

Luke Hicks set to set the stage for The Digital Age as the opening act Friday.



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Baylor weighs in on abortion ruling

By REBECCA FIEDLER
STAFF WRITER

Baylor students and Waco residents alike have strongly differing opinions about Tuesday's Supreme Court ruling concerning Texas abortion laws. Some celebrate the national and local effects of the upholding of Texas abortion restrictions, while others look ahead in anticipation of the progression of a lawsuit by Planned Parenthood opposing the restrictions.

Last month U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel struck down a provision of Texas House Bill 2 requiring physicians to have admitting privileges within 30 miles of a hospital.

The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans overturned Yeakel's decision, ruling that the provision can still take effect while the lawsuit concerning its constitutionality progresses. Planned Parenthood and affiliates then appealed to the Supreme Court, which voted 5-4 to reject the appeal. The 5th Circuit is expected to hear arguments over the law's constitutionality in January.

Bushland senior Trenton Garza volunteers with Planned Parenthood and was previously president of Texas College Democrats. Garza said he was surprised by the Supreme Court's ruling. Garza said he believes the restriction in the law that's being reviewed does,

in fact, place an undue burden on women, and said admitting privileges are not medically necessary.

Garza said he thinks a better line of logic for the court system would have been to be to agree to overturn the provisions of the law Yeakel struck down until constitutionality is determined.

"Now that this law is going to be in place, the focus now should turn to the hearings in January and the 5th Circuit Court," Garza said. "I suspect, just based on the typical means of the 5th Circuit Court, that they will probably uphold the law. There are other precedents elsewhere in the U.S. where they have turned down those laws, and at that point, you have a division

among federal courts, and that's just a recipe for the Supreme Court ranking it for review and it be acquitted on their docket."

John Pisciotta, director of anti-abortion activist group Pro-Life Waco, said if the law is declared constitutional by the 5th Circuit Court, then he suspects Planned Parenthood will make an appeal for the Supreme Court to determine the law's constitutionality.

"If the Supreme Court takes the case, which is by no means automatic, then the court would be making the determination [of constitutionality], hearing both sides and weeks or even months would

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Lee Valerius adds his name to the list of people holding a vigil outside of The Southwestern Women's Surgery Center in Dallas on Nov. 1. Southwestern will still be able to perform abortions, but 12 of the 32 clinics in the state will not be able to.

Houston to offer benefits to gay couples

By JUAN A. LOZANO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Houston will provide health care and life insurance benefits to legally married same-sex spouses of city employees, officials announced Wednesday.

Eligible couples must have been married in other states as Texas bans same sex unions.

The announcement flouts an opinion issued in April by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott that said local governments and school districts that offer same-sex domestic partner benefits are violating the state constitution. Houston's decision also came after the Texas National Guard in September refused a Pentagon directive to process applications for military benefits for same-sex couples, citing the state law that does not recognize gay marriage.

Houston Mayor Annise Parker, who is openly gay, said the decision is based on a city legal department interpretation of recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions and other relevant case law from the around the coun-

try. A Supreme Court ruling in June tossed out part of the federal Defense of Marriage Act, clearing the way for legally married same-sex couples to receive federal tax, health and pension benefits.

Parker said Houston is following steps that have been taken by several federal agencies, including the Internal Revenue Service, which announced in August that all legally married same-sex couples will be recognized as married for federal tax purposes even if those couples reside in states that do not recognize that marriage.

"Based on the right to equal protection under the law, it is unconstitutional for the city to continue to deny benefits to the same-sex spouses of our employees who are legally married," Parker said. "This change is not only the legal thing to do, it is the right, just and fair thing to do."

The city had previously denied same-sex benefits based on a 2001 voter-approved city charter amendment. But the amendment says ben-

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Give thanks for striped sweaters

Crockett freshman Robert Tate Morrison, a member of the Freshman Class Council, chalks in front of the Bill Daniel Student Center to proclaim his thankfulness for striped sweaters. The walkway is filled with different thanks from students as a part of the council's push to start a new Baylor tradition of sharing what students are grateful for before Thanksgiving.

BAA looks to vote on bylaws

Association will meet to determine its policy on remote voting

By ADA ZHANG
STAFF WRITER

The Baylor Alumni Association board met on Nov. 9 and decided to take a membership vote on changing BAA bylaws.

Chad Wooten, executive interim vice president, said a BAA membership meeting is scheduled for Dec. 7 at the George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

"The sole purpose of the meeting is to allow remote voting," Wooten said. "Back in the summer, there was a lot of talk and concern about not allowing people out of state, who couldn't be there in person, to vote." According to current BAA bylaws, members must be present at the meeting to cast their vote.

"This will hopefully be the last in-person-only meeting," Wooten said.

The vote on Dec. 7 will operate under current BAA bylaws, Wooten said, which means members must be present in order to vote and a two-thirds majority is needed for the change to pass.

If two-thirds or more of BAA members present are in favor of changing the bylaws, then future votes will allow online and mail-in participation, Wooten said.

He said, to get a good turn-out, the board intentionally scheduled the meeting on the same day as the home game against the University of Texas.

"We're trying to make it available to as many people as we can by scheduling it on the day of the foot-

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Fall means fun for Waco school kids, BU seniors

By RAE JEFFERSON
REPORTER

Some believe having a passion for Jesus and a love for impacting the lives of others is enough to serve a community.

Austin senior Nicole Rohrer and Grand Lake, Colo., senior Samantha Cartmel are doing just this by hosting a night of family fun at a local high school.

A match made in the Baylor School of Social Work heaven, these two have paired up in an internship with Communities in Schools of the Heart of Texas at Waco High School to coordinate Fall Family Night.

All students and their fami-

lies are invited to attend the event at the school, which serves many at-risk youths.

