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Tickets are available for President Ken Starr's On Topic with former Sen. George J. Mitchell, which will take place at 7 p.m. April 16 in Waco Hall. Admission is free, but tickets are required. Tickets can be acquired from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Bill Daniel Student Center Ticket Office.

Bring your voice

The Baylor University Men's Choir will hold auditions from 6 to 8 p.m. today in the Waco Hall lobby.



StompFest entertains, raises money

Wrong team walks away with first-place title after scoring mix-up

By SANMAI GBANDI
REPORTER

A slip of the tongue led to the wrong winner to be announced at this year's Stompfest competition on Friday.

Out of the three groups in the independent category, the Asian Students Association was announced winners while the Baylor Transfer Council were given the award of Audience Favorite.

In reality, Transfer Council had actually clinched first place, but there was a mistake in the announcement.

In an official statement from the event's coordinators — the Department of Student Activities and Zeta Phi Beta — the groups acknowledged that a mistake was made.

"Contrary to Friday's announcement, the Baylor Transfer Council had earned a higher score from the judges. Although this mistake was unintentional, we understand the need to clarify the official results," the statement read.

According to assistant director of campus programs, Cheryl Mathis, the crew members backstage as well as the announcer on stage realized immediately that the announcement

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TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

The Baylor Transfer Council placed first in the independent category with its Michael Jackson themed step routine in StompFest 2013 on Friday, hosted by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority to benefit The Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation. For full StompFest coverage, see page 4.



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Lady Margaret Thatcher was a special guest at Baylor on Feb. 23, 1999, when she met with a group of about 60 students in the Armstrong Browning Library Treasure Room and later spoke to more than 5,000 people in the Ferrell Center on "Challenges Facing the 21st Century." Thatcher passed away from a stroke Monday morning in the Ritz hotel in London.

World remembers Thatcher's courage and strong will

GREGORY KATZ AND
ROBERT BARR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Love her or loathe her, one thing's beyond dispute: Margaret Thatcher transformed Britain.

The Iron Lady, who ruled for 11 remarkable years, imposed her will on a fractious, rundown nation — breaking the unions, triumphing in a far-off war, and selling off state industries at a record pace. She left behind a leaner government and more prosperous nation by the time a political mutiny ousted her from No. 10 Downing Street.

Thatcher's spokesman, Tim Bell, said the former prime minister died from a stroke Monday morning at the Ritz hotel in London.

As flags were flown at half-staff at Buckingham Palace, Parliament and Downing Street for the 87-year-old, praise for Thatcher and her leadership poured in from around the world.

"Margaret Thatcher undoubtedly was

one of the most remarkable political figures of the modern world," said Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Putin said Thatcher "made a significant contribution to the development of the Soviet-British and Russian-British ties, which we will always remember with gratitude."

Baylor President Ken Starr recalled being introduced to what he called "the U.K.'s second greatest prime minister of the 20th century" on a visit to her home in London in 1998. He described her as an "exquisite combination of strength and charm."

"It was my great privilege over the years to come fully into her orbit," Starr said in a statement. "She appointed me as one of 'her boys.' All of us adored her. ...She was truly one of the giants of our time. The world is a better, safer place because of the magnificent contribution and service of Margaret Thatcher."

President Barack Obama said many Americans "will never forget her stand-

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Film provokes talk about global education, inequality

By TAYLOR REXRODE
STAFF WRITER

A documentary screening hosted by the School of Education has sparked a discussion among students about global education and inequality.

The screening of "Girl Rising" was at 3:30 p.m. Monday Kayser Auditorium, which was filled to near capacity.

The documentary, directed by Richard E. Robbins, highlights nine girls living in nine developing countries and their struggles to attain traditional education in schools.

In the one-hour and 40-minute film, the girls tell their different stories, involving rape, poverty, food insecurity, child marriage, slavery and homelessness.

But, as the film title suggests, the girls rise from their circumstances or vow to fight for equality, clinging to a hope that universal education is imperative.

Kathryn Mueller, director of

the gender studies minor and senior lecturer in sociology, said her students reacted to the film by discussing ways to raise funds for the cause.

"What a difference this film made for students that saw it," Mueller said. "My students talked to me about uniting together for a university project. It's a great idea to have a major fund drive to help girls and their international education."

Mueller said another screening is set for 9 a.m. Thursday in 345 Draper for those students who missed their chance.

Mueller said "Girl Rising" raises awareness and promotes a global change for girls around the world.

"This is one of several films that contrast American females and those growing up in other societies where rights are restricted, where women handle what we consider half the sky without any reward for doing so. We find that all around the world, particularly

in developing countries, low-income women struggle for just a voice. With this film, it brings awareness and says, 'We're concerned and we want to lend our voice to this effort, to do what we can, to liberate our women around the world,'" Mueller said.

Benton Harbor, Mich., senior Sarah Johnson, an education major, left the auditorium wanting to continue the spread of awareness through her future career.

"As an English teacher, one of the things that I want to do is empower my students to think about the world around them. Showing them that there is a world bigger than them would help my students see outside their point of view so that they can help others," Johnson said.

Dr. Brooke Blevins, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction, helped coordinate the screening through 10X10.

10X10 is a campaign started

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Baylor's first lady Alice Starr gives the opening speech at the 2013 Waco Walk for Autism on Sunday at Fountain Mall.

Waco, Baylor take a walk for autism

By PAULA ANN SOLIS
STAFF WRITER

First Lady Alice Starr kicked off the sixth annual Walk for Autism on Fountain Mall on Sunday by announcing a partnership between Baylor and Scott and White Healthcare.

The partnership would create a diagnostic clinic dedicated to recognizing the onset of intellectual disabilities.

Starr noted that the clinic and its research would be an important step for improving patients' lives.

