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God of the Living "The Name of God," lecture will be presented by guests Dr. Reinhard Feldmeier and Dr. Hermann Spieckermann, two professors from Georg-August-University of Göttingen, Germany. The lecture will be held 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Thursday in Miller Chapel in the Tidwell Bible Building.



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### Metal on fire

Robbie Barber, associate professor of art, works on an ongoing oxyacetylene welding project as he recreates a sculpted dog on Monday in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center.

# Nursing school may acquire new building

By Ashley Pereyra REPORTER

Baylor is looking at the possibility of expanding the Baylor Louise Herrington School of Nursing in Dallas. The School of Nursing is located on the campus of Baylor University Medical Center, near downtown. Baylor University is not affiliated with Baylor University Medical Center.

"We believe that Baylor's Louise Herrington School of Nursing will, in the coming years, occupy an increasingly important role in healthcare scholarship and the delivery of quality health care in Dallas and beyond," said Lori Fogleman, director of Baylor media communications. "We also know that the current nursing school facilities are not optimal for the high future goals we have for our nursing faculty and students."

Baylor recently made an offer on the \$11.5 million Baptist Building and home office of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The location of the Baptist building is close to the School of Nursing and Interstate 30. The building was not for sale at the time of the offer.

"We weren't looking to sell," said Jill Larsen, treasurer of Baptist General Convention of Texas. "Since they approached us, we think we need to consider."

In response to the offer, the convention appointed a committee that would specifically evaluate the potential of selling the Baptist building.

The purpose of the ad hoc committee is to examine whether the selling of the building would have advantages for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Relocation of the office and its employees will also be primary concerns for the committee to ad-

However, it is still too early to know if Baptist General Convention of Texas will sell the building, Larsen said.

"We are engaged in a variety of conversations relative to our facilities. These have included discussion with the Baptist General Convention of Texas regarding the building they occupy in Dallas. Those conversations are continuing but no decisions have been made yet," Fogleman said.

Student

collides

with Waco

Transit Bus

By Madison Ferril

REPORTER

to Hillcrest Medical Center after

colliding with a bus on his moped

Tuesday afternoon near campus.

said the Waco Police Department

traveling north on University

Parks on his moped when he col-

lided with a Waco Transit Bus

around 2:40 p.m, according to a

preliminary report by Sgt W. Pat-

rick Swanton with the Waco Po-

police officer said the student slid

under the bus and the bus ran

over his legs, but Swanson said he

cannot confirm this until an offi-

Swanton said the student was

KWTX reported that a Waco

lice Department.

cial report is released.

is handling the investigation.

A Baylor student was taken

Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak

The 20-year-old student was

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# Cameras set up in cemetery after vandalism

KATE McGuire STAFF WRITER

Security cameras donated by Financial Equipment Corp. have been set up in Oakwood Cemetery to increase the security and surveillance of the grounds.

This is a result of the Jan. 26 vandalism of statues and busts in the cemetery caused by multiple vandals. The vandalism cost the cemetery \$200,000 in repairs.

Last week, Bob Bond, owner of the Financial Equipment Corp., donated more than a dozen 24-hour surveillance cameras that monitor the Oakwood Cemetery grounds.

"It's a huge piece of property, so we really can't cover the entire thing totally, but we've set some traps so that if they try this again they'll get caught," Bond said.

Because the Waco community around the cemetery expressed concern about the devastation, David Evans, director of Oakwood Cemetery, started looking for different companies to evaluate the needs of the grounds and give advice for security.

Bond expressed his individual concern about the vandalism to Evans and decided to donate cameras from his business and cover the costs of the installation.

Bond has family and friends buried in Oakwood and said he believes that, in order to keep the cemetery safe and secure, the need for cameras was necessary.

"Oakwood is a hallowed ground to a lot of people in this town and I'm in the business so I could do it," Bond said. "A lot of families have been really supportive of the cemetery itself and have wanted to find those who vandal-

ized the cemetery," Bond said. Sergt W. Patrick Swanton of the Waco Police Department said the cameras will keep people from doing what they shouldn't be doing. These will be used as a second pair of eyes for the police.

"With the cameras there, it is a deterrent. People don't realize they are being videotaped. Here we get the eyewitness accounts," Swanton said. "We can get good general descriptions and can get facial recognition. We solve a lot of crimes through video surveillance. Here, witnesses can help us recognize those individuals."

Evans said he has not heard any more reports of the vandals



MATT HELLMAN I LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

New security cameras have been installed at Oakwood Cemetery after multiple occurrences of vandalism.

that could lead to their arrest, but police are still monitoring the situation.

There is a \$10,000 reward for anyone who knows who the vandals are and people may remain anonymous.

The vandalism occurred between 9 p.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Saturday Jan. 26.

The investigation is ongoing and detectives continue to work thoroughly on it, Swanton said.

Busts of famous Waco citizens were destroyed and statues on ments vandalized included those of Texas Gov. Richard Coke and Madison Cooper, author of the book "Sironia, Texas."

"At this point, everything has been repaired or restored with the exception of one or two monuments that are still in the process of being restored," Evans said. "Everything is being cleaned up and put where it needs to go."

Swanton said he believes that

memorials were broken. Monu-

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not wearing a helmet and was taken by ambulance to Hillcrest Medical Center with significant injuries.

An update from the hospital on his condition was not available at the time of publication.

# President Starr redefines chief of staff responsibilities

By Taylor Rexrode STAFF WRITER

President Ken Starr has appointed his chief of staff, Dr. Karla Leeper, to lead the Office of Governmental Relations and Baylor Event Services.

Leeper currently serves as vice president for executive affairs and she said these new responsibilities will help bring the president's office and government relations closer together.

"This new structure does get rid of a degree of separation between the president's office and government relations," Leeper said. "In events, we have many opportunities to showcase the university and the work we are doing. The new structure creates

a closer relationship between the planning of these events and the president's office."

Before Leeper's role expansion, these responsibilities were held by Tommye Lou Davis and Dr. Reagan Ramsower.

