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Grad student finds a Baylor link to the PBS hit show "Downton Abbey"



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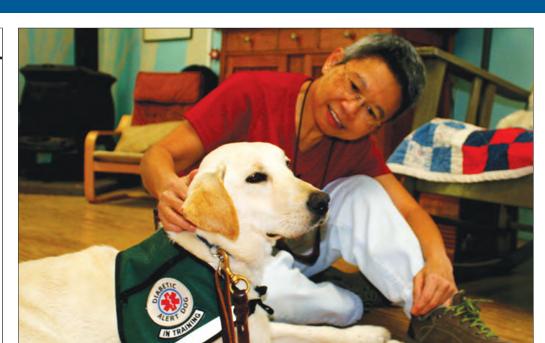
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Thursday is the last day to file your FAFSA with priority status. Those received prior to Friday will be given priority consideration for financial aid. Those received after this date will be considered for aid based on the availability of funds. File your FAFSA at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov.





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Dr. Lai Ling Ngan, associate professor of Christian Scriptures, plays with her future diabetes alert dog, Cedric. Truett Seminary students and alumni are holding a chili cookoff from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday to help raise money for Ngan to purchase the dog.

Students, alumni pitch in for man's best friend

By Ashley Pereyra REPORTER

The unthinkable happened to Dr. Lai Ling Ngan, an associate professor of Christian Scriptures, on Feb. 22, 2012. She crashed and totaled her car after passing out from low glucose levels.

It was the final factor for her to decide to get a diabetic alert dog, according to Ruth Byran, a George W. Truett Theological Seminary student.

Last fall, Truett students and alumni came together to help raise money for the dog. Through fundraising and donations, they have raised \$14,000 of the \$27,000 necessary for the purchase of the dog.

Ngan's dog, whose name is Cedric, has already been picked. He will come from Brooks Labradors, a family business, located in Dallas. The Brooks family breeds

and trains service dogs. The dogs are physically certified through the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals and their eyes are thoroughly examined by veterinarians participating in the Canine Eye Registration Foundation.

"I just think it is wonderful how the Truett community has rallied," Dr. Michael W. Stroope, associate professor & holder of The M.C. Shook Chair of Christian Missions, said. "It speaks well of our community and how we pull for each other. It is typical of Truett."

Preparations for a benefit chili cook-off began last October. The benefit will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Seventh and James Baptist Church.

Baylor professors, eight local churches, Baylor athletics and local businesses like World Cup Café came forward and donated their time and money toward the

benefit. The benefit will host a silent auction that will include a wide variety of items and services like gift cards, a home Total Gym, babysitting and preparation of a simple will.

Tickets to eat are \$10 with a family cap at \$30 and can be purchased at the door. Cook-off registration forms and entrance fees are \$25, and it includes two tickets to the meal and auction. They are due today at the Seventh and James Baptist Church. For registration forms or to donate online, visit http://paws4ngan.wordpress.

Diagnosed with Type I Diabetes in 1999, Ngan has not let it stop her. She has continued to be very physically active.

"She lives a very active lifestyle. She rock climbs. Like in the SLC, she takes student groups

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Saturday mail cuts won't affect Baylor

By Josh Day REPORTER

Baylor's Mail Services will continue to run with no changes, despite the U.S Postal Service's announcement to end Saturday mail earlier this month.

It's no secret that the Postal Service is in trouble. The popularity of email and a costly retirement plan from the House of Representatives have largely contributed to the Postal Service's financial report of a record \$15.9 billion net loss the last fiscal year.

In response, beginning the week of Aug. 5, the U.S. Postal Service will stop mail delivery on Saturdays.

Despite this, Baylor's mail system will continue without any noticeable differences, Teresa Mosley, mail services manager, said.

"We are still always going to pick up mail on Saturdays, even in August," Mosley said.

the Waco mail-processing center

The Postal Service's closure of

they would normally not deliver. In the age of social media, email and text messaging, the

Baylor mail services are still busy.

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TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER Mail is sorted in the Baylor Student Union Building mailroom on Feb. 21.

The office of the external vice president presented the annual Community Coffee House on Tuesday evening to include students in the discussion of the importance of education and development in Waco.

Coffee House lets students weigh in

By Kara Blomquist REPORTER

Go beyond the Baylor Bubble that was the idea behind the Community Coffee House.

A panel of three community leaders gave a short presentation and then answered questions from both a moderator and students Tuesday in the Den of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Ennis senior Briana Treadaway, student government's external vice president, said she wanted students to know more about their community. Treadaway led the organization for the event.

"I just wanted to educate students on the city they live in," Treadaway said.

About 30 students attended. Free coffee and dessert were available to those who came.

Ashley Allison, executive director of the Waco Foundation; Virginia DuPuy, executive director of the Greater Waco Commu-

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Ranking executive spreads blame in BP oil spill trial

By Michael Kunzelman ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — A ranking BP executive testified Tuesday that the London-based oil giant and its contractors share the responsibility for preventing blowouts like the one that killed 11 workers and spawned the nation's worst offshore oil spill in 2010.

Lamar McKay, who was president of BP America at the time of the Deepwater Horizon disaster, became the first BP executive to testify at a federal trial intended to identify the causes of BP's Macondo well blowout and assign percentages of blame to the companies involved.

Rig owner Transocean and cement contractor Halliburton also are defendants at trial, which opened Monday.

A plaintiffs' attorney pressed McKay to agree with him that BP bore ultimate responsibility for the blowout, but McKay insisted that managing the hazards of deepwater drilling are a "team effort."