After Starr's remarks, the event kicked off to live music for more than 400 walkers to enjoy as they circled Fountain Mall.

Entertainers included Eric Huggins and Thomas Smith Unplugged, Diana Wilcox and the

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ASHER FREEMAN (MURPHY)

LARIAT LETTERS

Defense of final exams

I read with interest your editorial "Comprehensive finals get an F for effectiveness," on April 4. I have no doubt you are right when you say students complain about them, and that many students consider college simply as a means to employment. You are also correct that some students do poorly on final exams because "students never learned the material in the first place." You are exactly and completely wrong, however, in your conclusion that final exams contribute to this "instrumentalism."

Students and professors often have different educational goals. Professors want students to learn the material in a meaningful way. Students want to earn a high grade with minimal effort. Those two goals don't often align, but there are some things we can do to increase the alignment. In a recent, far-ranging review article (see reference below), John Dunlosky and his colleagues evaluated the empirical evidence regarding the effectiveness of a number of common study techniques like highlighting, underlining, and re-reading. Only two techniques were considered highly effective: frequent testing and distributed study (rather than massed study, or "cramming"). Ironically, rather than being the cause of "instrumentalism," comprehensive final exams are perhaps the single most effective solution to the problem.

Baylor faculty are noted for our interest in and dedication to undergraduate education. Our president and provost commit significant university resources to the issue of effective classroom teaching. Institutions like Baylor's Academy for Teaching and Learning, directed by Dr. Lenore Wright, are but one tangible example of this commitment. As professors and educators, we share your rejection of the concept of an education as simply a means to a job, and we also share your disdain of shallow, superficial learning. We do all we can to discourage short-term memorization for a single test in favor of learning techniques that promote deep, meaningful, long-term learning. However, the one example you chose to criticize, comprehensive final exams, is one of our most effective techniques for minimizing rote memorization.

Dr. Charles A. Weaver III is a professor of psychology and neuroscience and director of the undergraduate studies department.

NYPD's own medicine has bitter taste

Editorial

Throughout our short history, the trend for the U.S. government during times of war is to restrict constitutional freedoms while increasing the power of the government itself.

For example, the Patriot Act, signed by former President Bush in 2001, significantly loosened the restrictions on government agencies' intelligence-gathering methods (i.e. wire tapping) as a response to the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and the Jim Crow laws enacted between 1876 and 1965 that disenfranchised the country's black population and perpetuated legal discrimination of all minorities.

While the necessity of these actions can be debated, there is no question in our minds this mentality is hypocritical.

In the post 9-11 era, this conflict once again raised its ugly head, this time via actions of the New York Police Department. The government gains more freedom to regulate the free flow of infor-

mation and expression because the laws have been sanctioned by the people.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly are launching a campaign to prevent the public from monitoring its police force with surveillance cameras in New York Police Department offices.

The monitoring system proposed by City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, called the NYPD inspector general plan, seeks to provide oversight of the controversial practices of the NYPD, including its stop-and-frisk policy.

The stop-and-frisk policy allows New York police officers to conduct random pat-downs of those they deem suspicious.

It has been called discriminatory by many civil rights groups, including the NAACP and NYC-

LU (the New York Civil Liberties Union), who claim that the NYPD has engaged in racial profiling by targeting black and Latino men disproportionately.

Since 2011, the NYPD has been criticized and accused of unnecessarily targeting Muslims and other minorities with questionable surveillance methods.

The attacks on 9/11 sparked a widespread initiative by the New York government to specifically spy on Muslim communities and anyone the government believed to be connected with terrorist ideologies.

The inspector general plan has gained wide support among voters and lawmakers of New York, who see the act as a necessary limit on government.

On March 27, The Huffington Post reported that Kelly responded to the inspector general's plan with,

"I think putting in another layer of so-called supervision or monitoring can ultimately make this city unsafe." Bloomberg also said in a March 26 press conference, "We cannot afford to play election year politics with the safety of our city, and we cannot afford to roll back the progress of the past twenty years. This bill jeopardizes that progress and will put the lives of New Yorkers and our police officers at risk." During the press conference Bloomberg declared that he would veto the bill if it passed.

In truth, it is no surprise that there is such fierce opposition to the inspector general plan because the NYPD and the mayor know exactly what to expect from a monitoring system, modeled after their own, only turned against them. The argument that police oversight would make the city unsafe is weak and ineffectual against the greater need for people to express their constitutional right to limit government power. The people deserve oversight on the NYPD.

Bloomberg's and Kelly's protests against this bill smack of hypocrisy in one of the largest city governments in the world. The NYPD, in tandem with the CIA

and FBI, have taken liberties with the people of New York's privacy since the war on terror began.

Reports of abuse and foul play by police officers as a result of the stop-and-frisk policy in this city have become far more frequent than ever before.

In October 2012 the Associated Press reported on an informant for the NYPD who was directed to spy on Muslim mosques and incite hostile reactions from Muslims through conversations about terrorism or jihad.

The theory behind public surveillance is that it has minimal effect on those who have nothing to hide. People who break the law or have a history of criminal activity are the only ones who need be wary of the watchful eye of government.

In practice this theory has worked fairly well in identifying criminals so that they can be held accountable to the law. It is imperative to our very freedom that this theory applies to the government as well.

However, it has become apparent that Bloomberg and the NYPD don't like the taste of their own medicine.

"Bloomberg's and Kelly's protest against this bill smack of hypocrisy ... The NYPD in tandem with the CIA and FBI have taken liberties with the people of New York's privacy since the war on terror began."

Viewpoint: American education system lacking

Education is a right that many people take for granted, which is sad because people in other countries dream of that opportunity. As college students we should understand how valuable education is because it allows us to get ready for the real world.