The event, which is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. today in the school's cafeteria, will include a free meal from Mexican restaurant Chipotle, a guest speaker, student performances and family resources.

Fall Family Night will be held with the intentions of increasing Communities in Schools of the Heart of Texas' relations with parents, students and school staff.

"We want for them to know that everyone is pushing for their child's success," Rohrer said. "We really want for families to understand what [Communities in

Schools] is for so that they can utilize all the different resources that we have."

Cartmel said the event will aim to help families understand the importance of the family unit in the lives of high school students.

"We really feel that family support is a great asset," Cartmel said. "A lot of kids at Waco High don't get that family support, so we want to give their families a chance to see how important that really is."

Rohrer said families will also have access to information about resources such as food pantries,

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ROBBY HIRST | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Austin senior Nicole Rohrer and Grand Lake, Colo., senior Samantha Cartmel, both Waco High School interns, have paired up with Communities in Schools of the Heart of Texas to put on a Fall Family Night at the high school.

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Men's basketball took the 69-64 win Wednesday night against Charleston Southern.



NBA rules detract from NCAA basketball

Editorial

The college basketball season is one of the most exciting times of the year. Fans watch their teams battle to get into the NCAA Tournament, which is filled with Cinderella stories and buzzer-beating 3-pointers. But since the NBA's 2005 collective bargaining agreement, college basketball has been robbed of its true quality.

In 2005, the NBA changed its rules regarding player eligibility. Commonly referred to as the "one-and-done rule," all players must meet certain criteria before playing in the NBA. The NCAA usually takes the brunt of the criticism for this, but it is an NBA rule that the NCAA has no control over.

While there are separate rules for international players looking to be drafted into the NBA, the most notable change for American athletes was that a player needs to turn 19 years old during or before the calendar year of the NBA Draft that he is entering and be at least one year removed from his high school graduation.

In other words, a player who hopes to play in the NBA has a one-year waiting period between high school graduation and when he can play in the NBA. During this year, the player has three options: play professional basketball in a different league overseas, play in the NBA Developmental League or play college basketball.

Because of the exposure, the majority of players choose to play college basketball, but having college players compete for just one year prevents them from being true student-athletes.

The NBA should remove its age minimum because it cheapens the college basketball product and makes a mockery of college athletics.

Student-athletes are supposed to be students first, as the old mantra goes. But when a player enrolls in a university with no intention of earning a degree, changes need to be made.

NBADraft.net, which has no affiliation with the NBA, has a 2014 mock draft posted in which the first four players taken are current freshmen. Kansas forward Andrew Wiggins, Duke forward Jabari Parker, Kentucky forward Julius Randle and Kansas center Joel Embiid are predicted to go first through fourth. They each have hefty paychecks headed their way and none of them will ever need to use whatever major he has declared as a primary source of income.

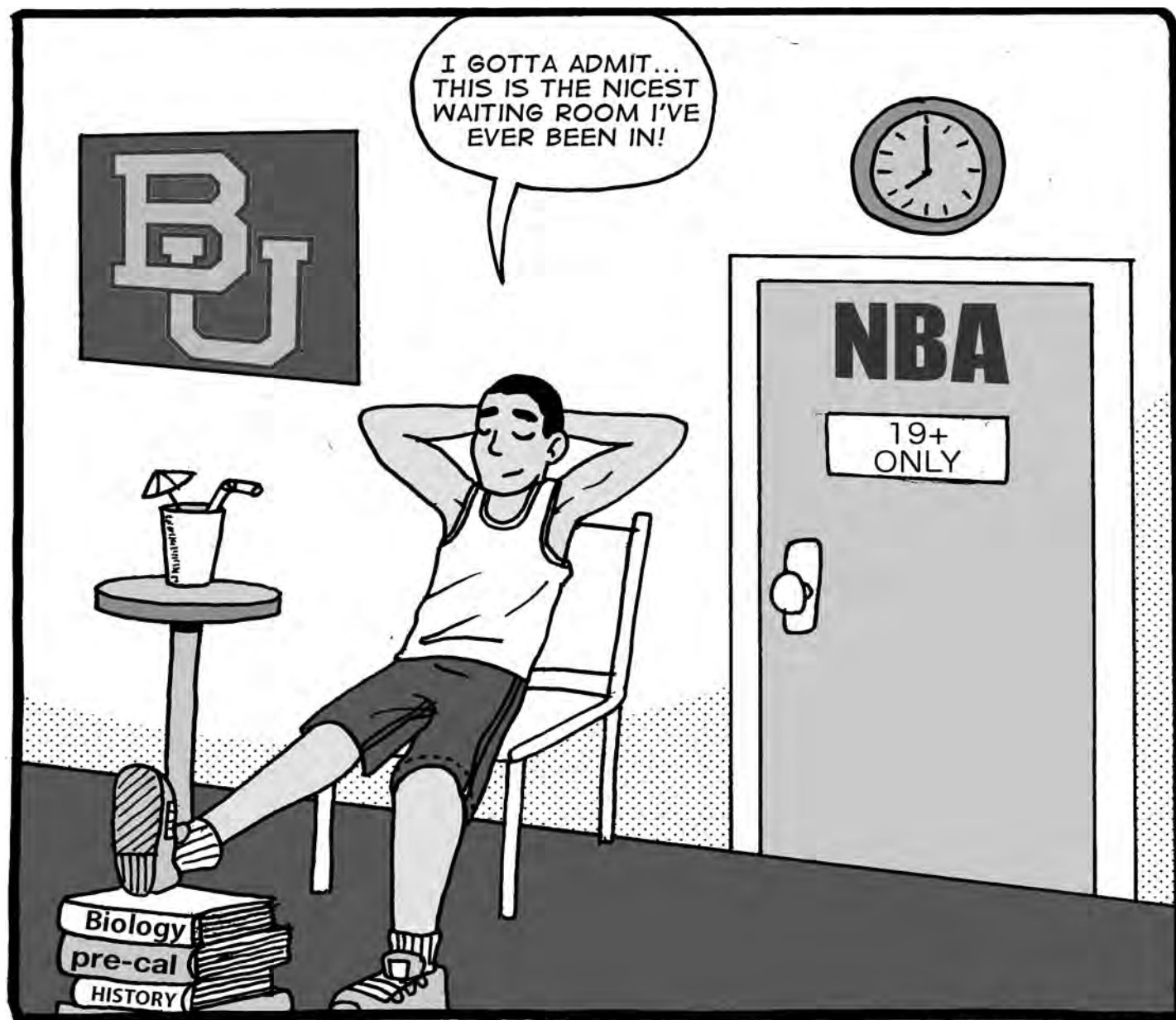
How, then, are they supposed to embody what a student-athlete is supposed to be? The answer is that they can't and don't. They go to their respective universities for the sole purpose of filling their time before being NBA draft-eligible. For these players and the other freshmen that will declare for the NBA Draft after this season, class is a nuisance that happens between basketball games and practices.

