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Burleson Quadrangle

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3 p.m. Baylor vs. ULM
Floyd Casey Stadium

BU to honor years at The Case

By MALEESA JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

The Baylor Alumni Network, the Baylor "B" Association and Baylor Athletics will honor decades of football at the Floyd Casey Stadium as the Bears' time in the stadium nears an end.

"We wanted to honor the teams and players that have come before," said Doug Fertsch, director of Baylor Sports Network. Fertsch said the number of home games at Floyd Casey is representative of the number of decades Baylor has played at the stadium.

Each home game, the alumni network will continue to commemorate a different decade of Floyd Casey's history.

They do so by inviting any player that lettered in football within that decade to be honored on the field.

"We came up with the idea last spring just as a way to commemorate previous players and say goodbye to The Case," Fertsch said.

Former players are being honored on the field between the first and second quarter of the game. Associate athletic director of the "B" Association, Walter Abercrombie, is responsible for the invitations sent

out to the former Bear athletes.

Abercrombie said about 80 players came back for the first game, about 50 for the second game, and he is expecting 80-90 players to return to Floyd Casey this weekend.

"Most of them want to be a part of this," Abercrombie said. "They all want to be a part of what's going on right now in Baylor, and we're glad to have them be a part of it."

The past two games have commemorated more recent decades. The Wofford College game honored all the teams that played in the 21st century.

The following weekend during

the game against Buffalo State College, the '90s were recognized. This trend continues as teams from the '80s will be honored this weekend at the game against University of Louisiana-Monroe.

"For our third game, which is going to be our third decade reunion, we will celebrate players from the 1980s," Abercrombie said. "This decade included several bowl games and a conference championship. Many of those guys went on to play in the National Football League and we're expecting them back as well."

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Making a splash on the cables

Wakeboarders ride on the lake Wednesday at the BSR Cable Park, which is located at 5347 Old Mexia Road. The park is open from noon to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from noon to 11 p.m. Friday, from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. See story page B9.

Shorter class time intended to make getting CHL easier

By TREY GREGORY
REPORTER

The State of Texas pulled the trigger on new regulations for the Concealed Handgun License class that cut eight hours from the mandatory classroom time, shot the written test in half and kept the same caliber of instruction.

The new regulations



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changed the mandatory CHL classroom time from the previous 15 hours maximum and 10 hours minimum to six hours maximum and four hours minimum.

The new regulations also shorten the CHL test from 50 questions to 25 questions. These took effect Sept. 1.

McLennan County Sheriff Parnell McNamara is a Texas concealed handgun license instructor who teaches CHL classes at the Bosqueville Community Center in Waco. McNamara said he teaches the same class as before the new regulations, but in less time.

McNamara also said the live-fire range time has not changed and time spent on the range does not count against the four to six hours he is allotted to teach his class.

"Twenty-four students can shoot on the range at the same time," McNamara said. "It takes about an hour per 24 students."

According to McNamara, the shortened classroom time is intended to make the concealed handgun license more obtainable for Texas citizens who live busy lives without compromising the integrity of the course. McNamara said he is pleased that more people will be able to receive their CHL licenses and he is up to the challenge of teaching the shorter class.



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Guests to delve into Greek culture at Gala

By KRISTIN BURNS
REPORTER

The Greek Gala, hosted by the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, will give guests the opportunity to immerse themselves in Greek culture through food, music and dancing.

Dana Telep, a co-chair of the Greek Gala and a member of the church, said the event will allow guests to experience Greek culture and food at its finest.

The gala will be at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Phoenix Ballroom at 401 S. Third St. in Waco.

Tickets are \$35 and can be ordered at stnickwaco.org. Tickets for the event are selling fast, Telep said, and will not be available at the door.

Appetizers and music will be from 6 to 7 p.m. in the ballroom, and the dinner buffet will open at 7 p.m. Dessert and dancing will follow.

Guests are invited to learn the traditional Greek dances with the dancers and explore the bookstore that will be at the venue.

"The Greek Gala is open to Wacoans and Baylor's family, certainly this year with Parents Weekend going on," Telep said. "This would be a fun thing to do after the

football game."

For the past 25 years, St. Nicholas has hosted the annual Greek Food Festival. This year, the Greek Gala will be replacing the festival as a three-course, sit-down dinner with samples of authentic Greek food. Members of St. Nicholas are preparing the food based on family recipes.

"We have recipes going back through families and generations," Telep said. "It's going to be the best you can find in Waco."

The appetizers of the evening will be spanakopita (spinach pastries), tiropita (cheese pastries), keftedes (Greek meatballs) and hummus and pita.

The main course will include chicken or beef souvlaki, rice pilaf, Greek village salad, pastitsio (pasta dish) and dolmades (stuffed grape leaves).

The dessert menu is baklava, vanilla ice cream and coffee.

"What we have is a tour of the typical kinds of food that we associate with the Greek world," said Dr. Daniel Nodes, chair of the classics department at Baylor and a member of St. Nicholas.

Nodes said the Gala is a celebration of both ethnic and religious origins.

"This is a celebration of a particular na-

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Parking sticker policy makes little sense

Editorial

Since the school year began, there have been a few changes in parking. The addition of 100 faculty parking spaces, the loss of 200 student parking spaces and tickets being handed out for keeping last year's parking permit on your windshield in addition to this year's permit.

You read that right. Students are being ticketed for having the current and past year's stickers on their windshield. The first offense is just a warning, but the next offense costs \$10 and every ticket after that comes with a \$25 fine.

Matt Penney, director of parking and transportation services, said the reason for this is because the permits are similar in appearance.

This new rule is meant to help the parking patrols see who does and does not have the new parking permit.

This reason, however, does not make sense.

It's true the stickers are similar in appearance. The expired permit is a square, while the new permit has inward arches on its sides. While visually scanning a parking area, the two could be easily confused, but not if the two permits are displayed at the same time. It's

common sense that the vehicle with two permits is not illegally parked in student parking.

Also, if the parking patrol notices a vehicle with a single parking permit but can't tell if it's the new one or not, then they can simply walk toward the vehicle to confirm.

It's harder to see which permit the vehicle has if there is only a single permit present.

If anything, the confusing part of the parking patrol's job would be having to scan a parking lot and issue a ticket to a student who has purchased both stickers.

The parking permits cost \$300 last year and that price remained constant this year. After paying \$300 for a parking permit, why not keep it on your car for as long as you can?

Some students consider the number of parking permits on their vehicle a sign of seniority.

It's a visual display of how many years they've been at Baylor. Some students could even claim it's a sign of pride.

There are some features of the new permits that are convenient. For instance, they easily peel off when needed and are transferable between vehicles.

It seems that the main problem is that the new permit is too similar to the expired permit. If this is the case, then redesign the new permit. This makes more sense than issuing unnecessary tickets to students.

