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By Taylor Rexrode STAFF WRITER

Concealed handgun licenses

Anderson filed House Bill

may become more affordable

thanks to a bill filed by Rep. Charles "Doc" Anderson.

2759 on March 7 with the intent

of capping the CHL application

cost at \$95. The proposed cost

would be \$45 less than the \$140 Texas citizens currently pay. The

bill would prevent the current re-

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for the Baylor chapter of Young

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get a concealed handgun license

but sees the current cost as an ob-

"I think it's an excellent idea,"

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The reduced fee comes as a

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Beauty close to home The annual Baylor Art Student Exhibition opens today in The Martin Museum of Art, galleries one and two. The showcase will be open to the public through April 17.



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Baylor Law gives free aid to vets Students offer pro bono work, gain real-life experience

By Paula Ann Solis STAFF WRITER

Baylor Law School students and faculty have teamed up with Veterans One Stop, a veterans support facility in Waco, to offer free legal aid.

Veterans One Stop is a coalition of various organizations and agencies that offers aid to veterans and their spouses, said Maggie McCarthy, the coordinator of Veterans Coalition for the Heart of Texas, who is in charge of finding and bringing such organizations together.

The legal aid clinics began in September as part of the Baylor Public Interest Legal Society's initiative by law students to give back to the Waco community, said Bridget Fuselier, a professor at Baylor Law School and the society's faculty adviser for the past

"I've always been interested in doing pro bono work when I was in practice," Fuselier said. "I feel like not everybody can pay dreds of dollars an hour for legal advice and that doesn't mean they don't need the help. Sometimes they need it even more than the people who can pay."

Inspired by the Texas State Bar's initiative to aid more veterans in 2010 by then-president Terry Tottenham, Fuselier said she thought launching a similar initiative in Waco would be a great opportunity to give law students the experience they wanted while helping military families - a cause she understands personally.

"My husband's a veteran, my dad, my grandfather, my fatherin-law," Fuselier said. "I've seen what people have done and how much they've sacrificed, so it's a nice way to be able to give back to people who sometimes get overlooked."

After receiving two grants, one from the Texas Access to Justice Foundation and another from the Texas Bar Foundation, the organization began conducting monthly

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Dig into the shoreline

Maple, Wis., graduate student Gavin Saari plants a buttonbush on Wednesday as a part of the Baylor University Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry Student Group's effort to revegetate the Lake Waco shoreline

Frat gives \$8,000 to diabetes research

By Sanmai Gbandi REPORTER

This year Delta Epsilon Psi raised \$8,000 for diabetes re-

The fraternity presented a check to a Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation representative at a lecture, "Juvenile Diabetes: Its Impact and the Race for a Cure," held Wednesday night in the Baines Room in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

They have raised \$18,000 over the past three years to help fund diabetes research.

The organization's main philanthropic endeavor is diabetes. Whatever money they raise throughout the year goes to the foundation in order to help fund research related to finding a cure and prevention for Type 1 diabe-

Coppell senior Azaan Ramani,

president of Delta Epsilon Psi, says it is important to raise awareness about this disease.

"It's important to not only know about diabetes but to put a face on it," said Ramani, "so people know what they are look-

Type 1 diabetes is usually diagnosed in children and young adults. Unlike type 2 diabetes, type 1 is unpreventable. According to the American Diabetes Association, only 5 percent of people with diabetes have this form. People who have Type 1 diabetes have bodies that do not produce insulin. Insulin is needed to convert sugar and starches into energy.

There is no cure for this form of diabetes. Those who are diagnosed can only learn to manage it with insulin therapies and by monitoring blood sugar closely.

It can be managed, but it is still



JDRF representative Kristen Pool speaks Tuesday night at Delta Epsilon Psi's event, Juvenile Diabetes: Its Impact and the Race for a Cure.

an unpredictable disease.

Associate professor of sociology, Dr. Kevin Dougherty was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when he was three years old.

"Diabetes in our country is the leading cause of blindness and the leading cause of kidney disease," Dougherty said, "and it's in the top 10 killers of all diseases. Last year we lost over 200,000 Americans because of diabetes-related complications."

Dougherty stressed the unpredictability of the disease. He talked about a specific incidence where he was admitted to the hospital after a workout. Even though he worked out that time of day before and never had any issues with

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Senate considers trimming UT regents' power

By Jim Vertuno

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Texas lawmakers continued Wednesday to question the actions of University of Texas System regents and their pressure on flagship campus President Bill Powers as the Senate considers a bill that would roll back some regents voting authority.

Powers, president of the University of Texas at Austin, is believed to be fighting for his job with regents appointed by Gov. Rick Perry in an academic showdown that has grabbed the attention of the Legislature.

Powers has drawn public support from the state House and Senate, and the Senate Committee on Higher Education held an initial hearing on a bill that bars regents from voting on personnel and budget matters until they have received training on those issues and been confirmed by the

Such a move would step on the governor's ability to make so-called "recess" appointments when the Senate is not in session. Texas lawmakers only meet for 140 days every other year.

"This bill is not about empowerment," said committee chairman Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, author of the bill, which was left pending without a vote until next week. "It's about propriety."

Powers has clashed with the regents for more than two years over tuition, the roles of research and teaching at universities, and other issues. He was believed to have held only a slim majority of support among the nine members, all Perry appointees.

Regent Wallace Hall recently ordered the university to give him copies of all the results of open

records requests made to UT-Austin over the past two years. Hall and Regent Brenda Pejovich pushed for a fourth review of a now-defunct law school loan program that was started when Powers was dean. That program came under scrutiny when Powers' successor received a \$500,000 forgivable loan. An investigation by the system recommended abolishing the program but cleared Powers of wrongdoing.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst also has defended Powers, who he has denounced what he called "character assassination" of Powers and

his family.

All of those issues have led Seliger and other Senate and House lawmakers to publicly question whether the regents are micromanaging Powers and the Austin campus in an effort to build a case to fire him.

Firing Powers, would be a "terrible mistake," said Sen. Judith Zaffarini, a Laredo Democrat who has been one of Power's most vocal supporters.

Powers attended Wednesday's hearing but did not testify. Uni-

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Don't leave undergrads in cold for research

Editorial

The university announced at the beginning of Baylor 2012 that it wants to reach Tier One status, which according to the Carnegie Classification system includes being classified as a Very High Research Uni-

Baylor is currently classified as a High Research University as a result of the strategic vision Baylor 2012. As Baylor continues into its Pro Futuris vision, research is one area it is continuing to try to improve. One of the goals is to "increase opportunities for students to engage in research with faculty in all phases of the discovery process, enhancing connections between teaching and scholarship."