"I think that's a shared responsibility, to manage the safety and the risk," said McKay, now chief executive of BP's Upstream unit. "Sometimes contractors manage that risk. Sometimes we do. Most of the time it's a team effort."

McKay also defended BP's internal probe of the spill, which outlined a series of mistakes by rig workers and faulted decisions by other companies but didn't assign any blame to BP's upper-level management.

"I think it was a substantial investigation," McKay said. "I think we've learned what we can from the accident and we're trying to put those things into practice right now."

McKay, whose testimony will resume Wednesday, called the disaster a "tragic accident" resulting from a "risk that was identified."

It wasn't the first time McKay testified under oath about the spill. He appeared before Congress less than a month after the explosion.

U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier is hearing the case without a jury. Barring a settlement, Barbier will decide how much more money BP and other companies owe for their roles in the disaster.

McKay's testimony followed that of an expert witness for people and businesses suing the company. University of California-Berkeley engineering professor Robert Bea testified that BP PLC didn't implement a 2-year-old safety management program on the rig, which exploded on April

"It's a classic failure of management and leadership in BP," said Bea, a former BP consultant who also investigated the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill and New Orleans levee breaches after Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

BP has said its "Operating Management System" was designed to drive a rigorous and systematic approach to safety and risk management. During crossexamination by a BP lawyer, Bea said the company made "significant efforts" to improve safety management as early as 2003.

However, the plaintiffs say BP only implemented its new safety plan at just one of the seven rigs the company owned or leased in the Gulf at the time of the disaster.

Bea said it was "tragic" and "egregious" that BP didn't apply its own safety program to the Deepwater Horizon before the Macondo well blowout. Transocean owned the rig; BP leased it.

BP lawyer Mike Brock said the company allows contractors like Transocean to take the primary responsibility for the safety of rig operations as long as the contractor's safety system is compatible with BP's — an arrangement that Brock suggested is a standard industry practice.

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Regents shouldn't choose rep for students

Editorial

"Something is rotten in the state of Denmark."

This famous quote from Shakespeare's "Hamlet" actually belongs to minor character Marcellus, but this small line from a small character has come to resonate with all people seeking change in their governance.

Things aren't as bad here as they were in Hamlet's Denmarkbut the issue of the new student regent doesn't pass the smell test.

Student Body President Kelly Rapp will hand down his position as student regent to a newcomer following's the end of his one-year

His successor, Taylor Hoogendoorn, was named the student regent on Feb. 22, following an application process that narrowed candidates to three top picks. Hoogendoorn was then chosen directly by the Baylor Board of Regents without any input from the eral student population.

We didn't elect him. We didn't choose him. Prior to this, we didn't even know him.

In an Aug. 28, 2012, editorial, the Lariat commended the board

for allowing us a voice among the regents in the first place. This was a step forward for Baylor, but in taking away our ability to select our representative, the regents have taken a step back. We were allowed to choose Kelly Rapp-why not choose the next as well?

Although we previously urged that the offices of student body president and student regent be connected, we do agree there are advantages to having the two be separate. However, the principle of election by the students must be maintained.

With all due respect to Hoogendoorn, how can he be the best candidate to represent students to the board when we know nothing about him? When we didn't choose

In appointing a student regent, the board was seeking a student voice, but if board members are really interested in hearing the student perspective, they should be seeking a figure to serve as the voice of all students.

This can be achieved by allowing the students to elect their own representative who could voice the concerns of the many, and not one.

How could it hurt the regents to allow us to select the student regent, who is a non-voting member and only offers the student perspective anyway? In doing so, they could only be praised.

Once upon a time, the lack of direct representation in their governance caused the population of a fledgling nation to rebel. They paid a cost in blood, treasure and trouble. It is an issue people are willing to die for — how could it be so little thought of here?

No taxation without representation! Or in this case, no tuition

Furthermore, where is the student government in this debate? Will Kelly Rapp really just hand over the keys to the kingdom to an anonymous student?

Our student leaders should be leading the fight for our right to elect our representative. After all, didn't they come to serve us by election? Surely they have an appreciation of how important representative representation is.

Without election by the student body, the student regent is little more than a placatory gesture that grants the illusion of representation when we have none.

If Hoogendoorn is indeed the est choice, we would like the right to decide that ourselves. Elections for the student regent should be opened in the spring, when we choose all of our other governing student officials.

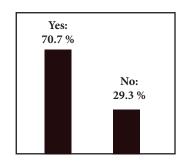
Concealed carry: the readers' take

Online survey results

The survey closed at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Ninety-two people responded from across the community. Below are the results and some answers from our readers.

To see more answers submitted by readers, check www.baylorlariat.com under the Opinions tab. Tweet @bulariat to submit your own opinion. Tweets will be chosen at the editor's discre-

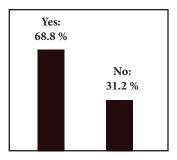
Question 1: Do you think those who have concealed carry licenses should be allowed to bring a concealed weapon on Baylor's campus?



It should be allowed and no school should be able to "opt out." Concealed carry should be allowed everywhere, period.

In a place where drinking, hazing and relative immaturity are rampant, adding hundreds, if not thousands, of guns would only result in negative consequences. If we stop a school shooting or a campus robbery every ten years, is it worth the inevitable three gun accidents that Baylor will have every year?

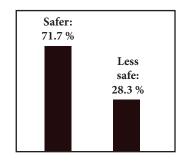
Question 2: If concealed carry was allowed on Baylor's campus and you had a concealed carry license, would you carry a concealed handgun on campus?



I have a license to carry a concealed weapon, and I carry it (where legally allowed) for personal protection. I am no less concerned for my safety when I am on or off campus, so I don't see why I should be disallowed from protecting myself while on campus.