This rule creates a stopgap of talent. These players are either good enough to play in the NBA now or are good enough to play in another professional league until they are NBA-ready. This means that the players who have families in difficult financial spots could earn a paycheck earlier than they currently can.

It also means the NBA suffers because these young, exciting, marketable stars aren't helping the league. The NBA is forcing these future stars to play college basketball even though the only real winner is the university athletic programs that scoop these players up for a year.

Even though the athletic program of the university stands to gain from having an NBA-ready player suit up for a season, giving these players a scholarship, books, early registration for class, a housing stipend, meal plan and all of the other perks of being an athlete is a waste of university resources.

Money, time and other resources are being given to these players so they can, in theory, be successful on the court and in the classroom. For student-athletes that will be playing for an NBA team instead of registering for sophomore year, the



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classroom success is, at best, placed on the back burner. If the NBA loosens its requirements, then universities can get back to their true goal, which is to educate and train people for the workforce.

Supporters of the NBA age minimum will say that some high school stars aren't ready for the NBA but will declare for the draft anyway. But even in this case, the player will be OK. At best, the player gets drafted, signs a lucrative contract, and plays poorly. In this case, the team will send him to the D-League to hone his skills.

At worst, a team will cut him so he can go play in overseas or get picked up by another team. In both cases, the player gets paid and will be financially secure.

Kwame Brown is the poster child for players who entered the NBA out of high school and flopped in the league. Even though his career has largely been a bust, he is still making \$3 million this season playing for the Philadelphia 76ers. Despite not achieving anywhere close to his potential, he has made millions throughout his career and should be financially se-

cure for the rest of his life.

Gerald Green was drafted out of high school and struggled early in his career. He even went down to the D-League and played in Russia and China for two years. But over the next two seasons, he will make \$7 million.

The other argument for the age minimum is that because education is valuable and the NBA should make players go to college. But players already have the option to play in the D-League or overseas to fill the one-year waiting period. Since there is no educational value

in that, then players should have the NBA as an option as well.

If NBA-ready players cared about education, then they would stay in college for more than the one year that they have to wait before declaring for the NBA.

The NBA has cheapened NCAA basketball by giving it players that make a travesty of college athletics. In order to return college basketball to its purer roots, give talented players a chance to enter their field and give the NBA more star power, the NBA should remove its age limitations.

Life will be OK if you didn't win the genetic lottery

I must first start off by saying that this column is not for everyone. So before you waste your time reading something that does not enhance your quality of life, observe the following rules to weed out those of you to whom my advice does not apply:

If you wake up every morning with clear skin and smooth lips, know your summer itinerary includes a trip to Europe, an internship in New York/LA and a lot of poolside lounging, have the body of a Victoria's Secret model and Angelina Jolie's face and get asked out constantly, then stop reading now. To all who meet the above requirements — no hard feelings. We love you. We are happy for you. Keep doing your thing. Cheers.

Pretty people are envied for their looks, sure, but what is truly irksome is when they are pretty and nice and (in some extreme cases) humorous. It makes the rest of us go, "Really? Seriously?" We lay-people then find ourselves actively seeking out their flaws, employing



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strenuous effort to find something, anything, wrong with these good-looking creatures. We usually come up with nitpicky things that no one even cares about such as "her weird hair line" or "her small chin," and these "flaws" permit us to conclude that she is not really that pretty.

But let's get real here. She really is that pretty. Not only does she have perfect hair and teeth, but she is also an extremely sweet girl who you can't help but adore. She doesn't

fit the pretty-but-menacing popular girl stereotype (she is not Regina George). So as much as you would like to hate her, you don't.

You accept that she is a goddess and that any guy would gladly cut off his pinky-toe to get a date with her (even the guy you have a crush on, but it's OK, because there are many fish in the sea). You accept it, you really do, and you're fine. But as time progresses, you begin to realize the benefits she receives from her ethereal beauty, benefits that extend beyond the dating realm. Opportunity seems to just fall in her lap. All of a sudden, that raging jealousy is back.

She has the hook-up with the sorts of jobs and internships that you only dream of obtaining. While you're slowly and painfully applying for work, crossing your fingers that you get lucky and score an interview, all she has to do is walk through the door, flip her hair, make light conversation and she gets hired on the spot.

Her future is set. She'll either

marry a rich Brad Pitt look-alike or she'll charm her way to the top. She doesn't really have to worry about grades because she is well aware that she has the sex appeal and resources she needs to make it. During finals week, her bedtime is 10 p.m.

The pretty-privilege is real. Is it right that some people are allowed certain perks in life because of their looks? That's a matter I'm not so much concerned with. I'm simply stating that we live in a superficial world where people are fascinated with what Kim Kardashian is doing. Society lends favor to the better-looking, and beautiful people benefit from this.

