-style!' and "I watched all 13 episodes in five hours" OK, that was a stretch), Netflix has offered another talking point by announcing its partnership with DreamWorks Animation to produce a children's series.

The video streaming service will add to its original programming slate later this year with a series based on the upcoming DreamWorks Animation flick "Turbo," the companies announced Tuesday. The film centers on a snail that dreams big and fast.

The small screen adaptation, titled "Turbo: F.A.S.T.," marks the first Netflix original series for children and will roll out exclusively

on the service in December following the film's big-screen 3-D release in July. The movie features the voices of Ryan Reynolds and Paul Giamatti no word yet on who will voice the characters in the show, but the series will pick up where the movie plot leaves off.

"Families love Netflix, so creating an original series for kids was a natural for us," said Netflix chief content officer Ted Sarandos in a statement. "DreamWorks Animation has a long track record of creating incredibly successful characters and stories that delight people of all ages."

The streaming service has been expanding its original programming. It presented all 13 episodes of its latest series, "House of Cards," on Feb. 1 and will roll out the long-anticipated return of cult comedy "Arrested Development" later this spring. Focusing on children seemed only a matter of time.

In 2011, it launched a Just for Kids section featuring content aimed at viewers ages 12 and younger (who can work an iPad like no one else). And Netflix said its members streamed more than 2 billion hours of kids content in 2012.

"Netflix boasts one of the largest and fastest-growing audiences in kids' television. They pioneered a new model for TV dramas with 'House of Cards,' and now together, we're doing the same thing with kids' programming," said DreamWorks Animation Chief Executive Jeffrey Katzenberg in the announcement. "DreamWorks is thrilled to be part of the television revolution."

In addition to the new children's series, "Turbo" and other new DreamWorks Animation features will become available on the service too, beginning with the studio's 2013 roster.



These delicious red velvet crinkle cookies look so innocent displayed on a baking sheet, but their red color gives a hint as to their demonic nature.

Red velvet crinkle cookies will delight your sweetheart and ruin your clean kitchen

By CAROLINE BREWTON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This recipe is adapted from the Duncan Hines red velvet crinkle cookie recipe.

Ingredients:

- 6 teaspoons melted butter
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 box Duncan Hines red velvet cake mix
- 2 large eggs
- Parchment paper

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit.

Line ungreased baking sheet with parchment paper.

Mix powdered sugar and corn starch together in a separate container from the other ingredients. Mix together the butter, cake mix and eggs until all lumps are gone and a dough forms. Roll the dough into small balls and cover in the powdered sugar and cornstarch mixture. Set on cookie sheet and bake for 9 - 11 minutes. Don't worry if they appear puffy; they'll deflate after cooling. Allow them to cool for five minutes and serve in the dining room.

Story:

My grandmother had this saying:

"A good cook never has a clean kitchen."

Well, I like to think I'm a good cook, but I'm also a neat freak. I knew from the beginning that trying to make cookies from a cake mix had the potential to go horribly wrong. After all, cake mix is infinitely more runny than cookie dough.

When I looked at the recipe, I

saw no additional ingredients that I could add to the cake batter mixture that would fix the problem. How would the cookies maintain their shape? Wouldn't that make a huge mess?

Knowing that cornstarch was a thickening agent, instead of adding it to the powdered sugar like the directions said, I added it to the batter.

That was mistake No. 1.

The consistency of the dough almost immediately became thick and hard to mix, bending my cheap mixing spoon in half as I tried to drag it through. Frustrated and unwilling to waste any more cheap spoons (I'm a college kid. I'm not made out of spoons), I plunged my hands into the mixture to incorporate all the ingredients myself.

It was like something out of a nightmare. As soon as I sank my hands in, I knew I made another huge mistake. The entire mixture glogged onto them like my flesh was some kind of bizarre carb magnet. On my hands, the dough had roughly the shade and appearance of fake blood, and I was caked in it. I looked like a character in a B horror movie.

This would have been OK if I had already set out the powdered sugar to roll the dough balls in, but I hadn't. I knew I would have to clean off my hands in order to proceed to the next step.