For students, research is a key component to getting into graduate schools and medical schools. Publications and research honors like the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education program are big assets on an application, giving you an edge over the competition. Research in an area related to their potential field of study is key for pre-health students and students who wish to go to graduate school.

Unfortunately, at Baylor, undergraduate research is hard for students to pursue. Students who are interested in research are shuffled among the various departments and advisors without any structure or organization providing guidance for navigating the process.

One biochemistry student who wishes to remain anonymous for fear of reprisal said she asked her prehealth advisor for advice on finding research and was told to talk to her academic advisor or find a professor and talk to them. When she talked to her academic advisor, she was told to just find a professor without any advice or guidance as to how to find and approach the professor.

When compared to the University of Texas at Austin's undergraduate research opportunities, Baylor could definitely improve. While there are many differences in the institutions, including the distinction between a public versus private school and institution size, UT's opportunities for research far outnumber Baylor's. Baylor should look to the UT attitude toward undergraduate research with an eye to adopting its

ideals.

UT has a freshman research initiative that allows approximately 600 freshmen a year to get involved in research. Students in this program go through a structured set of classes where they are continuously involved in research throughout their four undergrad-

Aside from variable special topics classes at Baylor, which can be used to pursue research in some cases, there is only one class that really integrates students into research: BIO 1405/1406, Investigations of Modern Biology Concepts, which is funded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

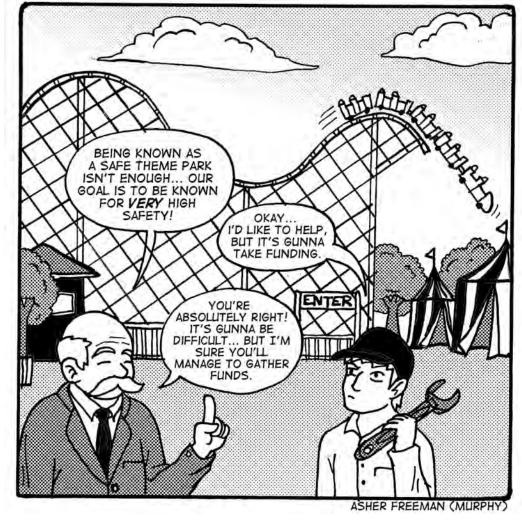
This class only allows 24 undergraduate students to participate per freshman class, and it does not facilitate continued involvement in undergraduate research after the class is over. After this class, if students want to continue doing research, they must find research mentors themselves.

The Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Achievement initiative at Baylor is meant to encourage undergraduate research by providing information for students about undergraduate research, but it does not give students advice in finding a research mentor. The information on the site is limited. The program does, however, offer small grants of no more than \$5,000 to faculty researchers who integrate undergraduates into their research in some way for an entire fiscal year: summer, fall and spring. Applications for the year that will begin in June were due in February.

This small amount of money is supposed to fund equipment, an undergraduate stipend, travel costs and conference costs. This grant requires faculty members to submit a full grant proposal. Other than that, there are very few methods of funding available, if any, to undergraduate students for conference travel, conference fees, poster fees - all necessary aspects of research that must come out of a student's pocket if no funding can be found.

This puts students who are unable to fund their own research at a disadvantage, potentially weeding out bright but financially struggling undergraduates from being able to pursue research.

By not having funds readily available for undergraduates who take initiative and apply to present their research at conferences, the students are essentially discouraged by having to pay their own confer-



ence fees, travel, hotel rooms and poster costs. Conferences are an important part of students' ability to network with other undergraduate students, graduate students and potential professors. Students are faced with either funding their own travel or not going at all.

Again, we must look to UT's model. UT provides a number of undergraduate research fellowships for their students. One of the research fellowships provides up to \$1,000 to undergraduate researchers. This fellowship allows applications each semester. There are also fellowships specifically for undergraduate stu-

While these amounts are a bit less than what Baylor offers, UT offers more funding opportunities more often, a wide number of research fellowships are all listed together accessible on the site and, arguably most importantly, the students apply for the fellowships themselves, independent of relying on professors to fill out grant proposals.

Baylor is working steadily towards attaining its goal of becoming a top-tier research university, but until it really takes a step back to re-evaluate undergraduate research options, undergraduate students will be a trivial part of the picture.

Repeal ridiculous school restrictions against hugging



Schools are meant to keep their children safe, but one school district in Maryland has taken this duty too far.

St. Mary's County school district has proposed a ban for elementary schools on hugs or pushing children on swings between parents and children who are not

The idea is that what some parents deem acceptable is not so in other parents' eyes. They have also banned sibling visits by siblings, passing out birthday invitations and homemade cupcakes.

How are these changes supposed to improve the safety of their schools? It sounds like a group of the committee that passed these new rules. In a time where school shootings are yearly, a hug ban is like putting a band-aid over a gaping wound. It doesn't even make logical sense.

As far as I know, a parent hasn't begun a killing spree by hugging a child that is not their own.

Furthermore, banning younger siblings from visiting alienates stay-at-home parents.

How can they visit their children during lunch or go to school parties if they can't bring their younger children with them?

Admittedly, smaller children are disruptive. Even so, I don't know if that is enough of a reason overprotective parents took over to ban them permanently from children aren't given enough could easily lead to hurt feelings.

schools.

The ban on homemade cupcakes is at least a tiny bit under-

So many kids have allergies. To stay vigilant, teachers need to know what is in the food that comes in. However, children should be able to police themselves for food allergies and parents responsible enough to educate their own children what not to put in their mouths.

Teachers are responsible for the safety of the children while in their care. I just think that all these "precautions" are pure coddling.

Maybe it is because not long ago, I was a child myself. I think credit. They are smarter and more conscious of their decisions than many parents of this overprotective nature think. For example, last year, a 10-year-old, Clara Lazen, discovered a new molecule. That's not even in the everyday work of a

In the case of birthday invitations, the district's reasoning is

According to Kelly Hall, the district's executive director of elementary schools, birthday invitations are seen as a disruption and a source of hurt feelings among students. I find it strange that their reasoning is hurt feelings when the ban on hugs and pushing swings

of growing up. Everyone gets his or her feelings hurt at some point. It's like those soccer games where everyone wins. Those do not prepare children for the failures of life. The harsh reality is that chil-

Personally I think it's all a part

dren will get hurt, but those experiences don't necessarily have to be for naught. They can be character building. These bans are for the moment temporary. The school district is going to review the new policies this summer, after receiving parent feedback. Hopefully, some of this is thrown back out.

Ashley is a senior journalism major from Austin. She is a reporter

We should encourage stable relationships for all — at least civically

Gay marriage is relatively low on my priority list when it comes to national political issues. However, in the spirit of open inquiry and to foster debate here at Baylor, a Christian university, I'd like to share my evolving views on this

For the longest time, I was a standard anti gay-marriage conservative.