Now let me say a few words about the rest of us who do not have the pretty privilege. We stare ourselves every morning upon first glance at our reflection in the mirror. Our faces are ridden with pimples that result from stress. Our hair is split ends galore. Our lips are reptiles and they sometimes bleed when we grin. Life is rough for us. We are on the struggle bus. Destina-

tion? To hell if we know.

I don't mean to depict us as ugly low-lives with no future. That is not what we are. We are hard-working, determined and smart. Yet our surroundings seem to be working against us as we find ourselves asking, "Is it this hard for everyone?"

The truth? No. Not everyone is working as hard as you, because not everyone has to. That is the uncomfortable truth about life: people are not born with equal opportunities.

Still, this is no excuse to make excuses: "He only noticed her because she's pretty; I could have scored that internship if I had that connection; if I had wealthier parents, I could have had that opportunity," and yada yada yada.

Well guess what? You didn't win the genetic lottery. You weren't dealt as great a hand. Get over it.

This is much easier said than done. Trust me, I know. But the sooner you accept your lot in life and stop comparing it to others', the closer you get to attaining whatever it is you want.

Focusing on what others have that you don't is a distraction, an inhibitor, an obstacle that stands in the way of you and your dreams. Things are going to be harder for us. Our life will involve a lot of coffee and sweatpants. We must embrace this as fact.

The good news, though? We can do it. It won't be easy. We will have to work hard for a future that is plagued with uncertainty. This lifestyle does not sound enticing, but once we finally make it, we will have the satisfaction of knowing we got there on the basis of merit alone.

I don't know about you, but I cannot wait to feel that. The road ahead of us is full of failed romances, rejections, do-overs, mishaps and disappointments. Prepare yourself with the essentials: chapstick, tissues, ice cream and a fashionable array of hats to conceal your greasy hair during finals week when showering becomes a big joke.

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There's no place like home

Families celebrate Adoption Day at Baylor Law School

By CLAIRE CAMERON
REPORTER

Families will grow at the Baylor School of Law on Adoption Day.

The law school will host its sixth annual Adoption Day from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday at the law school.

Saturday is National Adoption Day, the day courthouses across the nation finalize adoptions for families who have already gone through the adoption process and are just waiting to sign the papers.

This year 17 families and 26 children from McLennan County will go through the final stage of the adoption process.

Bridget Fuselier, associate professor of law, started the event on campus.

"In the past it was held at the courthouse in Waco, but it wasn't much of a celebration, so here at the law school, we wanted to be able to have more of a celebratory atmosphere for the families, especially when this is such a special day for them," Fuselier said.

She said this event it is a great way to raise awareness in the sur-

rounding community.

"This event is so great because it recognizes foster care programs and families looking to adopt and the event helps celebrate those families who are giving something so significant to these kids," Fuselier said.

Families will come to the law school, where Room 127 will be set up as an actual courtroom. The families have their last official hearings in the room where they will sign the finalizing adoption papers.

Judge Gary Coley will preside over the hearings and sign the papers.

"I have been doing this with the law school from the start," Coley said. "Baylor does a really great job of embracing this event and the students do a great job of making this a special day for these families."

This year, the theme for the event is Wizard of Oz. It is called "There's No Place like Home."

Houston second-year law student Bethany Rumford helped organize the event this year and said she is looking forward to seeing the families enjoy the day.

"Every year, this event grows and more families come through to adopt children," Rumford said. "Going through the adoption process is long to make sure children get placed in a good home, and this is the last step in the process. It's so great to get so many adoptions done in one day."

Refreshments, a buffet and entertainment for the kids will be available in the law lounge on the first floor of the law school.

"I know some of the law students are dressing up as characters from the Wizard of Oz," Rumford said. "There will be a tin man, a lion, Glinda the Good Witch, and, of course, Dorothy."

Coley said he likes to let the kids come up and bang the gavel to finalize their adoption.

"Most of the children getting adopted are kids who were placed in foster care by Child Protective Services," Coley said. "They have been neglected, abused or both, and as a judge, I see most of these cases in the beginning, so to see it come to a conclusion and see these children's lives change is amazing."

Fuselier said this year Bruiser

the Baylor mascot will be there to greet kids and the yell leaders will also be at the event.

"I love being part of this event because it highlights the importance for families to foster and adopt children," Rumford said. "One special thing we do is that we take the first official family portrait of everyone all together after their hearing."

Fuselier said she hopes to see this event continue to grow.

"It's so important to celebrate what these families are doing," Fuselier said. "There are so many children who need families and the more people who know about it the better."

Coley said he also hopes the event will raise community awareness across central Texas.

"There are surrounding counties who know about what a great job Baylor does with this event, but more important than that is the chance to get the word out about the children in our community who need good families to love them and support them and give them a chance to start over and have a new, better life," Coley said.



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A little slice of the season

Students picked up slices of pumpkin pie Wednesday at Burleson Quadrangle during Baylor student government's annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

Votes to be cast on evolution edits in Texas science books

By WILL WEISSERT
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AUSTIN — A small number of social conservatives on Wednesday urged the Texas Board of Education to approve new science books that de-emphasize lessons on evolution and climate change, but the edits they seek may not have enough support to succeed.

The board's 10 Republicans and five Democrats will vote later this week on new textbooks and e-books in math, science and technology that could be used start-

ing next fall by most of the state's five-plus million public school students.

Textbook and classroom curriculum battles have long raged in Texas pitting creationists — those who see God's hand in the creation of the universe — against academics who worry about religious and political ideology trumping scientific fact. At issue this time are proposed high school biology books that could be used across the state at least through 2022.

State law approved two years ago means school districts can now

choose their own books and don't have to adhere to a list recommended by the board of education — but most have continued to use approved books.

The debate is important nationally since Texas is so large that many books prepared for publication in the state also are marketed elsewhere around the country.