In previous years, Parking Services had new designs for parking permits every year. The size, shape and color of the permits would often vary from the previous year's design.

This made it easy for the parking patrols to see the new permit. While it is unclear why this policy changed for this year's permit, but our suggestions should certainly be applied to next year's permit to prevent confusion.

There is a way to get the ticket thrown out in the processing of ticketing a car with an expired permit.

The student can bring the parking tickets and the expired permit to the Parking Services office in Robinson Tower within 14 days of the violation to cancel any fines they may have been issued.

In light of the rather silly rule of not allowing two permits, this is not exactly a moment of clarity for Parking Services.

Getting the ticket removed, however, has its drawbacks. It's time consuming for the student to drive to Robinson Tower.

In addition, it's time consuming for parking patrols to look for offending vehicles. All in all, the new rule is a waste of time and energy.

Next year, the permits should look drastically different from the past two years so students don't have to get a ticket for buying a parking permit.



Lariat Letters

Remove depression's social stigma

There is a long history of depression and other mental illness happening to those who are either in college or just graduated from college.

The feelings of emptiness, the lack of ambition or direction in life, the loss of interest in hobbies or religion — all of these things can lead to mental instability or illness.

It is important to be conscious of this fact, to be aware of depression and other disorders and draw more attention to this problem.

The social stigma of mental illness, awareness and discussion of these situations is getting much better since our parents' and grandparents' time.

Psychologists and psychiatrists are no longer considered "fake scientists," and we realize that mental illnesses are more than just "a phase" or "hormones." The science of the brain, with its functions and diseases, is much more important to anatomy now, which makes these problems more diagnosable. However, even despite all these



Mashaal Hashmi | Copy Editor

advances in science and in our social concepts of mental illnesses, there is still a major gap in our understanding and acceptance of those who are suffering from depression and other disorders.

Many people view depression as something that is for the weak-minded or something that is out of our range of everyday emotions.

Unless you have depression or a mental disorder, you can't really understand how someone can go

through it.

Without experiencing the mourning or some sort of loss, we can't fully sympathize with people who struggle through these moments.

We watch movies and read books about it, and we study it in our psych and sociology classes, even in biology or anatomy.

We can maybe wrap our minds around the scientific side, or maybe we can see how at least minor depression happens. When something catastrophic happens, it's understandable that the person would feel anxiety or depression.

But what about when nothing has happened? What about when everything is fine in life?

They're in school, have boyfriends or girlfriends and are getting good grades. They have friends and teammates, groups we're a part of. Yet they're still struggling with depression and loneliness. We can't understand what that feels like, how it can happen.

The first step to awareness ac-

tually doesn't come from researching depression or mental illness disorders.

It comes from accepting that it can happen, accepting that some people can feel that way. That's all they ask of us.

They don't ask that we keep telling them, "Everything's going to be OK. You'll be fine." All they need at first is just that we accept them.

They're not a different or broken species. They are not cast-offs or aliens from our society.

They are just like us, and the first step to making yourself someone they can talk to is accepting them.

We need to understand that depression isn't a failure and that it's not something to be hidden in the closet and something to be afraid of.

It's OK to talk about it and always OK to ask for help.

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Voter ID editorial misses the point

The lengthy editorial in the Wednesday Lariat was a torrent of words unleashed to defend the use of voter ID in Texas.

It even included a listing of several things in our society that do, indeed, require such ID. However, the right to vote is just that — a right, not some incidental privilege.

The reason voter ID was passed has nothing to do with the

pseudo-problem of voter fraud in Texas.

Let us be honest. The unstated but actual reason the law was presented and passed is the hope that it will make it sufficiently more difficult for many of the poorer, older, and/or ethnic citizens so as to prevent them from using their right to vote.

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Post-Baccalaureate student



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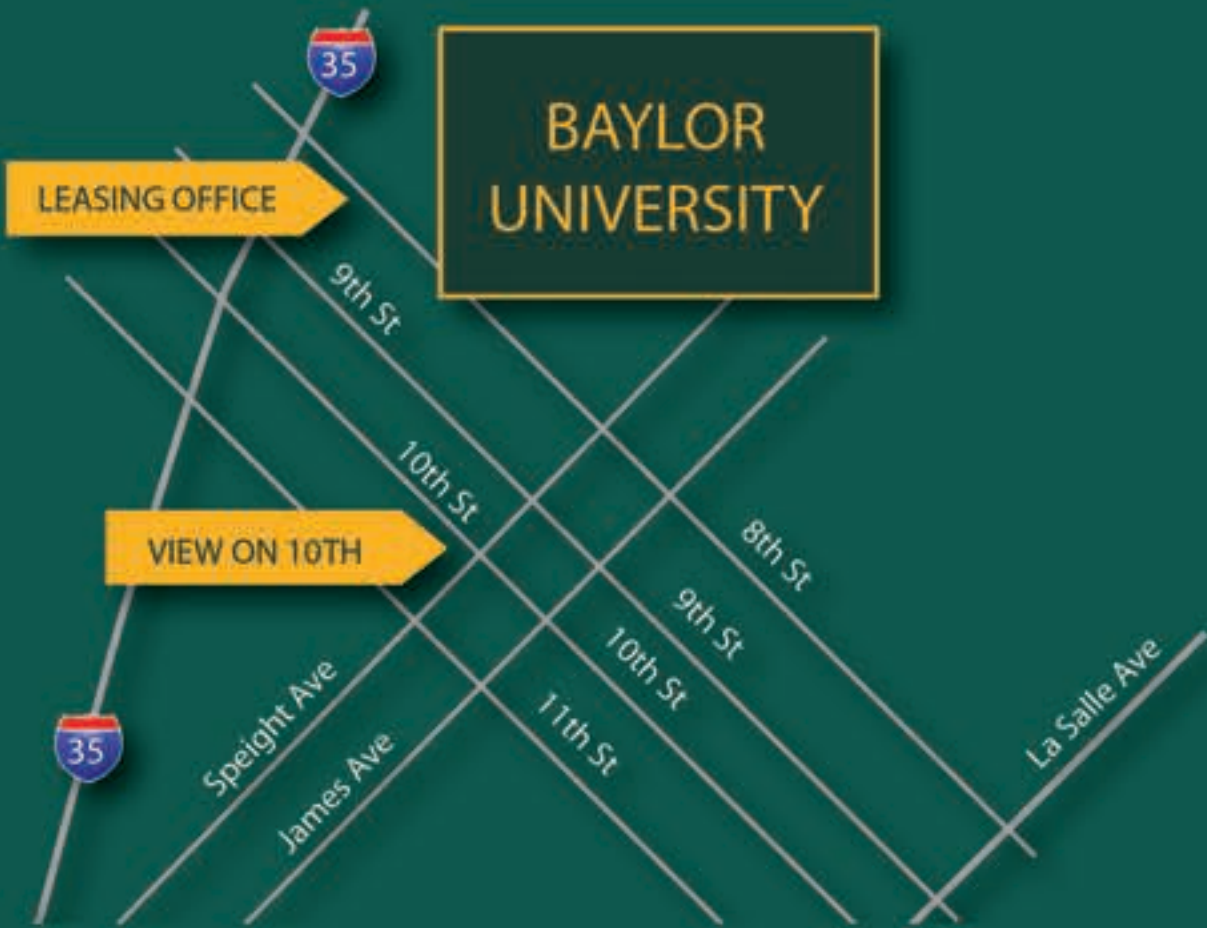
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Bears fight back: Counseling center raises suicide awareness