Davis, vice president for constituent engagement, previously held responsibility for government relations along with alumni

outreach efforts through the Baylor Alumni Network. Ramsower, senior vice president for operations and chief financial officer, previously led the Baylor Events Services. Davis will continue to work with alumni relations and Ramsower will still work in administrative and financial opera-

Leeper said she is thankful for

the work Davis and Ramsower put into the programs they leave behind. She says that this program will lighten the amount of work for them.

"The change in structure gives Tommye Lou Davis more time to work on the many new programs the Baylor Alumni Network is

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# Off of the couch and into danger

Millionaire's scheme to get kids outside is cool but fails to recognize peril in mountains

As I have gone alone in there

And with my treasures bold,

I can keep my secret where,

And hint of riches new and old.

Begin it where warm waters halt

And take it in the canyon down,

Not far, but too far to walk.

Put in below the home of Brown.

From there it's no place for the meek,

The end is ever drawing nigh;

There'll be no paddle up your creek,

Just heavy loads and water high.

If you've been wise and found the blaze,

Look quickly down, your quest to cease,

But tarry scant with marvel gaze, Just take the chest and go in peace.

So why is it that I must go

And leave my trove for all to seek?

The answers I already know,

I've done it tired, and now I'm weak.

So hear me all and listen good,

Your effort will be worth the cold.

If you are brave and in the wood

I give you title to the gold.

### **Editorial**

It's easy to complain that kids don't exercise enough these days. A common stereotype of young people is that they sit on the couch all day with an Xbox controller in hand, a two-liter bottle of Mountain Dew to their right and empty boxes of Bagel Bites to their left. While many complain about this, few people do anything to actually try and get kids to go outside

Forrest Fenn, however, is doing something about it. After getting fed up with young people's lack of adventurous spirit, Fenn, a millionaire and art curator, put millions of dollars' worth of gold coins and jewels in a treasure chest and hid it all in the mountains north of Santa Fe, N.M.

Fenn hid the treasure three years ago, but its popularity rose after he appeared on the TODAY Show.Clues about the whereabouts of the treasure can be found in Fenn's memoir, "The Thrill of the Chase," in the form of the poem listed to

Before it was unsafe to leave your doors unlocked at night or ride your bike to school, kids had a sense of adventure. They would go into the woods and explore just because their minds were curious about what lies beyond the backyard fence. We applaud Fenn for attempting to re-inspire this sense of wonder and adventure in America's youth.

In fact, if the treasure had been hidden somewhere in Central Texas, the Lariat would not print this week because the entire staff would be out combing the plains.

If online reaction is any indicator, Fenn's methods are effective. While this may be the coolest thing to happen in New Mexico since the alleged UFO crash in 1947, there are other, better ways to get kids to play outside—ways that don't potentially endanger their lives.

Fenn's investment could have funded



a statewide project to build safe playgrounds for kids. He could have started recreational youth soccer leagues or funded an existing program, like NFL Play 60, that encourages kids to get their muchneeded daily exercise.

A lot can go wrong with sending kids into the mountains.

It is easy to envision a scenario where "The Goonies" turns into "Lord of the Flies" when groups of kids head out into the wilderness without the

proper supervision.

There are bound to be adults looking for the treasure as well. Fenn's efforts might be in vain when you consider that adults have the intelligence and means to find the treasure.

Ethical questions also arise. If kids run away to find the treasure and then go missing, to what extent is Fenn responsible?

Are people willing to break the laws to get to the treasure before anyone else? Is it right to just hand someone, especially

a child, millions of dollars and hope that family and friends won't extort or steal from the kid?

It's a rough world out there, and it's a much different time than the 1930s and 40s when Fenn grew up.

While Fenn is fighting for a good cause in the most awesome way possible, there is potential for disaster here. Investing in community recreation areas or middle school physical education programs would probably be more effective.

## Lariat letters: Community leaders should represent, encourage diversity

Two columns have been featured in the Lariat regarding Campus Living and Learning's requirements for community leaders.

One of them advocated for CL requirements to no longer hinge on the need for a candidate to be a Christian since students of all faiths are in need of the financial assistance the CL scholarship of-

The other accentuates the minsterial aspect of the CL position. Unfortunately, both articles miss the crux of the matter, which is the campuswide need for diversity.

I have served as a community leader for two and a half years, a position I love and which has come to influence my career aspirations. I wholeheartedly agree that the CL position is much more than the scholarship.

I also recognize that as a faction of Baylor University, Campus Living and Learning cannot change its requirements without Baylor as an institution accepting more diverse points of view.

However, I believe that Baylor is in dire need of diversity in all aspects of campus life. Racial diversity is represented, but one must take into account the diversity in religion, socio-economic background and sexual orientation.

If incoming students are not exposed to diversity through student leadership, how is their experience contributing to their holistic development? How are students meant to enter the world outside of Baylor if they do not possess an awareness of diversity and an ability to interact respectfully with those different from themselves?

Through my experience as a CL, I found dialogues of diversity challenging to develop with students, because many frankly didn't

care about these conversations. Additionally, I found that many students simply didn't have ideas of diversity on their radar.

When I would bring up questions about Baylor demographics, the campuswide focus on European art and the low number of diverse faculty, I found that many students had never thought about these things. Because they had not been taught to be aware of the importance of diversity, it was easy for them to overlook these conversations and quickly move on to the topic of what was being served in the dining halls.

Baylor does a stellar job of promoting academic rigor and spiritual formation but is failing at developing students that are adequately prepared for worldwide leadership if the student body is not exposed to more diversity campuswide.

The best way to rectify this is by

providing more opportunities for students to interact with people, including people of influence, who are different than themselves.

These opportunities can open

minds to different cultures, traditions and ways of life and provide a more well-rounded education, which is vital in schools like ours with diverse student popula-What better way to incorporate

diversity awareness than to allow for minority students (again, not simply cultural minorities) to serve From the first day of move-in,

CLs are recognized and respected as leaders by students, faculty, and parents. Stereotypes can be challenged from day one if students will learn to connote diversity with CLs and CLs with leadership and

This provides a rich contribu-

coming freshmen under 21 must live on campus, and therefore all these students could be more exposed to diversity than they would otherwise be during their time at

tion to the student body. All in-

As representatives of a renowned institution, CLs should represent the wide variety of students enrolled.