Waste not, want not. I didn't want to waste good dough but I also didn't want it all over my sink handles. I managed to unstick as much of the dough as I could and put it back into the bowl, but that didn't end up being much, so I tried to lick off the rest.

I did enjoy the dough it had a nice flavor but licking was an ineffective strategy for removing the

RECIPE



bits that were stuck to my skin. In fact, all I managed to do was make a bigger mess of myself. Now, my lips, hands and nose were covered in thick, goopy red dough. Frustrated with my inability to clean my murderous-looking hands and face, I had to resort to using half a bottle of Dawn Powerclean before I was free of the stuff. It was not ideal.

After that, everything went fairly smoothly, although the powdered sugar got everywhere. I rolled and placed the cookies on the parchment paper-covered sheet and popped them in the oven. I only baked them for the minimum nine minutes, and they turned out beautifully. So beautiful, in fact, that it was hard to see how such perfectly-formed and innocent-looking cookies had not only dyed my hands and face red, but resulted in the powdered-sugaring of my entire kitchen.

In the end, I was the agent of my own destruction. If I hadn't added the cornstarch too early, I would have avoided the whole mess. In fact, by trying to pre-empt the destruction of my perfectly neat and clean kitchen, I sealed my own fate. I can't tell you what will happen if you follow the directions. I didn't. But using my methods will yield perfect cookies.

You just have to be willing to get your hands dirty to get them.

Difficulty rating:

Making the cookies is easy and fun. Cleaning up the cookies' mess is neither.

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Sims leads Lady Bears to win over Texas Tech 89-47

By MALEESA JOHNSON
REPORTER

The Lady Bears stayed on top of the Big 12 after beating Texas Tech 89-47 Tuesday night.

Though the ultimate result was the same as when they last battled the Lady Raiders, the statistics were noticeably different. Senior center Brittney Griner's season-high 40 points highlighted the game against Tech in January.

Of the 89 points scored this game, Griner was only responsible for 10.

"We've seen it all, and a win is a win," head coach Kim Mulkey said. "We won by more tonight than we did with Griner getting 40 because as I like to say, 'we shared the wealth.' There's lots of scores on that stat sheet. Probably the most impressive thing about that is you had 34 field goals on 30 assists. That's telling you a lot of kids are sharing the ball."

Texas Tech's strong defense, centered against Griner, forced the team to share the ball.

This time it was junior guard Odyssey Sims that scored the most

with a total of 18 points. Much like Mulkey said, the points were distributed across the team, with senior forward Brooklyn Pope scoring 17. Sims put the heat on Tech as she assisted senior guard Jordan Madden on a 3-point jumper early in the contest.

"We were just out there having fun," Sims said. "We came out with intensity like we did when we played them the first time and we never let up."

After a timeout at the 11:40 mark, both teams returned to the court equally as aggressive as before. Baylor continued to widen the gap with a 24-15 lead with just over nine minutes to go in the first half.

Griner gave the team many opportunities as she continually grabbed rebounds. By the end of the first half, Baylor had 21 rebounds to Tech's 13.

Griner was aggressive with her shot defense and finished the game with seven blocks.

A Tech player elbowed Griner in the face and was given a flagrant foul.

Mulkey joked after the game that Griner must have been bent

over. The first half ended with Baylor out front with a 20-point lead, 46-26.

The game continued to heat up in the second half as Baylor widened the gap. At the 16:39 mark, Pope went on a scoring streak and took Baylor from 57 points to 63 consecutively, leaving Tech no room to score.

"I just did the same thing I do every night. I'm in the same spot," Pope said. "And I just made the shots."

Freshman guard Niya Johnson also helped the team with her accurate passes throughout the game.

"She has the instincts not just for passing, but the right kind of pass," Mulkey said.

Prince stole the show as she had several fast paced breakaways.

With 8:55 left in the game, Texas Tech had scored just 45 points. Baylor kept them there until the last minute of the game. They concluded the game with 47 points, 42 points shy of Baylor's 89.