However, despite the increase in the number of people attending college, education remains a key issue because America is falling behind several East Asian and European countries.

Exxon Mobil Corp. released a commercial stating that America ranks No. 25 in math, challenging our nation to do better. The company began taking on initiative to solve the problem, but what exactly is the problem? This issue is complex because there are multiple factors such as the quality of teachers, standardized testing, funding, etc.

One of Exxon Mobil's goals is to increase teacher quality. Finding

a teacher who is not only passionate about teaching, but also understands how to teach a child rare.

Some teachers only expect students to memorize information they taught from a book. The problem is that most people forget what they learned because they only memorize it for a short period of time.

The Atlanta cheating scandal which began in 2009 brought light to this issue. Children weren't passing, so teachers took it upon themselves to cheat. However, if teachers were to actually relate the material to areal-life situation, that child would be more likely to learn.

The problem is that many teachers don't have a choice at times because of standardized testing.

Standardized testing has its critics, and rightfully so. Learning should not be confined to a test with four answer choices to bail us out. Life doesn't work that way and



Parmida Schahhosseini | Sports writer

neither should tests. I understand that there needs to be a universal standard, but there is too much emphasis on it. Students shouldn't learn for a test; they should learn to gain knowledge.

The point of learning is to make us whole, rounded people and to help us understand different ideas and concepts. Standardized test-

ing limits what students are able to learn. Children need to have the ability to think critically and solve problems, not just identify them.

There is also a cultural problem within our nation. Many don't view learning as a popular thing and blow it off. Schools continue to fail in engaging students because they don't know how. Sometimes good teachers can help solve that problem, but other times they can't. There needs to be a cultural shift to accept learning, but it's easier said than done.

The best way to start is to get kids engaged early. In Europe many children start elementary school between the ages of 3 and 4. Young children are extremely curious and want to learn as much as they can. Teaching information at a young age allows that child to get exposed to that idea multiple times because of the early exposure. According one of the founders of cog-

nitive psychology George Miller, it takes seven times for concepts to be stored in long-term memory.

The brain continues to make connections until it stops developing; however, a child's mind makes those connections more rapidly.

There is a reason it's easier to learn a language when you're younger. Europeans take advantage of that and expose students to languages early on. In European school systems language is emphasized in teaching children early as well as math.

Education is a complex issue, but it something the nation needs to go about solving. These kids are the future, and if the problems in our education system don't get resolved soon our nation is in serious trouble.

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Israel's President Shimon Peres, meets with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry in the president's residence on Monday in Jerusalem. Kerry is looking to breathe new life into dormant Mideast peace talks in meetings Monday with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other senior Israeli and Palestinian officials, amid talk of modifying a decade-old Arab plan that's long been greeted with skepticism by the Jewish state.

Kerry makes ambitious new Mideast peace push

By BRADLEY KLAPPER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Secretary of State John Kerry worked Monday to corral Israeli and Palestinian leaders into a new and ambitious peace process that includes reviving parts of a long-dormant plan embraced by the Arab world a decade ago, officials said.

The 2002 initiative that Kerry wants to revive parts of would have provided Israel recognition throughout the Arab world in exchange for a pullout from territory conquered in 1967.

On his third trip to Jerusalem in the last two weeks, Kerry committed himself to a multi-month peace push that could mean numerous follow-up trips to the region. He met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other senior Israeli and Palestinian officials Monday, a day after sitting down for private one-on-one talks with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in Ramallah.

"I am intensely focused on this

issue and the region because it is vital really to American interests and regional interests to try and advance the peace process and because this festering absence of peace is used by groups everywhere to recruit and encourage extremism," Kerry told reporters.

"Both sides mistrust each other deeply and there are reasons that mistrust has built up," he added. "I am convinced that we can break that down."

Kerry's foremost goal is to restart direct Israeli-Palestinian peace talks that have hardly taken place at all over the last 4½ years. And, in a break from previous American-led efforts, he also wants to focus on a modified version of the 2002 Arab Peace Initiative.

The initiative was revolutionary when Saudi Arabia introduced it and the 22-member Arab League endorsed it. It offered Israel comprehensive recognition in exchange for withdrawal from the lands it conquered in the 1967 Mideast war.

Although Israel never em-

braced the plan and the Palestinians oppose any changes to it, the basic parameters seem to be gaining traction as a framework for future talks between the Israelis and Palestinians. Arab League chief Nabil El-Araby and Qatar's prime minister will lead a delegation to Washington this month to discuss the initiative with Kerry, Arab officials said.

Kerry, however, is seeking new conditions to sweeten the deal for Israel, officials said. Arab and Palestinian officials say he has talked about upgraded guarantees for Israel's security and allowances for border adjustments based on mutual agreement.

A senior State Department official would only say Kerry wanted the plan "enhanced." The American official spoke on condition of anonymity because of Kerry's orders not to brief reporters.

Earlier Monday, Kerry told U.S. consulate staff in Jerusalem that he was coming so regularly to the Mideast because he believed peace could be reached.

Baylor lecture to connect anthropology, public health

By ASHLEY PEREYRA
REPORTER

Students can come see anthropology meet health sciences this afternoon.

Assistant professor of anthropology candidate Carla Pezzia's lecture, "Faces We See, Hearts We Do Not Know: Intersubjectivity, Mental Health, and Environment amongst the Kaqchikel Maya," combines public health and anthropological approaches to analyze indigenous populations.

The lecture will take place at 3:30 p.m. today in C105 Baylor Sciences Building.

Pezzia has a master's degree in Public Health from the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth.

"I really try to bring in both anthropology and public health to bring in my background in environmental health and epidemiology," Pezzia said. "So the prevalence work, the prevalence survey that I did, was more a public health approach as opposed to a traditional anthropological approach."