Through this, Baylor would have a unique opportunity to support the idea that diversity is something to be celebrated.

Karla Vera Garcia Coleman is a senior Spanish major from Dallas. She serves as a CL in Brooks Flats Apartments and is the president of the Multicultural Leadership Cabinet. She is also the Vice President of Baylor's chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

### Corrections

In the story "Professor: Christians need to be countercultural," which ran Tuesday, Marvin Olasky was misidentified as Martin Olasky.

In "Freshman dies practicing flips for organization event," the Lariat reported that Kevin Signo died after he did a flip and landed on his lower neck; however, Signo landed on his forehead.

The Lariat regrets the er-

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Corrections can be submitted to the editor by sending an e-mail to Lariat\_letters@baylor.edu or by calling 254-710-1712.

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# Lariat letters: Christians lead by example, embrace nonviolence as answer

I am writing in response to a few issues raised in The Lariat's excellent coverage of the controversy over the petition my colleague Dr. Blake Burleson and I wrote opposing Sen. Brian Birdwell's Campus Personal Protection Act.

It is stated in the article "Students' take" from the February 26 issue of the Lariat, that "Baylor professors expressed concern for their safety in a classroom that permitted concealed carry." My personal safety is not the issue. As a professor and the father of two Baylor students, I am concerned first and foremost for the safety of my students.

In the article "Professors' per-

colleague Dr. Earl Grinols suggests that Dr. Burleson and I are "engaging in emotionalism." It is hard for me to imagine a more emotionally motivated response than the idea that more and more weapons will keep our campus safe. In arguing that fewer, not more, weapons will make us safer, I believe that Dr. and evidence on our side.

Finally, I understand that when I was hired to teach at Baylor, I was expected not only to teach students but to provide a witness to my Christian faith.

In refusing to succumb to the kind of emotionally driven thinking that has led our society at large

believe that I am witnessing to that faith by example and am teaching the most important lesson I will ever convey.

Dr. Robin Wallace is a professor of musicology and one of the authors of the petition mentioned in "Professors unite against concealed carry," published Feb. 19.

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# Accelerated Ventures kicks off race for entrepreneurship

By Brooke Bailey Reporter

The application process has begun for Accelerated Ventures. Through this program, students from any major can get six hours of class credit and \$5,000 to start a business.

Accelerated Ventures gives juniors and seniors of any major the opportunity to start a business in two consecutive semesters. The deadline to apply for fall 2013 is March 19.

Interviews with the top 24 applicants will be held March 25-26, and final selections will be made March 27.

Twelve students will be selected to participate in the program for the following fall and spring semesters. The application is online at www.acceleratedventuresprogram.com.

Dr. Leslie Palich, assistant director of the entrepreneurial studies program, said it's a selective process.

The program is designed for students who are driven to create and start a business of their own.

"We recognize that it's not for everyone," Palich said. "We're looking for students who can make the most out of this particular opportunity." The primary criteria for applicants is the initiative to start their own business venture.

"It's about passion, desire and willingness to work hard," said Dr. Kendall Artz, director of the Baylor entrepreneurship program and chairman of the management and entrepreneurship department.

Palich said students should not wait until it's too late in their academic career to apply or participate in the program.

"Our concern is always that

there's going to be some student that's just ideally suited for this program, and they'll find out about it maybe by the time they graduate or a couple

they graduate or a couple of years down the road or something and really wish they were in it," Palich said.

Palich and Artz both encourage students interested legal and accounting assistance donated by local law and accounting firms, as well as access to advisers that will help them grow their businesses. Another available re-

space.

source is free office

Accelerated
Ventures and the
city of Addison partnered to provide office space for students
involved in the program.
The

# accelerated ventures

in building their own businesses to apply.

The resources available to students in this program are one of the biggest benefits, Artz said. In addition to \$5,000 in start-up capital, students are provided with

deal between the program and Addison was announced Feb. 5.

After completing the program, students have the option of using the office space in a northern suburb of Dallas, Addison, for up to a year after the program.

To learn more about the program, students can attend a general information meeting 5 p.m. Thursday in 303 Cashion Academic Center.

The program consists of two three-hour classes that help students launch and grow their own profitable businesses. Students sign on for two consecutive semesters, receiving six hours of class credit.

Students are divided into teams of three and start working the first day of class.

"On the first day, they take their final exam," Palich said. "That means we're expecting students to take the training materials that we give them and read them between the time they're selected and the first day of class."

In the first semester, students launch their business within 30-45 days. By the second stage of the program, students are expected to

start making a profit.

The Baylor Angel Network hands each student team a \$5,000 check for start-up capital.

The network is a group of investors that financially support entrepreneurs in the beginning stages of their businesses.

"This is all application, so a student doesn't get in here and find that there are a lot of academic projects and so forth. This is all about starting a business," Palich

Students are encouraged to continue running their businesses after completing the program. Companies such as Whol-E Water, a specially formulated bottled water, and Shavespeare, a high-end shaving kit, are still in operation.

The program was launched in 2011 by Palich, Artz and part-time lecturer in management David

# Protesters demand Medicaid expansion

By Chris Tomlinson Associated Press

AUSTIN — About 1,000 protesters marched and rode wheelchairs to the Texas Capitol on Tuesday to demand that lawmakers fully fund Medicaid and expand it to include an additional 1.5 million poor people.

Disabled and low-income residents wearing yellow caps carried banners up Congress Avenue and chanted, "My Medicaid matters!" They were joined by their family members and dozens of groups from across the state.

After listening to speakers talk about their shared cause, protesters and their supporters headed inside the Capitol to lobby lawmakers.

Separately, hundreds of doctors in white lab coats met privately with legislators, asking for better reimbursement rates for treating Medicaid patients.