By REBECCA JUNG
REPORTER

An estimated seven to 10 Baylor students consider suicide each school year, and nationally 40 percent of college students know someone who attempted suicide, according to data collected by the Baylor Counseling Center. At that rate, it's possible someone you know could be considering suicide.

It's less than a month into school, and you know your roommate is stressed out. You haven't seen her in two days. She's withdrawing. The last time you saw her she was sad and talking about feeling purposeless. You noticed she had given her roommate her grandmother's bracelet, her most prized possession, and had recently become an organ donor.

You know these are all signs of being suicidal. You think she might be suicidal. You're not sure if there's anything you can do.

There is something you can do to help your struggling peer with suicidal thoughts: talk to her.

Through a program the counseling center offers called Question-

Persuade-Refer, students can learn the steps to dealing with a potentially suicidal person.

"We offer a program called QPR, and it's something anyone can do and is a proven way to prevent suicide," said Dr. Cheryl Wooten, a psychologist at Baylor Counseling Center. QPR consists of three life saving-skills: question, persuade, refer.

The QPR program is a one-hour program that is taught in a clear and concise format, according to the QPR institute webpage.

Gatekeepers, anyone in a position to recognize a crisis and the warning signs of suicide, are given a booklet as well as a wallet-sized card that contains information about warning signs and helpful phone numbers. Suicide has become a public health issue, and the month of September is Suicide Prevention Month.

QPR is like CPR, people learn it and then can use it to save a life.

"Our QPR Gatekeeper Training for Suicide prevention is good for all audiences, including college students," said Kathryn White, national coordinator at QPR Institute.

Suicide is a complicated issue, with many factors coming into play. The American Association of Suicidology states.

"The biggest contributor to suicide is depression and helplessness," Wooten said. "Twenty percent of Americans experience a depressive episode in their lives."

Suicide has become a public health issue, and the month of September is Suicide Prevention Month. Depression is very common, and very treatable. Often untreated depression leads to feelings of isolation and this can lead to suicidal feelings.

There are many warning signs in the behavior of suicidal people. These warning signs, listed by the Association of Suicidology, include but are not limited to talking about wanting to die, withdrawal from usual activities, increase in use of alcohol or drugs, talking about feeling hopeless or having no purpose in life.

Information compiled by the Association of Suicidology states that there are almost always multiple causes, and in some cases psychiatric illness is a factor. All of

these causes are treatable with the help of a medical professional.

"Each year more than 36,000 Americans take their own lives and about 465,000 people receive medical care for self inflicted injuries," the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suicide prevention webpage states.

Stress could be a factor in why suicide is the second leading cause of death for college students.

"Depression exacerbates stress and increases isolation," Wooten said. "So then it becomes a vicious spiral each one feeding into the other. Stress can be a catalyst for an episode."

The counseling center also has a 24-hour crisis line students can call anytime to get help. Students can also call the suicide prevention lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK or 254-710-2467.

Students without QPR training can still help suicidal peers through direct communication and by consulting a trusted confidant to assist.

"Suicide is often taboo in our culture, Wooten said." "The most important thing is to be able to ask friends or family members if they're

WARNING SIGNS OF SUICIDE

- Talking about wanting to die
- Looking for a way to kill oneself
- Talking about feeling hopeless
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs
- Acting anxious, agitated or recklessly
- Sleeping too little or too much
- Withdrawing or feeling isolated
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge
- Displaying extreme mood swings

Information courtesy of the National Suicide Prevention Hotline
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concerned about a person.

That can be as simple as saying hey tell about any thoughts you've

had about hurting yourself." The key is to be direct in asking and avoid hinting around.

International influence: World Mandate comes back to Waco

By KRISTIN BURNS
REPORTER

For the 25th year, World Mandate comes to Waco today as a conference centered on faith, worship and action.

Carl Gulley, executive producer of World Mandate and college pastor at Antioch Community Church, explained that the event is designed to change lives and the world. "It's an opportunity for people to really meet with God in a personal and powerful way," Gulley said. "Our theme is 'everybody do something.'"

World Mandate was started in 1988 by 60 college students who met together with the goal to seek

God. Since then, World Mandate has grown into an international conference influence around the world. Last year, more than 7,000 people attended the event, Gully estimated.

Gulley said that the majority of attendees are college-aged people who are interested in making a difference in the world. The target age of World Mandate is 18 to 29 years old. "College students, in general, are the most action-oriented," he said. "They are looking to do something with their life that makes a mark."

Youngstown, Ohio, junior Sarah Carson attended World Mandate in the past and said the conference positively impacted her

life. "It's just a time when we get to hear what God is doing in the United States and the world," Carson said.

World Mandate begins today and ends on Sunday, and there are five sessions throughout the weekend. Some featured keynote speakers are Louie Giglio, founder of the Passion Movement; Christian Caine, founder of the A21 Campaign; Paul Richardson, a missionary from Indonesia; and Jimmy Seibert, the head pastor of Antioch.

In addition, Gulley said there will be surprise guests and artists showing up spontaneously during the conference.

The conference focuses on what

Christians are doing in the world with evangelism and missions. Carson recommended World Mandate to anyone who is interested in mission work, human trafficking or social injustices.

"God has good plans for you. If you don't choose to ask him what those are, then you are missing out on a great adventure," Carson said.

Gulley expressed his desire for Baylor students to discover how World Mandate can work personally in their lives.

"It's going to open people's eyes to what's going on around the world and how they can be a part," Gulley said.

Since the event has been hosted at the Ferrell Center for the past

seven years, the Baylor involvement is high. Even President Ken Starr attended part of the conference last year, Gulley said.

The purpose of the event is to understand how young individuals can care for others and make an impact across the globe, Gulley said. "We're not comfortable sitting by and watching people who are hurting and in need and maybe have never heard of this grace," he said. "Our whole goal is to worship God and change the world."

World Mandate is prepared to give a refreshing look into the world of Christian missions.

"We want people to meet with God in a way that changes them forever," Gulley said. "They will

walk out of there saying, 'I will never be the same.'"

