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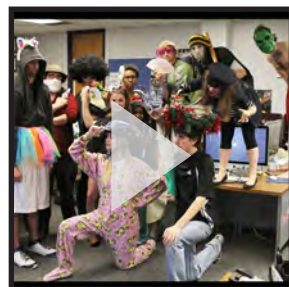
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The Baylor campus diversity committee and the School of Music present Saakumu, a dance and drum troupe from the West African nation of Ghana, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. today in 118 Glennis McCrary Music Building. This event is free of charge and open to the public.



## New lives made easier

Group looks to community to help reintegrate ex-convicts

By KARA BLOMQUIST  
 REPORTER

Ninety-five percent of state prisoners will re-enter society at some point, according to the National Reentry Resource Center.

The Waco Reintegration Roundtable is working to help ease the transition of those ex-convicts.

The group has a steering committee made up of people with influential positions in the community and is looking for input from the public.

Rosemary Townsend, director of business affairs and community partnerships in Baylor's Office of Community Engagement and Service, said the roundtable is trying to find out how the community can help ex-convicts become successful members of society.

"What can we do to help those folks integrate into the community more successfully?" she said. "So that they could hopefully find appropriate jobs and be able to support their families and, you know, go on to become normal tax-paying citizens."

The roundtable has brought together the people with the power to make changes through the steering committee, Townsend said.

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### Granny's got a gun

Lee Lazernick, right, asked his mother Thelma Lazernick to pose with a customer's Ruger Mini-14 .223 semi-automatic rifle on Monday at All Around Pizza and Deli in Virginia Beach, Va., where customers wearing weapons or who bring their concealed weapons permit are offered a 15 percent discount.

## Passport payoffs in students' future

By KATE MCGUIRE  
 STAFF WRITER

"Scratch my back and I'll scratch yours" seems to be the idea of the Passport to Waco program, but simplicity does not always mean big benefits for some vendors.

Passport to Waco is a simple concept: Students visit the seven businesses listed in the Passport and get it stamped from each place. In order to get it stamped, the student must make a purchase from the business. The booklet is then turned into the student gov-

ernment office by April 13 in exchange for a prize that has yet to be determined.

Briana Treadaway, external vice president is currently in charge of this initiative. Passport is a year-old student government program that allows students the opportunity to support local businesses, get to know the Waco community, and receive food.



Unlike last year when the program only ran a few weeks, this year's program will begin in the next couple weeks and will run until April 12. Passports will be

available to pick up in the student government office, located in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Treadaway said about 750 to 1,000 passports are being printed now and will be available soon.

Student government plans to advertise this through the Lariat as well as on Facebook, Twitter, and their webpage.

"Last year was the first year we opened and Passport to Waco helped us see a good crowd of Baylor students," Staley Levvy, Oso's Frozen Yogurt general man-

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

### Feel the beat

The Saakumu Dance Troupe performs Tuesday in Roxy Grove Hall. The troupe's goal is to introduce audiences to African dance and music.

## Texas mayors show support for \$2B state water projects

By CHRIS TOMLINSON  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — The mayors of Houston, Dallas and Austin told lawmakers on Tuesday that they support a proposed \$2 billion fund to finance water projects across the state and would like to see less red tape and more conservation efforts.

Houston Mayor Annise Parker told the House Natural Resources Committee that she supports using money from the Rainy Day

Fund to create a water development bank that would help local authorities build new water projects and finance conservation efforts. Houston has invested in numerous water projects and delivers 495 million gallons a day to 470,000 customers.

Parker said the fund would help the rest of the state make sure there is enough water for Texas' growing population.

"If the rest of the state doesn't make the same significant investment that we have, then we are

out there by ourselves, and we may lose our competitive edge as a state going into the future," she said.

The committee was hearing testimony on House Bill 4, a proposal by Rep. Alan Ritter, R-Nederland, to create a revolving, \$2 billion fund that the State Water Development Board would use to leverage financing for water projects. The board says Texans need to spend \$53 billion over the next

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## Lawmakers seek to block federal gun control laws

By MICHAEL BRICK  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Police officers could be charged with a crime for enforcing new federal gun control laws in Texas under a proposal by a lawmaker who acknowledges the measure likely would end up in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Rep. Steve Toth, a newly elected Republican from The Woodlands, said his proposal would prevent officers from carrying out any future federal orders to confiscate assault rifles and ammunition magazines.

"There's a federal law, there's a 30-round magazine right in front of you - what do I do?" Toth said in an interview. The measure known as the Firearm Protection Act "answers that question in spades," he said. It moved Tuesday to the House Committee on Federalism.

President Barack Obama has proposed federal laws banning such weapons, but no such laws currently exist.

Toth's proposal would create a Class A misdemeanor for police officers enforcing any new federal gun regulations. It also would establish cause for the state attorney

general to sue anyone who seeks to enforce new federal gun regulations. It is one of several states-rights measures being offered by conservative state lawmakers nationwide in response to federal gun control proposals.