I viewed the government's interest in perpetuating traditional marriage as rooted in the idea that marriage is closely tied with childrearing (yes, I know there are plenty of great single parents and even gay parents out there) rather than a way for society to validate peoples' relationships.

Similarly, I would have opposed gay adoption out of the belief that, all things being equal, kids are better off with a mom and a dad.

My views have not changed on that ideal, nor has my traditional, and I believe correct, interpretation of the Bible regarding God's design for marriage.

However, those views were not, and are still not, sufficiently informative for me to come up with my opinion on what marriage should be as a civic institution.

The first step in my evolution was to accept and be in favor of civil unions. Seemingly a no-brainer, I concluded that the practical benefits of marriage — hospital visitations, greater ease in creating financial ties, etc. — should not be denied to anybody. However, marriage was still something more, and I figured the government still



had a pressing interest in shoring up the institution of traditional marriage for the betterment of future generations of kids.

Over time, questions that I was able to shrug off before popped into my head more frequently. Divorce hurts kids, but would I really like to repeal no-fault divorce and go back to a time when people got stuck in sometimes-abusive marriages or concocted fabrications to get divorce approval from the gov-

No. Would I support strict morality tests to ensure that people adhere to some type of moral code prior to getting married, or prior to adopting?

No. In other words, it's clear that I was completely unwilling to take any substantial legal steps to be consistent with the idea of creating the kind of marriage environment that I think is ideal for kids.

Therefore, if I'm not willing to

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take those steps, then it seems to me that my justification for any particular marriage laws has to rely on something entirely different.

The alternative I have now arrived at is one that, in all reality, applies to gay marriages as much as it does to traditional marriages.

In short, we as a society need to encourage committed, permanent relationships — i.e., marriage between people to shore us up in a world with persistent economic and social turbulence, instability and insecurity.

Although my underlying personal views are unchanged, the views of mine that are relevant-regarding which types of relationships society should officially recognize have.

Gay marriage is coming, and as

a society we should do what we can to encourage more marital stability for all.

I should add that, should we legalize gay marriage, it is absolutely essential to preserve the First Amendment's guarantee of religious liberty.

Ultimately, doing so means having adequate protections for churches that do not want to administer such weddings, and for faith-based companies to operate in a way that is consistent with their religious beliefs.

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House votes to create water fund using Rainy Day funds

"State funding can help

cut water waste, improve

water conservation, and

steer Texas toward a

more sustainable water

future."

Luke Mezger | director of

Environment Texas

By Chris Tomlinson ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — In an overwhelming display of bipartisanship, the Texas House voted to create state water fund using money from the Rainy Day Fund to meet the needs of the rapidly growing state.

The State Water Development Board would use what is expected to be a \$2 billion fund set up in House Bill 4 to leverage \$27 billion over the next 50 years to build new reservoirs, improved pipelines and increase water conservation. The measure passed 146-2, with only two tea party members opposing the measure.

The plan would take the money from the state's Rainy Day Fund and create the State Water Infrastructure Fund of Texas, intended to leverage bond financing for new reservoirs, pipelines, desalination plants and conservation projects. The water needs to add about 8.3 million acre-feet of supply to meet

the forecast population growth in Texas.

Texas needs to spend about \$53 billion over the next 50 years to meet the water needs of the growing population, according to the State Water Development Board. About half of that needs to come from the state, with local governments or private businesses providing the rest. The plan would add 9 million acre feet of new water

Rep. Allan Ritter, R-Nederland, says the new fund could leverage \$27 billion over the next 50 years. Lawmakers have long debated whether to fund the State Water Plan with a fee on water customers, general revenue from the state treasury or with a one-time investment from the Rainy Day Fund.

"If we were to use general revenue to finance these projects it would cost more than \$8 billion," Ritter explained in defending a measure he'd worked on for six

The Sierra Club and Environ-

ment Texas, a grassroots group, all welcomed the bill's passage.

"In every sector of water use, new technologies and better man-

agement practices can enable us to get more out a gallon of water. We can't control when it rains. but we can control how we use water. State funding can help cut water waste, improve water conserva-

tion, and steer Texas toward a more sustainable water future," said Luke Metzger, director of Environment

The president of the Texas Association of Business, Bill Hammond, said "the action of the House will ensure that Texans will have a stable water supply even

when the time between rainy days is long."

The conservative Texas Public Policy Foundation and Empower

> Texans urged lawmakers to oppose the bill or significantly modify the bill. The foundation opposed spending money conservation and opposed the tapping

> > Rainy

Day

Fund. Empower Texans also opposed using the Rainy Day Fund and wanted to limit the water

funds spending. Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, put forward an amendment to remove the requirement that 20 percent of the fund go toward water conservation or education projects. Environmental groups had fought hard to include that section in the law.

The State Water Plan calls for 34 percent of future water needs to come from conservation and water re-use projects, but the bill sets aside only 20 percent of the funds for those purposes. Some worry the fund will become a political slush fund used to reward big businesses and political donors

King's amendment failed on a 104-41 vote. That was just the first volley in repeated conservative attempts to change the bill.

Tea party ally Rep. Van Taylor, R-Plano, attempted 10 amendments, most of which would have fundamentally changed the bill, including a ban on tapping the state's Rainy Day Fund, limiting what projects the board could fund or impose other impediments.

Ritter opposed all of Taylor's amendments.

"This is just another attempt to make sure the program doesn't work," Ritter said after Taylor's eighth amendment.

Taylor withdrew four of the proposals when it became clear they wouldn't pass, while the other four were soundly defeated with less than 20 supporting votes out of 150. Two did not meet parliamen-

Rep. Lyle Larson, R-San Antonio, during debate over one amendment became exasperated with Taylor offering amendments to a bill he intended to vote against in the end.

Taylor asked just before the final vote whether Ritter would ask for any more money for water projects in the future. Ritter said \$2 billion would meet the needs set out in the 2012 State Water Plan, but declined to predict what future Legislatures may do.

Taylor voted against the bill along with Rep. David Simpson, R-

The Texas Senate is working on a similar measure and the two versions of the bill will need to be reconciled before the measure goes

Program in Arizona would give residents free shotguns

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TUCSON — A former mayoral candidate in Tucson, Ariz., is launching a privately funded program to provide residents of crimeprone areas with free shotguns so they can defend themselves against

Shaun McClusky said the pro-

gram modeled after one recently launched in Houston would provide training and enough money to buy a basic shotgun to residents who pass background checks, the Arizona Daily Star reported Wednesday.

Donors have committed about \$12,000 to the program that Mc-Clusky said could start handing out guns within 60 days, the newspaper said.