Publishers have submitted proposed books, but this summer, committees of Texas volunteer reviewers — some nominated by socially conservative current and former board of education mem-

bers — raised objections.

One argued that creationism based on biblical texts should be taught in science classes, while others objected that climate change wasn't as settled a scientific matter as some of the proposed books state.

Many major publishers have since proved unwilling to make suggested major changes, however, and some board members suggested Tuesday that there were enough votes to approve the proposed books without significant editing.

"I would be surprised if there

weren't the votes," said Thomas Ratliff, a Mount Pleasant Republican who is the board's vice chairman.

The board will vote on the proposed books today, with final approval coming the following day.

Ratliff, a moderate conservative, said some technical or wording changes were likely to the proposed books. But when it comes to major editing of scientific content he said, "I haven't heard a board member yet say, 'Yeah, that needs to be in there.'"

Such a vote would be a break

from years past, when a bloc of social conservatives on the board insisted that Texas students be taught "all sides" of evolution, and pressured textbook publishers to insert a healthy dose of skepticism over global warming.

Indeed, as recently as a September public hearing, more than 60 activists and experts on both sides of the hotly debated issue signed up to testify before the board.

But on Wednesday, only 18 Texans signed up to address its members — and many planned to oppose any proposed major edits.

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Dream come true

Uproar artists to open for The Digital Age

By MICHAEL DAVIDSON
REPORTER

The Digital Age will be back in Waco to rock Baylor and wow its audience members with its high-energy songs.

Baylor Uproar Records artists Luke Hicks and Manifest Music Co. will be opening the show, which takes place at 9 p.m. Friday

in Waco Hall. For both groups, this will be the most significant concert they have been a part of to date.

"Up until being on Uproar, I played a lot of coffee shops and stuff, and I was the background music for a lot of events where no one was really listening," Hicks, a Houston junior, said. "Last semester was the first time I've ever played a real show, so this will be

very special to me."

Though he has played in worship bands for crowds of thousands of people, Hicks said Friday's show will be the biggest audience he's ever had for his own music.

"As of right now, I'm not thinking about it too hard, but I'm sure when the day comes I will be," Hicks said of his impending nerves. "Knowing that that many eyes will be on me will surely make me a little nervous."

Also newly signed to Uproar, local band Manifest Music Co. will play as well, opening the show with its own brand of musical styling the members refer to as "progressive pop."

The five-member band includes current and former Baylor students: Montgomery, N.J., junior Mike Stanley on bass, Abilene senior Hugh Knight on piano, Houston sophomore Michael Incavo on keyboards, Houston alumnus Zac Flowers on guitar and vocals and Colorado Springs, Colo., alumnus Erik Williams on drums.

"This is the reason we tried out for Uproar," Flowers said. "I mean, firstly, we love music and we like playing just to play, but jamming in the garage only brings so much satisfaction."

The size of Waco Hall, the significance of the show and its lineup



COURTESY OF UPROAR RECORDS

Uproar Records artist Luke Hicks will perform before The Digital Age on Friday in Waco Hall, an opportunity he never dreamed he would get.



COURTESY OF UPROAR RECORDS

Four of Manifest Music Co.'s members (from left: Mike Stanley, Hugh Knight, Zac Flowers and Erik Williams) goof off, a normal pastime for the band. Their self-proclaimed "progressive pop" sound will open for The Digital Age on Friday.

also has members of the band a bit nervous, Knight said.

"Playing in such a big venue puts a lot more importance on what and how you play because if you mess up, that's a really big audience hearing you mess up," Knight said.

Both Hicks and Manifest Music Co. are also admittedly fans of The Digital Age, a fact that makes the show especially important in a unique way, they said.

Hicks, who has played in different Christian music groups as well, said he could not believe a chance like this was given to him. As a long-time follower of The David Crowder Band, which eventually formed The Digital Age, Hicks said

he has anticipated seeing the band live for a while. Now he said it's still hard to believe he will open for it.

"This is a huge opportunity," he said. "If someone were to have told me a year ago that I'd be opening for them, I would have said that's stupid."

The fact the headliner is from Waco is also a source of excitement for the opening acts, as they feel this helps the experience hit closer to home, recognizing and appreciating the need for local artists to stick together and support each other, Williams said.

"For me it's special because I'm a member of UBC church," he said. "I've been going there since my freshman year, so it's always good

to see those guys and hear them play. They're amazing musicians, and we're all big fans."

Flowers also expressed his appreciation to Uproar Records and Baylor alike for their constant goal of giving local artists a chance to prove themselves and make their names bigger and more recognizable.

"I think it's great that Baylor gives opportunities to local artists to play in shows like this," Flowers said. "They could have picked a bunch of different bands to open up for such a big act but they picked us. It's really cool of The Digital Age too, in agreeing to help out Baylor bands because they, after all, came from Baylor too."

what's coming up?

>> "In Company with Angels" stained glass exhibit

Through January 2014
Lee Lockwood Library and Museum

Presented by the Historic Waco Foundation, this traveling exhibit of seven stained glass windows was created by acclaimed artist Louis C. Tiffany. For more information on special events, hours and admission prices, see www.historicwaco.org/angels.

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Kind of a big deal: college renamed for Anchorman

By DANIEL ROTHBERG
LOS ANGELES TIMES VIA MCCLATCHY
TRIBUNE

You stay classy, Emerson College, and maybe pour a glass of scotch.

Legendary (fictional) TV anchorman Ron Burgundy is coming to the Boston school on Dec. 4 and, in his honor, the college is renaming its communication school.

Granted, the Ron Burgundy School of Communication will be in business only one day, but it's what Burgundy might call kind of a big deal.

"A visit from Ron Burgundy is a chance to engage with someone who understands the power of media, as well as hairspray, first-hand," Emerson College President Lee Pelton said in a statement.

