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# US government shuts down; no decision reached

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WASHINGTON — Congress has missed the deadline for averting the first partial government shutdown in 17 years.

As the clock struck midnight Monday, House Republicans were demanding that the Senate negotiate their demand for a one-year delay in making millions of people buy health insurance under President Barack Obama's 2010 health care law. Minutes before midnight, the White House ordered a shutdown.

The Democratic Senate on Monday twice rejected GOP demands to delay key portions of what has become to known as Obamacare as a condition for keeping the government open.

An estimated 800,000 federal workers faced furloughs though many were told work a half day Tuesday. Critical functions like air traffic control and military operations will continue. Social Security benefits will be paid. National parks and most federal offices will close.

President Obama laid the blame at the feet of House Republicans, whom he accused of seeking to tie government funding to ideological demands, "all to save face after making some impossible promises to the extreme right wing of their party."

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, responded a short while later on the House floor. "The American people don't want a shutdown and neither do I," he said. Yet, he added, the new health care law "is having a devastating impact. ... Something has to be done."

The stock market dropped on fears that political gridlock between the White House and a tea party-heavy Republican Party would prevail, though analysts suggested significant damage to the national economy was unlikely unless a shutdown lasted more than a few days.

Any interruption in federal funding would send divided government into territory unexplored in nearly two decades.

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## Up in the Air

The Falcon Flight RVs perform a formation routine with eight pilots at the Heart of Texas Air Show at Texas State Technical College Campus Airport on Saturday. The show was from 2 to 5 p.m. and other events, vendors, exhibits and rides were featured. Spectators could even join in on the flying, with opportunities to take helicopter rides. Watch the Lariat coverage video on baylorlariat.com

# Living leaders: Residential council comes back

By RAE JEFFERSON  
REPORTER

After a 10-year hiatus, the Residential Community Council returns to campus as an advocate for residential students.

The student group votes on issues relevant to students in Baylor's residence halls, while developing a greater sense of community between on-campus residential communities, including halls and colleges.

Lisa Murphy, assistant director for residential living, said students have lived without the council for about a decade, but the council has returned to encourage student leadership within the on-campus community, provide an outlet for student concerns and give student residential leaders the opportunity to learn from others across the country.

"It's a positive initiative," Murphy said. "We wanted residents to have a bit more of a say about what's going on in their halls."

Murphy said the council is part of a national intercollegiate initiative that is often known as a Residence Hall Association on other college campuses. Councils from different universities interact peri-



ROBBY HIRST | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Greenville junior John Parker, Spring junior Austin Thacker, Houston junior Oreva Eleyae and Sophomore Irving Matthew Willis join together to lead the Residential Community Council this year, a way for students living on campus to have a voice.

odically and share community-building ideas that encourage "mutual learning," Murphy said.

"We felt like Baylor was missing out, in some sense, on learning from other institutions," she said. "I feel like we have great things going on here too that we want to be able to share with other schools."

The council consists of officers and voting representatives from each hall or residential college on Baylor's campus.

Officers were selected by residence hall staff members and are upper classmen who have lived on campus for several years.

Positions include president, vice president of community development, vice president of administration, vice president of community standards, vice president of facilities and national communications chair.

With the exception of North Village Residential Community, each residential community contributes two representatives. North Village has three representatives — one each for the Heritage, Texana and University houses. There are 29 voting representatives in the council.

Voting representatives, who make de-

cisions on student-submitted suggestions or proposed revisions of residential community policies, are required to be active members of a student hall organization known as Hall Leadership Team, Hall Council or Event Crew.

Greenville junior John Parker, the council president, said the council is the best representative of on-campus student concerns. Despite the presence of other student-minded groups like Student Senate, residential communities seemed to be overlooked, he said.

Parker agreed to be the council's president because of the representation he can give to residential communities.

"I felt the voice of students on campus had been lacking," he said. "I hope as an organization we bring a much needed voice to students on campus — making sure opinions are heard on a wide range of issues."

Houston junior Oreva Eleyae, the council vice president of community standards and facilities, said she thinks having representatives from each hall will give students a greater voice and a more "enriched college experience."

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# Musical Syrian students connect with Waco community

By ADA ZHANG  
STAFF WRITER

Damascus, Syria, freshmen Amjad Dabi and Andrey Mukasi miss certain aspects of their home, but they are quickly adjusting to American college culture and making the most of their indefinite stay in the U.S.