The lecture will cover Pezzia's work in the western highlands of Guatemala.

There, she worked on her doctoral dissertation — studying alco-

holism in the communities. Part of her talk will focus on alcoholism.

In particular, she will talk about the pathways to recovery and what barriers the people she researched face when they look into recovery.

Pezzia said that she is going to also focus on the prevalence of mental illness in the Kaqchikel Maya community.

For example, she will cover what percentages and types of mental illnesses that occur.

For more information on this lecture, call the department of anthropology at 254-710-4084.

Going gambling: Texas casino referendum gaining big support

By CHRIS TOMLINSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — A proposed constitutional referendum to allow casino gambling in Texas got a boost Monday when a Dallas-area senator announced that interest groups had united behind a measure he introduced at the Texas Legislature.

Republican Sen. John Carona said that big casinos and race tracks had agreed to support his proposed constitutional amendment. If approved by lawmakers and voters, it would allow 21 casinos statewide and create a gambling commission.

In the past, casino operators, horse and dog owners, horse breeders and the state's federally recognized tribes couldn't agree on expanding Texas gambling, often trying to make sure that any effort to legalize would guarantee them a minimum market share. Carona said that unity behind the proposal was a success, even if the bill does not pass this year.

"This bill provides for a very

limited number of casinos and the protection of the public, including those with a moral objections, comes from the fact that it is a constitutional amendment," Carona said. "Once the language is agreed upon and sent to the voters, the voters get to choose, and legislators can't come along and change it without voters being re-engaged."

The proposal would allow one casino each in Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio with three additional casinos along the coast. Three racetracks in Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio and Houston could operate casinos and nine small race tracks could apply for licenses to operate casinos or slot machines.

The three federally recognized Indian tribes would also each have a casino license. The amendment would only allow two casinos per county and no more than three in a major metropolitan area.

The state would tax gambling revenue at 20 percent, unless the operator invested more than \$1 billion, and then the rate would be 15 percent. At least 85 percent

of tax revenue would go to reduce property taxes, the city and county would get 5 percent each and the remaining 5 percent would be spent to prosecute gambling-related crime and help those with gambling addictions.

Religious organizations, a few conservative groups and some liberals oppose gambling because they say it's harmful to the community and poor people often suffer the most.

Former Texas Sen. John Montford, spokesman for the pro-gambling group Let Texans Decide, said studies show that Texans spend nearly \$3 billion visiting casinos and racetracks in neighboring states and that Texans should be allowed to vote on whether to allow casinos. Texas is one of only 10 states that still ban all casino gambling.

"We feel the people of Texas are smart enough, educated enough and certainly savvy enough about what's going on that they ought to decide this issue for themselves," he said.

Texas may add legal protection for gay teens

By JIM VERTUNO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — In Texas, where attempts to expand gay rights have run into strong opposition from Republican leaders, state lawmakers are considering new legal protections for sexually active gay teens.

Sexual contact between minors under the age of 17 is a crime of indecency under Texas law. But a "Romeo and Juliet" defense protects teen couples from prosecution as long as they are in a consensual relationship, both over 14 and within three years of age of each other.

But the law specifically states that this protection is available only to couples of the opposite sex.

Bills scheduled for public hearings today in House and Senate committees remove that language to give same-sex teen couples the same protection as their heterosexual peers.

Sen. John Whitmire, a Houston Democrat and longtime chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice committee, said he filed his bill out of a "sense of fairness." If a couple meets the age and consent criteria, there should be no difference in the law based on their sexual orientation, he said.

Rep. Mary Gonzalez, an El Paso Democrat, is the author of the House bill.

"In this day and time, I recognize that people of the same sex become partners," Whitmire said. "I think there's a recognition na-

tionally that we could do better [in] how we treat people that have same-sex relationships."

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, many states have provisions in their sex offender laws allowing some leeway in prosecuting teenage relationships. They range from exceptions to prosecution and sex offender registration to reduced levels of crimes.

But Texas appears to be a rarity in its "opposite sex" requirement.

Equality Texas, a gay rights group, is working with Gonzalez and Whitmire to change the law.

Equality Texas Executive Director Chuck Smith said he doesn't know of any cases in which gay teenage couples have been prosecuted, but called the distinction that favors heterosexual couples unfair and said it should be removed.

"Law enforcement does not get involved in instances like this if they are of opposite sex," Smith said. "It should be no different" if the couple is gay, he said.

Jonathan Saenz, president of the conservative group Texas Values, which recently staged a rally against gay rights at the state Capitol, questioned whether the bills are a way for "more kids that are under 18 [to] have sex?"

Saenz called the bills "part of the gay community's agenda," but declined further comment.

Gay teens who contract a sexually transmitted disease may be deterred from seeking treatment under the law as it stands, for fear of



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In this Nov. 10 2009's file photo, Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, listens during a hearing of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee in Austin. Whitmire filed a bill where gay teens in Texas can avoid being prosecuted as sex offenders in consensual relationships. Heterosexual teens are currently protected.

their partner being prosecuted and forced to register as a sex offender, Smith said.

"We are not advocating teen sex. No one is advocating teen sex," Smith said.

Whitmire is confident his committee will approve the change. Getting it passed by the full Senate and House is much more uncertain. The state's Republican leadership, notably Gov. Rick Perry, has been against to gay rights in the past.

Texas has a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. And despite a 2003 ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that struck down the state law criminalizing gay sex, the law technically is still on the books under a notation that it is unconstitutional.

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ZTA stomps to the top with Michael Jackson-themed act

By **MADISON FERRIL**
REPORTER

For the fourth year in a row, the women of Zeta Tau Alpha can claim victory at StompFest. Zeta Tau Alpha beat six other teams for the StompFest title with its Hollywood-inspired step routine.