The first session for World Mandate begins at 7 p.m. today Saturday's first session is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a break from 3 to 6 p.m. for the Baylor game. Sessions will resume at 7 p.m.

Sunday's session is free and open to the public at 10 a.m. and will serve as the Sunday service for Antioch.

Tickets can be purchased at worldmandate.com for \$90, with freshmen discount at \$70. They can also be purchased at the door of the event for \$110. Contact Carl Gulley at 254-754-0386 for information about financial scholarships to the event.

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Couples start to seek more unique wedding venues

By BRITTNEY HORNER
REPORTER

Unique wedding venues are becoming a norm.

This trend is growing even among Christians, which may surprise those who grew up in a church where it was tradition to have a church wedding ceremony.

Clad in a Maggie Sottero lace dress with cap sleeves and a corset back, her mother's garter on underneath, Gainesville senior Elizabeth Puckett walked down the aisle to become Mrs. Newman. It was not a traditional wedding, though. There was no chapel or pastor ordaining the ceremony.

The Newman wedding was at the State Theater, in the couple's

hometown of Gainesville. The couple's friend Casey Fain was ordained just to officiate the wedding. With heirloom decorations, a potluck and a cupcake wood-tiered stand crafted by the bride's father, the wedding was informal, unstructured and family-friendly. The bride even let the groom see her before the ceremony, rebelling against the superstition of not allowing the groom to see the bride in her dress before she walks down the aisle.

"I could not imagine it anywhere else," newlywed Newman said.

According to a survey by the XO Group Inc., creator of wedding websites, TheKnot.com and WeddingChannel.com, in 2012 only 35

percent of brides held their wedding in a house of worship, which is down from 41 percent in 2009. One in three couples chose a friend or family member to officiate.

Dr. Jonathan Tran, associate professor of religion, said he attended a Christian wedding in a barn outside Austin. Tran said he has noticed deep-seated Christians marrying outside churches.

"This trend suggests a larger cultural phenomenon for Protestant Christians," Tran said. "Many people believe that God is everywhere and what matters is in your heart. Theologically, is that right? Absolutely."

Tran said God is interested in the group of people meeting, not the walls of the building.

"Church does not name a space; it names a set of relationships," he said.

Although Tran said he believes God can be present at secular wedding venues, he also emphasized the sacredness of a church.

"The reason people get married in a church is because the church holds people accountable," Tran said. "The covenant is with God."

Tran said he would want his own daughter to marry in a church.

"You can have a baby in a barn, but save marriage for a church," he said. Tran said he does not think that church ceremonies will be common in the future.

"In 25 years, this will not be an issue," he said.

There could be various reasons why more couples are choosing secular venues such as different religious beliefs between the bride and groom.

Jessica McAdoo, the public relations and facilities supervisor at Armstrong Browning Library, one of Baylor's wedding venues, said she got married at the library last March because she and her spouse had been raised in different denominations.

"I grew up Catholic, he grew up Baptist and we wanted a neutral ground for our ceremony," McAdoo said.



Baylor students and graduates can have their weddings at The Armstrong Browning Library, located on Speight Avenue.

She said many students are told the library is booked years in advance, but the library only has about five or six weddings a year and dates are reserved only nine months in advance.

"Freshmen do not need to reserve their date," she said. Although Baylor affiliation is required to have a wedding in the library, it is not mandatory for the ceremony to be ordained by a pastor.

"Judge Ken Starr has even officiated a ceremony here," McAdoo said.

Many Christian couples that do not have a home church, for various reasons such as relocating for a job or changing denominations, do not desire or are unable to find a suitable church venue.

El Paso junior Jessica Bedwell is engaged and said she plans to marry after graduation.

"People who have weddings in a church are deeply rooted in a specific church," she said.

Bedwell does not consider herself deeply rooted in a specific church, and for her, a church wedding would be impersonal.

"I will not be getting married in a church," she said.

The Bible, Tran said, does not outline specific rules for where a wedding should take place or who should officiate it.

Tran said he believes Christian marriage ceremonies are a public promise to one's spouse and to God.

He said it is imperative for Christians to demonstrate that God is a part of their union with another person.



A chandelier hangs in the Hankamer Treasure Room. The Armstrong Browning Library was built in 1951 and attracts 22,000 visitors per year.



Gainesville senior Elizabeth Puckett married Devvon Newman at the State Theater of Gainesville.

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DANCE DANCE! Baylor students gathered for "The Big Dance" concert for freshmen and friends. Students gathered at the Ferrell Center on Aug. 22.



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FOOTBALL TIME. Senior inside receiver Tevin Reese (left), senior linebacker Eddie Lackey (#5), senior safety Ahmad Dixon, and senior cornerback Tyler Stephenson run on to the field before Baylor football's game against Wofford College at Floyd Casey Stadium on Aug. 31.

THE ROAD

Take a look at what Baylor Bears have been up to this semester so far. From the annual Traditions Rally to sports to the BAA vote, Baylor has had a curvy but exciting road into the year.



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GOLDEN WAVE BAND. Penelope Shirey, a freshman from Kalamazoo, MI practices a windmill with the rest of the color guard for the Golden Wave pre-show. Aug. 22.

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SIC 'EM! Baylor freshmen prepare to run the Line before the game. Baylor football beat Wofford College 69-3 at Floyd Casey Stadium on Aug. 31.



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SING FOR ME. Holly Tucker, former "The Voice" contestant and Baylor Junior from Waco, performs at the Cameron Park Zoo on Sept. 14.



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PLAY IT LOUD. Artist Ben Rector performs during the 2013 Welcome Week Traditions Rally at Floyd Casey Stadium on Aug. 29.

BEARS WHO SERVE

By REBECCA FIEDLER
STAFF WRITER



Seattle, Wash., junior Bryan Solis served in Al Asad, Iraq, as part of an six-year deployment with the Marine Corps.

Veterans club helps wounded warrior relate to fellow students

Many Baylor students have served overseas with the United States military and have brought their experiences back to Waco with them.

Seattle, Wash., junior Bryan Solis first came to Baylor in the spring of 2013, after serving six years overseas with the Marine Corps.

Solis first enlisted in the Marine Corps his junior year of high school. Solis said he was inspired by his high school AFJROTC instructor, who would eventually adopt him and become his dad.

“A lot of what I learned from him really inspired me to continue to build on that discipline and things he’d taught me before,” Solis said.

Solis was deployed in August 2007. He was 18 years old, had graduated high school and was taking online courses with Kaplan University. Once with the Marine Corps, he was deployed to many different places, including Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Chile and Myanmar. His job was Counterintelligence/Human Source Intelligence, which involves keeping enemies from observing intelligence and tactics.