Courts have long upheld the federal government's right to enact new laws, which generally supersede state law. Asked how legal precedent for the supremacy of federal law would affect enforcement of his bill, Toth said he expects a legal challenge.

"It may end up in the Supreme Court," he said.

Several recently elected lawmakers gathered at a news conference Tuesday with Toth and Richard Mack, a former Arizona sheriff who successfully contested implementation of certain provisions of the Brady gun laws in the 1990s.

"The federal government is not our boss," Mack said. "If there's any place that that's applicable and true, it's the state of Texas."

Referring to Greg Abbott, the attorney general who helped draft the bill, Mack added: "And we've got a great attorney."

# Atten-don'ts: Policy merely insults students

## University should abolish attendance policy, let students prioritize their time

### Editorial

Attendance. There have countless debates on this topic before, and that's to be expected from a large student body composed of people who pay thousands of dollars to be here while pursuing a degree. From how strict policies are from one college to another, to how hard it is to keep track of several different policies a student may have for each class, attendance will always be a hot-button issue on campus.

*Having so many attendance policies to consider while trying to get through our respective degree plans only exacerbates the difficulties we face simply by being full-time students with part-time jobs and extracurricular involvements.*

And don't even get us started on the seemingly pointless regulations on what is considered an excused absence and what's not. Isn't it about time we did away with the whole system? The overly complicated system of attendance policies at Baylor is insulting to a student body that obviously wants to be here.

It's apparent we want to be here and have more than enough incentive to attend classes simply because we pay so much for them. Why jeopardize students' grades with an intricate system of atten-

dance policies when you could just let their grades (and the money going into them) be enough motivation for students to attend class?

Baylor's official university-wide attendance policy used to be a required attendance at least 75 percent of all courses. If the student missed more than 25 percent, he or she would automatically receive a failing grade, no matter what the current grade was. When the university-wide policy was disbanded, it was replaced with separate attendance policies for each academic unit such as the School of Music or the Col-

lege of Arts and Sciences. Most departments have maintained the previous 75 percent policy but have added the options for teachers to place more stringent restrictions on top of the department policy should they choose.

This makes for a confusing system for students to navigate when they are involved in classes from several different schools at the same time. But the real crime is the policy on excused absences.

The College of Arts and Sciences' Student Policies and Procedures



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website states that when classes are missed, it is the student's responsibility to account for how absences may affect participation, missed assignments and exams.

We know the whole point is to attend as much class as possible. That's why we are here and pay all of this money.

We obviously want to receive a high-quality education and are willing to meet attendance requirement to do so.

However, having so many attendance policies to consider while trying to get through our respective degree plans only exacerbates the difficulties we face simply by being full-time students with part-time jobs and extracurricular involvements.

Many of us are involved in sports, work-study jobs and classes that require out-of-class commitments, and there are always the occasional flus and emergencies that

force us to skip class. However, despite the attendance policies we do what we can to pass the classes we miss.

Some teachers will say if you've missed more than seven classes in the semester, you're probably failing anyway. However, it's not fair to make this assumption. We believe it is completely within our abilities to miss more than the "quota" and still pass a class. But you (the colleges and departments) have to

give us a chance first. In short, you have to start treating us like the adults we are.

The policies in place now are insulting to our integrity and the character we exhibit simply by being Baylor students.

It's time to do away with the kindergarten roll call and allow us to show our true willingness to be here and excel, despite hardships or slip-ups.

# Don't object to music you don't like; live and let listen

The Facebook page titled "Today's Music Sucks," with a profile picture of a radio being smashed by a sledgehammer, has 927 likes. There are certainly more than 927 people in the world today who hear pop artist Justin Bieber sing, "I was like; baby, baby, baby, oh!" and want to find a deep cave to hide in with their iPod chargers and collections of the "right" kind of music.

If we just cut all of the crap out, we might be able to save ourselves.

That meaningless pop music; that rude, loud, rap; that sappy folk; that rowdy, red-neck country; that abhorrence to sound waves, dubstep — if we just get rid of all the "bad" music, we just might be able to save ourselves and our descendants from the molestation of our eardrums and souls.

Thank the Lord in heaven above this will never happen.

People are very different and complex inside, and the things they hold dear and the crosses they bear are all stamped uniquely on their fingerprints, whispered

or shouted through the particular music they enjoy.

The more I listen to music to hear what is "good," the more I realized that not every person is going to emote so much as to melt into their shoes like I do upon hearing Radiohead sing "The Tourist."

In other words, everyone responds and relates to music in a completely different way than their neighbor.

Music is a very powerful and personal force that helps us understand and survive our existence. Calling any kind of music definitively "bad" or "good" would be like saying there is a right or wrong way to feel or an incorrect height for a person to be. Music is a part of our identity.