It disrupts the learning environment and makes campus police

Question 3: Would you feel safer or less safe on campus if concealed carry was allowed?

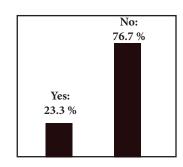


Safe: I think it would signal to criminals that our campus is not a defenseless campus.

Less safe:

There isn't a snowball's chance... that I trust the average Baylor student, or even the above average Baylor student, with a firearm.

Question 4: Sen. Bill 182 would allow for anyone with a concealed carry license to carry on campus. This could include faculty, staff or students who meet the criteria. Do you think concealed carry should be limited in some way to exclude any of these groups?

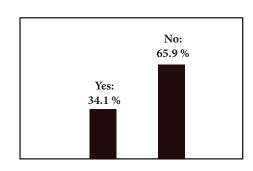


Faculty are hired for their exceptional intelligence and level-headedness, among other qualities, and are more likely to recognize each other; students may not always meet both criteria.

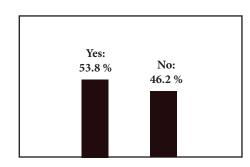
Unlimited:

It should be open to ANYONE that qualifies for a CHL.

Question 5: Do you have a concealed handgun license?



Question 6: Do you own a handgun?



LARIAT LETTER: Former professor agrees BU toilet paper is bad business

I taught 28 years in Hankamer School of Business and retired in 1999. One of my former colleagues sent me a copy of The Lariat so I could read your opinion of the quality of toilet paper at Baylor

because I had shared my opinion of toilet paper quality at my retirement party. I'm a graduate of Baylor (class of '57) and my husband, Clyde Hart ('56), is in his 50th year of coaching track at Baylor. As I recall, the quality of Baylor's toilet paper has always been poor-at least since 1952!

Dr. Maxine Barton Hart,

Professor Emeritus

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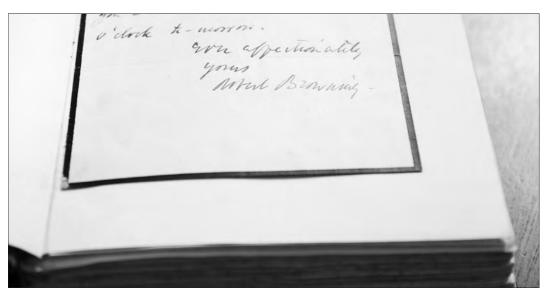
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This letter represents one of Robert Browning's letters on display in Armstrong Browning Library. Browning has a historical link to the fifth Earl of Carnarvon who is the basis for Robert Crawley in the popular television show

Student links Browning with 'Downton Abbey'

By Ashley Pereyra REPORTER

The study of Robert E. Browning, English poet and playwright, just got a little more contemporary.

Melinda Creech, a graduate assistant at the Armstrong Browning Library, has uncovered a connection in the library's online digital archives between Browning and Highclere Castle, the set of the hit PBS show "Downton Abbey" — a British period drama which focuses on the fictional, aristocratic Crawley family in the early 20th

Before the start of the third season of Downton Abbey on Jan. 6, PBS aired a historical piece on the show, called "Secrets of Highclere Castle." Creech, like many "Downton Abbey" fans, watched the piece to learn about the real history behind the show.

"They were telling the real story about Downton Abbey," Creech said. "The real castle, the real lords and everything. They mentioned that the lord's name was Lord Carnarvon.

Carnarvon was a name that Creech recognized from her efforts to process and digitize letters for the library. Using her laptop that she stores her transcriptions on, Creech did a search for the lord. The letter that came up initially had no connection to Browning. But after doing a search on Baylor's online database called The Brownings: A Research Guide, she found 26 letters between Lord Carnarvon and Browning.

"And then I watched the show and I thought, 'Oh my goodness. Browning was sitting in that library. He was walking on those grounds. And he was smoking in the smoking room with people. He maybe ate dinner at that table," Creech said. "So it made it all the more interesting to think he was

actually in that place."

However, Creech's search did not end with a few clicks on a keyboard. She contacted the archivist at the Highclere Castle to inquire if there were any books or photographs in the library of Browning.

There were none. "But what I did find out from him is that they have two letters that we don't think we were aware of," Creech said. "We are checking now into what the content of the letters and the dates of the letters to make sure. So those will be two letters that may be added to our knowledge about Browning let-

Creech also said there may be other castles in England that have letters to and from Robert and Elizabeth Browning that they don't know about right now.

"It's always amazing to me that there are still letters and manuscripts of the Brownings that keep appearing." said Rita S. Patteson, director and curator of manuscripts at Armstrong Browning Library. "Most of the time they come out of private collections. Maybe it has passed down several generations of the family and now that they have come to spot where they are not that close to the Browning, they not that interested. And they would rather have the money. So they put it up for auction."

Creech, at the initial request of Patteson, said she has written about her discoveries on the Armstrong Browning Library blog. So far she has, through her research, uncovered instances where Robert Browning was actually at Highclere Castle. For example, Browning was at a shooting party at the castle, according to a letter to his sister on Dec. 1, 1869. This would have been around the time that the father of George Edward Stanhope Molyneux Herbert, the fifth Earl of Carnarvon, the historical coun-

terpart to Robert Crawley, Earl of Grantham, was in control of the

Creech said this was particularly interesting because of the writing of a book "prequel" by Julian Fellowes, the creator and writer of the show. The prequel would be set during the time that Robert Crawley's father would be alive, according to BBC news. This would make Browning a potential character for the drama. Creech wrote to PBS in light of this discovery.