McClusky said citizens need to do more to protect themselves because city government is failing to

"We need to take back our city, and it needs to come back to the citizens and not the criminals," he

Several City Council members said the effort is out of touch with community needs and values.

"To suggest that giving away loaded shotguns in high-crime areas will make anybody safer is pure idiocy," Councilman Steve Koza-

Kozachik has previously supported gun buyback programs and proposed a city ordinance to require gun owners to promptly report lost or missing guns.

Councilwoman Regina Romero said the Midvale neighborhood, one of the areas identified by Mc-Clusky, is a safe place where residents "don't need a gun to survive."

McClusky estimated it would cost about \$375 to arm each

The figure would include about \$200 for each single-shot shotgun along with a box of ammunition, training and background checks.

McClusky said he learned of the fledgling Houston effort known as the Armed Citizen Project and thought it would be perfect for Tucson.



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South Korean army K-55 self-propelled howitzers move during an exercise against possible attacks by North Korea Wednesday in Pocheon, South Korea, near the border with North Korea.

N. Korea cuts last military ties with South

By Hyung-Jin Kim ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL — Raising tensions with South Korea yet again, North Korea said it cut the last military hotline with Seoul because there was no need for communications between the countries in a situation "where a war may break out at any moment."

The hotline had provided a channel of communications between the militaries of North Korea and South Korea, which do not have diplomatic relations.

The Korean Peninsula remains in a technical state of war, divided by a heavily guarded border and with both governments prohibiting direct contact with citizens on the other side.

However, for nearly a decade, the main use of the military hotline was to arrange passage for to inter-Korean military talks remeasure for the safe operation of

South Korean managers who work at a joint industrial complex in the North through the Demilitarized

In 2009, North Korea's move to sever the phone connection stranded some South Korean workers in the North for several days.

The move Wednesday to shut down one of the only modes of communication between the Koreas is the latest of a series of threats designed to provoke the new government in Seoul to change its policies toward neighboring North Korea. President Park Geun-hye took office in Seoul a month ago.

Moves at home to order North Korean troops into "combat readiness" also are seen as ways to build domestic unity as young leader Kim Jong Un strengthens his military credentials.

North Korea's chief delegate

layed in a message Wednesday to his South Korean counterpart that Pyongyang would sever communications until South Korea halts "hostile acts" against the neighbor.

South Korea and the U.S. have been holding routine joint military drills that Pyongyang considers rehearsals for invasion.

North Korea also accuses the South of joining the U.S. in leading the campaign to punish Pyongyang for conducting a long-range rocket launch in December and an underground nuclear test in February.

"Under the situation where a war may break out any moment, there is no need to keep North-South military communications," he said. "North-South military communications will be cut off."

Seoul's Unification Ministry, which is in charge of relations with the North, called it an "unhelpful the Kaesong complex." North Korea recently also cut a

U.N. command at the border between the Koreas. However, three other telephone hotlines used for exchanging information about air traffic remain

Red Cross hotline with South Ko-

rea and another with the U.S.-led

The line severed Wednesday has been essential in operating the

last major symbol of inter-Korean cooperation from the 2000s: an industrial complex in the North managed by hundreds of workers from the South. The phone line is used to clear

cross-border shipments and to arrange passage for South Koreans who commute to Kaesong. Aside from the hotlines, there

are no landline, cellphone, fax, email or mail connections between

Hunters say they are boycotting Colorado over gun legislation

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. Hunters across the country say they are boycotting Colorado because of recent legislation meant to curtail gun violence.

Colorado last week became the first Western state to ratchet back gun rights in response to mass shootings at a suburban Denver movie theater and an elementary school in Connecticut.

Opponents warned the gun controls would hurt hunters, especially an expansion of backgroundcheck requirements to apply to personal and online gun sales. Lawmakers changed the bill to accommodate hunters by exempting people using borrowed guns for less than 72 hours from the checks.

Colorado tourism chief Al White said Wednesday that there's no immediate data showing any impact from a boycott.



Gov. Rick Perry speaks about education to the Texas Business Leadership Council on Tuesday, in Austin. Perry says he supports taking a hard look at the 15 standardized tests Texas high school students are currently required to take for graduation.

Senate delays debate on graduation requirements

By Will Weissert ASSOCIATED PRESS

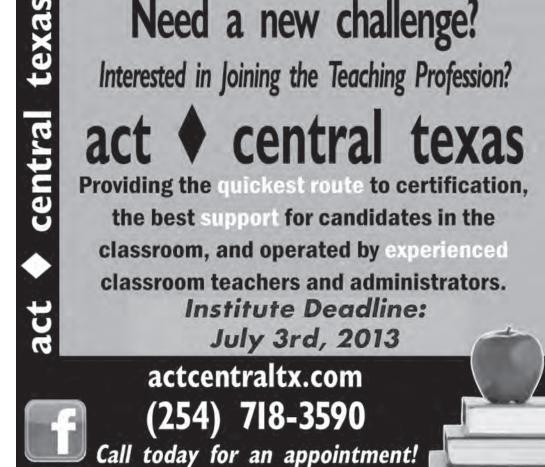
AUSTIN- The Texas Senate isn't going to debate the sweeping proposal to overhaul high school graduation requirements yet.

Sen. Dan Patrick, the head of the chamber's Education Committee, had suggested that his Senate Bill 3 would be taken up Wednesday. But now it's off at least until next week.

The proposal emphasizes 'workforce development" and gives students more options in career and technical training, rather than only college readiness.

It would create an eighth grade career exploratory course to help students choose the classes they want to take in high school. They would then pick academic paths focused either on preparing for college or on career and technical training in grades 9 through 12.







The Gut Pak is Vitek's BBQ's signature dish. This local staple is featured on the Cooking Channel's Bracket Battle for best college eats.

Vitek's competes for best college eats on Cooking Channel

By Rebecca Fiedler REPORTER

Could Vitek's BBQ be the best college dive in the nation? The Cooking Channel wants visitors to their website to make that decision, as Vitek's has been included in cookingchanneltv.com's Bracket Battle for best college eats.

The Gut Pak, a signature meal from Vitek's, will go head-to-head in the online polls against dishes from college towns all across the United States. The competition features meals such as the Phat Lady of restaurant Hoagie Haven in the Princeton University area, and the Ho Burger with Cheddar Tots - a dish from the University of Kentucky students' local dive, Tolly-Ho. Visitors to the Cooking Channel's website can vote from multiple devices, once per device per day, in the battling brackets for the restaurant dish they think is the

Vitek's has seen media attention before, said Vitek's general manager Ryan Summers. It was featured in the September 2011 issue of Texas Monthly magazine for the article "20 Reasons to Love College Football." Summers said he now hopes to rally support for this online face-off. Vitek's served Gut Paks at a recent Baylor men's basketball game and threw numerous flyers around.