Bob Darden, an associate professor in the Department of Journalism, Public Relations and New Media, as well an avid music collector and former writer for Billboard music magazine, says music is cultural. What songs he might like, someone in another culture might have a totally different opinion of. We of the Western-



Rebecca Fiedler | Reporter

European sensibility said Beethoven and Mozart and Bach are good, but other cultures would get bored with that music really quickly, Darden says.

"If it makes you happy, it's good music — even if everybody else in the whole world hates it," Darden said. "If this is the

music that gives you pleasure, then that music has value to you."

But what about some of these simplified, over-produced, dime-a-dozen pop songs that One Direction and Ke\$ha keep cranking out?

Are our heart and minds supposed to be touched by them?

Darden argues that different music serves a different purpose—some he listens to for pleasure, like Mumford & Sons, the Lumineers and the Civil Wars. Darden admits he particularly admires an artist who has a particular vision with his or her music and takes a stand with it.

However, he says, some music is just made to dance and have fun to.

"I don't care if all the hip kids in the world hate it," Darden said of Carly Rae Jepsen's hit song, "Call Me Maybe." "It's a well-crafted pop song, and pop music is short for 'popular music,' and it's designed for people to laugh and hum along with. Will I buy it for my own pleasure? No. But if it comes on the radio, I don't turn

that off."

Can we tell a 13-year-old girl whose day brightens every time she hears a One Direction song that the band is a disgrace to the music world? When the beat of a rap song empowers a listener, can we tell them that what they're hearing is just noise? When a country song reminds someone of the comforts of a simple life, can we tell them that they're listening to tacky hick music?

I don't really believe that there is such a thing as "good" or "bad" music any more than I do that there are "good" or "bad" letters in the alphabet.

If we only had the music that an "elite" few of us personally deemed as quality, good songs and artists and styles, we would be devolving, losing the breadth and width of this mysterious entity that God made a part of humanity itself: Music.

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### Corrections

In the Feb. 15 reviews of All-University Sing, which ran under the headline "Baylor groups SING their way to the top," several naming errors occurred.

Pi Beta Phi was incorrectly called "Phi Beta Phi," and Beta Upsilon Chi was referred to as "Brothers Under Christ," the rationale behind the group's Greek

letters, but not the organization's official name.

In an article published the same day, titled "Student government passes water bill," Rowlett senior campus improvements and affairs chair Nick Pokorny was misidentified as senior academic affairs chair Cody Orr.

The Lariat regrets the errors.

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# Play ball: Dads, daughters bond through sports

By TAYLOR REXRODE  
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We often hear of the phrase "daddy's little girl" as if fathers and daughters share a special bond unlike any other. A study at Baylor shows that this father-daughter dynamic may be linked to sports.

Dr. Mark Morman, director of graduate studies in the communication department, has released a study showing that fathers and daughters are fostering relationships through shared activities. He performed this study with alumna Elizabeth Barrett, who now works in the Texas House of Representa-

tives. Barrett could not be reached for comment.

Morman sees the sports activities connection between young women and their dads as a way to bridge the gap between the masculine and feminine.

"A lot of the research points to dad as 'playmate' and as a source of activity," Morman said. "Fathers tend to pull their daughters toward the masculine, not the other way around."

Research shows the traditional feminine approach to closeness is through dialogue while the masculine approach is typically through

activity.

More and more, fathers are staying heavily involved in their children's lives, especially through sporting events. Houston freshman Audrey Brook, center midfielder on the women's soccer team, says her dad's involvement through sports was a big part of building their relationship.

"I've played soccer my whole life and my dad has always been there for me," Brook said. "It brought us closer. This is my first semester and he hasn't missed a home game."

Brook's father coached many el-

*"There is shift away from dad as the provider and disciplinarian to dad as a playmate or someone plugged in and engaged with his children."*

Mark Morman | Communication Department

ementary and middle school teams that she and her siblings participated in years ago.

"If he wasn't the coach, he was always there coaching me along,"

Brook said.

Fifty years ago, these cross-sex dynamics — father-daughter and mother-son relationships—were not heavily researched or understood. Morman said that these relationships have been able to develop with the changing of gender identities and roles within the family.

Morman says one major change in the overall fatherly role happened at the individual level between fathers, sons and grandfathers.

"Either men will copy what their dads did or they will com-

pensate for what their dads did or didn't do," Morman said. "There's a growing realization for men where they realize their dads didn't do a good job or the were too distant. Men recognize that and say, 'I'm not going to do that to my kid'."

"There is shift away from dad as the provider and disciplinarian to dad as a playmate or someone plugged in and engaged with his children," Morman said. "I think there's a changing notion of masculinity in our culture. We aren't so cowboy, John Wayne, stoic-kind of masculine anymore. It's more acceptable for men to be open."

# Prison terms handed down in Texas kidnapping case

By JUAN A. LOZANA  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN AUGUSTINE — An East Texas jury sentenced two women to prison Tuesday after convicting them of kidnapping a Houston boy when he was 8 months old and hiding him for eight years before he was found.