The Baylor Transfer Council won best independent organization, and Zeta Tau Alpha won for best Greek organization. Baylor Transfer Council also won audience favorite. Audience members texted in their votes for the audience favorite after the acts ended. Due to a mishap, Asian Student Association was announced as the winner of the independent category,

but Baylor Transfer Council had the higher score.

StompFest is a step show sponsored by the Student Activities Council and Zeta Phi Beta. Teams create step routines and compete to win money for their sponsored charity. Teams are assigned a coach from Zeta Phi Beta to help with their routines. This year's StompFest theme was Michael Jackson, and the show's host was comedian Walter Campbell.

Houston senior Angeline Nguyen, the co-captain of the Asian Student Association stomp team, said she met with the student activities director, a representative from the Baylor Transfer Council and Zeta Phi Beta after finding out the results were incorrectly announced.

"When we won, I was positively ecstatic. It felt like a lot of pressure was lifted off my shoulders and I was so proud of my girls."

Sara Buhman | ZTA team captain

"I already knew because the director of campus productions texted me after the show about what happened," Nguyen said.

All ticket sales, about \$4,000, will go to benefit Sickle Cell Anemia, Zeta Phi Beta's national philanthropy. Additional money will be donated to the charities each winning organization sponsored: the American Cancer Society for Baylor Transfer Council and the ZTA Foundation for Zeta Tau Alpha. Money will also go to Fuzzy Friends for the Asian Student Association due to the mishap.

The ZTA Foundation is Zeta Tau Alpha's philanthropy, which benefits organizations researching breast cancer and helping raise breast cancer awareness. The American Cancer Society is a national organization dedicated to cancer research and prevention. Fuzzy Friends Rescue is a local nonprofit, no-kill shelter.

Aurora, Colo., senior and ZTA team captain Sara Buhman said the ZTA team worked on the routine for four weeks, not counting spring break. As the captain, she said it was her responsibility to create a practice schedule, help with choreography along with the team coach, and decide on the costumes.

"When we won, I was positively ecstatic," Buhman said. "It felt like a lot of pressure was lifted off of my shoulders and I was so proud of my girls."

Nguyen said her team worked on their routine three times a week. Along with Tulsa, Okla., junior Bryan Jan, she made sure everyone came to practice on time and made sure the steps were clean. Nguyen said the team had to change coaches near



MONICA LAKE | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Zeta Tau Alpha placed first with its Michael Jackson-themed step routine Friday at StompFest 2013 hosted by Zeta Phi Beta sorority and benefiting its national philanthropy, Sickle Cell Anemia.

the end of practice time.

"We didn't get to work with our coach as much as we wanted to because he didn't realize what a time commitment StompFest is, but a coach came in the last week of practices and helped us," Nguyen said.

Garland senior Zara Black said she has competed in StompFest with Zeta Tau Alpha for three years.

"It feels like all the hard work is finally worth it," Black said. "We've been working on this since before

spring break, a lot of hours each week and a lot of late nights. It's been pretty busy."

Dallas freshman Wendy Taylor, who also participated in StompFest said she was excited when Zeta Tau Alpha was announced the winner.

"It was such an adrenaline rush," Taylor said. "When we finished, I couldn't believe it was over. It was such a blur."

The African Student Association performed a show before the acts began, combining hip hop with traditional African dance. The Baylor Dance Society also performed after all the StompFest acts were complete.

Other competing teams included Kappa Alpha Theta, Student Foundation, Alpha Delta Pi and Alpha Chi Omega.



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

The Baylor Transfer Council placed first for independent organizations at StompFest 2013 on Friday at Waco Hall. Baylor Transfer Council stomped for the American Cancer Society.

Vitek's BBQ's Gut Pak named College Eats Bracket Battle champion

By **LINDA WILKINS**
CITY EDITOR

Vitek's BBQ Gut Pak is officially the Best College Eat, according to a Battle Bracket hosted by the Cooking Channel.

Cooking Channel made the finalized announcement Saturday.

Julie "Vitek" Keith, a fourth-generation owner of Vitek's BBQ, said Vitek's loved the competition. She said she felt the Vitek's fan base deserved the credit for helping the Gut Pak win the competition.

"It was awesome," she said. "We are basically at the point of telling everyone thank you for voting. We feel like the customers and the fan base had to be a part of it to have that title."

Keith said all age groups and students were involved in voting. From the elementary level to the university level, she said, everyone had to cast a vote.

Keith said she thinks the win will help increase awareness of the Gut Pak and of the restaurant. Keith said even people who live out of state helped in the competition by telling their friends about the Gut Pak.

A victory party is in the planning stages, Keith said. She said everyone would be invited.

Keith said information about the party would most likely be on Vitek's Facebook page or show up on Twitter, @gutpak. She said a free Gut Pak giveaway might be offered as well.

The polls for the final competition closed at 4 p.m. Friday. The Gut Pak earned 15,025 votes and the Marquette from Marquette University earned 14,035 votes. The polls remained open for 48 hours. The overall competition began March 15.

Alison Sichelka, site manager for the Cooking Channel, said the competition might be repeated in the future.

She said the recipes for the 32 original dishes that were in the competition are on the Cooking Channel's website: <http://blog.cookingchanneltv.com/>. She said the recipes are interpretations by the Cooking Channel's kitchens of the real recipes.



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Vitek's BBQ was announced as the champion of the Cooking Channel Bracket Battle Saturday. The Gut Pak earned 15,025 votes as opposed to the Marquette from Marquette University's 14,035 votes.

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Bears give Baylor Nation a taste of spring football

Junior quarterback Bryce Petty racks up 181 yards and two touchdowns in Saturday's spring game

By DANIEL HILL
SPORTS WRITER

Fresh off of three straight bowl game appearances and back-to-back bowl wins, Baylor football looks to win the Big 12 Conference this season.