Will Ferrell, who plays Burgundy

on screen, will participate in a morning news conference, attend a naming ceremony and introduce a screening of "Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues," which opens in theaters on Dec. 20.

This is not the only publicity Burgundy has seen in the last several weeks.

The Newseum in Washington, D.C., recently opened an exhibit dedicated to the film that features original props and a replica of Burgundy's anchor desk.

There's also an underwear marketing partnership with Jockey.

Ferrell's Burgundy character plans to use the daylong Emerson visit to "share his path to journalism greatness," according to the statement.

Best of all, perhaps this will finally pave the way for the "Derek Zoolander Center for Kids Who Can't Read Good and Who Wanna Learn to Do Other Stuff Good Too."



MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

Ron Burgundy returns to the news desk in "Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues" on Dec. 20. Emerson College will rename its communication school to the Ron Burgundy School of Communication for one day on Dec. 4 in honor of the faux legend's return.

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Bears defeat Charleston Southern 69-64

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

The Bears earned a 69-64 victory Wednesday at the Ferrell Center to move to 4-0 on the season, despite letting a double-digit lead disappear when Charleston Southern cut the lead to 67-64 in the waning minute of the game.

Baylor sophomore center Isaiah Austin set the tone early with a massive block on the first play of the game for Baylor. The Bears scored the first eight points of the contest, including two jumpers from senior power forward Cory Jefferson.

Charleston Southern responded with a 13-1 run behind back-to-back 3-pointers from senior guard Sheldon Strickland. The Bears answered right back at the Buccaneers with a 9-0 run capped by a 3-pointer from senior guard Brady Heshlip.

CSU forward Cerick Bowen had a nightmare stretch at the end of the first quarter.

In a series of minutes, Bowen was dunked on by Jefferson at one end and then stuffed by Austin at the other end. He returned to the bench with an ankle injury as Baylor led 32-28 at half.

Baylor opened the second half on an 11-4 run thanks to Austin's fastbreak layup with 16:00 left to give Baylor a 43-32 lead.

Charleston Southern hit six out of eight three-point attempts to cut the Baylor lead to 59-55 with 6:40 left.

Baylor seemed to put the Buccaneers away with five minutes left when junior guard Kenny Chery came up with a huge block on Charleston Southern guard Saah Nimley that was converted into a layup for senior guard Gary Franklin. When Franklin missed the layup, Baylor got the offensive rebound and Austin scored later in the possession. Baylor took a 10-point lead with 2:00 left in the game.

Junior guard Arlon Harper and junior forward Will Saunders scored six straight points for CSU to cut the lead to 67-64 with under a minute left in the game. After a defensive stop, Charleston Southern had a chance to win it with 27 seconds left in the game. With only 9.4 seconds left, Nimley stepped out-of-bounds to end Charleston Southern's window of opportunity. Chery knocked down two clutch free throws to ice the game.

Baylor's frontcourt of Jefferson and Austin dominated the interior. Jefferson had 16 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks in the victory, while Austin added 16 points, eight rebounds and six blocks. The two combined to shoot 12-for-14 from the free throw line.

"Their length really bothered

us," CSU coach Barclay Radebaugh said. "We don't see that size but four times a year. That size affects us a little bit. We got a lot of looks that at the mid-major level would have gone in, but Isaiah was a real factor in the game. At the mid-major level, there's not two NBA players standing there."

In his last two games, Austin has combined for 14 blocks.

"Our guards play excellent perimeter defense," Austin said. "My job is to be there for help-side to help them."

Senior guard Sheldon Strickland led Charleston Southern in the loss with 14 points on 4-for-5 shooting from the 3-point line. Senior guard Saah Nimley added 11 points, three rebounds and two assists.

Charleston Southern was able to hang around with hot three-point shooting.

At one point in the game, the Buccaneers were shooting 11-for-18 from downtown when they cut the lead to 59-55. From that point on, CSU shot only 1-for-8 from the 3-point line.

"No coach likes an ending when we didn't have to let it get that close," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "The good thing is that you're going to have close games during the year. It's good to get used to that pressure and being able to teach from that."



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Baylor junior guard Kenny Chery dribbles by Charleston Southern senior guard Sheldon Strickland on Wednesday at the Ferrell Center. Baylor defeated Charleston Southern 69-64 to move to 4-0 on the season.

Lady Bears ready for three games in three days

By PARMIDA SCHAHHOSSEINI
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 9 Baylor Lady Bears will put their 60-game home winning streak on the line with a three-game home stand for the Athletes in Action Classic at the Ferrell Center.

The three-day tournament will pit the Lady Bears against Savannah State today, Northwestern State Friday and UTSA Saturday.

"You get a lot of basketball," Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said. "You get to continue to see a lot of combinations. We'll attack a lot of different defenses. I'm sure we'll see a lot of zone, and we need

to do that. We need to attack zones. We need to do a better job with rebounding."

The Savannah State Lady Tigers (2-0) have held opponents to under 50 points in both games, but that will be a difficult feat to repeat against the Lady Bears.

Baylor senior guard Odyssey Sims is starting strong this season, averaging 28 points, four assists, 3.7 rebounds and 2.3 steals as a senior. Sims had her second-highest scoring game against Rice with 33 points, while creating matchup problems with her versatility.

"She's lived up to everything that was said about her," Rice head coach Gregg Williams said.

The freshman contributions cannot go unnoticed as they account for 44.3 percent of the team's points and haul down 43 percent of its rebounds while playing 41.2 percent of the minutes.

Freshman forward Nina Davis earned Big 12 Freshman of the Week honors and averages 16.3 points per game. Freshman guard Imani Wright averages 12 points. The post players have been effective for Baylor as senior Mariah Chandler and junior Sune Agbuke make plays inside the paint. Freshman post Khadijah Cave has been a surprise as she leads the team with 7.7 rebounds per game.