Gloria Walker was sentenced to 30 years for injury to a child and eight years for kidnapping, to be served concurrently. Her daughter, Krystle Tanner, was sentenced to eight years for kidnapping and eight years for the lesser charge of reckless injury to a child, also to be served concurrently.

Earlier in the day the same jury convicted them in the 2004 disappearance of Miguel Morin, who is now 8. Walker had faced up to life in prison, and Tanner faced 20 years.

During the punishment phase, which lasted about 30 to 40 minutes, both women testified, insisting they did nothing wrong because the child's mother had given the boy away.

Prosecutors told jurors during closing arguments that Tanner and Walker neglected Miguel during the eight years they hid him from

authorities, denying him appropriate medical care and keeping him out of school.

But defense attorneys countered there was no abduction because the boy's mother sold him to the women and his parents never showed any concern for their son and refused to cooperate with authorities.

The trial is in San Augustine, about 140 miles northeast of Houston, where authorities say Miguel lived part of the time during his alleged kidnapping.

Both Walker and Tanner asked jurors to sentence them to probation.

"I didn't do nothing wrong," said a tearful Walker. She also told jurors she had very little contact with the boy, saying she was focused more on dealing with various health problems.

But Tanner contradicted her mother, telling jurors Miguel lived with Walker for extended periods of time. Tanner said she never hurt or abused Miguel.

"I didn't know they were looking for him. I didn't know he was missing," she said.

Prosecutors did not present any witnesses during the punish-



Associated Press

This March 12, 2012, booking photo provided by the San Augustine Sheriff's Office shows Krystle Rochelle Tanner. Jurors in San Augustine, on Tuesday found Tanner and her mother, Gloria Walker, guilty of kidnapping Miguel Morin, now 8, who disappeared in 2004.

ment phase but did ask jurors for a 25-year-sentence for Walker and an eight-year term for Tanner.

Authorities said Tanner, who used to baby sit Miguel, took the boy from his Houston apartment complex when he was a baby and that she and her mother kept him hidden in homes in Central and East Texas, renaming him Jaquan.

San Augustine County District Attorney Kevin Dutton said in his closing argument that claims by Tanner and Walker that Miguel was given to them by his mother are not supported by their actions.

"If Ms. Walker and Ms. Tanner had a right to little Miguel, why wasn't he in school?" he said. "Why didn't you get the rest of his im-

munizations? Why didn't you take him to the dentist? They knew they didn't have that right. They knew they couldn't put that baby out in the public eye."

Miguel remained missing until March 2012, when Tanner and Walker were arrested. Authorities began investigating Tanner in 2010 after her newborn son tested positive for marijuana. Investigators later determined that she had the missing boy.

San Augustine County Attorney Wesley Hoyt, the other prosecutor in the case, told jurors Miguel stayed missing for years in part because of a flawed investigation by Houston police, which closed the case in 2006.

But Rudy Velasquez, Walker's attorney, told jurors Miguel's parents, Auboni Champion-Morin and Fernando Morin, didn't cooperate with Houston police after the boy was reported missing and never really showed any concern for their son.

A Houston police investigator testified during the four-day trial last week she thought this was not a kidnapping case but one about interference with child custody because she believed the boy's par-

ents and Tanner had an agreement related to his custody.

"This is not a kidnapping. What has happened is you have a young lady who gave her child away," Velasquez said. "Ms. Morin was willing to sell her child for \$200."

The boy's parents were not in the courtroom during closing arguments. But Champion-Morin, had testified her son was taken by Tanner and that Houston police did not keep in touch with her about the case.

Donovan Dudinsky, Tanner's attorney, told jurors to consider that Miguel is currently not living with his parents but is instead in the custody of a Houston-area couple in deciding whether to believe the parents' claims that their son was taken.

A Houston judge last month placed Miguel with Junita and Joseph Auguillard, who have also been taking care of Miguel's four siblings for nearly 10 years under an agreement they have with the boy's parents.

Miguel has been told about the true identity of his parents and his siblings, and he has been having weekly joint therapy sessions with his parents.



Associated Press

Drug overdose deaths rose for the 11th straight year, federal data show, and most of them were accidents involving addictive painkillers despite growing attention to risks from these medicines. As in previous recent years, opioid drugs — which include OxyContin and Vicodin — were the biggest problem, contributing to three out of four medication overdose deaths.

# Drug overdose deaths up for 11th consecutive year

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CHICAGO — Drug overdose deaths rose for the 11th straight year, federal data show, and most of them were accidents involving addictive painkillers despite growing attention to risks from these medicines.

"The big picture is that this is a big problem that has gotten much worse quickly," said Dr. Thomas Frieden, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which gathered and analyzed the data.

In 2010, the CDC reported, there were 38,329 drug overdose deaths nationwide. Medicines, mostly prescription drugs, were involved in nearly 60 percent of overdose deaths that year, overshadowing deaths from illicit narcotics.

The report appears in Tuesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

It details which drugs were at play in most of the fatalities. As in previous recent years, opioid drugs — which include OxyContin and Vicodin — were the biggest problem, contributing to 3 out of 4 medication overdose deaths.