Amid the news that Fellowes may leave the show for his new show, "The Gilded Age," an American period drama set in New York City during the 1880s, the future of a "Downton Abbey" prequel is

In a New York Times article on Feb. 18, Fellowes said if "The Gilded Age" is given the green light at NBC and "Downton Abbey" continues after the fourth season, he cannot write both shows at once and most likely will leave Downton Abbey. Therefore a prequel in the near future is not a likely scenario.

The ease at which Creech was able to make these discoveries is on part of a worldwide effort to digitize all Browning letters Patteson said.

The Armstrong Browning Library houses the biggest collection of Browning letters in the world, totaling nearly 2,800 letters. The overall total of Browning letters is currently 11,567. The library offers in-house access to the Browning database that provides access to all the letters.

"The library has become more technologically savvy," Patteson said. "We're still not quite there, but we have a lot more items digitized and information available on

For more information or to read the blog, visit http://www. browninglibrary.org/.

Hollywood Theaters now part of nation's largest theater chain

By Taylor Rexrode STAFF WRITER

Regal Entertainment Group, the nation's largest theater chain, has purchased Waco's Hollywood Jewel 16 and 42 other Hollywood Theaters across the country for

\$191 million. Hollywood Jewel 16 is located at 7200 Woodway Drive.

Regal Entertainment, based out of Knoxville, Tenn., operates 6,880 screens across 38 states.

With this newest acquisition, Regal will have nearly 7,400

Christine White, the southern regional marketing manager for Regal, said that these acquisitions are part of what Regal does.

"Acquisitions are an integral component to our overall business strategy," White said. "We are excited to bring Hollywood Theaters

into the Regal

Entertainment

Group family." Regal and Hollywood entered into an agreement on Feb. 19. Regal

will pay the

\$47 million that Hollywood leaves behind in lease obligations. Of the cash portion in the agreement, approximately \$157 million will help repay Hollywood's debt.

MOTTYWOOD THEATERS

The Hollywood Jewel 16 Theater in the process of being sold to Regal Entertainment.

Hollywood Theater's corporate office was unable to be reached

about the agreement. When asked about the changes, White said Hollywood customers

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The new Regal theaters will offer the Regal Crown Club, a rewards program that allows customers to accumulate credits for

free popcorn, soft drinks and mov-

Club membership is free and is available at theaters or online.

Prices for tickets and concessions at the former Hollywood theaters will be evaluated on an ongo-

ing basis. Houston senior Meghan Attoe has enjoyed visiting the Hollywood

Theater and was surprised to find

out about the purchase. She said that even if the price changes, she will probably keep going to the theater.

"I would probably keep going especially if they kept their curfew hours for people under 17," Attoe

Currently she said with the curfew, moviegoers under the age of 17 at Hollywood Jewel 16 cannot see a film past 8 p.m. without a guardian. Whether the curfew will remain or not is unclear at this

Music sales up for first time in 13 years

By RANDY LEWIS Los Angeles Times VIA McClatchy Tribune

When is 13 a lucky number? When it's the number of years it's taken for the music industry to post its first yearly increase in global recorded music sales, which is what happened in 2012, according to new figures from the International Federation for the Phonographic Industry.

The group's annual Digital Music Report, issued Tuesday in London, noted that overall music sales rose from \$16.2 billion to \$16.5 billion, or 0.3 percent, from 2011 to 2012, the first time in 13 years that worldwide sales didn't decline.

IFPI Chief Executive Frances Moore said that indicates the longsuffering music business is "well on the road to recovery."

The increase, fractional as it is, reflects a greater availability of digital music services around the world, according to the IFPI re-

Digital sales were up 9 percent in 2012 from \$5.2 billion to \$5.6

billion-thanks to proliferation of such services in 100 markets last year, compared with only 23 markets a year earlier.

Music subscription services also helped, growing 44 percent last year and now claiming 20 million subscribers around the world.

"As an industry, we have really changed and adapted our business models to meet the digital world."

Frances Moore | IFPI Chief

Digital makes up more than half of recorded music sales in the U.S., Norway and Sweden, but for the rest of the world, physical CDs and other formats are still the dominant way people purchase and listen to music, the report said.

Even with the increasing popularity of subscription services, IFPI reported that 70 percent of global digital revenues came from online retail sales through iTunes, Amazon, Google and Microsoft.

Still it's sobering to compare the 2012 revenue total of \$16.5 billion to the industry peak in 1999, when sales hit \$27.8 billion (adjusted to the 2012 exchange rate), as reported by the IFPI.

The top-selling single around the world was Carly Rae Jepsen's "Call Me Maybe," which sold more than 12.5 million copies, while Adele's "21" was the biggest-selling album for the second year in a row, posting 8.3 million in 2012 after moving 18.1 million copies in

"It's clear that in 2012 the global recording industry has moved onto the road to recovery," Moore said in statement included with IFPI's

"This has not come about by accident. As an industry, we have really changed and adapted our business models to meet the digital world," she said, tempering her optimistic assessment with a warning against complacency in the future.

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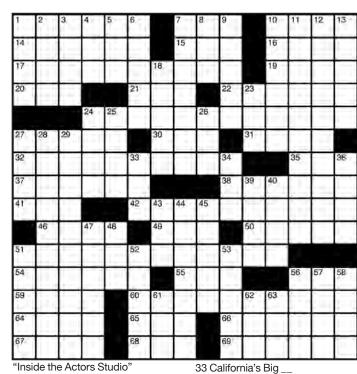
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Baylor rallies late, beats Pepperdine with walkoff hit

By Daniel Hili SPORTS WRITER

Baylor earned a dramatic 5-4 walkoff win over Pepperdine on Tuesday at Baylor Ballpark. The win improves Baylor's record to

The game was scoreless through three innings with Baylor starting freshman left-handed pitcher Sterling Wynn. Then the Pepperdine offense gained momentum in the top of the fourth inning.