The Lady Tigers average 81.5

points a game with senior guard Ezinne Kalu leading the way, averaging 15 points a game.

The Lady Tigers also have productive freshman with guard Kenyata Hendrix averaging 14.5 points per game and Tiyonda Davis leading the team, averaging five rebounds. Both teams average positive turnover margins with the Lady Bears plus-12 and the Lady Tigers plus-11. Both teams like to score and get out in transition. The Lady Tigers are not shy with passing the ball, averaging 23.5 assists per game.

The Northwestern State Lady Demons (2-0) are coming off a four-point win against Houston.

Northwestern State is averaging 75.5 points per game, while allowing 61.5 points per game.

"Baylor is a top 10 team and we know what we're going to get with them," Northwestern State co-head coach Brooke Stoehr said. "It's a different look for them this year. They've lost five seniors, a lot of experience and length on the perimeter. The main thing is that they have Odyssey Sims and she's arguably the best point guard in the country. She just makes them go. She's so aggressive on the offensive end and her defense doesn't get enough credit. She's extremely talented."

Northwestern State has been

outrebounded by an average of six rebounds per game, but it has been able to win games due to a philosophy of defensive pressure.

The University of Texas at San Antonio has struggled thus far this season, dropping its first two games at Texas and against Lamar, but rebounded with a win over UT Arlington. UTSA struggled offensively against Texas, scoring 42 points. Baylor and UTSA have split the previous 12 matches, but Baylor has won four straight, including an overtime win at the 2009 NCAA Tournament.

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Mission Waco gives homeless traditional Thanksgiving

By ABIGAIL LOOP
REPORTER

Mission Waco is giving the less fortunate a chance to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with dinner and worship at their annual Thanksgiving Meal With the Homeless.

Starting at 11 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day at the Meyer Center in Waco, Mission Waco is inviting the homeless people of the community to come and partake in traditional festivities.

A worship will begin the event, followed by a home-cooked meal that is prepared and served by volunteers.

After lunch, Bingo and games will be played.

Jimmy Dorrell, executive director of Mission Waco, said they have been doing this for about seven or eight years and that the meal and worship is a time to create a loving and friendly environment for the homeless.

"The homeless may have the

least but they seem to be the most thankful ones there, it's really great," Dorrell said. "It's a warm sense of sharing a family meal and sharing of God."

Dorrell said he is expecting 100 homeless and 65 volunteers to attend the meal this year.

"We fill up the place every year," he said. "We also get a huge group of volunteers each year who help out a lot."

For people to volunteer at Mission Waco for the Thanksgiving meal, they can email Dorrell jdorell@missionwaco.org.

People can make donations to Mission Waco and the Thanksgiving Meal by visiting Mission Waco at 1315 N 15th St.

Chandra Lodenberg, a Mission Waco volunteer, said the donations that can be made are turkeys and desserts for the meal, as well as monetary donations that will also go toward the meal and to Mission Waco.

Lodenberg and her family have been helping Mission

Waco for around five years and says she thinks the meal is a great way to give back and help out the community.

"We need to remember those without family and who are hurting," Lodenberg said. "The best lesson we can teach people is to be givers. We serve these people 150 percent. It's very important to help the community."

According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, the nation's homeless population decreased by about 2,325 people this last year.

The national rate of homelessness was 20 homeless people per 10,000 people in the general population.

Lodenberg said she believes every year the Thanksgiving meal becomes more important.

"Every year the need gets greater," Lodenberg said. "This is not about money but just about doing God's work and provide meals for those who do not have one."



COURTESY PHOTO

Volunteers at Mission Waco serve food for Thanksgiving Meal With the Homeless in 2010. This year's lunch will take place at 11 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day at the Meyer Center, 1226 Washington Ave.

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pass before the decision would be finally handed down," Pisciotta said.

Pisciotta said he is pleased with the Supreme Court's decision.

"I really am not at all surprised about it, because these courts in a lot of ways hesitate, unless they're really pressed to it, to overturn a lower court," Pisciotta said.

Lombard, Ill., junior Danny Huizinga, president of the Baylor College Republicans, also agrees with the Supreme Court's ruling.

"To override the appeals court they have to show that the appeals court clearly erred," he said.

Pisciotta said he is not completely confident that the Supreme Court would declare the law constitutional in the end, as they may disagree with the District Court of Appeals.

Huizinga said he believes it's possible the constitutionality of the law will be challenged at the Supreme Court level.

"I know a lot of other states have already passed similar laws before we had," he said.

Huizinga does not see the ad-

mitting privileges provision of the law to place undue burden on women, and believes that the law's makers had women's best interests in mind.

"If something goes wrong you want that person to be able to go to the hospital," he said.

Pisciotta is pleased with the results of the Supreme Court's decision on a local basis, he said. Pro-Life Waco is planning to have a party on Dec. 14 to celebrate the ruling.

"The local implications are that late in October, Planned Parenthood in Waco finally admitted that they had shut down their abortion facility, at least temporarily," he said.

If Planned Parenthood's Waco abortion clinic reopens one day, Pisciotta said he believes there will be many months before that happens because of legal processes.

"It's a victory," he said. "It weighs heavy on my heart and mind that in the past right here in our own city there has been the shedding of innocent blood, so, boy, to have that not be the reality is certainly a

victory; at least temporarily, and I think likely permanently."

Planned Parenthood announced in a press release that this provision of the law has already placed undue burden on women.

"Approximately one-third of the state's licensed health centers that were providing abortion were forced to stop providing that care immediately," the press release states. "When asked what she will do if she cannot access a safe and legal abortion in Texas, it was reported one woman in Harlingen said, 'I think I will have to go through with the pregnancy. I don't have the finances to travel' to San Antonio."

Cecile Richards, President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, released a statement in Planned Parenthood's press release.

