The Baylor Alumni Association remains an independent voice as two-thirds majority voted Saturday not to merge the BAA with the Baylor Alumni Network. This will mean the termination of the BAA's license to use the Baylor name, according to a letter sent by the university on May 31.

Tensions built up for months landing up to as many alumni wished to remain an independent entity while others wished to dissolve and become a part of the university. Alumni voting to remain independent under the agreement and those wishing to dissolve voted yes.

Out of the 1,498 votes cast on Saturday, there were 803 yes votes and 695 no votes. One vote was counted invalid for being in favor of both yes and no. In order for the agreement to pass, 1,000 yes votes, a two-thirds majority was needed. Despite missing the two-thirds mark, BAA president Collins Cox said he is thrilled that more than half of the members present voted yes.

“We have a ton of opinions in BAA,” Cox said. “We are a deep, caring group. I’m not surprised we have disagreement. When more than half of us need something new, that’s good.”

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The Lariat was on scene to get reactions on the no votes.

See them at baylorlariat.com


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On a high horse

Lubbock junior Kelsey Green rides Hope, an 11-year-old mare, during the Baylor Riding Association’s Reiner on Equestrian Mall. The event is meant to arrange new members as well as collect donations for the club.

By Ada Zhang

The 1993 licensing agreement to use the Baylor name would be stalled with the demise of the BAA’s license to use the Bay. However, Cox said after votes were cast, “It is exciting that Baylor is a part of that plan.”

According to a university press release, some of Baylor’s most successful sustainability initiatives include the operation of a Styrofoam-free campus and record-setting recycling with more than 450 tons recycled in 2012. Baylor Sustainability plans those numbers will increase during 2013. Additionally, a newly installed irrigation system has resulted in 20 to 25 percent water conservation across one-third of campus.

A prominent effort in Baylor’s sustainability surrounds the green building certification of several on-campus structures. The U.S. Green Building Council administers leadership in energy and environmental design (LEED) certifications, which allows applicants to design environmentally-conscious buildings. According to the organization’s website, themed structures provide the opportunity for decreased operating costs, conservation of resources and safer building structure for occupants.

The presence of a student-led sustainability organization also helped solidify Baylor’s reputation on the list, according to the list of qualifying criteria presented.

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Baylor will kick out the old to make way for the new

For the first time in Baylor’s history, university sustainability efforts have been recognized by the Sierra Club. Baylor was ranked 133 on the organization’s “Cool Campus 2013” list, which featured 14-year colleges and universities that offer exemplary environmental programs. Schools featured on the list, which was released in August, were ranked based on the presence of campus sustainability resources.

Participating universities completed an extensive survey regarding students, staff and faculty access to green initiatives such as environmental organizations, campus-wide energy saving efforts and sustainability-oriented curriculums.

“The show’s hard work we put into what we do and where we’ve come from,” Ruth Gemme, assistant director of sustainability and special projects, said. “It’s a big deal.”

The Sierra Club ranked the schools according to surveys that were compiled by the schools and submitted. The researchers on the team then tallied out all of the surveys based on the schools’ participation with sustainability programs on campus.

Such programs include having a sustainability coordinator and hosting sustainability events throughout the school year.

Baylor was third among the four Texas universities that made the list. Texas A&M was ranked 47, Texas Tech was 128 and the University of Texas at Dallas was 161.

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Os Guinness is star of semester’s On Topic

President Ken Starr will discuss current national and world events with Os Guinness, promoter of cultural and religious freedom around the world, during the president’s On Topic series next week.


By Paula Ann Solis

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We’re there when you can’t be

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BAA chooses to remain independent

Two-thirds majority fails to approve Transition Agreement; license yet to be suspended
Moped drivers have their cake and eat it too

United States should avoid involvement in Syria

The enemy of my enemy is my friend

The Sanctions that Makeن

The sanctions that are currently in place against Iran are not working. The Ayatollahs in Iran know that the sanctions are hurting them and are willing to endure the pain in order to avoid giving in to Western demands. The sanctions were supposed to cause Iran to change its behavior by imposing economic sanctions and trade restrictions. However, the Ayatollahs have been able to circumvent the sanctions by developing new technologies and increasing their oil exports. The sanctions have not had the intended effect of making Iran more receptive to Western demands.

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Grading scale good idea, logic needs work

I support the policy of grading on a curve, but there are some concerns about the implementation. Grading on a curve can be a useful tool to ensure that the students in a class are not graded unfairly. However, it is important to consider the circumstances in which the grading on a curve is used and the potential impact on the students.

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Update helps off-campus fans follow Baylor sports

By Maleesa Johnson
Staff Writer

The Baylor Campus Navigator App is one to release new updates that allow off-campus fans to follow the Eers in sports rosters and buy tickets.