“I was attached to the Marine Corps and Embassy Security Group, and those Marines are actually deployed to various areas around the world to provide security to over 220 different embassies and consulates,” Solis said.

Solis saw combat in Iraq and was injured, he said. He was shot five times and was in two vehicle-born IED, or improvised explosive device, explosions. His memory from the events is fuzzy, he said.

“Honestly there’s not a whole lot I can recall – at least not in the moment,” Solis said.

Solis said there was a lot to learn, and the work was very fast-paced, and he was scared at times. But, with training and with other personnel at his side, he said he felt a sense of security.

“It was also a bit comforting to know that if any dangerous circumstances arose, that someone

would be taking care of it, to the best of our abilities,” Solis said.

After his six years of work with the Marine Corps, Solis returned home November 2012. Baylor was a big change in scenery from what he had been experiencing, Solis said.

“It’s honestly a completely different experience,” he said. “It’s a lot different coming to a university whenever you have a lot of experience underneath your belt, whatever ranks you serve in. Because you’re not this 18 year old high school graduate coming to college. You have some kind of worldly experience with you.”

Solis said relating to students was difficult at first upon return, but he found a good community at Baylor through the Veterans of Baylor student club, which the Baylor website describes as a club that helps student and faculty veterans build connections with one another, as well as with those who have someone close to them serving overseas.

“It’s just nice to be able to speak to someone who’s been there and has some experiences you can relate to,” Solis said.

Solis also said Baylor faculty and staff have had a positive effect on him.

“The faculty here has been really great,” he said. “They’ve taken the time to actually get to know me a little bit and consider my experiences in a lot of the curriculum they used. It’s really great being able to use those experiences in the classroom and be able to see things in a broader perspective than just what you read out of a textbook or what you hear in a lecture.”

Solis said he thinks Baylor students should be aware that there are veterans present among them.

“It’s more of an awareness that we want them to have as a group,” Solis said. “I don’t think any veterans are looking for any kind of parade or any kind of special treatment other than acknowledgement for the service that they have done.”

Soldier abroad plans to return, finish education at BU

Palestine, Texas, sophomore John Hazel is serving in Afghanistan as a specialist for the National Guard. He has been stationed there for three months; his total deployment is scheduled to last 12 months.

Hazel enlisted Jan. 5, 2011, as a senior in high school. During his freshman year at Baylor, he joined the ROTC, just to see if it was something he liked, Hazel said.

He decided, however, the officer route that the ROTC offers was not the one he wanted to take, so he did not participate in ROTC as a sophomore.

The Baylor website says ROTC cadets do not deploy until they have graduated and are commissioned as officers.

“My plans kind of changed midway through,” Hazel said. “When you do ROTC and you contract with ROTC, there’s actually no chance of you being deployed because you’re attached to the ROTC program.”

Hazel has had to skip semesters at Baylor because of military training, and he plans on returning to Baylor in the fall of 2014 as a sophomore in his second semester.

Hazel said he learned many skills and got a lot of experience out of Baylor that affect him serving in Afghanistan.

“I’m a political science major and so a lot of the classes that I took there deal with kind of this area in the Middle East and what all is going on over here, so they’ve given me a pretty good insight just being here. It’s given me a pretty neat perspective.”

The relationships Hazel formed at Baylor and Antioch Community Church in Waco have strengthened and encouraged him along the way in his military service, Hazel said. He said he also thinks it was a good idea to be deployed mid-college career instead of before.

“I try and stay as up-to-date as possible,



Palestine, Texas, sophomore John Hazel offers up a Sic ‘em during his deployment in Afghanistan as a specialist for the National Guard.

and my life group from Antioch keeps me pretty up-to-date on everything that’s happening,” Hazel said. “I know God’s been doing a lot, and I know He still has a lot in store there at Baylor. So that’s one of the things that keeps me going — thinking about everything that’s happening back there. It’s exciting to hear about it.”

Hazel said faculty and staff at Baylor have taken care of his needs at school during his deployment.

“I definitely don’t think I’d find this much support from the Baylor faculty and staff at any other university, so that’s been a big help

as well in transitioning,” he said.

Hazel would like to remind his fellow Baylor students that veterans walk among them.

“You’d be surprised how many of our classmates, or even our teachers and professors, are veterans and prior service members,” Hazel said. “Some of the best connections I’ve had have been with prior service members.”

Hazel said veterans have wisdom and experience to share.

“There’s just a lot you can take from what they have to say from where they’ve been,” he said.

Back at Baylor after a college career interrupted by war

David Kaye is the associate director of athletic communications at Baylor and is also a 2008 alumnus. Kaye began his studies at Baylor in fall 2002 and joined the Army Reserve the summer of 2003, serving as a specialist. He was called to active duty in May 2005 with only two days notice, Kaye said.

“I had two weeks left in my junior year, and they called me on a Friday and said, ‘You’re flying up here on Sunday,’” Kaye said. “So I had to withdraw. Baylor was willing to let me take the finals early, but two days wasn’t enough time. So I just had to wash away that whole semester.”

Kaye spent 15 months in active duty. One of those months he served in Kuwait, another in Uzbekistan and 10 months in Afghanistan, he said. He served with a communications unit, building communications networks.

Kaye didn’t know when he came to Baylor that he would join the military, he said. He was the first one in his family to join the Army.

“I didn’t have an intention of having a military career,” Kaye said. “I always kind of wanted to join the Army Reserve after 9/11.”

Kaye said his experience at Baylor did not affect his service overseas.

“To me it was just kind of two separate lives almost,” he said. “You’ve got different friends, and it’s just a whole different way of life. I tried to kind of compartmentalize it.”

Kaye said when he returned from deploy-



David Kaye, associate director of athletic communications, hugs his wife, Emily Kaye, after landing in Fort Polk, La., in fall 2006. He was first deployed with the Army Reserve in May 2005.

ment people asked if it was difficult being back, but it wasn’t, because he was coming back to his old life. He said, however, that through his experience with the military he had grown up and was a different person upon return.

“You can go over there and be immature and not know where you’re going with life, but you’re going to grow up,” Kaye said.

Kaye said coming back to Katy, his hometown, from a place like Afghanistan gave him a new appreciation for what he has.

“It affected me as soon as I got over there,”

Kaye said. “The things you see are just crazy. You can never imagine them here. I mean, if you saw some of those things in America, there would be outrage.”

Kaye was married a month after he graduated from Baylor. He met his wife while at home on leave from Afghanistan, and was introduced to her by a Baylor professor. Kaye came to work at Baylor in 2009. He said that there is no question in his mind about his service in the military being something he should have done. Kaye said it changed his life for the better.



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Rodeo pageant star seeks opportunities in Middle East

By CLAIRe CAMERON
REPORTER

With writing an honors thesis, applying to grad school and participating in rodeo pageants, Boerne senior Ashley Bergfield knows how to handle more than just school-work.