"While we are deeply disappointed, this isn't over," his statement said. "We will take every step we can to protect the health of Texas women."

The Associated Press contributed information to this article.

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counseling centers and services to help with financial need.

"Sometimes that's what a lot of social work is," she said. "We refer people to services that can better meet their needs."

According to the program's Baylor Webpage, Communities in Schools of the Heart of Texas is a non-profit "dropout prevention program" that serves schools in Waco, LaVega and Marlin Independent School Districts.

Cartmel and Rohrer intern as caseworkers within the program, which fulfills academic requirements in the Baylor social work academic track, and were assigned as many as 21 students at the beginning of the semester. They are responsible for meeting once a week with these students who face obstacles to their learning.

"If they have behavioral issues, we'll address those things," Rohrer said. "If there are things going on at home, we'll connect them with resources so that they'll have food over the weekend or have coats for the winter, or whatever they need."

Rohrer said students are referred to the program by parents, teachers or school staff members who see a need for one-on-one guidance.

"We assess the areas in which they need to improve so that they can be successful in school and life," she said. "We deal with a lot of different things - we wear a lot of different hats."

The event is open to the families of any student attending Waco High, even if they are not involved with the program.

"We extended it to all of Waco High so that students who may not know about CIS can come and get involved if they need it," Cartmel said.

She said she is not as concerned with the number of attendees as she is with getting needed resources into the hands of those who attend Fall Family Night.

"Honestly, I'm not expecting a lot of people to come," she said.

"As I said, family support is not where we'd like for it to be, but the success of it is that the people who need help and support are able to get it."

Guest speaker Nancy Grayson, owner of Waco's Lula Jane's Restaurant, will speak to attendees about healthy living and building community, Rohrer said.

"She's going to talk a lot about healthy living," Cartmel said. "A lot of these students don't necessarily eat the best - they may eat out at fast-food restaurants a lot - so we want to help them understand how to do good things for their bodies."

Student performances will include spoken word poetry and freestyle rapping.

"We're really excited to showcase some talent and make these guys feel good and let them know that they're valued," Cartmel said.

Cartmel and Rohrer planned the event to help fulfill a Communities in Schools of the Heart of Texas internship requirement of executing a "macro intervention" within their internship site. Rohrer said macro interventions focus on impacting a large group of people at once.

"We asked ourselves, 'What does that look like at a school level?'" Rohrer said. "We can't really advocate for change to school policy - we don't really have the time, authority or research to back that up, but we could let people know about the most important thing - the program resources - on a larger scale."

Although the event was a mandatory project, Rohrer said she was motivated by other factors when planning the event.

"I just love the idea of having students, teachers and parents come together and there being a community feeling," she said. "Going to school on a day-to-day basis can become monotonous, but seeing that there are cool, creative things going on with other students or seeing that someone cares about you

changes the atmosphere and how students react to school."

Rohrer said her passion for social work and the Waco High internship were birthed from the same place.

"What motivates me to do social work motivates me in everything I do," she said. "I love the Lord. I love Jesus. My life is for him, and I feel like he has called me to the field of social work to fulfill the call on my life of loving on others."

Cartmel said she endures the time- and energy-consuming field of social work because she loves to engage with people.

"I'm one of those people who just enjoys listening to others," she said. "I enjoy helping people and meeting their needs, and letting them know that they're valuable."

Although Cartmel and Rohrer are not permitted to pray with students or engage in evangelistic ministry, they both said the internship has challenged them to show the love of God to others through actions, rather than words.

"In a public school setting, I can't run down the halls yelling, 'You need Jesus, he's the only thing that's going to help,'" she said. "But I can pray by myself - pray over the school while I'm walking the hallways. I can bring hope and joy and peace into this place. Sometimes it's even just encouraging them in their strengths or letting them know someone cares about them."

Rohrer said coordinating the event has been a challenge, but she knows the Lord is planning great things for everyone who attends.

"I'm excited about this night - what the Lord is going to be doing in this school and among these families," Rohrer said. "Whether or not his name is talked about, or his name is said out loud, Sam and I are both people that love the Lord and are carriers of the presence of the Holy Spirit, so he's going to be there whether or not everyone invites him there."

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ball game," he said.

Wooten said the options outlined in a survey sent to BAA members on Oct. 4 have yet to be discussed in detail.

The survey asked members how they would like to proceed now since the university terminated the BAA's license to use the Baylor brand on Sept. 8. The termination

followed the vote on Sept. 7, where the Transition Agreement to merge the BAA with the university did not pass.

The results of the survey indicate that, of the 1,800 members who responded, 50 percent are in favor of reorganizing the BAA.

"There has been some discussion of those options that were

sent," Wooten said. "But there's not been any decisions made yet."

Wooten said the board believes the most practical next step is to change the bylaws.

"When we get to a decision, at least well have the mechanism in place to let everyone vote on it," Wooten said.

Thomas Oldham, a professor at the University of Houston Law Center, said unlike domestic partner policies in other Texas cities, Houston's policy is more vulnerable to legal challenge because of the state's constitutional amendment that defines marriage as between a man and a woman.

What Houston has done "would be more squarely in violation of the constitutional provision," Oldham said.

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efits can be given to "legal spouses" of employees.

The new city policy does not extend to domestic partners. However, policies in Austin, El Paso, Fort Worth and San Antonio do offer some benefits to domestic partners, which were the subject of Abbott's opinion. Pflugerville, outside Austin, earlier this year became the state's first school district to extend similar benefits.

Abbott found that the constitu-

tion "prohibits political subdivisions from creating a legal status of domestic partnership and recognizing that status by offering public benefits based upon it." He said city governments and school districts constitute political subdivisions.

Janice Evans, a spokeswoman for Parker, said city leaders at this point are not bracing for any possible legal action.

"I guess we'll discuss that if and when it happens," she said

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