'We're really trying to get Baylor and the local community and all of Waco behind us so that we can try and pull this off," Summers said. "Because it's good for us, but it's also good for Waco and it's good for Baylor."

Vitek's was rated highly on a blog post on BuzzFeed about favorite college restaurants. It's attention and ratings like this that got Vitek's into the current competition. Alison Sickelka, site manager for cookingchanneltv.com, said she took part in the selection process of which foods would be competitors in the Bracket Battle. She said she and her colleagues did a lot of

research before choosing Vitek's. Sickelka saw Vitek's recommended on a blog post and then cross-referenced it. She and her colleagues looked up reviews on websites such as Yelp.com, and many people said Vitek's was a must-have for Baylor students.

The Bracket Battle was born out of Cooking Channel's desire to do something for March Madness, Sickelka said. The winner of the contest will be announced in a blog post on the Cooking Channel website April 6, though there is no physical reward for winning the competition.

"There's no prize other than pride," Sickelka said.

Earlier in the battle, one restaurant representing the University of Memphis in the online competition had a dish that was a barbecue pizza, Sickelka said, but Vitek's is the only barbecue restaurant still in the competition.

Summers said some people have been raised eating at Vitek's. Other supporters of the restaurant include students who will graduate from Baylor and move elsewhere. She said these alumni will eat something somewhere else and reminisce, saying, "This is good, but it's not as good as Vitek's."

"Every town's going to have that local barbecue restaurant that everybody remembers," Summers said. "For Baylor students, it was Vitek's."

When it comes to competition, Vitek's is keeping its eye on teams with big support, Summers said. The University of Kentucky's restaurant has many votes; 29,276 at the close of the Sweet Sixteen round of the battle, and Summers said he finds that daunting. Voting for the Elite 8 is open online, and the Gut Pak is still in the running and currently up against Papa Del's Stuffed Pizza, which is representing patrons from the University of Illinois. To vote in the competition for a dish, visit http://blog.cookingchanneltv.com and scroll down to the March 27 entry.

Panera lets customers choose what to pay

By Jim Salter ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS - Order a bowl of turkey chili at a St. Louis-area Panera Bread cafe and it'll cost you a penny. Or \$5. Or \$100. In other words, whatever you decide.

Three years after launching the first of five pay-what-you-want cafes, the suburban St. Louis-based chain on Wednesday quietly began its latest charitable venture that takes the concept on a trial run to all 48 cafes in the St. Louis region.

The new idea experiments with a single menu item, Turkey Chili in a Bread Bowl, available at each St. Louis-area store for whatever the customer chooses to pay. The new chili uses all-natural, antibioticfree turkey mixed with vegetables and beans in a sourdough bread bowl. The suggested \$5.89 price (tax included) is only a guideline. All other menu items are sold for the posted price.

Panera calls it the Meal of Shared Responsibility, and says the potential benefit is twofold: Abovethe-cost proceeds go to cover meals for customers who cannot pay the full amount and to St. Louis-area hunger initiatives; and for those in need, the 850-calorie meal provides nearly a day's worth of nutrition at whatever price they can afford.

"We hope the suggested donations offset those who say they only have three bucks in their pocket or leave nothing," said Ron Shaich, founder, chairman and co-CEO of the chain and president of its charitable arm, Panera Bread Founda-

If the experiment works in St. Louis, it could be expanded to some or all of the chain's 1,600 bakery-cafes across the country, though Shaich said there is no guarantee and no timetable for a

Panera has long been involved in anti-hunger efforts, starting with its Operation Dough-Nation program that has donated tens of millions of dollars in unsold baked goods.

The first pay-what-you-want Panera Cares cafe opened in the St. Louis suburb of Clayton in 2010. Others followed in Dearborn,



Panera Bread Co. CEO Ron Shaich stands behind a counter in a St. Louis cafe. Three years after launching its pioneering pay-what-you-want cafe, the suburban St. Louis-based chain on Wednesday quietly began its latest charitable venture that takes the concept on a trial run to all 48 cafes in the St. Louis region. Cafes will offer a bowl of turkey chili for which customers will set their own price.

Mich., Portland, Ore., Chicago and

At those nonprofit cafes, every menu item is paid for by donations. Kate Antonacci of Panera Bread Foundation said roughly 60 percent of customers pay the suggested retail price.

The rest are about evenly split between those who pay more and those who pay less.

The Panera Cares cafes generally bring in 70 to 80 percent of what the traditional format stores do, Antonacci said. That's still enough for a profit, and Panera uses proceeds for a job training program run through the cafes.

The new idea is fairly lowprofile. Shaich said Panera is relying on media reports and word of mouth - no direct marketing, no advertising. Signs in the St. Louis cafes will tout the idea, and hosts and hostesses will explain it to cus-

"We don't want this to be selfserving," Shaich said. "We want to make this an intellectually honest program of integrity."

Panera isn't alone. A restaurant known as One World Everybody Eats in Salt Lake City adopted the pay-what-you-want idea a decade ago. Cafe Gratitude, a small vegan cafe chain in California, offers a single payment-by-donation menu item each day.

Software known as freeware is frequently distributed under this model. The rock band Radiohead released an album, "In Rainbows," in 2007 and let online buyers decide how much to pay. Humble Bundle releases video games as pay-what-you-want downloads, with a percentage of money going to charity.

It doesn't always work. Yogaview, which operates three yoga studios in Chicago, tried a donations-only format at its Wicker Park studio for nearly two years before turning to a traditional payment method. Co-owner Tom Quinn said that while many customers were generous, too many others were not.

"You'd get a class with six people and there would be 12 bucks in donations," Quinn said. "It got frustrating to see how some people weren't owning up to it."

A study published in Science magazine in 2010 found pay-whatyou-want customers will pay sub-

stantially more if they know a portion goes to charity. But that same study, led by Leif Nelson of the University of California, Berkeley's Haas School of Business, found that inclusion of a charitable component made people less likely to buy - possibly, Nelson said, because they stressed over the appropriate amount of generosity.

"There is some concern that turkey chili will simply become a little less popular," Nelson said of the Panera experiment. "On the other hand, I think that those who choose to buy it will be reluctant to pay low prices."

Shaich is optimistic based on what he's seen firsthand. He worked at the opening of the Clayton store, making food and waiting on customers. He saw well-to-do frat boys leaving without paying a dime, but more often, he saw people being generous. Even those clearly in need dug into their pock-

"A lot of cynics think Americans are just gaming the system," Shaich said. "Our experience is very different. People do the right thing and are willing to take care of

Waco Civic Theatre launches online ticket system

By Brooke Bailey REPORTER

Tickets for local Waco talent can now be purchased online since the Waco Civic Theatre debuted its

online ticketing system Tuesday.