Pepperdine sparked the fourrun inning with power hitting and speed around the bases. Baylor head coach Steve Smith was forced to go to the mound for a pitching change. Senior left-hander Max Garner walked the first batter he faced, and Pepperdine added another run to take a 4-0 lead.

"I thought after the fourth inning, I thought our whole team just picked it up and everybody as a whole just played more aggressive and played more to win and not to lose," Baylor sophomore righthanded pitcher Ryan Smith said. "There was a lot more hard work and a lot more hustle."

Baylor mustered up a run in the bottom of the sixth inning when senior right fielder Nathan Orf hit a casual ground ball to the shortstop and outran the throw to reach first safely. Senior third baseman Cal Towey followed up with a fly ball to deep center field, and Orf was able to advance to second.

In a wildly interesting sequence of events, the sprinklers came on in the middle of the game and starting making it rain all over the field just as Pepperdine threw a pitch to junior designated hitter Brett Doe. Doe hit the ball to centerfield. With the water spraying all over the outfield, the Pepperdine center fielder was able to focus and make the catch as Orf sped safely to third base. There was a temporary stoppage of play for the sprinklers to be turned off.

Sophomore left fielder Adam Toth singled to score Orf. Baylor tacked on two more runs in the bottom of the seventh inning. Junior infielder Grayson Porter reached base after the catcher dropped the third strike. Junior second basemen Lawton Langford worked a walk, and Orf was hit by

With the bases loaded, Towey roped a single to right field and drove in Porter and Langford to cut Pepperdine's lead to one, 4-3.

Baylor tied the game at 4-4 in the bottom of the eighth. Toth singled to right-center to start off the inning. Freshman catcher Matt Menard blasted a single to the center fielder, and Toth came in to

The bottom of the ninth started as the Pepperdine pitcher hit Langford and Orf to put them on base.

With runners on first and third, Toth belted the ball deep to right center and freshman pinch runner West Tunnell scored to give Baylor

"It was a lot of fun," Toth said. "Everything was just going right for us today. We got a lot of hits and got a lot of people on base and just had a lot of fun. It showed that we were competing at the plate and our pitchers were competing after that rough inning that they had."

Baylor next plays in the Astros in Action College Classic in Houston at Minute Maid Park this week-



Freshman left-handed pitcher Sterling Wynn throws a pitch in Baylor's game Tuesday against Pepperdine. Baylor

Cross country awarded

By Maleesa Johnson REPORTER

The Baylor men's and women's cross-country teams persevere not only through distance running but long hours of academic work as

On Monday, the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association announced that both teams had received All-Academic honors.

Junior Ben Allen said he loves when cross-country gets awards because few of the team's athletes go professional.

When it comes to balancing a high GPA as an English major and practice, Allen said there are some sacrifices

"We just lose a lot of sleep," Allen said. "We have 6:30 a.m. practice every day until 8:30. I try to go to sleep early, but I usually have to

study to keep my GPA up." The men's team earned a cumulative GPA of 3.45 and had eight athletes make the Academic All-

Big 12 team for the 2012 season. The team finished seventh at the Big 12 Championships last weekend, the highest placed crosscountry finish for Baylor since 2004. For the regional level, the

men earned 14th place. "The first priority is - and should be - academics," assistant coach Jon Capron said. "We don't want to jeopardize their academic

Junior Brad Miles attributes his diligence in his studies to the rigorous cross-country practice

schedule. Were it not for an early morning run, Miles says his day would

lack productivity. "I put an emphasis on schoolwork and sleep," Miles said. "When I wake up early to go run, it gets my day started right. I feel like I'm more productive when I get up and run than when I just wake up and

go to class." The women pulled ahead of the men in what Capron referred to as a "private competition" with a cumulative GPA of 3.47.

According to Capron, there is a slight rivalry between both teams to earn the higher GPA.

To date, the men's team has yet to win.

In addition to earning the award-winning GPA, the women's team placed eighth at the Big 12 Championships.

The team ended the season by placing seventh in the NCAA South Central Region.

The Baylor men's cross-country team is one of 145 men's teams to earn all-academic status by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Associa-

In addition, the women's team is one of 200 nationally to receive this honor. Kansas State and Oklahoma State are the only other Big 12 programs to have both the men's teams and women's teams recognized.



Junior flyer Ginger Plemmons, 17, prepares for an upside-down dismount in a meet against Azusa Pacific Tuesday in the Ferrell Center. Baylor won the meet 266.84-265.75

Baylor beats Azusa Pacific

By Maleesa Johnson REPORTER

Energy levels were high as the Baylor Acrobatics and Tumbling team won its first meet of the National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association season against Azusa Pacific.

The first half of the meet featured three events, each with mul-

The three events were compulsories, acro heat and pyramid heat. There were 10 total heats from all

three events combined.

The meet started out with rapid performances from both teams for the compulsory event.

As the first half progressed, Azusa Pacific pulled ahead. Baylor head coach LaPrise Harris-Williams did not allow the team to be distracted.

"I just told them that the meet was not over and not to worry," Harris-Williams said. "The girls stayed focused and I am really proud of them for that."

After halftime, the team came back with energy.

The first event of the second half, the toss event, started out cleanly for both teams.

The Bears began to gain momentum as they outscored Azusa in two of the three heats.