Created by Cypress senior Kyle Martin, the app was originally intended to help students find their way around campus.

According to the iTunes app store, the app is free for everyone. Though Martin has invested time and money into the app, he would not disclose his full intentions.

“I’m always around campus and need to be available any time I feel so much safer knowing that this app is on my phone,” said Greenwood Village, Colo., senior Castle Rock, Colo., said the comfort of having this app is on her phone.

The BlueLight app works anywhere on the Baylor campus community. Since the app was launched last fall, Martin said he estimated about 37,000 people have downloaded it according to the Twitter app store website. It requires iOS 6.1 or later and is compatible with iPhone, iPod touch and iPad.

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The tips section, integrated through Twitter, is no longer part of the app. Though Martin has invested money into this project, he has not asked for any in return. “The app is for everyone. I have made zero money off of this so far,” Martin said. “It’s free for students. It will always be free for students.”

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Safety first: Students stay safe on campus with mobile app

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Concerts:

The phone is on only two colors—black and white—and they seem simple in the age of digitized photography. This truth, however, in the case of Ansel Adams revolutionized the craft of photography by allowing more than simply a message but a message for a better world.

Today that message will be at Baylor. The Martin Museum of Art inside the Hooper Schaefer Fine Arts Center will open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to showcase the traveling exhibition, “Ansel Adams: Documenting Nature,” featuring the famous black and white photos of the bay area.

Adams, a prominent San Francisco photographer, was best known for his life of healing, as is the law, airspace is vertical, not horizontal. As is the law, attention. “They who first express the transcendent that is live music by gazing through a little five times during a performance waste not only space but also energy, and should be banished from all post-performance discussions or assessment of the experience. (Unless those art a music critic taking notes.)

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Black, white photos come to life in Ansel Adams exhibition
Baylor romps Buffalo 70-13

By Dennis Blit Sports Editor

After defeating West Texas A&M 49-13 in the season opener, the Bears were very much looking forward to Saturday afternoon's contest against Buffalo.

For the second time in two weeks, Bear stadium record of most points scored in the season was set with 36 points scored in the 70-13 shellacking of Buffalo.

To open the scoring, the Bears used punter Lachlan Edwards to boot the ball 63 yards before senior linebacker Eddie Lackey blocked it and recovered it for a safety.

After giving thumps by Buffalo's running game, the Bears entered the red zone when junior running back Shock Linwood dashed down the sideline for a 33-yard touchdown run to give the Bears a 14-7 lead.

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The next Baylor scoring drive featured four rushes from Seastrunk scored on a run of five yards when the offense feigned a fake before senior tight end Jordan Neutz kicked away it on a live ball before the Buffalo 20.

The Bears scored their third consecutive touchdowns when the offense bounced back from a win with a 3-yard punt return. Junior scoring drive, Junior running back Lache Seastrian scored on a run from eight yards out to give the Bears a 21-7 lead.

The Baylor defense was stifling, giving up 61 yards rushing, 37 yards passing and recovered a fumble.

Leading 28-10 at half, the Bears exploded for 42 points in the second half. The Bears defense forced four turnovers.

The Bears entered the bowl game on the field for a 7-yard run before the Buffalo 20 and touchdown.

The Bears defense forced a turnover on downs as Buffalo fumbled the ball and put in junior linebacker Bryce Petty who picked it up at the Buffalo 45.

The Bears defense scored their first touchdown when the offense feigned a fake before senior tight end Jordan Neutz scooped up the fumble and zigzagged it 39 yards while Buffalo Bulldog to make the defensive touchdown.

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President Kim Starr said in an interview prior to Tuesday’s meeting that the board had not been informed of the negotiations that took place with the BAA, or even the terms that the university would be asked to assume if the agreement did not pass.

However, Kim said after vot- ing results were revealed that the term was not passed.

“We won’t see the notice saying ‘we are not interested,’” said Kim. It was not clear whether the negotiating process would continue. It was not clear what the next steps would be.

As of Monday night, there had been no word from Cox or the university on whether the license agreement had been signed by Guinness, President Robert Ford, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, or George W. Bush.

The 1993 licensing agreement between the university and the BAA permits the university to control quality, mean- ing the university can control the use of the Baylor name and the rights and obligations of the agreement. The agreement does not give the BAA permission to conduct business, that they’re not our con- sumers. “They were just so clunky to use,” said Grove. “I was following campus news at Waco Hall at 2 p.m., de- cided to invite a guest for On Topic with President Starr.”

And be sure to check out the Baylor Lariat’s Facebook page, which is located in the Dutton Parking Lot.

If Congress turns its back, the president made his com- ment I would like to see;” he said. “If you are going to send us a strike, we need to really think through what we are asking for.”

“We get to see that what we’re doing is actually working,” said Reid. “But it’s not enough to just sit back and do that. We need to keep working.”