The Lady Bears will next play at 1 p.m. Saturday against TCU. Baylor is now 13-0 in Big 12 play.



Freshman guard Alexis Prince drives in for a layup Tuesday night against Texas Tech. The No. 1 Lady Bears won the game 89-47 and are now 23-1 on the season.

Softball wins with walk-off

By PARMIDA SCHAHHOSSEINI
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 22 Baylor softball team won both games of Tuesday's double-header against Southern Mississippi. After a dominant first game, Baylor squeaked out a win after a walk-off home run by freshman right-handed pitcher Heather Stearns to seal the deal.

Baylor needed to be aggressive on offense in the first game, and the batters did their jobs. After sophomore outfielder Kaitlyn Thumann struck out, senior outfielder Kathy Shelton singled and advanced to second on an error. Shelton stole third on the play. Freshman outfielder Linsey Hays hit the ball, but the centerfielder dropped it. Hays raced to third, and Shelton scored.

Junior first baseman Holly Holl walked in the third inning to put runners on first and second. Hays' sacrifice allowed Thumann to advance to third base and Holl to advance to second. Junior left-handed pitcher Whitney Canion drove Thumann and Holl home. Canion finished the game with 12 strikeouts, one hit and no runs.

"I am feeling like myself pitching, but not so much hitting, but I'm getting back on the mound and it's what I love to do and it seems like every time I get out there I feel



Senior outfielder Kathy Shelton slides into second base. The Lady Bears won both games over Southern Miss Tuesday night.

more and more like myself," Canion said.

Baylor did miss opportunities to score more in the fifth inning. The offense had the bases loaded when a fly ball forced Baylor to go back on defense.

Baylor ended up defeated Southern Mississippi 3-0.

In the second game, Stearns took the circle.

After a wild pitch from Stearns, Southern Mississippi earned a 1-0 advantage.

Baylor's offense struggled in the second game after an aggressive first game.

Baylor had nine hits in the first game, but only had one until the sixth inning when it found some offense.

Shelton singled up the middle,

and stole second shortly after. Holl doubled, which allowed Shelton to score and tie the game at one.

"Quite honestly I'm disappointed in our offense. As a coach, you want to put up more runs than that," head coach Glenn Moore said. "We need to give our pitching more runs. Our pitching is doing an outstanding job and we've got to find a way to score more runs."

Stearns ended the game with a walk off home run.

"I felt good towards the end of the game, getting really comfortable, loose, and after the first two innings I was feeling good," Stearns said.

Baylor will take on Northern Colorado at 3 p.m. and Pacific at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Getteman Stadium.

West Virginia travels to Waco for important Big 12 matchup

By DANIEL HILL
SPORTS WRITER

The Baylor Bears host the West Virginia Mountaineers at 8 p.m. today in the Ferrell Center. It's a pivotal matchup for both teams as Baylor and West Virginia are neck and neck in Big 12 Conference standings.

After a lightning hot 5-1 start in conference, the Bears cooled off during a three-game losing streak. On Saturday, Baylor bounced back to end the losing streak by defeating Texas Tech.

In the Big 12 standings, Baylor is 6-4 while West Virginia is 5-5. The Mountaineers are riding high as they head Waco with a three-game winning streak.

If the Mountaineers can win in Waco, it means West Virginia would pass Baylor in the Big 12 standings.

"Playing in the Big 12, it's a crazy environment going into somebody else's court," junior forward Cory Jefferson said. "When they come to ours, they're going to have to play a tough game to come home with the win."

West Virginia head coach Bob Huggins is known for having disciplined teams that play a physical, tough brand of basketball.

"They are the same physical team that you have come to know with Coach Huggins," Baylor head coach Scott Drew said. "His teams

always play really hard and we'll have to be able to match that physicality."

West Virginia and Baylor last met in the Continental Tires Las Vegas Classic tournament in December of 2011. The Bears won that game 83-81. Jefferson remembers how physical West Virginia was in that game.

He expects another tough game on Wednesday night against the Mountaineers.