As the second event began, the crowd joined the team with loud

The excitement was evident. The Bears' performance caused the excitement to increase as freshman back spot Amanda Graceffa and sophomore flyer Stephanie Rudzitis executed a perfectly synchronized tumbling pass. "The highlight was coming back

after tumbling when we found out we outscored them." Junior back spot Hailey Cowan said. In the double heat for the tum-

bling event, the Bears earned a score of 9.0 to Azusa's 8.4. The triple tumbling pass, per-

formed by Cowan, freshman base Courtney Pate, and senior flyer/base Stephanie Bohmler also helped boost Baylor's score as they earned a 9.1 compared to Azusa's "I'd say making a comeback

and pulling together as a team was really the best part," junior base Tori Jackson said. "We all have to remember it's a long meet and not to judge by the initial scores. You don't lose in the first half."

As the sixth and final event of the meet approached, it was clear that the Bears had made a significant comeback.

This event was a team event in which a minimum of 18 athletes must perform a synchronized twoand-a-half minute routine.

At this point, the Bears were only one tenth of a point behind

Azusa performed its routine

first and had two falls in an otherwise clean performance.

The Bears approached the floor with anticipation.

The starting value of their routine was high and, if well executed, could earn Baylor the win for the

They performed it well with only minor faults. During the dance routine at the end of the event, some athletes looked close to tears with excitement.

After ending the event, the team jumped, clapped and screamed.

A few minutes later, their hopes were confirmed as the scores showed they had beat Azusa 266.84-265.75.

"The girls yelling from the side really help push us through," Cowan said. "I know this sounds crazy, but when you're out there, you can hear yourself breathing and it's scary. When the girls all cheer, it

The Bears are traveling to Eugene, Ore., this weekend to compete against the Oregon Ducks on Saturday. Oregon is the reigning NCATA Champion and opened its season with a 276.790-272.240 win over Azusa Pacific.

In reference to the season ahead of them, Harris-WIlliams' goal is to keep the team focused.

"We are not going to look ahead to future meets," Harris-Williams said. "We are staying focused and going meet by meet."

Basketball prepares for matchup in West Virginia

By Daniel Hill SPORTS WRITER

The Baylor Bears men's basketball team makes its first conference road trip to Morgantown, W. Va., to take on the Mountaineers tonight. This 7 p.m. showdown will most likely help determine seeding for the Big 12 tournament in Kan-

The Bears (16-9, 7-7) lead West Virginia by only one game in the Big 12 standings. The Mountaineers are 13-14 overall and 6-8 in the conference. The Bears have lost six of their last eight games and are 3-6 on the road in conference

In Baylor's last contest, Oklahoma defeated the Bears 90-76. With just four games remaining in the Big 12 schedule, the Bears must salvage the season and gain some momentum heading into the post-

Despite the recent collection of losses, the Bears believe they can

still achieve their goals this season. "The Big 12 is a grind," head coach Scott Drew said. "It's not easy, but it only takes one game to get you on a roll and as long as we've got air in the ball and a chance to play, then we've got a chance to finish on a high note and we've got a chance to control our own destiny."

Junior guard Gary Franklin believes the Bears will be a dangerous team in the NCAA tournament

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Scott Drew | Head Coach

when all is said and done.

"I try to keep my team positive," Franklin said. "We think of ourselves as one of those teams that can make a run in the tournament. Most of the teams that make a run in the tournament are the teams that nobody is talking about before the tournament actually happens. We're not where we want to be, but I think we'll make a good run going into the tournament."

Even though the Bears lost to Oklahoma, Drew said there were some positives to take away from the game.

"As far as where we're at, I was encouraged because we felt like we had something to build off of with the second half against Oklahoma," Drew said.

He also was said that the Bears' fortitude was impressive. Despite the large deficit, Baylor outscored the Sooners in the second half.

"I was encouraged as a coach and I think a lot of teams in those situations, when you've lost a couple of games, a lot of times you see a team get beat by 40," Drew said. "I was encouraged that we went back out, we fought and gave ourselves a chance to where we could have cut it down to single digits in the second half if we had made a

One area where the Bears are looking for improvement against West Virginia is starting the game quickly and with immense inten-

"No question, you'd like to get off to a better start," Drew said. "Last time we played West Virginia, we got off to a pretty great start and then they came back. I think any road win in the Big 12 is a tough challenge and that's because they have such great fan support and are such tough places to play with good players. With us, for us to be successful out there it starts with we can't turn the ball over." Drew also said that turnovers

have been a point of emphasis and that Baylor needs to protect the

"We can't give them secondchance points like we did against Oklahoma. From there, offensively, if we're not making the outside shot, hopefully we can either get second-chance points or be able to mix it up and get some easier points in the interior."

After the loss to the Sooners, senior guard Pierre Jackson said he settled for too many jump shots. Against the Mountaineers, Jackson

looks to get into the paint more. "We've got to get to the free throw line more and get it into the bigs," Jackson said. "You know we've got some professional talent down low so we've got to get there ball in there. Myself and the guards have to try to get some fouls and get the ball up to them so we can try to get their bigs to move up so we can [get] some easy buckets down low for our bigs."

Losing six of its last eight games. Being on the bubble for the NCAA tournament is not the way Baylor envisioned its season going.

"We're upset about how things have been going," Jackson said. "We didn't expect this to happen, but every team has their ups and downs. Right now it happens to be one of our down times but [we] just have to stay positive and try to keep strong. We're going to need all of the momentum that we can get towards the end of this conference run. Like I said, it's not going to be easy. They're at home and every away game is tough. We've just got to be focused."

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Freshmen assume the whisper position while learning cheers at the Spirit Rally during the 2012 Welcome Week.