Baylor football concluded spring practice on Saturday with the annual spring game. It was a chance for Baylor fans to get a peek at this fall's football team.

With eight starters returning to the defense, playmakers at the offensive skill positions and a dominating offensive line stocked with future NFL talent, the Bears have immense potential for the 2013 season.

Nick Florence replaced Robert Griffin III by setting a school record with 4,309 passing yards last season. The Bears' projected starting quarterback next season, junior Bryce Petty, is larger in stature than any of his predecessors.

Petty brings another dimension to the offense. Griffin and Florence were skilled runners, but they didn't have the ability to run with power and lower their shoulders like Petty will do this fall.

Aside from running, Petty is a gifted passer. At 6-foot-3-inches and 235 pounds, Petty has a rocket arm and superb mobility. He displayed his arm strength with a 55-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Jay Lee on Saturday. Petty also displayed his understanding of head coach Art Briles' offense by completing 13-15 passes for 181 yards and two touchdowns.

"Physically, he has a chance to be a very dominant quarterback, but it's a very mental game, so what you have to do is match it all together, your physicalness and your intellectualness and your creativeness and instinctiveness," Briles said. "It all has to come together."

Baylor's offense didn't skip a beat when Florence stepped in for RG3, and Petty figures to be the next quarterback in line for Baylor's stat-happy offense.

The offense also showed balance during the spring game between the aerial attack and the ground game. Talented running backs, senior Glasco Martin and junior Lache Seastrunk are the thunder and lightning combo in Baylor's backfield.



Ahmad Dixon | Senior Safety

Behind the physical offensive line, Martin rushed for 114 yards and three touchdowns on 12 carries, while Seastrunk added 90 yards off 10 rushes and scored on a 44-yard touchdown run where he went nearly untouched.

"I think we handed the ball off 300 times for 7,000 yards so it made my job easy, makes it fun," Petty said. "That is our offense. The run sets up the pass so it was fun to see those guys get up and work and do what they do."

Starting junior right tackle Troy Baker tore his ACL earlier in the offseason, so the offensive line had to shuffle some first-unit players around to fill the gap. Senior Stefan Huber, who had been playing right guard, shifted to center, and

senior Kelvin Palmer moved from center to right tackle to replace the injured Baker.

Sophomore Desmine Hilliard started at right guard. Sophomore Spencer Drango was at his usual spot at left tackle and senior Cyril Richardson stayed at left guard to make the left side of the offensive line the strongest area of the unit.

The first-team defense has also made a few changes. Senior Ahmad Dixon, who last year played defensive coordinator Phil Bennett's "Bear position," which is a defensive back that tends to play closer to the line of scrimmage, has moved back into the secondary to play safety. Senior Sam Holl has moved from safety to the Bear position. The move isn't set in stone as of yet, but the position changes will bring flexibility to Baylor's defense.

Holl, a physical player with range, will have the ability to play inside the box and have more opportunities to attack against the run. Dixon will get a chance to match up on defensive backs with his elite speed and bring an intimidating fear factor to the backside of the defense with knockout shots on opposing wide receivers. Moving to safety will also give Dixon a better read of the field and hopefully quicken his reaction time to rally to the ball.

"Everybody has bought in," Dixon said. "That is not to say that we weren't bought in last season, but there is a difference between buying into a program that you have been in for two or three years. Now everybody knows what is going on and knows the ins and outs of the defense. We know what can kill us and what can help us."

With spring practice over, the Bears now move into summer conditioning and then begin fall training camp before the season starts on Aug. 31 against Wofford at Floyd Casey Stadium.



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Junior quarterback Bryce Petty rolls out and makes a throw down the field Saturday in Baylor's spring game. The Bears will begin the fall season on Aug. 31 against Wofford.

Softball looks to bounce back from Oklahoma series

By PARMIDA SCHAHHOSSEINI
SPORTS WRITER

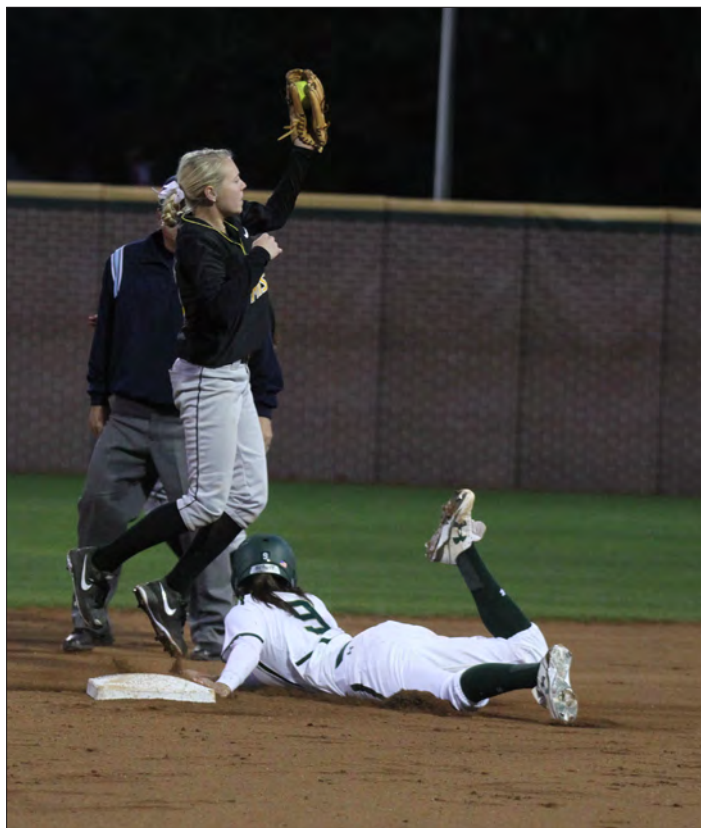
The No. 17 Lady Bears will play the Texas State Bobcats for the second time this season at 6 p.m. today in San Marcos.