Currently, the state only covers about 60 percent of the cost

of treating recipients of the joint federal-state health care program for the poor and disabled. Doctors and clinics are expected to absorb the losses.

Under the Affordable Care Act, states have the opportunity to expand Medicaid coverage to low-income adults, with the federal government paying 85 percent of the cost over the next 10 years.

The federal rules also would increase reimbursement rates to the same as those for Medicare, the government health insurance program for the elderly.

At least 26 states have agreed to expand Medicaid, but Texas Republicans insist the program already is too expensive for the state to operate and lacks enough doctors.

Gov. Rick Perry said he wants a waiver from the Obama administration that would allow Texas to receive the funding, ignore federal regulations and develop its own DeAnn Friedholm, a former Texas Medicaid director who's now a health care expert with Consumers Union, said enrolling more people into the health program will lower local taxes and health insurance premiums by cutting back on the number of uninsured relying on emergency rooms for care.

Friedholm also called for a boost in Medicaid reimbursements.

"The biggest problem with Texas Medicaid today is that the payments for doctors are so far behind what other medical programs and private insurers pay that doctors can't or won't take Medicaid patients," she told a crowd on the Capitol steps. "Guess who's in charge of setting those rates? The Texas Legislature."

By spending \$15 billion more on Medicaid over the next 10 years, the federal government would contribute \$100 billion in matching funds and provide health care coverage for an additional 1.5 million Texans, she said. Texas currently has the highest rate of uninsured in the country at 24 percent.

"Texas Ranks (hash)50. Thank you Rick Perry for fighting so hard to keep it that way," read one sign mounted on a protester's wheelchair.

Perry spokeswoman Lucy Nashed said the governor's position has not changed, even after Republican governors in Florida, Michigan, New Jersey and Ohio agreed to Medicaid expansion.

"It would be irresponsible to add more Texans and dump more taxpayer dollars into an unsustainable system that is broken and already consumes a quarter of our budget," Nashed said.

Kenneth Russell drove from Houston to participate in the rally. He recently lost his job and health insurance and does not qualify for Texas Medicaid because he's a non-disabled adult. But he would be eligible for the program if lawmakers expanded it.



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Protester Danny Saenz drives his wheelchair on the grounds of the Texas Capitol, Tuesday in Austin. Protesters demand that lawmakers expand Medicaid to include an additional 1.5 million poor people.



### Commercial standards of beauty opposed

The McLane Student Life Center hosts National Eating Disorders Awareness Week booths informing students of the dangers and signs of eating disorders. Some of the booths feature popular kids' dolls, demonstrating how unrealistically they portray the female image.

# Senators debate sex education bill

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — A Texas Senate education panel heard details Tuesday on a proposal to prohibit organizations linked to abortion providers from teaching sex education in public schools statewide — even though critics say there are very few cases where that's actually occurring.

The potentially contentious measure from tea party-backed Sen. Ken Paxton, R-McKinney, was hailed by abortion opponents as a way to "exclude Planned Parenthood" from Texas classrooms. It also would require school districts to seek parental consent before allowing any outside experts to teach sex education.

Sarah Wheat, director of Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, said "health educators" affiliated with the group have provided sex education instruction "in a handful of school districts" in Texas through the years, including in Austin.

But she also stressed that state law requires all sex education programs to promote abstinence no matter who teaches them, and said Planned Parenthood professionals have to be approved by local health oversight committees for each school district.

The proposal is the latest move in Texas' ongoing fight against Planned Parenthood. The Texas Legislature in 2011 outlawed state funds for organizations linked to abortion providers — and subsequent lawsuits by Planned Parenthood stalled.

Senate Education Committee Chairman Dan Patrick applauded Paxton's bill and said he had signed on as a coauthor, setting the tone for Tuesday's discussion.

Joe Pojman, founder and executive director of Texas Alliance for Life, told the committee he knew of no other group besides Planned Parenthood that would be directly impacted by the bill.

He said even if Planned Parenthood isn't in many classrooms directly, it provides instructional materials and other support so "it's very easy to be promoting their abortion-providing facilities with the state's children."

Anne Newman of the conservative group the Women's Wellness Coalition of Texas pointed to a Planned Parenthood website designed to answer teens' questions about sex that included an entry: "How can I have safer sex with my

sex toys."

"I ask you," Newman said, "do you want your children doing that?"

She added, "I'm concerned about not only Planned Parenthood getting into schools but the materials getting into schools and students being referred to them."

Wheat, though, called her organization's website "a huge resource" and shrugged off such criticisms. "I think in China they limit access to websites," she said. "I don't think we can do that here."

Newman also claimed that Planned Parenthood has been linked to "It's Your Game" a sex education curriculum developed by the Prevention Research Center at the University of Texas' School of Public Health and used in 15 school districts around the state.

Susan Tortolero, who directs the Prevention Research Center, said Planned Parenthood "had nothing to do with the development or evaluation" of the curriculum. "They linked us and it is just completely false," she said.

She said representatives of the organization did, however, participate in the center's community

advisory group on another project.

Tortolero added that two studies have shown the curriculum to be "highly effective in getting kids to abstain" from sex. She said many school districts have adopted "It's Your Game," because "it is one of the few curricula that are effective for middle school students."

The program has become increasingly popular with school district leaders who have seen the percentages of their students who are sexually active increase in recent years, she said.

Most of the dozens of other witnesses who waited hours to address the Senate committee were parents and community activists who support abstinence and are opposed to any group that could be seen as promoting premarital sex.

When one witness admitted to being in favor of abortion rights, Sen. Donna Campbell responded, "I'm amazed at those who make a point of promoting abortion. They're all alive."

The New Braunfels Republican then added: "Your mom didn't abort you. We need to promote a culture of life."



**APARTMENTS** 



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WALK TO THE BAYLOR SCIENCE BUILDING



One student's *Juest* to find the Best Burrito in Wacc

BY CAROLINE BREWTON EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As a working student, I don't have much free time. To save myself a few, precious minutes, I often compromise my nutritional needs for junk food or takeout, often resulting in fatigue and a vague and nagging guilt over the state of my health.