Dr. Bradley Bolen, lecturer in piano, met Dabi and Mukasi in the summer of 2010 through American Voices, a program that brings American music and cul-

ture to "nations emerging from conflict or isolation." Since then, the three have stayed in contact, and when the civil war escalated, Bolen said he talked to the music department about bringing Dabi and Mukasi to the U.S., where they would be removed from the dangers of war.

After a year of back-and-forth correspondence, Dabi and Mukasi arrived in America in August, at which time they promptly began their American education.

Both music majors, Dabi plays

the piano and Mukasi plays the violin. Dabi is a full-time Baylor student while Mukasi is a McLennan Community College student with prospects of transferring to Baylor his junior year.

Both students are dependent on academic and music scholarships.

With smiles, Dabi and Mukasi said the Baylor community has been welcoming and that they have enjoyed their stay in the U.S. so far.

"People have been very friend-

ly and nice," Dabi said.

Dabi and Mukasi said the education system in Syria is not as flexible as the system in the U.S.

"Most universities in Syria are divided into different programs on different campuses," Dabi said. "If you study civil engineering, you only study those classes. Here, I take science classes, but I'm a music major. In Syria I wouldn't be able to do that."

Dabi and Mukasi said they are thankful to be away from the chaos in Syria, but they miss aspects

of living in a big city as well as being close to friends and family.

"I miss the food," Dabi said, to which Mukasi nodded in agreement. "Stuffed zucchini, hummus, pita bread."

Mukasi said he noticed Americans do not drink as much tea as Syrians.

"We drink tea five times a day," Mukasi said.

Despite the disparities between education systems and dietary habits of the U.S. and their home country, Dabi and Mukasi

said what alarms them most is how little people know about their home, a place they continue to love regardless of the calamities.

Mukasi said he has encountered many people who only associate Syria with what they see on the news. Dabi said Syria is much more than a war zone.

"Syria is home to the most ancient civilization," Dabi said. "It's a mix of so many different

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Baylor freshman starts a tutoring service in Ethiopia for women, giving them a chance to learn.



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Uproar records welcome back Dreamboat for another year of music.







Allegations of NCAA rules violations rocked the world of college football several times during the 2013 football season, and we are only in week six.

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Then Sports Illustrated began a five-part series into Oklahoma State football on Sept. 10 based on a 10-month investigation that included interviews with more than 60 former players as well as members of the former and current coaching staff. During the course of SI's investigation, they discovered allegations:

- Of money handoffs from boosters and football staff, overpayment for jobs performed and payment for work not performed.
- That football players had others doing their schoolwork for them in addition to being placed in lax classes where they were given a passing grade with little to no work.
- Of prevalent drug use by football players as well as numerous drug dealers being on the team during the years covered by the investigation. School officials were accused of ignoring the drug use by elite players, while suspending or expelling players deemed expendable.
- That a small number of women in the football program's hostess group performed sexual acts with

He is linked to the players via numerous wire fund transfers, flight receipts, text messages, banking statements and other materials that Yahoo obtained.

After the NCAA finished its investigation of Penn State, the football program received a bowl ban and scholarship reduction, was put on probation and was forced to pay \$60 million to child abuse prevention programs.

If the allegations against OSU are accurate, it could face extensive sanctions from the NCAA, including scholarship reductions, a bowl ban, probation and having affected members of the coaching staff given a show-cause penalty.

If allegations against the five players from the SEC are true, it could spell problems for several programs, starting with the University of Alabama.

If proven true, Alabama could be forced to vacate its 2012 National Championship the same way the University of Southern California did following its penalties for extra benefits that Reggie Bush received during his college years.

The trouble would not end there for SEC teams, because both the University of Tennessee and Mississippi State are on probation until

NCAA praised Baylor for the swift and meaningful action it took even though then-head coach Dave Bliss lied to NCAA investigators. As a result, Baylor avoided the "death penalty," a one-or-more-year ban from competing in a specific sport.

It is time that all college sports clean up their act. Sports is not the be-all and end-all of college.

Colleges should not be allowed to admit students solely because of their athletic abilities. Colleges exist to educate students to be successful and productive members of society, not train athletes for the pros.

In light of all of the numerous violations that programs across the country are being punished for, maybe it is time the NCAA issues the death penalty to a Division I school for the first time in 26 years, since the death penalty was given to Southern Methodist University in 1986.