The Lady Bears (29-10, 3-5 Big 12) will try to bounce back after losing three straight games against No. 1 Oklahoma. Texas State (9-28) comes in with a two-game winning streak despite its struggles.

This game will provide an opportunity for Baylor to boost its confidence before continuing with conference play Friday.

"That's what we're trying to do," freshman outfielder Linsey Hays said. "[We are] trying to get better every weekend, every game."

The last time the two teams played, Baylor won 10-2 and the game lasted five innings. Freshman infielder Sarah Smith had a break out game going 3-3 with a home run. Sophomore shortstop Jordan Strickland also had a productive day with three RBIs.



MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Senior outfielder Kathy Shelton slides into second base against Southern Mississippi on Feb. 12.

Courtney Repka struggled against Oklahoma, forcing Moore to put in additional relief pitchers.

Freshman right-handed pitcher Heather Stearns (9-4) has been a good No. 2 option for Moore, striking out 107 batters. Stearns has allowed 23 runs on 49 hits this season, but has only walked 14 batters.

"I am disappointed to not come away from this weekend with a win," Moore said after the losses to Oklahoma. "We were in every game, but little breakdowns led to big innings. I thought we had good offensive game plans and performances on Friday and Saturday, and we have to get better from this weekend."

Texas State's offense has struggled this season, so Baylor has an opportunity to get its pitching staff some confidence. The Bobcats only have one hitter averaging over .300, but have six over .250.

Bobcat senior first baseman Haley Lemons has 11 RBIs and produced 16 runs on 34 hits. Sophomore third baseman Courtney

Harris leads the team with 24 RBIs. Baylor can also take advantage of the Texas State defense because of the runs it allows. Despite producing a lot of hits, it has been outscored 116-193.

Smith has been reliable for Moore.

She got on base twice against Oklahoma on Sunday during her three at-bats. She leads the team with a .312 batting average.

"When someone else hits, I want to hit," Smith said. "Everybody then just starts hitting."

Sophomore outfielder Kaitlyn Thumann struggled against Oklahoma pitcher Keilani Ricketts.

However, Thumann has been effective most of the year with a .410 batting average along with a .590 slugging percentage. Thumann also leads the team with 32 runs.

Senior center fielder Kathy Shelton also hits above a .400 and leads the team with 53 hits. Shelton also has 15 RBIs and scored 29 runs this season.

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Glenn Moore | Head Coach

"Our offense allowed us to try some things and open the game up," head coach Glenn Moore said after the first win. "We got a chance to work on a couple things defensively, and learn from mistakes we made."

Baylor has been efficient against unranked teams, outscoring opponents 152-43.

The pitching staff has struggled as of late. Junior left-handed pitcher Whitney Canion (15-5) has struck out 173 batters, but allowed 42 runs on 75 hits. Canion has also allowed 52 walks.

Senior right-handed pitcher

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was incorrect.

"We instantly realized that the mistake had been made," Mathis said, "but we did not, however, realize how quickly groups were leaving. Groups had left before we were able to come to a consensus about how to rectify the situation."

The chair of Zeta Phi Beta simply misspoke the results. However, the mistake was not corrected until later that night when the leaders of each organization were contacted.

"She felt very apologetic for having misspoke," Mathis said, "but she knew right away that it was just a simple slip of the tongue."

Despite the mistake, Mathis said that they try to make sure all of the results are correct for every show they put on.

"We make sure we play close attention to all of our numbers," Mathis said, "We double and triple-checked our scores."

After meeting together on Monday

morning, the department of student activities and representatives from each organization came up with a way to try and rectify the situation.

The winning organization receives \$750 to donate to the philanthropy of their choice. The Transfer Council and ASA will both receive the prize money to donate to the American Cancer Society and Fuzzy Friends, respectively. The Transfer Council will be awarded the title of first-place winners in the category. ASA will get to keep their trophy.

Mathis said that student activities and Zeta Phi Beta wanted to remain fair in their decision making.

"We wanted to ensure we were rewarding both groups for their excellence," Mathis said, "but also ensure that the right group got the correct title."

Jonathan Tunwar, Senior and president of The Transfer Council, said that they spent about a month preparing for

the competition.

"We're a little disappointed that we didn't get to celebrate like the other teams did," Tunwar said, "but we do appreciate that they are trying to reconcile the situation."

Senior and president of ASA, Angeline Nguyen expressed similar sentiments to Tunwar's.

"Stompfest is a huge part of ASA's legacy, so we were upset," Nguyen said, "but we do think that BTC deserves it. And in the end it's about the charity."

Mathis said that immediately after realizing their mistake, they wanted to make sure it was corrected.

"I would like to reiterate that both the department of student activities and Zeta Phi Beta are very dedicated to making sure that the programs we work on together are excellent," Mathis said.

The statement can be read in full on the Lariat website.

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by a group of award winning ABC News journalists in association with The Documentary Group and Vulcan Productions to reach global audiences and inspire individuals to take action for girls. According to the website they believe that educating girls in developing nations will change the world.

She hopes that students will realize the opportunity.

"As the film talks about, educating girls is the highest return investment for ending the cycle of poverty," Blevins said. "We have the opportunity to change the lives of girls around the world in ways that are not too difficult, by supporting and providing funds

for school."

The film will be in Regal Cinemas nationwide between April 19 and 25.

Viewers can reserve seats at viewings in Dallas, Round Rock and Killeen by visiting the "Girl Rising" website, www.10x10act.org.