"I think it will be more physical," Jefferson said. "It actually was a physical game when we played them in Vegas, and it's going to be physical tomorrow."

Baylor is the best defensive rebounding team in the Big 12 at 39.7 rebounds per game. Drew said he is proud of the defensive effort because it means the team can still win even on nights where they struggle offensively.

"I love the defensive effort," Drew said. "Offensively, we've been great at times and not so good at times. The defense is so important because some nights, the shots are falling and if you take care of the ball and rebound, then you give yourself a chance to win on those nights you don't shoot it well. I think our guards have all improved, keeping the ball in front of them. I think the bigs have done a great job in helping and improving their interior defense. It's been a collective effort and hopefully

that's something that can continue for the rest of conference."

Over halfway into the Big 12 schedule, there is no true leader of the conference and several teams are still in position to win the regular season conference title. The Bears are only 1.5 games behind Kansas and Kansas State for first place.

Six teams are all within 1.5 games of first place in the Big 12.

"Our confidence is going to stay high because we know we are a good team," junior guard Brady Heslip said. "We play together. The Big 12 is wide open. I don't know what the standings are after last night's games, but there's a whole bunch of teams, six teams at the top that are all close together. If we string together some wins at home and on the road, then we've set ourselves up for a chance to win."

Even though the Bears have aspirations of winning the conference, Drew knows that you have to take things one game at a time.

"I think that's across the board in college basketball this year with the parity," Drew said. "I think it's exciting for Big 12 fans. Each game is so important and each game means so much. As you can see there's not a lot of separation and that's why you don't want to look back and say 'oh, if we had just done this' then there's going to be a lot of what ifs at the end of the year."

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Laissez les bons temps rouler

The Boeuf Gras float from the Rex parade smokes its way down St. Charles Avenue during Mardi Gras on Tuesday in New Orleans.

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Tuesday, smoke began to rise from the cabin in the snow-covered woods near Big Bear Lake, a resort town about 80 miles east of Los Angeles. Flames then engulfed the building — images that were broadcast on live television around the world. TV helicopters showed the fire burning freely with no apparent effort to extinguish it.

“We have reason to believe that it is him,” said San Bernardino County sheriff’s spokeswoman Cynthia Bachman, adding that she didn’t know how the fire started. She noted there was gunfire between the person in the cabin and officers around the home before the blaze began.

Until Tuesday, authorities didn’t know whether Dorner was still near Big Bear Lake, where they found his burned-out pickup last week.

Around 12:20 p.m. Tuesday, deputies got a report of a stolen pickup truck, authorities said. The location was directly across the street from where law enforcement set up their command post on Thursday and not far from where Dorner’s pickup was abandoned. The owner of the vehicle taken Tuesday described the suspect as looking similar to Dorner.

A warden for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife traveling down Highway 38 recognized a man who fit Dorner’s description traveling in the opposite direction. The officer pursued the vehicle and there was a shooting at 12:42 p.m. in which the wildlife vehicle was hit numerous times and the suspect escaped on foot after crashing his truck.

After holing up in the cabin, there was a second gunbattle with San Bernardino County deputies, two of whom were shot. One died and the other was expected to live after undergoing surgery.

“We’re heartbroken,” Big Bear Lake Mayor Jay Obernolte said of the deputy’s death and the wounding of his colleague. “Words can’t express how grateful we are for the sacrifice those men have made in defense of the community, and our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families.”

The man believed to be Dorner never came out of the cabin, and a

single shot was heard inside before the cabin was engulfed in flames, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press.

There were conflicting reports about whether a body had been found inside shortly after the fire, with both the Los Angeles and San Bernardino authorities disputing the find in separate news conferences. But an official later told the AP a body had been seen in the rubble. The official requested anonymity because of the ongoing investigation.

Earlier, a SWAT team surrounded the cabin and used an armored vehicle to break out the cabin windows, the official said. The officers then pumped a gas into the cabin and blasted a message over a loudspeaker: “Surrender or come out.”