At a minimum, the NCAA needs to be willing to do more Penn State-like serious sanctions for flagrant NCAA rules violations. By doing so, the NCAA can remind college athletic programs across the country that they and their programs are not above the rules and that cheating never wins.

don't think anybody thinks shutting down the government is a good option," he said.

However, he blamed President Barack Obama for refusing to negotiate with Republicans, and concluded, "I think they ought to defund Obamacare, because it's not going to work... The American people will defund Obamacare."

The problem is, the base doesn't seem to be as fired up as it once was. As we go to press, the government will likely be shut down - but Republicans will undoubtedly cave soon.

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# Pretty in PinK: Freshman spearheads tutoring program

By PAULA ANN SOLIS  
STAFF WRITER

When Orange County, Calif., freshman Ansley Bridges walked into an Ethiopian classroom at the age of 13 and saw students without school supplies, she knew she had to do something.

This experience six years ago was the spark that created an Ethiopian tutoring service that would transform lives.

"It changes your heart," Bridges said. "I didn't know how you could learn without textbooks. They just sat on benches listening to a teacher. In America, we have everything we could possibly need, but they didn't even have the bare necessities."

Bridges said her first mission trip was an eye-opener, just as her parents had intended. Bridges said her parents took her to Ethiopia to grasp the reality that the rest of the world is not always as sunny as California.

Upon returning from Ethiopia, Bridges started a book drive at her local elementary and middle schools and sent more than 5,000 books to those same Ethiopian school children sitting on benches with nothing to read. Now they have a library.

But Bridges did not stop there. After attending a women's conference in Ethiopia in 2010, she said she learned how the school system worked and was shocked to learn about the grave disadvantages

young girls faced. According to the National Association of Foreign Student Advisors, public school in Ethiopia is free, but tests in the 10th and 12th grades determine not only a student's eligibility to continue on with their education but in what field they will study.

The real disadvantage is that those who fail the 10th grade Ethiopian General School Leaving Certificate Examination never get to take the 12th grade exit exam that places students in college.

Students who fail are dismissed from school and have to learn on their own. They are still eligible to retake the exam, but Bridges said after missing years of school the odds are not in their favor, especially since the exams are in English. Most students speak Amharic, the national language.

"If they fail, they usually just do some type of manual labor and never go back to school," Bridges said. "When I heard only 30 percent of girls pass the [12th grade] exam and only 20 percent go to college, I was shocked."

Bridges said she knew what the girls needed because it was the same thing she needed in high school — tutoring. She made the suggestion to her parents in 2011 and from there Power in Knowledge [PinK Girls] was born.

The tutoring service PinK is offered at four campuses in Ethiopia. The campuses belong to Christian organizations that allow tutors to use the buildings on Saturdays, though PinK is not officially a Christian organization itself.

If the tutoring service were officially considered a Christian effort, many Muslim families would not allow their daughters to attend. Some students already attend the class in secret. Adding the Christian factor would only escalate the danger, Bridges said.

From 15 students on the first



COURTESY PHOTO  
Girls in Ethiopia can attend one of four PinK Girls campuses for tutoring services. The program has grown from 15 to 150 students since the program started in 2011.

day to 150 students currently, the organization has continued to grow and is funded by donations and Bridges' family.

For every student, the organization requires a \$420 sponsorship to cover the costs of books and staff wages for one year.

*"People tell me, 'You've done so much and you're only 19,' but these girls in Ethiopia are the ones sitting in class, learning and working hard."*

Ansley Bridges |  
Orange County, Calif., freshman

Bridges' family sponsors half the students. Every student in the PinK program has passed their exit exams and are currently at one of the 22 universities in Ethiopia.

Zelalem Tadele, the project manager of PinK Girls, works with

the Ethiopian students. As an Ethiopian himself, he knows how hard it can be for girls to get a fair shot at an education.

"It is really the pioneer here in Ethiopia," Tadele wrote in an email to the Lariat. "Female students... cannot express their opinions, feelings, etc. in classrooms compared with male students."

Tadele said the changes by PinK Girls are felt around all of Ethiopia as the importance of female education is brought to light. Bridges and Tadele work together to hire the tutoring staff.

Bridges said the main requirement to work with PinK is a passionate belief that women are the future of Ethiopia. Bridges said this is why she tries to hire Ethiopian and college-educated women when possible to demonstrate the possibility of a strong future for all women.

When Bridges is not working in Ethiopia because of her classes at Baylor, PinK's executive director, Julie Fields, is Bridges' direct line of communication for the program.

