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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 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.com/>.

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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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 want-

ed 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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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 Postal Service's closure of the Waco mail-processing center

annex has done very little to affect the Baylor mail system. Last month, the U.S. Postal Service officially ended operations at the annex located at 7300 Imperial Drive and moved its operations to Austin as part of its ongoing internal cost-cuts.

"It has not affected the way that we get mail and we've been promised that it wouldn't," Mosley said.

Mosley is neither a federal employee nor a Baylor employee. The Baylor mail services employees do not work for the Postal Service. They are contractors from Integ, a Central Texas mail, printing and data services company.

Mosley said this allows the mail services to have a close relationship with the local post office and still pick up mail when the 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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Mail is sorted in the Baylor Student Union Building mailroom on Feb. 21.

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 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 20, 2010.

"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 cross-examination 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 Denmark—but 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 the end of his one-year term.

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 general 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 him?

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 per-

spective 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 raises.

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 best 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.

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 Emerita

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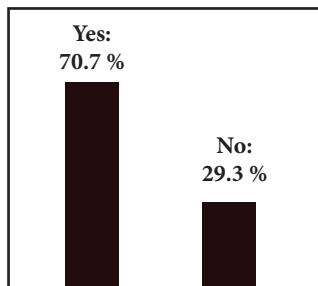
Concealed carry: the readers' take

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 discretion.

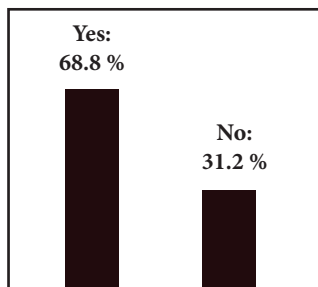
Question 1: Do you think those who have concealed carry licenses should be allowed to bring a concealed weapon on Baylor's campus?



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

No:
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?

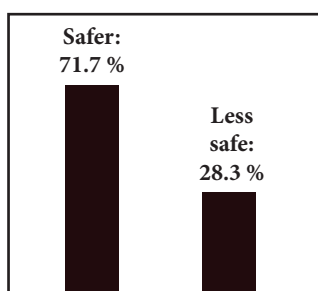
Question 2: If concealed carry was allowed on Baylor's campus and you had a concealed carry license, would you carry a concealed handgun on campus?



Yes:
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.

No:
It disrupts the learning environment and makes campus police obsolete.

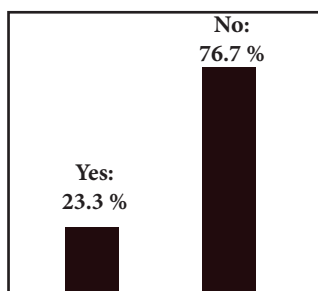
Question 3: Would you feel safer or less safe on campus if concealed carry was allowed?



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.

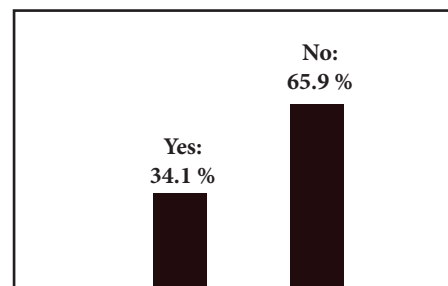
Question 4: Sen. Bill 182 would allow for anyone with a concealed carry license to carry on campus. This could include faculty, staff or students who meet the criteria. Do you think concealed carry should be limited in some way to exclude any of these groups?



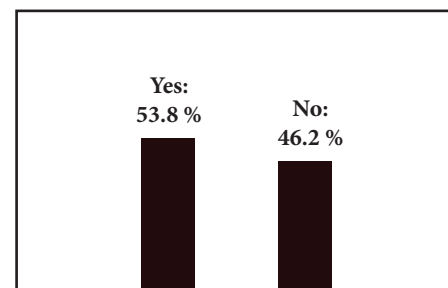
Limited:
Faculty are hired for their exceptional intelligence and level-headedness, among other qualities, and are more likely to recognize each other; students may not always meet both criteria.

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?



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Baylor rallies late, beats Pepperdine with walkoff hit

By DANIEL HILL
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor earned a dramatic 5-4 walkoff win over Pepperdine on Tuesday at Baylor Ballpark. The win improves Baylor's record to 3-5.

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 four-run 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 right-handed 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 short-stop 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

a pitch.

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 score.

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 a 5-4 win.

"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 weekend.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Freshman left-handed pitcher Sterling Wynn throws a pitch in Baylor's game Tuesday against Pepperdine. Baylor won the game 5-4.

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 well.

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 cross-country 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 work."

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 school-work 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 Association.

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.



MONICA LAKE | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

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.

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 Kansas City.

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 games.

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 postseason.

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 our-

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 multiple heats.

The three events were compulsory, 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 cheers.

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 tumbling event, the Bears earned a score of 9.0 to Azusa's 8.4.

The triple tumbling pass, performed 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 8.5.

"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 two-and-a-half minute routine.

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

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 meet.

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 blocks that out."

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."

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