Born on a ranch in Nebraska, Bergfield said she and her family moved to San Antonio when she was only four years old. She said rodeo and horses are just one of many passions.

"Horses are my life," she said. "Growing up, I was an only child, so it could get lonely. But through living on a ranch with horses, they became my passion."

Bergfield said she has been competing in rodeo competitions for as long as she can remember, doing competitions in barrel racing, goat tying, pole bending and

showing her horses. In 2011, she started competing in pageants.

In June, Bergfield participated in the 2013 Miss Rodeo Texas pageant and won first runner-up overall, and also won first place in appearance.

Bergfield said the pageant is "Miss America meets rodeo."

"It's a lot like a normal pageant, but for the talent portion, all the girls show off their horsemanship and give a speech about Texas," Bergfield said.

Bergfield competed in 2011 and won first place in the Miss Rodeo Austin pageant.

She held the title Miss Rodeo Texas Austin for a year, during which she traveled around Texas making appearances.

Bergfield said two of her favorite memories from that year were when she made an appearance at

the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame, and when she was invited to the Off Shore Energy Conference that honored China.

"I got to see Sandra Day O'Connor at the hall of fame which was really fun, and at the conference, I got to meet Neil Bush, who was one of the Bush brothers," Bergfield said.

Pageants are not the only thing Bergfield loves.

Bergfield is an international studies major, and she said she hopes to go on to graduate school once she graduates from Baylor. After that, she wants to work with the Middle East in some way.

"I love to travel," Bergfield said. "My family and I were supposed to take a trip to Israel and Jordan a few years back when the Arab Spring happened, and we were advised not to go."

Bergfield said she first fell in love with the region after taking a Middle Eastern studies class from Dr. Jerry Long, director of Middle East Studies and associate professor in the Honors College.

"He shaped my whole world view," Bergfield said. "I wouldn't have considered being an advocate in the Middle East if it wasn't for him."

Bergfield said her main reason for wanting to work over there is to erase stereotypes.

"People have a lot of misconceptions about the Middle East and I want to be like an advocate for them," Bergfield said. "I want to inform people about their culture and what they believe and about what is going on over there."

Bergfield also said she was considering being a voice for women's rights in the Middle East.

"I have had people discourage me from wanting to go there because I have blonde hair, blue eyes and I'm a woman," Bergfield said.

Bergfield is very involved on campus and said she postponed graduating early just so she could be involved with more campus organizations and take more time



Boerne senior Ashley Bergfield "posts the colors" at the Miss Rodeo Austin contest in March 2013.

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Boerne senior Ashley Bergfield (left) made an appearance as Miss Rodeo Austin at the National Cowgirl Hal of Fame Inductions in Fort Worth. Here she is pictured with Miss Rodeo America 2012, Mackenzie Carr (right).

with her thesis.

"She's a leader," said Dr. Ivy Hamerly, a senior lecturer of political science.

Hamerly said she was Bergfield's teacher and also her mentor in the honor society for international studies majors, of which Bergfield was an officer.

"Ashley is very organized and very bright," Hamerly said, "She has ambitions and seeks out unique opportunities."

Bergfield said she has such a love for the region that she applied to go to Saudi Arabia this summer.

She said it is a program where, if she is chosen, she will spend two weeks in Saudi Arabia and after she returns, she would be a representative for Saudi Arabia and travel around America speaking.

"I'll be a voice of some sort," Bergfield said.

Even with all her plans to travel the globe, Bergfield said she is not done with pageants yet. Bergfield said this summer, she will be competing in the Miss Rodeo Texas pageant in San Antonio. If she wins, she will advance to the National Miss Rodeo pageant held in Las Vegas.

"Not to toot my own horn, but I think I have a good chance of winning," Bergfield said.

To prepare for the pageant, Bergfield said she would be helping out with the upcoming Miss Green and Gold pageant Baylor is hosting Nov. 1.

Bergfield said she wouldn't be competing, but that she would help train the girls nominated for the pageant.

"Pageants are a great way to prepare for the real world," Bergfield said. "They teach you how to

speak in public and how to conduct yourself. They really help give girls self-confidence."

Bergfield said she hopes helping these girls will get her in shape for upcoming pageants she hopes to participate in, like Miss Rodeo Texas.

"The scholarships involved with these pageants are really great," Bergfield said. "The Miss Rodeo Texas winner gets a \$20,000 scholarship."

After she graduates, Bergfield said she hopes she can win the Miss Rodeo Texas title and then continue on for the national title where, if she wins, she will take a year off to travel and make appearances at rodeos and conventions across the country.

"Pageants and rodeo don't sound like they go together, but I love it," Bergfield said.

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Be the Match on Campus aims to cure blood cancer

By RAE JEFFERSON
REPORTER

The founders of one of Baylor’s newest student organizations hopes to initiate the next campus craze – curing blood cancer.

Eunice, La., sophomore Lynzi Glasscock, the co-founder and vice president of Be the Match on Campus, said the student organization gives herself and other college students the opportunity to make a life-changing difference in the lives of patients battling blood cancers and diseases.

“I, as a college student, can make a difference,” she said. “I don’t have to go through years of med school to become an oncologist to cure cancer. I can do it right here, right now.”

According to a press release issued by the national Be the Match organization, Be the Match operates under the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). NMDP is a nonprofit blood cancer and disease research organization that “educates healthcare professionals” with the life-saving data that is collected.

The press release said bone marrow transplants can help cure some of the more than 12,000 patients who are diagnosed every year with diseases like leukemia, lymphoma, and sickle cell disease.

Marrow drives have been conducted on Baylor’s campus by the national organization in past years, but a Baylor chapter has never been established until now. Be the Match on Campus, which made its debut this semester, is encouraging students to join the on-campus organization and become bone marrow donors.

Stephanie Jardot, a recruiter for the national organization, said the Baylor chapter is the first to be established at a Central Texas university.

Jardot said student chapters of Be the Match tend to be more effective on college campuses than just sending a representative to the school.

“Having students hear from their peers is priceless,” she said. “They see that they can make a difference.”

The organization’s on-campus presence will encourage students to make a difference in the lives of patients, many of whom are college-aged, Jardot said.

“So many college students are diagnosed every year,” she said. “They never have a chance to go to college, get married, or travel because of their illness.”

Jardot said she has seen the organization’s impact on young patients firsthand. Diagnosed at 14 years old, a patient received a transplant one year later in 2008. Jardot said the now 20-year-old recipient’s condition

has dramatically improved, making it possible for him to attend Central Texas College for his second year.

Patients are matched to donors through the Be the Match Registry to receive a marrow transplant.

The Registry is a national database that stores information about marrow and umbilical cord donors.