Student leaders wanted for Baylor Welcome Week

By Madison Ferril REPORTER

Welcome Week marks the start of the Baylor school year, but a program this large requires a substantial number of volunteers to lead new students, set up events and provide information.

New Student Programs will be accepting applications now until 5 p.m. on March 8.

Tripp Purks, new student programs coordinator, said Welcome Week is a great time for students to serve.

"Welcome Week is the first time all incoming students are together," Purks said. "It's a great leadership opportunity. If students love the traditions and history of Baylor and love sharing it with new members of the Baylor family, this is the perfect time to do that."

Purks said he thinks Welcome Week is a good leadership opportunity for students from all areas of

"It's hard work, but a unique

opportunity for students," Purks

Purks said around 400 students applied for Welcome Week positions last year, and there are about 400-500 positions available for Welcome Week this year.

"We're always excited to have more applications and more student leaders," he said. "It means we can provide a better experience."

Students can access the application at http://bit.ly/wwstaff.

After the submission of the application, group interviews will take place after Spring Break and positions will be announced two to three weeks after the interviews.

Keane Tarbell, associate director for New Student Programs, said Welcome Week has been a part of Baylor tradition since 1978. Baptist Student Ministries used to run Welcome Week but turned the program over to Student Life.

"There's been a few structural changes in the last decade," Tarbell said. "It used to be more student planned and staff supported. Now

it's more staff led and student sup-

According to the website, students can apply for the positions of Small Group Leader, Residence Hall Captain or to serve on the

Small group leaders are in charge of groups of 18-24 new students and responsible for helping students their first week at Baylor.

Tarbell said the Residence Hall Captain position was created a few years ago and provides a connection point between Welcome Week programs and students in the resi-

"They point students in the right direction and are experts in what's going on during Welcome Week," Tarbell said.

The task force serves behind the scenes, setting up events during the week.

'This is a very servant-minded group who want to welcome students through meaningful service," Tarbell said.

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"On Valentine's Day we had almost 1,500 packages to process," Mosely said. "That's not counting mail or cards, that just packages."

The mail services picks up mail and packages from the post office every weekday, on Saturdays, and on most postal holidays.

"President's Day, the post office was actually closed, as well as the banks. We still picked up our mail," Mosely said.

Baylor has not publicly announced any plans to cut, downsize or end any part of the mail services. According to Lori Fogleman, director of media communications, the Baylor mail services still provides "a valuable and vital

Fogleman said that the abil-

ity for students to still send and receive packages on a daily basis is a service that Baylor provides and that despite the fact that "the piece count may be going down" in terms of letters, the number of packages "is still substantial."

"The mail services still provides a vital connection between families, parents, grandparents, and students, faculty, foundations and other researchers and staff who conduct university business on behalf of students, faculty and the administration every day," Fogle-

According to Mosley, the only noticeable difference from this year and the last is a small delay from the Postal Service.

"I think I've seen a little bit of

a delay, in general, from the Postal Service over the last few months," She said the only reason she

was aware of any delays was because of phone calls from the parents of Baylor students.

However, she said that the delays were small.

"There might be a day delay, but that's pretty much it," Mosely said.

The Postal Service is still battling dissenting congressmen concerning the legality of their plan to cut Saturday mail delivery. The plan proposes stopping Saturday mail in August, but it would only affect first-class mail. Packages, mail-order medicine, and express mail would still be delivered.

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and higher education. The alli-

nity Education Alliance and president and CEO of DuPuy Oxygen; and Mayor Malcolm Duncan Jr. were the panelists. They spoke on the topics of poverty, education and the development of downtown. Dr. Gaynor Yancey, a professor in Baylor's School of Social Work, was the moderator.

Duncan discussed the highlights of Imagine Waco, a plan for the development of downtown Waco.

Duncan said the plan is to attract people from both sides of the Brazos River to downtown Waco by creating parks with open land along the banks of the river.

Duncan said the plan aims to revitalize downtown.

"There's all kinds of ingredients needed to make a vibrant downtown, and that's what this plan calls for," he said.

The Greater Waco Community Education Alliance is trying to make another area of Waco vibrant by looking at the education community, DuPuy said.

The Greater Waco Community Education Alliance is a collaboration of community groups, such as foundations, bankers, chambers

compensation for businesses and

said.

ance aims to improve education in Waco, she said.

DuPuy said before the alliance was created, there were areas in the community where education excelled, but the areas of excellence were not connected to each other.

"We lived in such silos, that's the reason I thought we needed to establish an alliance," she said.

The community has a part to play in Waco education, DuPuy

"Send students of all ages to school ready to learn—that is the community's role," she said.

The alliance is a also part of a collaboration known as Prosper Waco, Allison said.

Prosper Waco is a collaboration of community entities, including Waco ISD, various churches, some nonprofits and higher education organizations, including Baylor. The Waco Foundation partners with this initiative. Allison spoke about Prosper Waco's strategic plan to alleviate poverty.

ever, have been indicted on man-

and naming the enterprise. The collaboration has already accomplished some of these steps, such as naming the effort Prosper Waco.

"A lot of this work is very new

and recent, but we're doing it," she Allison said Prosper Waco can't

do it alone.

"It's not going to be this initiative that ends poverty," she said. "It's going to be this initiative that helps end poverty."

Allison said she also wants to raise awareness of community foundations. These nonprofits can be found across America. The Waco Foundation is the foundation for McLennan County. The main goal of the foundation is to promote solutions to community challenges, according to the foundation's 2011-2012 annual report.

"A community resource is a general resource for anybody no matter where you live," Allison

She said students should engage in the Waco community.