Supporters can join the education conversation through Twitter by using the hashtag "#GirlRising" or by joining the Baylor Girl Rising Facebook page.

Students can also donate toward the 10x10 Fund for Girls' Education by texting "GIVE" to 55155 or by going online to 10x10act.org/give.

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Shane Howard Band.

Children enjoyed games such as the beanbag toss, while other areas were dedicated specifically to the needs of autistic children.

One station made sensory balloons—deflated balloons filled with dried beans and rice.

The rough texture, when squeezed by a person on the autism spectrum, can create a calm feeling by activating senses in the hand.

Children also decorated large puzzle pieces, the international symbol for autism, at coloring stations.

Similar pieces will be used as decorations at the new center at Scott and White, which is scheduled to open next fall, Starr said.

Starr said she is excited about the partnership with Scott and White and mentioned that her commitment to the autism community began years ago as a sophomore in college.

"I was an intern and I worked with children who suffered from brain damage, and since then, I knew this was my passion," she said.

One volunteer, Victoria graduate student, Sarah Skipper, shares Starr's passion on a more personal level.

"My brother is autistic, so I've been really involved with raising awareness and got hooked with the Heart of Texas Autism Network early on," Skipper said.

Though her brother could not make it to Sunday's walk, Skipper said she volunteers and walks in his honor.

Skipper said in the last five years working as a volunteer coordinator, the most enjoyable part of the walks for her is getting to see how much fun the kids and their families have.

"It's nice that they get to come and enjoy themselves and not have to worry about being stigmatized," Skipper said.

Anita Karney, the event coordinator and a board member of the Heart of Texas Autism Network, was present with her son, who was diagnosed with autism.

Starr visited with several families throughout the event, answering questions from parents and interacting with children.

She also made stops at several of the organizations' booths, thanking them for their efforts and applauding their hard work in the autism community.

One such organization was nonPareil Institute, a nonprofit technology company based in Plano that focuses their energy on what they believe to be the most underserved subpopulation in the autism community: adults.

"We're training them in high technology schools much like you would find at a university or at a vocational school and we're employing them to build apps and games for iPhones and Androids," said Gary Moore, co-founder of the nonPareil Institute.

Several families visited with Moore and representatives from other organizations throughout the day and enjoyed the walk that was designed to feel like a festival.

Though many had fun, the event was a critical learning opportunity for the community.

Melinda Bell, Heart of Texas Autism Network board member and mother of an autistic child, said this event is about reminding families that they're not out there alone.

For more information about the Heart of Texas Autism Network or Baylor's Autism center, visit hotautismnetwork.org

Alexa Brackin contributed to this story.

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ing shoulder to shoulder with President (Ronald) Reagan, reminding the world that we are not simply carried along by the currents of history. We can shape them with moral conviction, unyielding courage and iron will."

Queen Elizabeth II authorized a ceremonial funeral — a step short of a state funeral — to be held for Thatcher at St. Paul's Cathedral in London next week with military honors.

Prime Minister David Cameron said Parliament would be recalled from recess on Wednesday so lawmakers could pay tribute.

For admirers, Thatcher was a savior who rescued Britain from ruin and laid the groundwork for an extraordinary economic renaissance. For critics, she was a heartless tyrant who ushered in an era of greed that kicked the weak out onto the streets and let the rich become filthy rich.

"Let us not kid ourselves. She was a very divisive figure," said Bernard Ingham, Thatcher's press secretary for her entire term. "She was a real toughie. She was a patriot with a great love for this country, and she raised the standing of Britain abroad."

Thatcher was the first — and still only — female prime minister in Britain's history. But she often found feminists tiresome.

A grocer's daughter, she rose to the top of Britain's snobbish hierarchy the hard

way, and envisioned a classless society that rewarded hard work and determination.

She was a trailblazer who at first believed trailblazing impossible: Thatcher told the Liverpool Daily Post in 1974 that she did not think a woman would serve as party leader or prime minister during her lifetime.

But once in power, she never showed an ounce of doubt.

Margaret Thatcher first won election to Parliament in 1959, representing Finchley in north London. She climbed the Conservative Party ladder quickly, joining the Cabinet as education secretary in 1970.

As prime minister, she sold off one state industry after another. She was proud of her government's role in privatizing some public housing, turning tenants into homeowners.

She trampled over cautionary advice from her own ministers in 1989 and 1990 by imposing a hugely controversial "community charge" tax that was quickly dubbed a "poll tax" by opponents.

Tens of thousands of protesters took to the streets in London and other cities, leading to some of the worst riots in the British capital in more than a century.

The shocking sight of Trafalgar Square turned into a smoldering battleground on March 31, 1990, helped convince many Conservative figures that Thatcher had

stayed too long.

For Conservatives in Parliament, it was a question of survival. They feared vengeful voters would turn them out of office at the next election, and for many that fear trumped any gratitude they might have felt for their longtime leader.

Eight months after the riots, Thatcher was gone, struggling to hold back tears as she left Downing Street after being ousted by her own party.

It was a bitter end for Thatcher's active political career — her family said she felt a keen sense of betrayal even years later.

In 1992, she was appointed in the House of Lords, taking the title Baroness Thatcher of Kesteven.

Thatcher wrote several best-selling memoirs after leaving office and was a frequent speaker on the international circuit before she suffered several small strokes that in 2002 led her to curtail her lucrative public speaking career.

Denis Thatcher died the following year; they had been married more than half a century.

Thatcher's later years were marred by her son Mark Thatcher's murky involvement in bankrolling a 2004 coup in Equatorial Guinea.

She suffered from dementia in her final years, and her public appearances became increasingly rare.

Alexa Brackin contributed to this story.

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