Students do not have to join the student organization to sign up with the Be the Match Registry or make on-campus donations during Be the Match-sponsored marrow drives, Glasscock said.

Jardot said joining the Registry is an easy process that college students can complete in minutes.

“Something as simple as filling out paperwork and swabbing the inside of the cheek – they could do that,” she said.

Glasscock said college students make for better marrow donors than older volunteers.

“You can join the registry when you’re 18 and stay on it until you’re 65,” she said. “College students are on the Registry for longer, and they have a greater chance

“I don’t have to go through years of med school to become an oncologist to cure cancer. I can do it right here, right now.”

Lynzi Glasscock | Be the Match on Campus member

of being called.”

College students are also desirable donors because the tissue and cells received from younger donors are healthier and more useful to patients, Glasscock said.

“The transplants work better if they come from younger donors,” she said.

Jeffrey W. Chell, chief executive officer of Be the Match, said in a press release that college students are essential to the mission of the Be the Match.

“Young people are the key to making bone marrow transplants available to more people in need,” Chell said. “The fact is that in many cases, the cure is on campus.”

Glasscock said the chances of someone signed up with the Registry being contacted are one in 540, but students should still register.

If donors are matched with a patient, donations will be collected in one of two ways, Glasscock said.

“It all depends on what the patient needs,” she said.

Glasscock said the most common process is similar to dialysis. Donors are given medicine that causes the body to produce more stem cells. Then, they are connected to a machine while peripheral blood stem cells are collected. The process is not painful, but donors may feel soreness around the area of needle penetration, she said.

The second, more well-known process involves anesthesia. Glasscock said bone marrow is removed with a needle from the hip bone. Donors are likely to be sore for a few days after the procedure.

“It’s not very painful,” she said. “It’s more like you worked out too much, and it only lasts for about a week.”

Glasscock said joining the student organization helps boost appeal on graduate school applications and job resumes, and has taught her how to better communicate with people.

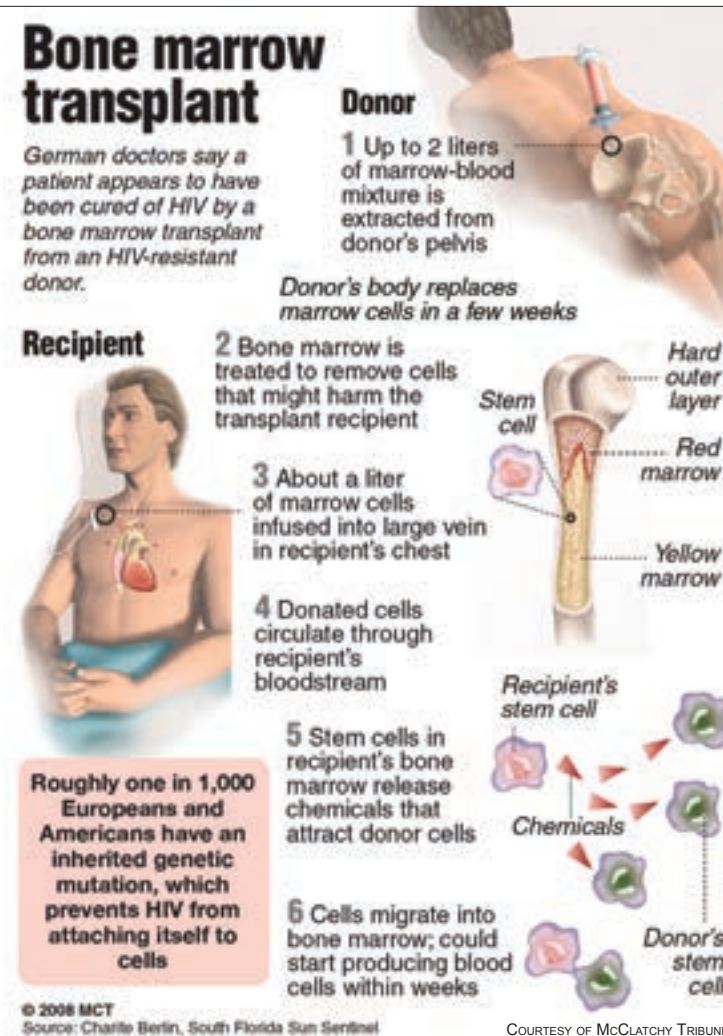
“During our drives, we’re constantly talking to people,” she said. “It takes some guts.”

The Baylor chapter of Be the Match on Campus has planned several events to promote the organization’s mission and garner student support. Students interested in joining the group can attend an interest meeting at 3 p.m. Friday in C231 Baylor Sciences Building.

The student organization will also host illusionist Jim Munroe in a free event called The Maze. Munroe is a bone marrow recipient and will help encourage students to join the Registry, Glasscock said.

“I’ve seen the show before, and it was absolutely incredible,” she said.

The Maze will start at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Roxy Grove Hall. The student organization will hold its first



bone marrow drive immediately after the show.

To coincide with the promotion of Be the Match on Campus across more than 30 college campuses, Be the Match released a college version of My Social Strand, a social media tool that accesses user profiles on Facebook. The press release said My Social Strand “highlights connections” between the user and friends, giving participants the opportunity to form a link between “connectedness” and becoming a donor. At the end, users are shown a statistic about the number of Facebook friends that will likely develop blood cancer.

“It makes you realize more about your Facebook friends,” Glasscock said. “It’s really cool.”

Columnist, former congressman to talk global issues

By RAYNE BROWN
REPORTER

Baylor will welcome Michael Gerson, columnist from The Washington Post, along with former U.S. congressman Chet Edwards on Tuesday to discuss how local communities can affect global issues.

The event is intended to inform Baylor students and the Waco community on changes they can make in their everyday lives to ef-

fect global change.

There will be a free dinner served at 6 p.m. in the Great Hall at Truett Seminary. The discussion, “Engaging Public Service: A conversation,” will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Powell Chapel. Business attire is required.



Edwards

“It’s a pleasure to welcome two prominent public service people that have done a lot in their respective careers and so that’s great to hear from folks with interesting experience,” said Dr. Andy Hogue, director of Civic Education and Community Service Program.

The opening to make reservations for dinner closed Thursday, but students and guests who did not register for the dinner are welcome to attend the discussion afterward. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early, as the discussion segment is free and open to the community. The Dutton Avenue Office and Parking Facility and other campus parking will be available for the event.

The conversation will cover

ways for people to participate in global change by getting involved in their own communities.

“It’ll be a bit of all of it,” Hogue said. “So we’ll talk about things like global poverty, which just sounds like a huge issue, but some real practical steps that we can take in our day to day walking around.”

The event will not specifically focus on the local community, but will offer local, everyday solutions to large-scale global issues.

“The hope is some practical advice on ways that we can improve the world,” Hogue said.