The armored vehicle then tore down each of the cabin’s four walls, like peeling back the layers of an onion, the official said.

Police say Dorner began his run on Feb. 6 after they connected the

slayings of a former police captain’s daughter and her fiancée with an angry Facebook rant they said he posted. **T h r e a t s** against the LAPD led officials to

assign officers to protect officers and their families.

Within hours of the release of photos of the 6-foot, 270-pounder described as armed and “extremely dangerous,” police say, Dorner unsuccessfully tried to steal a boat in San Diego to flee to Mexico and opened fire on two patrol cars in Riverside County, shooting three officers and killing one.

Jumpy officers guarding one of the targets named in the rant shot and injured two women delivering newspapers Thursday in Torrance because they mistook their pickup truck for Dorner’s.

Police found weapons and camping gear inside the charred truck in Big Bear. Helicopters using heat-seeking technology



Dorner

searched the forest from above while scores of officers, some using bloodhounds, scoured the ground and checked hundreds of vacation cabins — many vacant this time of year — in the area.

A snowstorm hindered the search and may have helped cover his tracks, though authorities were hopeful he would leave fresh footprints if hiding in the wilderness.

Dorner’s anger with the department dated back at least five years, when he was fired for filing a false report accusing his training officer of kicking a mentally ill suspect. Dorner, who is black, claimed in the rant that he was the subject of racism by the department and fired for doing the right thing.

He said he would get even with those who wronged him as part of his plan to reclaim his good name.

“You’re going to see what a whistleblower can do when you take everything from him especially his NAME!!!” the rant said. “You have awoken a sleeping giant.”

Chief Charlie Beck, who initially dismissed the allegations in the rant, said he reopened the investigation into his firing — not to appease the ex-officer, but to restore confidence in the black community, which long had a fractured relationship with police that has improved in recent years.

One of the targets listed in the manifesto was former LAPD Capt. Randal Quan, who represented Dorner before the disciplinary board. Dorner claimed he put the interests of the department above his.

The first victims were Quan’s daughter, Monica Quan, 28, a college basketball coach, and her fiancée, Keith Lawrence, 27. They were shot multiple times in their car in a parking garage near their Orange County condo.

Dorner served in the Navy, earning a rifle marksman ribbon and pistol expert medal. He was assigned to a naval undersea warfare unit and various aviation training units, according to military records. He took leave from the LAPD for a six-month deployment to Bahrain in 2006 and 2007.

He left the service on Feb. 1.

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and customers get what they need in Waco.

“We carry hardware, lawn and garden, paint, ranching supplies, sporting goods,” Watts said. “It’s a wide array, but it’s much more than just hardware. In the co-op structure, the members actually own the company. Our members can buy in bulk so they can take advantage of large quantities of discounted items.”

Dagley said having a co-op nearby like Do It Best is a blessing for his business.

“Having that size warehouse in your backyard makes sense,” Dagley said. “It’s a terrific organization that allows us to get a product we don’t have in the store to the customer the next day.”

Working with Do It Best and the store renovations may help business, but it hasn’t changed the store’s focus on service.

“We are increasing the product mix,” Dagley said. “But we are still wanting to keep what has made

the store successful in the past and that’s great service. Our customers are individual homeowners, remodelers and restoration companies and all those people down near Baylor. We want to be the one-stop shop for them to come in and get what they need to maintain their properties.”

Dagley has not always worked in retail.

Upon receiving his Bachelor of Business Administration in 1970, he moved to Houston and worked as an auditor for Arthur Andersen and Company for 15 years.

He eventually became chief administrative officer and chief financial officer for Transco Energy Co. and then CFO of Pacific Enterprises in California. The Dagleys moved to Waco in 2002 because he said he had “had enough of corporate life.”

Before moving back to Waco, Dagley stayed involved with Baylor in the years after graduating.

He was on the Accounting De-

partment Advisory Board during the 1980s and was a regular season ticket holder for Baylor baseball, basketball and football for years.

“We’ve been great Baylor supporters through the years,” he said. “Baylor laid the groundwork for me to not only be an accountant but a businessman.”