Bridges continues to check in every opportunity she gets.

Though working with PinK has meant missing an entire semester last year and not declaring a major yet, Bridges said PinK is where her heart and focus are right now.

She said she cannot stand to be away from those students and staff that have become part of her family.

As PinK grows, Bridges said she hopes volunteers and donors take notice of the organization and choose to get involved either with her efforts or those of other Ethiopian based services similar to hers.

During the summer, PinK offers an English camp dedicated to teaching girls the language, and Bridges said it would be a great mission trip for Baylor students.

Those interested should visit pinkgirl.org.

"I tell people about these girls and show them pictures, but it's not the same," Bridges said. "You have to meet them and see how lovely they are. People tell me 'You've done so much and you're only 19,' but these girls in Ethiopia are the ones sitting in class, learning and working hard. They're the impressive ones."



COURTESY PHOTO  
Orange County, Calif., freshman Ansley Bridges hugs a girl from one of her PinK Girl campuses.

## BEAR BRIEFS

### Brush up on interviewing skills

An interviewing workshop will be held at 5 p.m. today in 111 Cashion Academic Center. There will be pizza and giveaways for participants. Students can RSVP through their HireABear accounts at [baylor.edu/cpd](http://baylor.edu/cpd).

### Learn about majors, careers at fair

The Office of Career and Professional Development will host a University-Wide Majors Fair from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on Oct 8 on the second floor of the Bill Daniel Student Center. Faculty representatives will answer questions related to majors, minors and career goals. All students are invited to attend.

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Back in business  
Uproar’s Dreamboat takes on new year

By MICHAEL DAVIDSON  
REPORTER

Working in a city with new emerging artists and art forms, it can be difficult for fresh musicians to get noticed and build a fan base. In Waco, one advantage Baylor students have is the opportunity to be signed on to the student-run music business organization, Uproar Records.

Each year, the label holds two rounds of auditions, which brings new artists and re-sign bands from previous semesters. One such band, Dreamboat, is now entering its second year with the record company and hopes to use this opportunity to continue to build its fan base in Waco while honing a new sound they’ve been working hard to perfect.

“Last year’s experience was great, and we learned a lot about what it takes to make music not just a hobby, so that’s why we decided to try out for Uproar again,” Boerne senior Tessa Gaston said, singer and lyricist of the five-member band. “We don’t want to be confined to a certain genre, which I feel like we have been in the past. Our plan, and our biggest challenge, is to incorporate this new sound we’ve been trying: a sort of edgier, more full sound without losing our old style.”

Gaston and the rest of the band spent the summer living in Austin writing, playing shows and utilizing the opportunities the live mu-

sic capital of the world has to offer for an emerging band.

“Austin has such an interesting music culture,” Gaston said. “Performing there, sort of forming a new crowd, and just being there in general definitely influenced the band, and now we have at least two shows there per month.”

When it was time for the new school year to start, however, only Gaston returned to Waco to finish up her senior year at Baylor. Balancing schoolwork. A social life is a common struggle for college students, not to mention being part of a band in which all the members are not able to live and work in the same place. While the 100-mile difference may be difficult, the band has also found it rewarding having to work and commute between the two towns.

“It’s challenging having the band split up across two cities,” said Ryan Higgs, one of Dreamboat’s two guitarists, a recent Baylor alumnus and former employee of Uproar Records. “But we get to have a presence in both Austin and Waco, which is awesome. It’s easy to make that drive almost every other day because I love these guys, and I love playing with them.”

Though working in Austin was,



PHOTO BY ANDREW HULLET

Dreamboat croons a crowd Saturday at True Love Bar in Downtown Waco. The band was signed by Baylor’s Uproar Records and plays at venues in both Austin and Waco.

and still is, a great experience for Dreamboat, Gaston said first and foremost she wants to concentrate on Waco, continuing to build a local fan base here and working with them. Living here for three years now, Gaston has long been an active member of Waco’s culture, participating in the community and teaching theater at the Mission Waco Youth Center. She said these experiences undoubtedly in-

fluence, inspire and shape her as a person and as an artist.

“For a while, I thought of Waco and my time at Baylor as a stepping-stone to somewhere else,” Gaston said. “But I’ve realized, especially with art, that making a true home here is the best way to reach everyone else that lives here. Focusing on people, as opposed to just myself, makes it easier to have a better outcome with my art.”