The discussion will not focus on ways politicians can help, but will look at ways everyone can help, Hogue said. “Not just things that politicians can do, things that all of us can do, ways that all of us can pitch in and make a difference in local communities or global communities with dealing with a lot of major issues that we have.”



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Students to hear aviation stunt pilots at lecture

The Baylor Aviation Science department will host Chip Lamb and Kirby Chambliss, who are stunt pilots with Trojan Phylers Red Bull Air Racing, from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday in 101 Marrs McLean Science Building.

Internship orientation to feature former congressman

The orientation session for the Washington, D.C., 2013 Summer Internship will take place from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Monday in 201B Poage Legislative Library. Former U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards will be the special guest.

Career fair to help graduating students find internships

The university-wide HireABear Career Fair will take place from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Waco Convention Center. About 85 companies will be present with open internships and entry-level career positions available.

Acclaimed writer to speak to students, faculty at lecture

Award-winning author and columnist Timothy Egan will speak at the Beall-Russell Lecture at 3:30 p.m. Monday in 510 Cashion Academic Building. The lecture is called “The Worst Hard Times.”

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The returning former Bears receive two tickets to the game, free lunch, free parking and on-field recognition. They also receive a commemorative gift from Baylor Athletics.

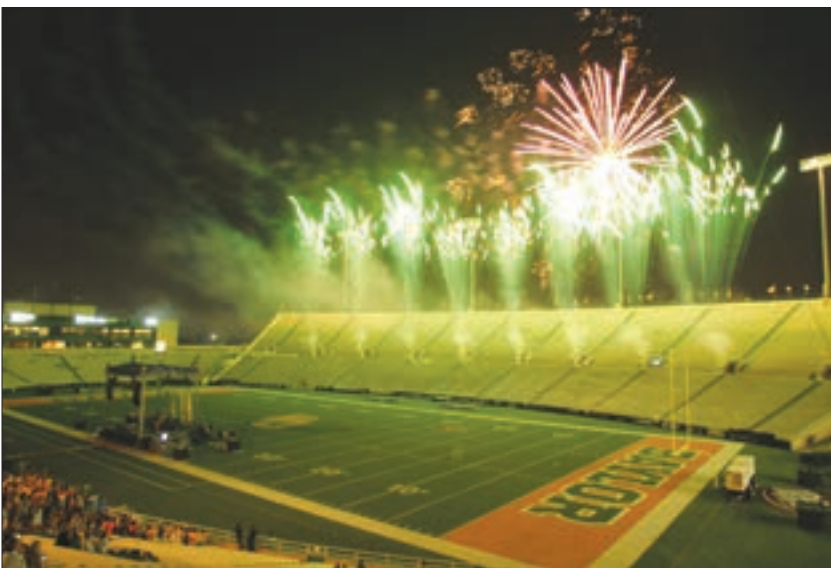
In a slight contrast, the game against Oklahoma University will not honor a specific decade. Rather, the All-Floyd Casey Team will be recognized.

According to the Baylor Bears website, a university selection committee selected the players that made up the team. Offense and special team players that received unanimous votes include Bill Glass, Lawrence Elkins, Abercrombie and Robert Griffin III.

Members of the defense team that were voted on unanimously include Santana Dotson, James Francis, Mike Singletary, Thomas Everett and Gary Green.

In addition, the alumni network tent has collectable pennants unique to each decade.

The pennants are free to the first 500 visitors to the Alumni Network's tent. In addition to the pennants, free burgers and fries from Fuddruckers are also available.



Fireworks go off during the 2013 Welcome Week Traditions Rally on Aug. 29 at Floyd Casey Stadium. The stadium, commonly known as The Case, opened in 1950 and is in its last year of hosting Baylor football.

The pennants are 12 inches long and themed according to the decade being honored.

This weekend, the pennant will have Baylor written in cursive because of the popularity of that logo in its time.

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"I believe self defense is a human right and that you have an obligation to yourself and your family to be prepared to survive a potentially life-threatening situation," McNamara said. McNamara and his other instructors said they believe someone is much less likely to become a victim of violent crime if they have a concealed handgun license than someone who does not.

Charlotte Kosub, an instructor who teaches with McNamara, said she started working for McNamara as a secretary but became an instructor after she heard the countless stories of students who had been assaulted and threatened but couldn't defend themselves.

"I was just there to file paperwork. But once I started hearing all the stories, I became a believer," Kosub said. "As a woman, I know it would be easy for a man to attack me. But now, I feel like I have a fighting chance."

Randy Bland, a retired Texas State Correctional Officer and CHL instructor, said he is in favor of the shorter classes but thinks that he might need to teach smaller classes in order to maintain the quality of his instruction.

"I think larger classes demand more time than six hours," Bland said. Bland also said he feels an obligation to his community to make sure everybody who goes through his class receives high-quality instruction and strict evaluation before they receive a CHL license.

According to House Bill 48, the new CHL regulation also "eliminates the requirements for CHL holders to complete a renewal course, or demonstrate proficiency, to renew the license."

Bland said he feels it is important for CHL holders to practice with their weapons in order to maintain their proficiency and be effective in the case of an emergency.

"I am not in favor of license renewals without proficiency checks," said Bland.

McNamara and Kosub said they also believe it is important to only issue concealed handgun licenses to highly qualified candidates.

"It's a real privilege to have this license. Not just anybody can sign up and get it," McNamara said.

Kosub said she was especially proud of Texas' background-check process for the CHL.

"Texas checks everything," Kosub said. "Texas does thorough background checks on all applicants to ensure they are law-abiding citizens. They even check to make sure you pay your child support, don't have any mental illnesses and don't have a history of drug or alcohol abuse."

More information about the new concealed handgun licenses can be found on the Texas Department of Public Safety website, <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us>.

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tion, part of the world, cuisine, music, dance forms and other forms of arts," Nodes said. "It has a way of celebrating Greek contributions to American civilization."

The Greek Gala is an opportunity for the members of St. Nicholas to educate the people of Waco about their heritage.

Many of the members of the church are descendants from immigrants of Greece.

"The immigrants never wanted to lose their roots," Nodes said. "How do you show that? You celebrate. You celebrate life. It really is a rich experience."

At the Gala, guests will experience live music played on Greek instruments during their appetizer and main course.

A troop of dancers will attend the event as an example of the ancient tradi-

tion of regional dance.

The historical displays at the event will focus on the personal stories of Greek immigrants who settled in Waco and how they impacted the community with their arrival.

"Many restaurants are still owned by Greek immigrants," Telep said. Some restaurants started by Greek immigrants and members of St. Nicholas are The Elite Café and D's Mediterranean Grill.

The Greek Gala will continue the annual tradition of the Greek Food Festival in the future.

"The Greek Gala is a way for St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church to participate with the Waco community and invite them into our culture," Telep said.



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