Under the Clean Water Act, gent, meaning BP could be on the hook for nearly \$18 billion.

Forum hopes to unite denominational divisions

REPORTER

Catholic and evangelical scholars are speaking across denominational boundaries as part of the third annual Wilken Colloquium.

The colloquium aims to unite the Christian community through open conversation about different denominational interpretations of Scripture.

"People develop friendships that result in Christian unity, despite denominational divisions," said Dr. Thomas Hibbs, dean of the Honors College. Dr. Tracey Rowland will lead

the discussion from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Armstrong Browning Library. Rowland is dean of the John

Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family, located in Melbourne, Aus-

Rowland is one of the leading theologians in the world, Hibbs

Hibbs said Rowland is an ideal

tionally known theologian with knowledge about both Catholic and non-Catholic views.

Rowland's Friday night lecture "The Humanism of the Incarnation: Catholic, Barthian and Dutch Reformed" is free and open to the public. The lecture pulls

Rowland

from a number of theological traditions and gives a comparison.

"Students who have a background or a high level of interest in theology are encouraged to attend,"

The Catholic and evangelical dialogue will continue Saturday with a series of lectures.

Faculty members from Baylor and other visiting universities will

logical issues together at the allday event. Faculty are invited to participate based on scholarship and contribution to the field. Saturday's lectures and discussion is closed to the public.

Hibbs said the discussion provides an intensive way for faculty to explore theological issues and research together.

The Wilken Colloquium is held annually every spring at Baylor. Hibbs said the Colloquium gives people a chance to interact with theology scholars at Baylor and abroad. It's also a positive experience for Baylor, he said.

"It's an opportunity for Baylor to host some of the top scholars in theology today," Hibbs said.

The Center for Catholic-Evangelical Dialogue provides the forum with support from the Honors College and the Canada Research Chair for Interpretation, Religion, and Culture at Trinity Western

Team to begin research on effects of being a Boy Scout

By Madison Ferril Reporter

Scouts' honor, merit badges and camping trips come to mind when one thinks of the Boy Scouts. At more than 100 years old, this organization is still a prominent part of American society.

In September, Dr. Byron Johnson and a team of researchers from Tufts will begin researching the effects of this organization on the health, character, and performance of boys who participate in this pro-

Johnson, director of the Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion, said little research has been done on the Boy Scouts even though the organization is more than 100 years old.

"We're hoping to eliminate that shortcoming," Johnson said. "We hope that the Boy Scouts can use this research to improve their pro-

Johnson said forming research partnerships with other universities will help improve Baylor's reputation as a research school

"Baylor is trying to become a Research 1 university," Johnson said. "This partnership with Tufts is good for Baylor."

Research 1 was a term used by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education to refer to universities that make research a top priority, award at least 50 doctoral degrees per year and receive \$40 million or more in federal support. The foundation restructured the criteria and removed the federal funding requirement so the term is no longer used. However, it is still used by

many universities to indicate colleges with high levels of research According to a press release by

Baylor Media Communications, the study will survey scout troops in the Philadelphia area. Johnson said the study will survey over 3,000 boys among three different groups starting at the age of 8. These three groups will consist

of boys who do not participate in Cub Scouts, boys who participate in packs without full-time executives and boys who participate in Cub Scout packs with full-time executives. Cub Scout packs with full-time

executives have people who are hired full-time to operate the pack, as opposed to the regular volunteer model of running Cub Scout packs. Some Boy Scout groups already have full-time executives. Johnson said the study will try to determine if the presence of a

full-time executive makes a significant difference in the program "We could find no difference,"

ohnson said. "But I don't think that's likely." Johnson said the Boy Scouts

have seen a decline in membership over the years. "It's a trend people have found

disturbing," Johnson said. Dr. Young Il-Kim, post-doc-

toral fellow, said it is important to look at the Boy Scouts because of their role in society. "It's crucial to look at this orga-

nization and its role in youth development," Kim said.

Kim said he studies the effect of schools, churches and other civic organizations on youth.

"Boy Scouts is one of the biggest international organizations and we need to look at its impact because it hasn't been researched,"

Johnson and Kim, along with Dr. Sung Joon Jang, previously performed research on Eagle Scouts and how they affect society. According to this research, published as "Eagle Scouts: Merit Beyond the Badge", Eagle Scouts are more likely to participate in activities, become involved in their communities and churches and more likely to achieve goals they've set.

Johnson said he will work with the researchers from Tufts on multiple projects and he hopes the study will be extended for three more years after this study ends. The group must receive more funding in order to continue the study.

"Several studies will multiply the impact," Johnson said. "Every year the study gets extended it yields more data for more studies."

Johnson said long-term studies like this are becoming more rare because these types of studies require a lot of data and money. The research team will use the data to perform multiple studies and publish papers.

'It's very special Baylor gets to be a part of this," Johnson said. "It has the potential to be a classic in

The John Templeton Foundation provided a grant for the research and will fund the Boy Scout research as well.

According to their website, the John Templeton Foundation provides grants for research in the sciences, character development, and genetics.

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over there often. But because she is so active the sensors won't work for her," Bryan said. "She has an insulin pump but it doesn't work — it doesn't detect her glucose levels changing in time for her to take medicine to fix it. "

Ngan is also well known for her compassion and hardline teaching of the Old Testament, according to

"Her philosophy is generally that if you go to medical school, you're working with people's health and people's bodies. So you have to study hard because there is a lot at stake," Zach Helton, a seminary student, said. "So how much so if

you're dealing with their minds and spiritually, do you need to study? She treats it as if it was a medical school class. She'll ask you the most obscure things that you can imagine just to be sure you know what you're talking about."

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