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Waco Hall

The alternative Christian rock band comes to Baylor with new music and the premiere of the new film, “Fading West.” Tickets can be purchased at the Bill Daniel Studio Center box office or online at [baylor.edu/studentactivities](http://baylor.edu/studentactivities).

Check out video from  
this weekend’s  
Waco Cultural Arts Festival  
at [BaylorLariat.com](http://BaylorLariat.com).

Baylor ‘VirtuOSO’ A Cappella Choir hits its pitch

By HALEY DAVIS  
REPORTER

Aca-believe it: Baylor has its own A Capella group reminiscent of the movie “Pitch Perfect.”

“If someone else isn’t comparing us to ‘Pitch Perfect,’ we’re quoting it and acting it out ourselves,” Marshall junior Ross Tarpley said.

Last year, the group even performed the “Cups” song from the movie. However, this group is more than the movie it idols.

“We’re a tight knit group of

college-age, pre-professional musicians whose goal is to bring the best possible contemporary A Capella to Baylor University,” Campbellsburg, Ky., sophomore Austin Montgomery said.

The group of 13 co-eds, founded by Dr. Aaron Hufty with a vision to create a group of pop a cappella singers, just celebrated its one-year anniversary in late August.

The group is working together to create the right sound for who they want to be and their unique style.

“These are very driven young adults who have a clear vision of their goals, future and their place in this world,” director Dinah Menger said. “I am beyond impressed with them as humans. Their music personifies their hearts.”

Their fall concerts are Nov. 15 and 16 in Bennett

Auditorium, where they will perform their own versions of popular songs.

“Singing inherently brings people together, and singing with these amazing people has been a great experience.”

Austin Montgomery | Member

ter.” Tarpley said. “I also enjoy

throwback songs that make people yell, ‘Oh my gosh, I love this song.’”

Three composition majors arrange all the songs performed by the group, then songs are taken to the singers, who add input that generates a creative atmosphere.

Menger’s motto that she tells the group is, VirtuOSO needs to mean everything to everyone.”

VirtuOSO works hard to entertain people, but the group also has fun and creates a community.

“Singing inherently brings people together, and singing with these

amazing people has been a great experience,” Montgomery said.

Although the a cappella group is still new to campus, they are working to leave their mark. The choir wants to keep building a base of people, Montgomery said.

“Everyone is on board with the idea that to be worth being heard we have to be great,” Fort Worth junior Amy Farnell said. “And if you aren’t on board, then you’re out. Each member is paid, so we are treated as professionals and are expected to treat it as a gig.”

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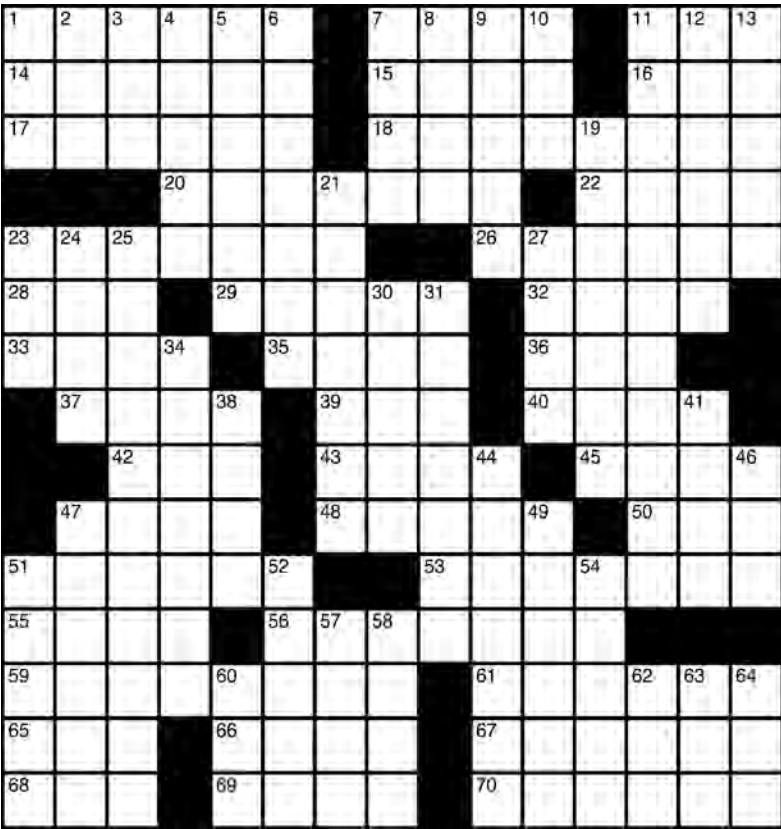
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# Seahawks shock Texans in OT 23-20

By KRISITIE RIEKEN  
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HOUSTON — After Seattle rallied for an overtime win against the Houston Texans on Sunday, Pete Carroll joked that halftime was the best thing that happened to his team.