Frieden said many doctors and patients don't realize how addictive

these drugs can be, and that they're too often prescribed for pain that can be managed with less risky drugs.

They're useful for cancer, "but if you've got terrible back pain or terrible migraines," using these addictive drugs can be dangerous, he said.

Medication-related deaths accounted for 22,134 of the drug overdose deaths in 2010.

Anti-anxiety drugs including Valium were among common causes of medication-related deaths, involved in almost 30 percent of them. Among the medication-related deaths, 17 percent were suicides.

The report's data came from death certificates, which aren't always clear on whether a death was a suicide or a tragic attempt at getting high. But it does seem like most serious painkiller overdoses were accidental, said Dr. Rich Zane, chair of emergency medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

The study's findings are no surprise, he added. "The results are consistent with what we experience" in ERs, he said, adding that the statistics no doubt have gotten worse since 2010.

Some experts believe these

deaths will level off. "Right now, there's a general belief that because these are pharmaceutical drugs, they're safer than street drugs like heroin," said Don Des Jarlais, director of the chemical dependency institute at New York City's Beth Israel Medical Center.

"But at some point, people using these drugs are going to become more aware of the dangers," he said.

Frieden said the data show a need for more prescription drug monitoring programs at the state level, and more laws shutting down "pill mills" — doctor offices and pharmacies that over-prescribe addictive medicines.

Last month, a federal panel of drug safety specialists recommended that Vicodin and dozens of other medicines be subjected to the same restrictions as other narcotic drugs like oxycodone and morphine. Meanwhile, more and more hospitals have been establishing tougher restrictions on painkiller prescriptions and refills.

One example: The University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora is considering a rule that would ban emergency doctors from prescribing more medicine for patients who say they lost their pain meds, Zane said.

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# Sing Alliance brings rewards and work of Sing to all

By RYAN DAUGHERTY  
REPORTER

Every year, Baylor holds All University Sing for Greek organizations but students not involved in a Greek organization don't have to miss out – they can join Sing Alliance.

Sing Alliance is a student-run group for students who are not part of a Greek organization.

Their act this year was titled "A Class of Their Own."

All students are welcome. There is no audition requirement and spots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lake Jackson junior Ivana Martinez has been a part of Sing Alliance for two years and said she has enjoyed every bit of it.

"Sing Alliance gives you the opportunity to be part of a Baylor tradition that a lot of people seem to enjoy," she said. "I kind of wish I did it as a freshman but I got in as soon as I could."

Sing Alliance has a membership of more than 100 students and several leadership positions.

Baton Rouge, La., senior Claire Clinkingbeard is the president of the group and is the Choreography Chair. She is also a theater performance major.

Alongside Clinkingbeard are four other chairs: Spring senior Kasi Kirksey is the costume chair, Kingwood junior Ryan McMillan is the props and backdrop chair, Rosenberg senior Jason Scott is the

administrative chair, and Bloomington, Minn., senior Emma Steincross is the music chair.

All of these people work together to make sure the show is run smoothly and everything goes according to plan.

Being a part of Sing Alliance does not just include performing for Sing. Outside of Sing practice, the organization holds other events such as a Christmas party and multiple formals.

Lake Jackson senior Kevin Ebach is the social officer. His job is to plan the spirit nights, which are theme nights, as well as the formals.

He has been with Sing Alliance for four years and said he has had the time of his life.

"Sing Alliance is a one-of-a-kind organization," he said. "Although everyone joins for Sing, the friends and the fun you have is what you will remember most. Sing is such a great tradition that Baylor has and Sing Alliance is a great way to experience it if you are not in a Greek organization."

Martinez said the leaders of Sing Alliance are a huge reason the members are constantly motivated to perform the show as perfectly as possible.

"Our leadership works so well together and you can tell that their relationships are real," she said. "They spend so much time and effort doing everything for us. Because of them, all the members have worked equally as hard to put us back into that performance."



Students in Sing Alliance practice their act "A Class of Their Own" at All-University Sing dress rehearsal on Wednesday, Feb. 14. Sing Alliance allows students to participate in Sing who are not part of organizations that traditionally participate.

For the Sing competition, the top eight teams advance to Pigskin Revue, a performance each fall that displays the top acts from the previous Sing.

Last spring, Sing Alliance did not advance to Pigskin. Although they didn't reach their goal, Martinez believes this year the group is more prepared.

"Last year you could really tell a difference in opinions," Martinez said. "There were different groups or cliques in the whole organization and this year we're all more willing to work with each other and be more together."

Ebach said he also thinks this year will turn out great as well.

"This year's performance is go-

ing to be energetic, to say the least," he said. "We want the audience to feel like getting up and dancing with us."

Martinez said being a part of Sing Alliance is great experience, but it takes a lot of time and dedication.

Practice is four times a week and runs two to three hours each

night. He said the practices, although fun, are tough.