In order to have the energy to face a grueling day of class and work, I decided to embark on the search for the perfect breakfast food to keep me going. I settled on the breakfast burrito because it contains eggs (protein) and a tortilla (carbs). I deemed it the perfect mixture of health ood and comfort

OK, maybe it's not the healthiest, but considering that my old strategy was to inhale five Chips Ahoy chocolate chip cookies in my morning rush, a breakfast burrito seemed like a good compromise. I could always add vegetables if they were offered.

I decided to visit noteworthy local restaurants that served breakfast burritos and rate the burritos they served on a five-star system based on the following categories: price, salsa, add-ins, and tortilla. The results are below.

### SERCIO'S. CAFE



The Cafe operates out of a food truck that comes to the Downtown Farmer's Market, located at 400 South University Parks Drive, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday. I recommend getting there early before all of the good stuff is gone-you

can pick up breakfast and do some grocery shopping at the same time. Although I

like the conve-

nience of a Farmer's Market burrito stand, because the market is only open on Saturday, I often find myself unable to satisfy my craving for Sergio's. I suppose this is good; if it were available all the time,

I would eat it all the time, so the limited

availability saves me from burrito-burnout.

Due to the range of add-in options, overall quality, and price, Sergio's was my favorite burrito. The price is good. One burrito only costs \$4 and there is no additional charge for whatever you choose to add. The burritos here aren't quite as big as they are in other places, but because of the add-ins and quality you get for a flat rate of

\$4, Sergio's gets four stars. The salsa was excellent. Not too hot and not too bland, Sergio's excellent salsa is also offered at no additional charge. You can choose between a red and a green sauce, both of which I loved.

Sergio's offers the best selection I've seen in Waco. Several compelling meat options are offered, including sausage and al pastor, my personal favorite. In addition, a wide selection of vegetables are available, including mushrooms and pico de gallo. Sergio's gets five out of five stars for add-in options. It's by far the best range of choices I've encountered and left both my taste buds and my need for vegetables satisfied.

Although the tortilla was good and tasted homemade, it was second on my list. The tortilla's lower rating was not enough to drag down the burrito's score, though, as a combination of factors make Sergio's

### LOS CHILANGOS



Located at 2409 N. 18th St., this unassuming-on-the-outside restaurant offers some serious burritos. Immediately, as I walked in the door, I was greeted by friendly wait staff who took my order and

> had my food out in mere minutes, a crucial factor for those in a rush to get to class

> > Weighing in at \$3.50 per burrito (three toppings included) with a charge of \$.50

or work.

cents per additional add-in, the Los Chilangos burrito gets four stars for its price. Though it costs extra for additional toppings, a factor I would usually deduct stars for, the burrito is so big and delicious I gladly paid for the extras.

The salsa, which was bright orange, had good flavor but was very watery. I give it three stars, as it wasn't my absolute favorite.

I ordered ham, cheese, egg and potato, and though it wasn't as healthy as the burrito I got from Sergio's, it was good enough to keep me wanting more. Every bite contained plenty of excellent ham or potatoes and both were cooked to perfection. There were plenty of meat options, but no veggies. I suggest Sergio's if you want something healthy or vegetarian. Prepare to expend all your calories on a delicious burrito that is worth the extra workout.

This was my favorite tortilla of all. It was thick, delicious and obviously homemade, the perfect complement to the burrito's excellent interior.

Los Chilangos is located further away from campus, though, so one should factor in travel time if grabbing a bite to eat before early morning activities.

Despite its location, Los Chilangos is definitely worth the trouble. The burrito was the largest out of all five I sampled and delicious to boot.

When I want comfort food that's going to put me in a sated food-coma, I'm coming here.

### TAQUERIA. EL · CRUCERO



El Crucero's small interior could barely contain the number of people inside. I had heard good things about El Crucero before, and I wasn't disappointed. The burrito was excellent, although a little slow in coming out. The service was friendly.

I was extremely confused by the menu, which was posted on the wall. There were several cross-outs made in marker directly on the menu, which made me doubt if I understood it. The price for additional ingredients was crossed out, and there was also a sentence fragment reading "Only one meat choice." I didn't know if that meant you only got to pick one meat to include in your burrito, or if only one was available.

I decided to order a bacon, egg potato and cheese burrito and sort it out later. My burrito total came out to \$3.75 with tax, so I'm assuming that's a flat rate. Salsa was an additional \$.25 for each small cup, but the salsa was so good that I was happy to pay it.

The salsa was a little container of heaven. I ordered the much-talked-about green sauce, which fully lived up to its reputation. It tasted as though it were jalapeno-based, with a pleasing kick, but its texture really set it apart. It was almost fluffy. Words can't describe this sauce — it's that good.

The containers are very small, so I recommend getting four or five. If you eat in the restaurant, salsa is free and comes in unlimited quantities from a squirt bottle. The red sauce was also good.

As I've said, I was extremely confused by the menu, so I just ordered the most basic item. If add-ins were available, they weren't displayed in a way I could understand. There was a vegetarian breakfast burrito option that cost \$5 and included eggs, potato, soyrizo, cheese, grilled bell peppers, pico de gallo and avocado. While the offering sounds delicious, I prefer to pick my own add-ins.

The tortilla appeared to be homemade and tasted good; I give it four stars.

### LA. FAMILIA



La Familia is a small restaurant located at 1111 La Salle Ave.

The restaurant serves breakfast the whole time they're open, which I love. I can satisfy my need for burritos until they

This burrito was about average-sized, but included large chunks of delicious potatoes. The service was very friendly, but the restaurant only accepts cash, which I find inconvenient.

La Familia offers a good, basic burrito and is close to campus.

I was confused by their system of pricing. A one-meat, two-ingredient burrito costs \$3.25, but extra ingredients can be added for additional change. Some cost \$.50 and some cost \$.20. Even with the additional cost of adding ingredients, I felt the price was still better than some others.