The new system offers a 24hour service, where patrons can choose their own seats and buy tickets whenever convenient.

Arlington junior Alexa Hoisager said it makes purchasing tickets easy. Hoisager is also the public relations intern for the the-

"We thought it would be easier for patrons to order online or at home," Hoisager said.

Instead of having to come to the office or pick up the phone, you can simply order the tickets online at home, making it extremely convenient, she said.

Tickets can be ordered anytime before the show as long as seats are available. A \$2 service charge for credit card fees is administered for online purchases. Hoisager said customers won't be the only people benefiting from the change.

"We are hoping it will increase sales," she said. Hoisager said talks about changing the ticketing system started in January. Several theaters are moving toward the userfriendly system.

"We decided it was time for an update," Hoisager said.

Ticket purchases can still be made at the box office in person or by phone from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

fice hours are from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 2:30 p.m. on

Performance weekend box of-

The Waco Civic Theatre is a local non-profit theatre that produces six shows every year.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.wacocivitheatre.org on the home page featuring the current production. They are currently selling tickets for Oklahoma, set to premier April 26.

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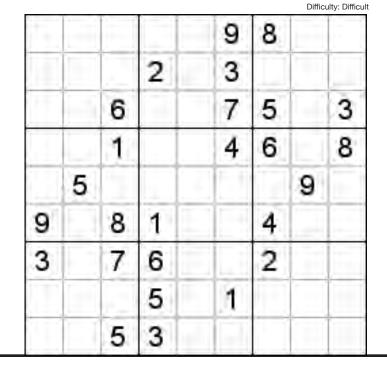








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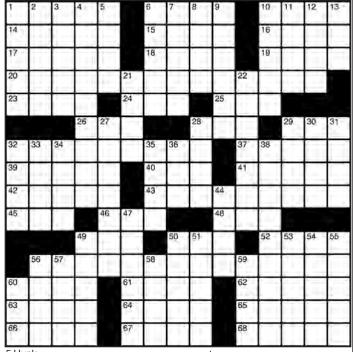
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Junior forward Cory Jefferson picks up junior guard Gary Franklin after the Bears beat the Providence Friars 79-68 in the Ferrell Center on Wednesday. Jefferson led the Bears with 26 points

Bears defeat Providence, advance to New York

By Daniel Hill SPORTS WRITER

The Baylor Bears defeated the Providence Friars in the quarterfinals of the NIT 79-68 on Wednesday night to move on to the semifinals on Tuesday in New York City's Madison Square Garden.

"When you've got a lot on the line like a chance to go to New York and play in a Final Four-type atmosphere at Madison Square Garden, you know that you don't have to motivate as a coach," head coach Scott Drew said. "Our guys were extremely excited all day long for this game and Providence really played well in that first half, and we couldn't stop them and in the second half I thought we did a much better job defensively. The big thing was that we took care of the ball all game with 19 assists and only five turnovers. Pierre Jackson had 13 assists and zero turnovers. I think everybody wants a point guard who can play a game like that and he was outstanding."

Junior forward Cory Jefferson scored the first points of the game with two free throws and then Providence scored eight straight points, much in part to three layups from senior guard Vincent

Jefferson was the game's leading scorer with 26 points.

"I don't think we really needed much motivation," Jefferson said. "When we started the NIT in the first game, we knew what we wanted to accomplish and do. Like we said, 'Mission MSG,' and getting to Madison Square Garden and winning a championship since we first found out we were playing in the

NIT was our goal and we're there."

Facing a 4-10 early deficit, Baylor then went on a 11-0 run to take a 15-10 lead. Freshman center Isaiah Austin started the run with a free throw. Then Jefferson scored on a layup and was fouled for an old school three-point play. Senior guard Pierre Jackson hit a jumper, and freshman forward Rico Gathers threw down a vicious slam dunk on a fast break. Jefferson capped off the run with another impressive three-point play after corralling a rebound and then scoring on the put-back and hitting another free throw.

Jackson recorded a doubledouble for the Bears with 20 points and 13 assists.

"Other than the fact that we're going to New York, we don't need any more motivation than that," Jackson said. "Only one team can win it, and we want to be that team. Championships are always great regardless of the tournament so I want to be the last team standing at the end of the day."

Freshman forward Rico Gathers was crucial to the Bears' winning effort down the stretch with eight points and 10 rebounds.

"I just stick to my role," Gathers said. "Rebounds, rebounds and rebounds is really all I can say. Cory just did what he's been doing the whole year. Whether it was getting a dunk or shooting it off the glass, he just played his game."

Baylor extended the lead to 28-20 after junior guard Brady Heslip buried a 3-pointer. Then the Friars went on a 6-0 run with junior forward Kadeem Batts scoring on an offensive rebound put-back, and junior guard Bryce Cotton scoring on a layup and a jumper.

Cotton stepped up at the end of the first half and hit a three as the buzzer sounded to tie the game 38-38 at the half.

Three Friars were in double digits as Batts had 12, Cotton had 14 and Council had 10.

The Bears started the second half on a 7-0 run thanks to buckets from both Jefferson and Austin and another Heslip three.

Council led a fast break and scored a layup to tie the game 53-53. Jackson answered by swishing a step back three. The Friars struck back with a score from Batts and a three from Cotton. Senior guard A.J. Walton scooped in a layup to tie the score, 58-58.

Council hit one of two free throws for Providence and then the Bears answered with a 6-0 run. Jefferson got the momentum and the crowd going in favor of the Bears with a signature power-packed, two-handed jam. Jackson followed up with a layup, and Walton stole the ball to setup a three-point play from Jefferson.

Momentum truly started to favor the Bears after Jackson drove hard in the paint and converted the layup and the free throw to give Baylor a 68-62 lead. Gathers then scored on a layup, and Heslip knocked down two free throws to give the Bears a comfortable 72-62 lead. With Baylor in the double bonus, the Bears hit seven more free throws and held the Friars at bay to win 79-68.

The win advances the Bears to the semifinals on Tuesday in Madison Square Garden, where they will play the Brigham Young University Cougars.

Track team no stranger to success at Texas Relays

By Maleesa Johnson REPORTER

The Bears join athletes from a variety of levels and states this week in Austin for the 86th annual Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays, the second-largest track and field meet in the U.S.

The Texas Relays are held at the University of Texas. Events are held at the high school, college, university and invitational levels.

Baylor has a history of solid performances at the Texas Relays, especially with regard to the relay teams. Last year, the men's team earned the title in one of the sprint medley relays.