"They're grueling and intense," she said. "Sometimes we'll do a move like seven times just to clean it up, but we love it. When it finally happens and that 'Aha!' moment comes, we all feel proud of ourselves. The experience is rewarding."

# Students can get their spring break fix with MTV, United Way

By ASHLEY DAVIS  
COPY EDITOR

With spring break right around the corner, many students are scrambling to make plans for that one precious week without school. This year, a unique alternative from the usual cruises, lake houses and festivals has presented itself in MTV and United Way's Spring Fix.

MTV, the music television channel, has partnered with United Way and mtvU, the 24-hour college channel, to organize an alternative spring break for students who wish to spend their break in a philanthropic way.

The program will take 50 of the students who apply and bring them to areas in New York and New Jersey hit by Super Storm Sandy in October. The students will help rebuild some of the devastated areas and raise funds for United Way in the process from March 17-23. The trip will end in a special free concert for the volunteers at Six Flags Great Escape in Jackson, N.J. Officials at the MTV network say they expect celebrities and other public figures to make an appearance and join the efforts of the volunteers.

All of the Spring Fix activities will receive coverage by MTV network during spring break and will air in segments on

MTV, mtvU and MTV2. There will be a spring break-themed time slot in March specifically to show the students' efforts in Seaside Heights, N.J., and parts of New York that were affected by the storm.

"We're thrilled to partner with our audience and United Way to provide desperately needed help to communities in need following Hurricane Sandy," MTV president Stephen Friedman said in a press release. "These young people are skipping the typical spring break parties to give back, and we're honored to spotlight their work across our network."

While the storm happened early last semester, times are still tough for people whose homes were destroyed in New York.

Noopur Agarwal, MTV vice president of public affairs said, "We know that it's been a long recovery effort for many of the people who were affected. As far as the young people involved, we're honored to shine a spotlight on their work."

Agarwal said MTV has a longstand-

ing relationship with United Way, and that they are thrilled to work with them on "Spring Fix."

"In 2006, we partnered with them to host the first-ever United Way Alternative Spring Break, with students from around the country trading the typical beach parties and nights out to go to communities in the Gulf Coast to help with long-term recovery efforts following Hurricane Katrina," Agarwal said. "United Way Alternative Spring Break has offered thousands of young people the opportunity to do meaningful service since its inception. So it was only natural that we'd work with them again on this initiative."

Since the 2006 efforts for disaster relief, Agarwal said the company's partnership with United Way has been a great success and has received wide support from college students all over the country.

"We received a great response from students around the country to participate in this effort, and I truly believe it will be an

*"These young people are skipping the typical spring break parties to give back, and we're honored to spotlight their work across our network"*

Stephen Fredman | President of MTV



Students help out with MTV and United Way's Spring Fix during spring break in 2006.

incredibly rewarding experience for everyone involved," Agarwal said.

Though the application deadline has passed, there are several other alternative spring break projects sponsored by United Way that include locations in Tuscon, Ariz., El Paso and Newark, N.J. There are

also opportunities for students to start their own campus Student United Way chapters as well as volunteering in the community.

Students can still participate in Spring Fix through donations made to relief efforts through the United Way website.

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## DAILY PUZZLES

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- 1 When Romeo meets Juliet
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- 25 Question eliciting "Let's!"
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- 31 Stratford's river
- 34 Holm and McKellen
- 36 "Star Trek" role
- 37 2011 film in which Owen Wilson says, "Wonderful but forgettable. That sounds like a picture I've seen. I probably wrote it."
- 40 No \_\_ sight
- 41 Letterman rival
- 42 "99 Luftballons" singer
- 43 Thaw once more
- 45 Give a good talking-to
- 47 In the lead
- 49 U2 producer or, backwards, U2 hit
- 50 Aswan landmark
- 53 Gift of a sort
- 56 Simoleons
- 58 Justin Bieber or the golden calf
- 59 Winner of screenwriting Oscars for the three quoted films
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- 63 "Titus \_\_": 16th-century play
- 64 Pre-LCD screen
- 65 Makes a home
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- 11 1998 animated film released the month before "A Bug's Life"
- 12 Jim Davis dog
- 14 "Fantasia" tutu wearer
- 15 With 16-Across, 1986 film in which Dianne Wiest says, "But you have to remember while you read and you're cursing my name, you know, that this is my first script."
- 20 Outmaneuver
- 23 Calc prereq
- 24 Lesley of "60 Minutes"
- 26 1977 film in which 59-Across says, "Awards! They do nothing but give out awards!"
- 27 Starts the pot
- 29 Consumer advocate Brockovich
- 30 Mercury Seven org.
- 31 From the U.S.
- 32 Hollywood crosser
- 33 Fifth wheel
- 35 From then on
- 38 Fjord, for one
- 39 High time?
- 44 Formosa, now
- 46 Willy, Biff or Happy of drama
- 48 Blackmore heroine
- 50 Sweets, in Naples
- 51 Native Alaskan
- 52 Minister's house
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- 61 Rocky hellos

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# Baseball wins home opener over Texas State 6-3

By DANIEL HILL  
SPORTS WRITER

The Baylor Bears earned their first win of the season by defeating the Texas State Bobcats 6-3 at Baylor Ballpark Tuesday night. The Bears' overall record is now 1-3 heading into a weekend series against UCLA at home.