The salsa wasn't bad. It was not too watery, but it also had nothing to distinguish it. It was a run-of-the-mill red sauce, perhaps a bit too heavy on the tomato. I would have liked a little more kick, as it was a little

Although I was confused by the variable price of add-ins, La Familia definitely gets points for thinking outside of the box. They offer sour cream, which I had never thought to put on a breakfast burrito. I was pleasantly surprised by how much I liked it. It sounds incongruous, but the creaminess of the sour cream complemented the taste of the sausage-and-egg burrito perfectly. I highly recommend trying the

sour cream. The sausage was also excellent.

T h e tortilla was

bad, but was not great either - like rather average.

the salsa, it was

## TAQUERIA . ZACATECAS. (TACO·Z)

Photos by Matt Hellman | Lariat Photo



This burrito stand is a campus favorite, but I was unimpressed. The tortillas were sub-par and I didn't like the salsa at all.

Located at 2311 La Salle Ave., it is fairly close to campus, and so I believe its favored status comes from its convenience. This was the most expensive burrito I

bought, and also one of the smallest. The total came out to \$4.60, even though I stuck to the prescribed three ingredients. Additional ingredients cost \$.25.

Taco Z's salsa was by far the worst I tasted. It was a green sauce and had bland flavor. I don't recommend it.

The add-in menu wasn't short, and it included beans and rice, but no vegetables. The bacon I ordered was overcooked and in very small pieces. They did use an ample amount of white cheese, which I liked. Apart from that, it had no distinguishing characteristics.

The tortilla didn't appear to be homemade and was not good enough to set it

Hearing about it often from other students, I was expecting the best, but it fell short. Taco Z's proximity to campus is not enough to make it worth the trip.

mend the also I recomclose La Familia if you

> quick bite in between and don't want to venture farther than LaSalle Avenue.

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Caroline Brewton is a burrito connoisseur who enjoys trying different breakfast burritos. When she's not trying a new burrito, she's the editor-in-chief of the Baylor Lariat.

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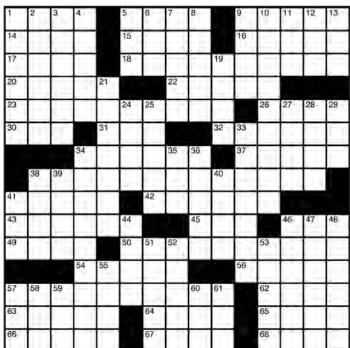
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Sophomore right-handed pitcher Sean Spicer winds up to throw a pitch Tuesday night against Louisiana Tech. The

# Bears' early offense too much for Louisiana Tech

By Daniel Hill SPORTS WRITER

The Baylor Bears defeated the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs 4-2 Tuesday night at Baylor Ballpark. Senior third basemen Cal Towey and senior shortstop Jake Miller both had RBIs for the Bears, and Baylor scored two more unearned runs off of Louisiana Tech errors. Sophomore right-handed pitcher Sean Spicer was the starting pitcher for the Bears, but junior right-handed pitcher Josh Michalec actually ended up earning the win.

"I thought Sean, for his second career start, as much as he's struggled, he didn't spit up the bit," head coach Steve Smith said. "He got us through five innings and really Michalec came in and got a big out when he came in and then we were able to get a few more outs behind it. I think [Bobby] McCormack probably when I used him, was probably not the best time to use him, but he was my one left that was up and they forced his hand a

The scoring started in the bottom of the first inning for Baylor after a comedy of errors from Louisiana Tech.

Baylor leadoff batter sophomore center-fielder Logan Brown started off by drawing a walk.

Baylor's best hitter, with a .511

batting average, senior right-fielder Nathan Orf was given two extra chances to continue his at-bat after two Louisiana Tech errors. Orf hit a pop-up into foul territory midway to right-field and Louisiana Tech dropped the easy pop-up for a would-be out. Later in the atbat, Orf popped up another foul ball. This ball went high above the field and into foul territory behind home plate. The catcher thought he had a read on the ball then backpedaled to try to make the catch, but he never got a glove on the ball.

"I think that was a first, but I was pretty happy that they gave it to me," Orf said. "They gave me more opportunities to get a hit and I ended up getting a hit."

Orf blasted the ball on a rope to left field. The left-fielder misplayed the ball and it got past him easily. This allowed Brown to score and Orf made it all the way to third base to give the Bears a 1-0 lead.

With senior third basemen Cal Towey at the plate, Louisiana Tech threw a wild pitch. Orf scored from third base on the play for the Bears 'second run of the inning.

Towey was hit by a pito at-bat, and then sophomore first basemen Duncan Wendel singled to center field. Another fielding error allowed Towey to get to third.

Senior shortstop Jake Miller hit a sacrifice fly to right field, and this brought in Towey from third to give Baylor a 3-0 lead.

In the top of the third inning with runners on first and second, Bulldogs senior designated hitter Taylor Terrasas hit a deep double to the wall in left-field and that gave the Bulldogs their only two runs of the game.

In the bottom of the fifth, Baylor tacked on one more insurance run. Sophomore left fielder Adam Toth singled to the hole between the shortstop and the third basemen, and the shortstop made an athletic play just to get to the ball. Toth was able to outrun the play and was safe at first. Orf singled to left field which moved Toth to third base. Towey hit a grounder to the first basemen and was out at first, but Toth was able to score on the fielder's choice to give Baylor a

Sophomore Ryan Smith came in to pitch the last two and twothirds innings and didn't allow a single hit. This preserved the lead and the win for the Bears.

"I just really try to take it one pitch at a time and don't try to do too much of something or try too hard," Smith said, "I just try to trust my ability and preparation and just throw strikes and make the bat move."

Baylor and Louisiana Tech will meet at 4:05 p.m. today at Baylor Ballpark to conclude the two-game

# Senior class honored for successful careers

Monday was an emotional night for the No. 1 Lady Bears as the seniors were honored at the end of their last regular season game with a tribute video on senior night. Many fans wore yellow shirts in support of the winningest seniors in school history.