Senior thrower Skylar White, a junior at the time, took home first place in the shot put to add to Baylor's strong showing.

"We're excited about it," head coach Todd Harbour said. "It's always a crazy weekend. Texas Relays is bigger than it needs to be. We're hoping it all goes smooth."

White returns to the Texas Relays this week and said she plans to win the title again. Last weekend at the Baylor Quad Invitational, she doubled up with wins in both the shot put with a throw of 52-6 and the discus with a throw of 177-0.

in the NCAA, respectively. White will be competing in both events again this week.

"I'm expecting to win," White said. "Always expecting to win anywhere I go, no matter what, especially at Texas Relays. And since I didn't get a chance to go when I

was in high school, I'm always ex-

cited to go now that I'm in college."

White said her previous performances at Texas Relays are part of what gives her confidence as she looks to compete this year.

Also competing with a successful past weekend under his belt is freshman jumper Felix Obi. Earlier this season, he set the school record in the indoor triple jump three separate times.

He carried this momentum into the outdoor season during his first outdoor meet as a Bear last weekend. Obi set the outdoor record for Baylor in the triple jump with a leap of 50-9.25, a distance that surpassed that of the previous record holder Charles Powell, who jumped 49-3.5 in 1984.

"Honestly, I'm expecting a good performance again," Obi said. This season is really just testing me to see where I can be."

Obi's triple jump ranks him No.

These marks are fifth and second 5 in the NCAA. He also ranks No. 4 in the long jump with a leap of

> Senior sprinter Everett Walker returns to the track and field scene for the Texas Relays after being out due to an injury. Walker was injured the week before the NCAA Indoor Championships and had to have an alternate run in the 4x400

> Though relay teams are not finalized until 30 minutes before the events, many of the usual athletes will be going to Austin.

For the men's team, athletes who have been known to run the 4x400 are going. This includes senior sprinters Drew Seale, Justin Allen and Walker, junior Blake Heriot, and freshmen Isaiah Duke and Richard Gary.

The women's 4x400 team could consist of senior sprinters Brittany OgunMokun and Christina Holland, junior Michelle Nwachukwa, and sophomore Ashley Fields.

Each of these athletes will go to the meet in addition to the possible alternates, but the final lineup is still being formulated. Decisions will be made after the final practice before the Texas Relays.

The Texas Relays will continue until Saturday.

Baseball returns home for series against Kansas State

By Daniel Hill SPORTS WRITER

The Baylor baseball team starts its first Big 12 Conference home stand this weekend when it hosts the Kansas State Wildcats for a three-game series starting on Thursday night. The series against the Wildcats will be the first three home games in an 11-game home stand for the Bears.

"We've been trying to piece each game together, trying to string together a couple of wins," junior right-handed pitcher Dillon Newman said. "Maybe this home series will allow us to do that." Instead of the ordinary Friday,

Saturday and Sunday series, Kansas State agreed to play Baylor in a Thursday-through-Saturday series so that both teams could enjoy an off-day for Easter Sunday.

"There's no better place to get on a roll than at home," senior right fielder Nathan Orf said. "To get some wins and get the fans behind us would be a great start."

The Bears are 11-14 overall this season and are 1-1 in Big 12 play after splitting two games against Oklahoma State in Stillwater over this past weekend. The Bears lost the first game 5-0 and then won the second game 5-3 in the 12th inning thanks in part to a clutch double from sophomore center fielder Lo-

"I mean, [Baylor and Oklahoma State] played about the same," head coach Steve Smith said. "We got a pretty big break on some of the game on Saturday, but we still had to score and a timely double from Logan Brown is something

"They play a very aggressive, pushthe-envelope type of baseball. I mean, they play it offensively like I think we need to play more like."

Steve Smith | Head Coach

that we haven't had a lot of. So it was great to get out of there with a split."

Newman will take the mound for the Bears on Thursday, and he is in the middle of a breakout season for the Bears.

"Man, he's been in the zone," Orf said. "Last year, he got behind in the counts a little too much and had to come with the fastball that they knew was coming, and he got hit more. This year he has been able to throw all of his pitches at any time in the count, and he's been doing great, getting a lot of outs." Kansas State is 17-8 overall and

1-1 in Big 12 Conference play. This series against Baylor will be Kansas State's first conference series on the road this season.

"They play a very aggressive, push-the-envelope type of baseball," Smith said. "I mean, they play it offensively like I think we need to play more like."

Smith maintained that Kansas State is a team that can win a baseball war of attrition, not a battle of

"They don't rely on a lot of long ball and they don't force it," Smith said. "They are going to force you to throw them out and they'll force you to field their bunts, not unlike a bunch of the teams that we've played. I don't think that we'll see anything outside the box for us. It's just the way that they play the game. They'll thrive on keeping games close and trying to force you to make a mistake on a ball game

The Bears and Wildcats will play tonight and tomorrow at 6:35 p.m. and then finish off the series at 1:05 p.m. Saturday.

that will tip the scale."

After Easter break, the team will take on Dallas Baptist on Tuesday. After a one-day break, the West Virginia Mountaineers will head to Waco for their first Big 12 series at Baylor Ballpark.

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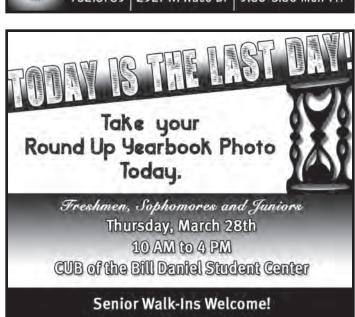
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legal clinics at various locations around Waco but had been searching for a permanent site.

In January, just four months after the Public Interest Legal Society began hosting clinics, Veterans One Stop opened its doors at 2220 Austin Ave.

"The beauty of it is that the agencies themselves are here so it saves the veteran from driving all over town so they can get help with their pension benefits, find out how to go back to school, get a scholarship, get a GI Bill, get legal aid," McCarthy said. "That's kind of the One Stop concept. They can get help with a variety of things under one roof."

According to the United States Census Bureau, McLennan County has more than 17,000 veterans. McCarthy said the facility is not just a place for veterans in search of legal resources but is a place to access free computers, watch television or simply fraternize with other veterans who understand their situation.

Now that Baylor Law School has joined forces with One Stop, Fuselier said she imagines it will become the permanent home for future legal aid clinics.

Fuselier said law students who volunteer at One Stop vary from third-year students who conduct legal aid interviews, under the supervision of licensed attorneys, to first-year students who handle essential paperwork and legal research.

At the last legal aid clinic March 22, four supervising attorneys and 10 Baylor law students assisted 14 veterans. Another 40 student volunteers who can't make it to the clinics assist with the cases off-site, Fuselier said.