The Bears came out early in the top of the first and made some uncharacteristic mistakes defensively.

"I think it's normal coming out first game at home and you've got your home fans here and everyone is going to be a little amped up," junior second basemen Lawton Langford said. "You got some butterflies and just want to make the big play so you almost do a little bit too much so I think we all settled down and started playing like us again."

Langford committed an error on a ground ball near second base when he could have possibly had a double-play ball. Instead Langford bobbled the ball and couldn't get the runner out at either second or first.

With runners on second and first, Texas State hit a hard liner into left field. Sophomore left fielder Adam Toth let the ball get past him and that error allowed Texas State to score the first run of the game.

In the bottom of the first, Langford made up for his defensive error at second base by hitting a dou-

ble which brought in a Baylor run. This gave Baylor some momentum and helped calm down the Bears after a rough start to the game and a rocky start to the season.

In the second inning, Baylor exploded for four runs. Sophomore first basemen Duncan Wendel singled to center, and senior shortstop Jake Miller doubled to right field.

Sophomore center fielder Logan Brown hit a sacrifice fly to right field to score Wendel. Junior catcher Nate Goodwin followed with a single to drive in Miller. This gave Baylor a 3-1 lead.

The Bears extended the lead when senior right fielder Nathan Orf hit a high fly ball down the right field line.

The ball landed just inside the foul line and it allowed Toth to score all the way from first. Orf was able to score to give the Bears a 5-1 lead.

The Bears tacked on one more insurance run in the bottom of the sixth by playing small ball.

Brown started off the inning with a hard single to center field. Brown advanced to third when catcher Nate Goodwin put down a sacrifice bunt, and Brown got to third on Toth's sacrifice fly to center field.

Orf put down a sacrifice bunt down the third base line to score Logan Brown from third. On the mound for the Bears, sophomore right-handed pitcher Sean Spicer made his first career start.

Spicer went three solid innings for the Bears and only allowed one run.

"It was fun," Spicer said. "I was pretty excited out there to get my first start. I was maybe a little too amped up. Velocity kind of peaked in the first inning but I tried to settle down a little bit and just relax and throw strikes."

The Bears improved their record to 1-3.

It's always key to get the win, but the team also has plenty of room to grow.

"I think, given how the game was played on our side with the errors and the number of walks, it's pretty amazing that we won," Baylor head coach Steve Smith said. "It's a hard way to win a game when they get as many base-runners as they did. But I think in hindsight, I think we made a lot of pitches with runners out there and got some outs doing it...I really was pleasantly surprised and pleased to see how Sean Spicer handled the start. That's a first career start for the guy and he did look like he was a little amped up to me. He was working really fast and he might've spent some energy just dealing with the emotions of it but he got after it."

The Bears next play at 6:35 p.m. Friday against UCLA at the Baylor Ballpark.

After a three-game series with UCLA, Baylor will play one game with Pepperdine before heading down to Houston for The Astros In Action College Classic.



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Freshman first baseman Mitch Price makes contact with a pitch during Baylor's game against Texas State on Tuesday at Baylor Ballpark. The Bears won the game 6-3.

## Bears face pivotal game vs. Cyclones

By DANIEL HILL  
SPORTS WRITER

The Baylor Bears will host the Iowa State Cyclones at 8 p.m. today in the Ferrell Center in a crucial Big 12 Conference match up. With both teams knotted at 7-5 in conference, this single game could determine seeding in the Big 12 tournament and eventually in the NCAA tournament.

"Every home game is so critical, especially at this time of the year in the Big 12," Baylor head coach Scott Drew said. "We've won two out of our last three and we need to keep that momentum going."

With only six games remaining in the regular season, the importance of every game escalates down the stretch.

Since Baylor lost 81-61 against No. 10 Kansas State on Saturday night, the Bears look to bounce back today against the Cyclones.

"I think we've got to win," junior guard Brady Heslip said. "We've got to protect our home court so I mean that last game is behind us and we learned from it. We're ready

for the opportunity tomorrow and we need one."

Last time the Baylor Bears met Iowa State, the Cyclones defeated the Bears 79-71 in Ames, Iowa. The Cyclones present an uncommon challenge for the Bears because they give teams matchup issues and play with such a distinct style.

"What makes Iowa State so dangerous and why every coach prepares so hard against them is they are just unique from the standpoint that they all shoot the three," Drew said. "They spread the floor out and they're going to get shots. So it's just a matter of are they going in or not. The big thing is making sure that if they miss the first shot you can't give them a second or third shot."