"It was great playing in front of a lot fans that have been there for me since freshman year," senior guard Kimetria Hayden said. "It was just a great night."

Senior center Brittney Griner had a night to remember, scoring a career-high 50 points, surpassing the Big 12 record for the most points scored in a single game.

She also recorded two critical blocks for a total of 721 career

It was also fitting for Griner to record her 14th career dunk after being asked numerous times by fans and media to dunk at home.

"It means everything to just go out with a bang like that," Griner said. "Got a dunk finally at home, scored 50. I mean there's not a better way to go out."

The seniors who were honored were Hayden, guard Jordan Madden, forward Destiny Williams, forward Brooklyn Pope and Gri-

### **Senior class** achievements

130-14 overall record 60-8 Big 12 record 69-2 home record 55 home wins in a row Four Big 12 titles Two Final Fours One National Title

Student assistant Shanay Washington and student managers Emma Jacks and Jordin Westbrook were also honored in the ceremony.

Head coach Kim Mulkey supported senior night by starting Williams so that only seniors would start. It was the first time this lineup was used this season.

"It's one that as seniors, we will remember," Williams said. "I don't think it's about the score. I think that playing with each other for the very first time since we've been here, all five of us play together, I think that will carry more weight."

While it hasn't finished its business yet, this class has cemented its legacy in Baylor history by winning four Big 12 titles, earning four trips to the NCAA Tournament, winning a National Championship. Another feat accomplished by the senior class was leading the team to two consecutive undefeated league records. Baylor is the first team in Big 12 history to do so.

Hayden, Madden and Griner formed an explosive group as they went 130-14 overall and 60-8 in the Big 12 during their careers. At the Ferrell Center, the trio is 69-2 with their two losses coming in their freshman year. They have now won 55 straight home games.

Madden is having one of her best season's offensively as she gains more confidence in her shooting, allowing her to be a dual threat player. Throughout her career, she had to defend the best players on the opposing team and is a key component in keeping teams from shooting over 50 percent from the field.

Hayden has contributed significantly with her 1,061 career points, moving her up to 26th place on Baylor's career scoring list. She is also second in the Big 12 in assistto-turnover ratio at 2.20.

Throughout the game the crowd chanted, "Thank you, seniors," as the seniors continued to make play after play.

It was a memorable night not just for the seniors, but for the fans

# Brooks back in Red Nation

By Chris Duncan ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aaron Brooks is back with the Houston Rockets and he's back

with an all-new cast. The 6-foot Brooks signed with Houston on Tuesday, returning to the team that drafted him with the 26th overall pick in 2007.

The Rockets traded Brooks in February 2011 and have since changed coaches and completely rebuilt the roster. When Brooks walked into his

first practice, he didn't see a single teammate from his previous time "A whole bunch of new guys,"

Brooks said. "But everybody seems

pretty cool and I'm happy to be Brooks was waived by Sacramento on Friday, and he becomes

the third point guard on Houston's roster, joining Jeremy Lin and Patrick Beverlev. Coach Kevin McHale said it

was too early to tell how he would use Brooks or how quickly he would work into the rotation.

"Aaron's comfortable with Houston, he's been here before,

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so hopefully that will help him," The Rockets (33-28) hold the

No. 7 spot in the Western Conference heading into Wednesday's game in Dallas. The Rockets routed the Mav-

ericks 136-103 on Sunday night, Houston's fourth win in six games. "It's a good team, Lin is play-

ing well and Patrick's playing well," Brooks said. "That gives you a little bit of time to kind of ease your way into it and kind of fit in."

Brooks, 28, played his first 3½ NBA seasons in Houston, averaging 12.8 points and 3.6 assists per game from 2007-11. He took over the starting role when Rafer Alston was traded in February 2009 and helped Houston advance to the second round of the postseason for the first time since 1997.

Brooks showed spectacular flashes during Houston's last playoff run, in 2009. He scored 27 points in a first-round win over Portland and scored 34 in a rousing playoff victory over the Los Angeles Lakers.

He had his best statistical season in 2009-10, averaging 19.6 points and 5.3 assists per game.

He led the NBA and set a Rockets' single-season record with 209 3-pointers that season and was named the league's most improved

Brooks was traded to Phoenix for Goran Dragic and played in China during the lockout. He had to play out his contract there, delaying the possibility of returning to the NBA.

Two seasons ago, Brooks sprained his left ankle early in the season, lost his starting job to Kyle Lowry and then was suspended one game for leaving the bench during a victory over Memphis. He apologized to general manager Daryl Morey, then was traded two weeks later. Brooks said he got over that a long time ago and was happy the Rockets thought of him after the Kings let him go.

"That means I must've done something right when I was here," Brooks said. "I kind of went out on a bad note. To have the team that traded you want you back, it feels real good. I was cool with the coaching staff when I left, I thought. I don't think there are any problems at all. I don't remember that much of it."

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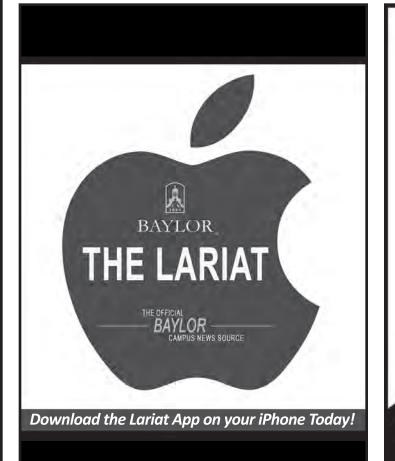
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Baptist General Convention of Texas was created in 1886 through the consolidation of the Baptist

Convention and the Baptist General Association. The convention is actively involved in education, social ministries, evangelism and missions.

They support and helped establish many schools like Baylor and Southwestern Baptists Theological

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the whole community is affected by the choices of the vandals and that police strive to not only keep the cemetery safe but keep it

"These officers are very responsible and don't like to see these types of crimes happen," he said. "[The vandalism] was such an offensive crime that happened in our community. When someone comes in and disrupts a very serene place like that, where you're supposed to go to be able to have a peaceful setting and are able to be respectful to folks who have either been in your family or friends who have passed away," Swanton said.