One volunteer who has been to both clinics at Veterans One Stop is first-year Houston law student Bethany Rumford. Rumford said although she is a first-year student, she has had the opportunity to conduct legal aid interviews with veterans and has gained real-world experience.

"Personally, I think it's a real privilege to interview veterans, to work with them one-on-one," Rumford said. "They've given so much to our country that to give back and try to help them with their legal problems is a very rewarding experience."

Rumford and Fuselier both said the types of legal matters veterans need assistance with vary greatly and may sometimes demand more than the volunteers, and even attorneys, are capable of managing.

"There's a gentleman who came

reach out and find those attorneys out there, even if they're not right here in Waco, if they're somewhere nearby willing to help out," Fuselier said.

Rumford, after having witnessed the demand for legal veterans assistance, said she has been inspired to do something about the deficit. "I want to alleviate that need and eventually get that certification and be able to be on hand to help," Rumford said.

While some veterans claims are challenging for volunteers not accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs, they do not turn anyone away, and according to McCarthy and Fuselier, are hoping



Veterans One Stop, a veterans support center in Waco, has teamed up with Baylor Law School students and faculty to offer legal counsel to veterans at no cost

in and he was actually in World War II at the Battle of the Bulge and sustained an injury from fighting and he's never received any veterans benefits for his injuries," Fuselier said. "It's an unfair situation and unfortunately navigating the waters of veterans benefits is fairly complicated."

Fuselier explained that only attorneys certified by the Veterans Administration could help with such legal issues.

"I have several different kinds of cases that deal with some peculiarities of veterans benefits so one of the things we're trying to do is that even more veterans will come forward with their legal needs. One segment of the veterans community Fuselier said she would like to offer more aid to is the Baylor student body.

"I know we have people on campus, undergrad students, who have been in the military and this is open to them too," Fuselier said. "They're veterans too. Just because they're young doesn't mean they can't come and get help."

The next legal clinic Baylor Law School will hostn is from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. April 19, at Veterans One Stop. Appointments aren't needed.

SMU suspends frat after alleged assault

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist University has banned a fraternity for two years amid allegations a student from another fraternity was beaten.

Sigma Phi Epsilon was put on deferred suspension after three members were charged with misdemeanor assault following the Feb. 10 incident. A fourth was charged with unlawful restraint.

SMU spokesman Kent Best said Tuesday that Sigma Phi Epsilon is banned from operating on campus for two years. Fraternity officials didn't immediately comment.

An affidavit says the altercation happened after members of another fraternity allegedly spray-painted the door of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

A Lambda Chi Alpha member says he was beaten and held against his will

SMU owns the Sigma Phi Epsilon house. Current residents will be allowed to remain through spring semester. The house will become general student housing next year.

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stacle.

"I'd love to get a concealed handgun license," Garza said. "But when you get the cost of the class, the ammo, plus the gun itself, that is a pretty hefty financial ticket. As a full-time college student, it's just a bit much for me at the moment."

The CHL application is available through the Texas Department of Public Safety. CHL classes generally range from \$75 to \$100.

Waco senior Alex Garcia, on the other hand, said he thinks the current cost does not deter college students who wish to get their CHL.

"I think \$140 is not that far of a stretch," Garcia said. "If they're willing to spend that much money on a gun, they should be willing to go that extra mile."

Arlington junior Ryan Blue

said he is glad the bill will reduce the cost because it will help people exercise their right. However, Blue said he sees some of the other handgun bills filed this year as harmful, such as Sen. Donna Campbell's Senate Bill 864, which would cut the training hours requirement from 10 to four.

"We have a right as Americans to a concealed handgun license, but reducing the amount of training and education we can receive is an extremely bad decision," Blue said.

Anderson's bill is one of many this year that have involved handguns, including Campbell's Senate bill and Sen. Brian Birdwell's Senate Bill 182, which would allow concealed carry on public university campuses.

Maxwell said he sees Ander-

son's legislation and other bills, including a House Bill 700 filed by Rep. George Lavender that would allow carrying in plain view, as opportunities for increased safety.

"It's meant to give people their

right to carry and protect themselves," Maxwell said. "Where concealed carry is allowed, it's safer, and I think open carry is good for deterrence. Sometimes you have to look past your feelings and see the fact that carrying saves lives."

Garcia said he disagrees with guns ideologically and sees legislation like Campbell's bill to reduce gun handling education as a negative reaction to recent tragedies.

"I think it's an overreaction in the wake of all the tragedies," Garcia said. "Instead of getting more gun savvy, they're loosening regulation."

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versity system regents so far have not commented on Seliger's bill.

Wednesday's testimony included worries from student and alumni leaders that perceived moves to harass or unseat Powers has lowered campus morale and will make it harder to recruit quality student and staff.

Leslie Cedar, CEO and president of the UT alumni association Texas Exes, said she received an email and phone call from a regent who expressed "displeasure" of the

and it reporting on the situation to its members. She declined to name the regent or share the email with reporters immediately after the hearing, although several senators said they wanted to see it.

organization's support of Powers

Michael Redding, graduate student body president at UT-Austin, said he hears questions about the tensions between Powers and the regents from colleagues at schools across the country.

"I speak with graduate student

body presidents across the country once a month," Redding said. "And every month (the question is) what's the matter with Texas?"

Perry recently appointed as new regents Houston oilman and major Perry campaign donor Jeff Hildebrand, and Ernest Aliseda, a McAllen attorney and former state district judge, to six year terms. Hildebrand is a University of Texas graduate. Aliseda is a graduate of Perry's alma mater, Texas A&M University.

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his blood sugar.

"It's those type of uncharacteristic and unforeseen circumstances that make living with diabetes such a wild and not always enjoyable ride," Dougherty said.

Dallas freshman Sam Spradlin

was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at age 4.

Spradlin, who chooses not to wear an insulin pump, tests his blood sugar about 15 times a day and administers about seven to ten injections of insulin a daily. Spradlin played basketball competitively throughout high school, which required him to constantly be aware of his blood sugar. He monitors his food intake carefully, making sure he always has food with him just in case his blood sugar gets too low.

"It hasn't really stopped me from doing anything I want to do," said Spradlin, "It just requires a little extra effort."

Kristen Pool was at the lecture to receive the check on behalf of JDRF. She has as teenage son who

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lives with this form of diabetes. She talked about the mission of JDRF and what they hope to see in the future.

"The first thing they would like to do is find a cure," said Pool, "I can't tell you it's right around the

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corner, but I can tell you they're closer now than they were 10 years ago."

Raising awareness and increasing the public's general knowledge about what diabetes looks like, Pool says, is really important.









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