Well, half-joked. The Seahawks shook off a terrible first half in which they trailed by 17 points to rally for the 23-20 victory to improve to 4-0 for the first time in franchise history.

“They handed it to us every way they wanted to in the first half and we didn’t have any answer to stop it,” Carroll said. “The challenge that we all wanted to meet up to was we hadn’t showed who we were and how we could play.”

Steven Hauschka kicked a 45-yard field goal in overtime to give the Seahawks the win.

Houston (2-2) failed to score on two possessions in overtime and also lost linebacker Brian Cushing to a concussion. The Seahawks got the win on their second drive in overtime.

A key to the winning drive came when Doug Baldwin caught a 7-yard pass and Kareem Jackson was penalized for unnecessary roughness for dumping him into the ground. That got Seattle in field-goal range and Hauschka’s kick came four plays later.

The Seahawks rallied to tie it at 20 on an interception return for a touchdown by Richard Sherman in the fourth quarter. The NFL’s best defense held Houston scoreless after halftime.

“It was a big-time play,” Sherman said. “I think it was the turn-

ing point also. We evened it out and our offense just continued to fight.”

Five things to know about the Seahawks-Texans game:

**WILSON’S A PLAYMAKER:** Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson finished with 123 yards passing and a touchdown and ran for 77 yards. But Carroll doesn’t believe his numbers tell the whole story of how much he meant to the Seahawks on Sunday.

“Russell’s play was off the charts,” Carroll said. “I don’t even know what his numbers were; it didn’t matter. You had to watch the game to see the things he did to give us a chance.”

**WATT’S HOT:** J.J. Watt’s face was blood-splattered from a gash on the bridge of his nose which required six stitches. His white pants were played with crimson from the same injury.

But his mangled nose and filthy uniform weren’t as troubling as the rage Houston’s star defensive end displayed as he discussed the loss.

“Nobody likes to lose, especially like this in your own building,” he said. “This isn’t fun, man. I was sick of it after one loss.”

He then vowed that the Texans will clean up their problems before next Sunday night’s game at San Francisco.

“We’ve just got to finish,” he said. “We’ll get it fixed. Everything that’s wrong will be fixed. I can promise that.”

**SEATTLE’S SLIPPERY:** In two of their four wins this season the Seahawks have trailed in the fourth quarter only to rally to keep their perfect record intact.

“We found a way to make plays

in big-time situations,” Wilson said. “That’s what good teams, great teams do; they find a way to make a play when they need one.”

**CUSHING CHANGES DEFENSE:** With Cushing on the sideline after his concussion in the third quarter, the Seahawks were able to move the ball after struggling to gain yardage all day.

The Seahawks marched downfield with a 14-play, 98-yard drive capped by a 3-yard scamper by Marshawn Lynch to get within 20-13 early in the fourth quarter.

“Obviously, he is a playmaker in the middle,” Watt said. “But all I can do is play the game.”

**TEXANS STAND BY SCHAUB:** The Texans are standing by beleaguered quarterback Matt Schaub, even as fans are calling for backup T.J. Yates to take over.

Schaub threw for 355 yards and two touchdowns, but also had two interceptions and failed to move the offense effectively in overtime.

Schaub was pushed down as he threw the interception that Sherman returned for the score and remained on the grass on his hands and knees beating the ground with his fists as Sherman became the third player to return one of his passes for a touchdown this season.

Star receiver Andre Johnson said he hates to see what Schaub is going through and that the entire team should be blamed for the losses, not just the quarterback.

“I’ve been here when (we were) 2-14 and there was hardly anybody in the stands, so I really don’t care about what fans think,” Johnson said. “A lot of them don’t understand what players go through. They can talk about what they want to talk about.”



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Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman intercepts a pass from Texans quarterback Matt Schaub that was intended for tight end Owen Daniels. The Seahawks defeated the Texans 23-20 on Sunday at Reliant Stadium.

# West Virginia snaps Baylor’s 31-match unbeaten streak

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No. 16 Baylor soccer got mixed results this weekend when a 4-3 loss to No. 22 West Virginia on Sunday halted its 31-game unbeaten streak after a close 1-0 win against Oklahoma on Friday.