Swanton said his other concern for the area is the communities' strong reaction to this crime.

"For a crime like this to occur, is something that just is not acceptable to our community. It is certainly not acceptable to the officers who work there," Swanton said. "It gives us a heightened sense when these things happen."

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working on," Leeper said. "Dr. Ramsower has always been very busy with the operational side of the university. With all the construction projects on campus, he has a lot on his plate."

Lori Fogleman, director of media communications, says this change reflects the university moving forward.

'This is a reflection of the expansion and strategic priorities of the president's office," Fogleman said. "Dr. Leeper will take a significant leadership role with responsibilities in these important areas."

Leeper said talks of the responsibility shift occurred in February.

In a press release, Starr said that Leeper's expanded position will help with the Pro Futuris vision.

"This appointment recognizes Dr. Leeper's exceptional tenure

By Kirsten Crow

ASSOCIATED PRESS

a fractured wrist early Tuesday

morning while trying to appre-

hend what authorities described as

Steven Walker Webb, 21, was

suspected of stealing several items

at Discount Smoke Shop, 1402 N.

a "sword-wielding suspect."

A Waco police officer suffered

Sword-wielding

suspect in Waco

managing the essential and strategic responsibilities of the President's Office," Starr said. "We have expanded her role to include a vice presidential position that will lead

a set of emerging areas of critical

importance as our office moves

boldly forward under the strategic

vision of Pro Futuris."

Leeper said she is excited to see this change bring new opportuni-

"We are sensitive to opportunities to reorganize and improve the operation of the university," Leeper said. "We want to be very efficient administratively and we want to make sure we are maximizing the time of everyone in leadership. I'm very excited to get to do this work and create great opportunities for students. I view this as a set of opportunities to help build Baylor."

Webb refused to surrender the

One officer fractured his wrist

sword, and authorities eventually

used a Taser to gain control of him,

while taking Webb into custody,

Swanton said. The officer, who was

not named in an email issued by

the department about the incident,

was taken for medical treatment

and expected to be out from work

due to the injury for an unspecified

according to authorities.

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A crowd gathers at the Arepazo 2 restaurant in Doral, Fla., Tuesday after hearing the news of Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez's death. The group demonstrated their hope for political change in their home country.

# Venezuelans in United States hope for change after Hugo Chavez's death

By Christine Armario ASSOCIATED PRESS

DORAL, Fla. - Cheering Venezuelans in the U.S. waved their country's flag and expressed hope Tuesday that change would come to their homeland after the death of long-ruling populist President Hugo Chavez.

"He's gone!" dozens in a largely anti-Chavez community chanted after word spread of the death of the 58-year-old leftist. Many said they were rejoicing after nearly a decade and a half of socialist rule heavily concentrated in the hands

"We are not celebrating death," Ana San Jorge, 37, said amid a jubilant crowd in the Miami suburb of Doral. "We are celebrating the opening of a new door, of hope and change."

Wearing caps and T-shirts in Venezuela's colors of yellow, blue and red, many expressed cautious optimism and concern after the announcement of the death.

"Although we might all be united here celebrating today, we don't know what the future holds," said Francisco Gamez, 18, at El Arepazo, a popular Venezuelan restaurant in Doral.

Chavez, though cancer-stricken in recent years, had led the oil-rich Latin American nation for years while espousing a fiery brand of socialism and bickering with a succession of U.S. governments over what he called Washington's hegemony in the region.

Many in Florida's large Venezuelan community and other such pockets around the U.S. are stri-



Manny Garcia holds a Venezuelan flag at the Arepazo 2 restaurant in Doral, Fla., Tuesday after hearing the news of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's death.

dently anti-Chavez and had fled elan immigrants live in the United their home country in response to

Doral has the largest concentration of Venezuelans living in the U.S. They transformed what was a quiet suburb near Miami's airport into a bustling city affectionately known as "Doralzuela."

the policies his government insti-

El Arepazo is at the heart of the community and sells arepas, corn flour patties stuffed with fresh cheese and other fillings. Hundreds of Venezuelans gathered at the restaurant with family and friends to watch news broadcasts covering

Doral Mayor Luigi Boria said 30 police officers were assigned to monitor reaction, but said all was

under control late Tuesday. An estimated 189,219 VenezuStates, according to U.S. Census figures. In addition to Florida, there are sizable Venezuelan communities in Los Angeles and New

A large number of professionals and others left their country beginning after Chavez became president in 1999. Many did not agree with his socialist government, became frightened of soaring crime or simply sought better fortunes abroad.

At Mil Jugos restaurant in downtown Santa Ana, in Southern California's Orange County, the Briceno family rejoiced. Daughter Norah Briceno left her country 14 years ago after struggling economically under Chavez despite a master's degree in finance and a popular restaurant. She sold her

business to a friend and opened an identical restaurant in California.

"When Chavez won, if you weren't with the Chavez revolution, you were out and you barely had enough money to eat," she said. "Finally, he's died. He's the reason we had to leave home and we're all here."

Her mother, Solange Briceno, is nervous about her son who remains with his family in Venezuela. The 73-year-old called him Tuesday in between serving customers steaming cachapas — Venezuelan sweet corn pancakes.

"I am very worried," she said.

In Washington, President Barack Obama said in statement the Chavez's death marks a challenging time for Venezuela. He said the U.S. is committed to promoting democratic principles, human rights and the rule of law.

Chavez's inner circle has long claimed the U.S. government was behind a failed a 2002 attempt to overthrow him, and he has frequently played the anti-American card to stir up support.

Others, meanwhile, mourned Chavez's death.

Former U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy II recalled that Chavez and the people of Venezuela donated 200 million gallons of heating oil to Citizens Energy, which distributes oil to lower income families in 25 states and Washington, D.C.

Kennedy, who heads Citizens Energy, said Chavez cared about the poor. A nephew of President John F. Kennedy, he said his prayers go out to Chavez's family and the Venezuelan people.