Dagley said he is thankful for the years he spent at Baylor building lifelong relationships and connections.

“There were great professors who cared about me and they were interested in what I was going to do with the rest of my life,” he said. “Looking back on all those years, I think the training and experience I got made me a prepared for the business world. Never did I dream that I would own a hardware store but the friendships I made at Baylor laid the groundwork for it. You never know where life is going to take you.”

Survey says: Alumni still love good ol’ Baylor

By KATE MCGUIRE
STAFF WRITER

A new national survey reveals that Baylor alumni believe Baylor is an excellent school and top in quality education.

Last fall, 609 alumni were asked to describe their experience of Baylor University and their time here, said John Barry, Baylor’s vice president of marketing and communications.

The results from the survey reflect what Baylor alumni believe they need from Baylor and what they can give to Baylor.

Interviews were conducted from a sample of 4,494 random telephone numbers from the University of New Hampshire Survey Center.

The response rate from alumni was around 25 percent.

Barry said the four main things alumni are concerned with is how to stay connected to Baylor events, what Baylor is currently doing, how the Baylor Alumni Network is advancing the university and how alumni can best help the students.

Fifty-two percent of Baylor alumni who responded to the survey said it was very important for

alumni to help support Baylor. As a result of this response, Barry said a goal for Baylor Alumni Network is to connect alumni to students through different engagement opportunities such as scholarships.

A new idea is to establish a mentoring experience for students from the help and influence of alumni.

“The alumni beg the question if we are doing the best we can to connect them to these things,” Barry said.

He said he believes that by collecting data from alumni, the Baylor Alumni Network can find better opportunities to provide their alumni connections to the university.

The collecting of this data is important for Baylor because it gathers opinions on matters on keeping alumni up to date with campus news and connecting them to the students, said Jeff Kilgore, vice president of the Baylor Alumni Association.

Of the Baylor alumni who responded, 98 percent have felt a special or strong bond to Baylor since graduation and more Texans are likely to say they have a strong bond with Baylor.

Of the respondents, 72 percent currently reside in Texas, about 54 percent were women and only about 10 percent have children who are able to attend college. 53 percent were non-Baptist Christians.

Barry started doing research 12 years ago at the University of Connecticut to study public opinion and has found the results to be helpful in determining what alumni want from the Baylor Alumni Network.

Once he began working at Baylor, he commissioned a national survey be taken of Baylor alumni of all ages.

The first survey began in 2007 and this is the second survey conducted since.

“Public opinion can be used as teaching tools,” Barry said. “I’ve always thought that it’s our responsibility to collect data to understand public opinion. The point is to find what alumni think of the university, what they want and measure that against what we’re doing.”

For a full report on the national survey, visit <http://www.baylor.edu/alumni/doc.php/193441.pdf>

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Advanced Placement and vocational programs in high schools. He said the United States must improve immigration and protect its borders. Overall, he called for more economic growth so the government could afford to help those who cannot help themselves.

“More government isn’t going to inspire new ideas, new businesses, and new private sector jobs,” Rubio said.

David Schleicher, president of the McLennan County Democrats, said that he was disappointed in the tone of Rubio’s speech.

“It seemed to create more ten-

sion than it was trying to solve,” Schleicher said. “He kept talking about feeling attacked. It was like he was still in campaign mode.”

Rubio said tax increases will not decrease the deficit and the government doesn’t have to raise taxes to avoid cuts.

“The choice isn’t just between big government and big business,” Rubio said.

Congressman Bill Flores said he doesn’t think President Obama addressed the deficit enough.

“There are better ways to reform deficit reduction,” Flores said. “In 2011, he said he wanted to

freeze federal spending, but everything he proposed has some sort of spending increase associated with it.”

In reference to the president’s comments about gun control, Rubio said undermining the rights of law abiding American citizens is not the way to protect children. Flores said that he does not mind extending background checks, but that the government needs to discuss why people commit violent behavior.

“We need to focus on why people would pick up a weapon of any kind,” Flores said.