Oklahoma (3-7-1) gave Baylor all it could handle by staying aggressive on offense and fighting for possession. Oklahoma started the game slow, but picked up in the second half, taking six of its seven shots in that period.

“OU is a good team,” junior goalkeeper Michelle Kloss said. “They were pressing a lot, but the defense played great. They were able to lock them down.”

Baylor’s lone goal came off a deflection when freshman defender Lindsay Burns’ cross hit the post and went in the net. Burns scored her second goal of the season against West Virginia, giving Baylor a spark after a 3-0 deficit.

“I think she’s started to come on,” Baylor co-head coach Marci Jobson said. “She’s gotten more time. Just being a freshman, you get

experience and the last few weeks she’s played great. I think she’s starting to gain her confidence and understand the system. We play so differently, it’s taking her a little while to understand how we play, but she’s fast, she’s good in the air.”

After giving up two goals on set pieces against Notre Dame during the Aug. 17 exhibition game, the Bears defended it well, negating Oklahoma’s strength.

“They are quite dangerous on their set pieces,” Jobson said. “Those were making me pretty nervous.”

It only took Baylor 38 seconds to get a shot off as freshman midfielder Ashley York set up Vic Hoffman with a cross that went wide.

The Bears were able to seize control of the game early and control the tempo of the game in the first half.

Last year’s regular season champion West Virginia (8-2-2), came into the game with a three game winning streak, including a 2-1 win over Oklahoma State on Friday. Baylor looked to brew a second half comeback, but it couldn’t dig itself out of a 3-0 deficit.

“They fought their guts out,” Jobson said “This is a great team [West Virginia] with some great weapons. Our team fought them back and fought hard.”

The Mountaineers put their clinical offense on display with four goals.

The Bears were unable to capitalize on opportunities in the game as Mountaineer senior goalkeeper Sara Keane did her job, making six saves including a header by junior forward Natalie Huggins in the sixth minute of the game.

Baylor took the first two shots

of the game, despite much of the control belonging to West Virginia. Baylor found itself in a big hole after a missed penalty kick by senior midfielder Larissa Campos that could have tied the game at one.

“It happened really fast,” Kloss said. “I came out and Selby was working to get back and it just kind of got caught in between us. That’s something we are going to learn from, we’re going to work on it and it’s not going to happen again.”

Baylor will look to rebound with a home game against No. 19 BYU at 7 p.m. Friday.

# Baylor senior safety charged with assault

By PAULA ANN SOLIS  
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Baylor head coach Art Briles said on Monday that he knew of senior safety Ahmad Dixon’s legal woes prior to the Sept. 21 ULM game. Dixon fully participated in the ULM game before suffering an injury.

Dixon, 22, was arrested Thursday and charged with a Class A misdemeanor assault, according to Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton of the Waco Police Department.

Executive associate athletics director for external affairs Nick Joos said Baylor athletics is handling the matter internally.

Dixon’s arrest stemmed from the alleged assault of a 21-year-old male the night of Sept. 16, according to a Waco Police Department press release. The unidentified man reported to Waco police officers on Sept. 17 that he was attacked while he was visiting his cousin at The

Grove apartment complex, where Dixon also lives.

Police said the alleged assault developed because the assailant believed the unidentified man broke into his apartment several months ago. When the man laughed at his accuser, according to the release, the assailant began punching him in the face and head, resulting in a possible concussion. The victim told officers he waited until the next day to report the assault because he and his family received threats from his attacker. When later photographed by police, he showed swelling and bruising on his face, head and elbow, according to the press release.

Detectives later interviewed Dixon in regard to the Sept. 16 attack then a warrant for his arrest was issued. Thursday afternoon, Dixon arrived at the McLennan County jail to turn himself in and was released on bond the same day. *Daniel Hill contributed to this report.*

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“Each representative actually lives there,” Eleyae said. “There’s a more accurate idea of what students are really thinking.”

The council aims to create student-advocates within residential communities, Murphy said.

Students with concerns about residential policies and procedures can approach the council to gain an understanding of why those regulations are in place.

In some instances, students will be able to present ideas and engage in discussion about residential community problems and possible solutions.

“Students have the opportunity to be the voice for their hall community,” Murphy said.

Through the council, halls and residential colleges are able to interact with one another and learn tactics for developing stronger communities within individual halls, Murphy said.