In their previous meeting, Iowa State senior guard Will Clyburn carried the torch for the Cyclones offensively by posting 28 points. Clyburn hit three 3-pointers, made 11 of 12 free throws and shot 50 percent from the field on seven of 14 shooting.

Baylor must make the necessary adjustments to keep Clyburn

in check if they want to earn the victory in the Ferrell Center.

Iowa State does not play an original frontcourt of the conventional center and power forward. Instead, the Cyclones play with a fast pace and every body on their roster shoots the 3-pointer. This can create potential mismatches on the interior for Baylor's conventional post players, junior power forward Cory Jefferson and freshman center Isaiah Austin.

In Iowa State's most recent game, they converted 14 three-pointers against TCU.

Making adjustments and preparing for the Iowa State attack will be paramount to the Bears' success in this upcoming game, and will help the Bears if the two teams meet again in the Big 12 Tournament.

"Well, I think anytime you've already played someone you understand the way they are going to play you and you feel like you have a better feel for what they're going to do and what you're going to do," Drew said. "That's where the coaching really becomes interest-

ing that second time around. You see what adjustments they made and see what adjustments we might make and then from there, hopefully you've made the right adjustments and the right changes. Because everyone is always going to tweak some things for that second go round."

With just six contests remaining in the regular season before the Big 12 tournament, every Baylor game counts for seeding and placement in both the Big 12 tournament and the NCAA tournament.

"The great thing is that we control our own destiny and if we take care of business and do what we need to do, then you even have that opportunity in the Big 12 tournament so you don't want to put too much pressure on any one game," Drew said. "There's only three home games left and we need to be successful in each of those games."

The Baylor Bears are 16-9 on the season and 7-5 in conference play.

This is just behind the Cyclones, who are 17-8 overall and 17-5 in Big 12 play.



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Freshman forward Rico Gathers corrals a rebound during the Bears' game against TCU on Jan 12. Baylor is currently 16-9 on the season.

### Upcoming Baylor games

**Tonight**  
Men's Basketball  
vs. Iowa State

**Thursday**  
Men's Tennis  
at North Florida

**Softball**  
at Texas State

**Friday**  
Softball  
at Sam Houston St.  
at UT Arlington

**Women's Tennis**  
at Notre Dame

**Baseball**  
vs. UCLA

**Track**  
Big 12 Indoor Championships

**Men's Golf**  
Bayou City Collegiate Championship

## College experience vital before professional career

By PARMIDA SCHAHHOSSEINI  
SPORTS WRITER

As children, many athletes had dreams of going pro. They fight through the blood, sweat and tears trying to get stronger and faster. However, athletes still need to make time for school since the sport they play is an extracurricular activity.

### SPORTS TAKE

Players in high school and middle school are required to do the work and pass their classes or else they become ineligible. So once they get their diploma they are free to do as they please, right? Not anymore, at least not if you want to play in the NBA or the NFL.

In 2005, NBA enacted a rule stating that players must play a year in college before they enter the draft. The NFL has a three-year rule.

There is much debate about whether or not players should wait to enter the draft. Recently there



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Anthony Davis, left and Kyrie Irving talk during the NBA Rising Stars game Friday in Houston. Both players were one-and-done in college.

were reports about whether or not the rule should be bent for South Carolina defensive end Jadeveon Clowney because he seems to be pro-ready after two years playing college football.

According to the current rule,

Clowney needs to play one more year in order to be eligible.

There is a risk that goes with playing an extra year.

Last season, USC's Matt Barkley decided to stay an extra year after being a projected first-round

pick, to "finish business" and to potentially take USC to another national title. However, after a dismal year, Barkley is slowing falling down the draft board, with many draft gurus leaving Barkley out of the first round.

There is also the risk of injury. South Carolina running back Marcus Lattimore, who tore his ACL and missed the rest of the season.

However, some people think that playing in college for three years is beneficial because there is a maturation process.

Lattimore told reporters that he thought the rules were fair because it gives players experience before they play with skilled veterans.

The NBA also has similar problems, but they are in a different dilemma.

The NBA currently has a one-year rule, but commissioner David Stern prefers there be a two-year rule, because he wants higher quality players in the NBA. Stern looks at the rule from a business perspective, some players, such as Kyrie Irving, looked pro ready, but were required to go to school due

to the one-year rule. Irving became a Duke Blue Devil and played until a toe injury, which limited him to the first eight games and minimal minutes in the NCAA tournament. Fortunately for Irving, he still ended up being the number one overall pick.

Dallas Maverick's owner Mark Cuban wants a three-year rule for the NBA because he has a fear that players may become busts. Many scouts look at different characteristics when they draft players. A player may have all the talent in the world, but might not be able to handle the pressure.

One year is hard to evaluate some athletes.

The NFL and NBA are in similar situations, but both face different problems.

Many people tend to agree that the transition from the high school level to the pros is easier for NBA players than NFL players, but those rules are set for a reason.

Rules can't be broken for one guy despite his talent. Until we find a better solution, those rules are here to stay.

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