These encounters also allow hall leadership teams to plan activities that encourage inter-hall unity.

Parker said he hopes the council helps residence halls develop a true sense of community with one another.

“I want to help make campus feel more like home,” Parker said.

In the future, the council will act as a channel for student input regarding the remodeling and building of residential facilities,

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cultures. Damascus is the oldest continuously inhabited capital in the world.”

When Dabi and Mukasi watch or read the news on Syria, said they feel frightened for their loved ones.

“The biggest difficulty is being away from family,” Dabi said. “What makes it more difficult is that they’re in danger constantly. That makes the separation harder.”

Dabi and Mukasi have firsthand experience of the violence in Syria.

Mukasi said an explosion once went off two streets away from where they lived.

According to Bolen’s personal blog, a car bomb exploded right outside Dabi’s house and lacerated his face.

Mukasi said he initially objected to leaving Damascus because he did not wish to be separated from his family.

“I didn’t want to leave,” Mukasi said. “I left because my parents wanted me to be safe.”

Dabi and Mukasi said they talk to their families every day via Skype, Facebook and other social media outlets. Leaving their families has not been easy, but Dabi and Mukasi have a father figure of sorts in the U.S.



Freshman Amjad Dabi, Dr. Bradley Bolen, and Freshman Andrey Mukasi stand in front of Waco Hall. Dabi and Mukasi both from Damascus, Syria, study music at Baylor and MCC.

“I’m kind of like the surrogate dad for them,” Bolen said. “I make sure they’re OK and they make sure I’m OK. They’re always checking up on me and me on them.”

Without kids of his own, Bolen said he values the close relationship he has with Dabi and Mukasi.

If they ever struggle financially, Bolen said he steps in and helps.

Bolen said when he was ill recently, Dabi and Mukasi took care of him.

Murphy said.

The council’s second meeting of the semester is 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Alexander Residence Hall classroom. The council meets every other Wednesday.

Although hall representatives are the only attendees with voting power, interested students are invited to sit in on meetings, Parker said.

Parker said he hopes the council is able to effectively fulfill its purpose within the on-campus community.

“This could easily become a paper-only organization, but I’m hoping to make it worthwhile,” he said.

BUDGET

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House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio walks to a House Republican Conference meeting to discuss the ongoing budget fight Monday on Capitol Hill in Washington. Republican unity showed unmistakable signs of fraying Monday as Democrats and the White House vowed to reject tea party-driven demands to delay the nation’s health care overhaul as the price for averting a partial government shutdown at midnight.

Then, Republicans suffered grievous political damage and President Bill Clinton benefitted from twin shutdowns. Now, some Republicans said they feared a similar outcome.

If nothing else, some Republicans conceded it was impossible to use funding legislation to squeeze concessions from the White House on health care. “We can’t win,” said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

“We’re on the brink,” Sen. Barbara Mikulski, Md., said shortly after midday as the two houses maneuvered for political advantage and the Obama administration’s budget office prepared for a partial shutdown.

On a long day and night in the Capitol, the Senate torpedoed one GOP attempt to tie government financing to changes in “Obamacare.” House Republicans countered with a second despite unmistakable signs their unity was fraying — and Senate Democrats promptly rejected it, as well.

That left the next move up to Boehner and his House Republican rank and file, with just two hours remaining before the shutdown deadline of midnight EDT.

They decided to re-pass their earlier measure and simultaneously request negotiations with the Senate on a compromise, a move that some GOP aides said was largely designed to make sure that the formal paperwork was on the Senate’s doorstep at the moment of a shutdown.

Whatever its intent, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., rejected it. “That closes government. They want to close government,” he said.

As lawmakers squabbled, Obama spoke bluntly about House Republicans. “You don’t get to extract a ransom for doing your job, for doing what you’re supposed to be doing anyway, or just because there’s a law there that you don’t like,” he said. Speaking of the health care law that undergoes a major expansion on Tuesday, he said emphatically, “That funding is already in place. You can’t shut it down.”

Some Republicans balked, moderates and conservatives alike.

Rep. Phil Gingrey of Georgia said it felt as if Republicans were retreating, given their diminishing demands, and Rep. Scott Rigell of Virginia said there was not unanimity when the rank and file met to discuss a next move.

Yet for the first time since the showdown began more than a week ago, there was also public dissent from the Republican strategy that has been carried out at the insistence of lawmakers working in tandem with GOP Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas.

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