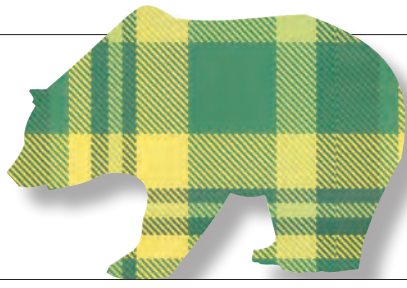


Dapper Bear Clothier sets the pattern for Baylor's official plaid design.



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IHOP parking becomes sticky situation

By JORDAN CORONA
STAFF WRITER

Students having trouble finding a parking space is nothing new to campus life. Some students solve that problem by leaving their cars on the concrete strip behind the IHOP on Fourth Street. This causes problems and is against Baylor's parking

rules.

Matt Penney, director of parking and transportation services, said he's concerned about driver safety. The concrete strip belongs to the university and is not wide enough, or organized for people to get in and out safely, he said.

"All we did was add a red stripe down the strip to indicate a no-parking zone,"

Penney said. Baylor Parking Service enforces the red-stripe policy with a \$25 ticket issued to violators. Baylor only enforces the no-parking zone behind the restaurant.

But there are two areas surrounding the pancake eatery people use to park their cars.

In front, customers have to compete with non-patron parkers.

One early morning, Mariela Gonzales, an IHOP manager at the location on Fourth Street, began her 4 a.m. shift to find an entire row of parking spaces occupied by cars tagged with Baylor student parking passes. She went inside and in the whole diner there were only two customers.

Too many cars in the front IHOP parking lot prevent potential customers from

stopping in for breakfast. And that puts a strain on the IHOP wait staff.

"It looks like the restaurant is full when it really isn't," Gonzales said. "My servers go out there and tell the students, 'Hey, you can't park there,' but they just keep walking."

A crinkled up note, written with pen

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Bouncin' off the walls

Austin freshman Alex Davis spikes the ball during a game of wallyball with friends Wednesday at the McLane Student Life Center. Wallyball, similar to volleyball, involves a four-walled court so the ball can be bounced off the ceilings and walls.

RG3 to visit for fundraiser event in May

By PAULA ANN SOLIS
STAFF WRITER

Baylor's 2011 Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III is returning to Waco this May to raise funds for Friends for Life, a day center for the elderly and disabled where he learned everything he knows about the game — the game of dominoes, that is.

While Griffin was a student at Baylor he volunteered at the center, known by the clients as "campus," and would play games while talking to the regulars. Access to a campus like Friends for Life gives caretakers of the elderly and disabled the time they need to keep their day jobs without having to put their loved ones in full-time nursing home facilities. Once clients become nursing home patients, their quality of life is often decreased compared to what they could experience in their homes, said Casey Moore, director of development at the campus.

To help the center expand its mission of keeping the elderly and disabled living independently for as long as possible, Griffin will take part in a Q-

and-A moderated by President Ken Starr at 7 p.m. May 9 at the Ferrell Center. Tables are available for purchase on the floor, ranging in price from \$1,000 to \$50,000. General admission is also available for \$15 if purchased before March 31, \$20 if purchased after that date and \$25 at the door. Tickets are on sale at friendsforlife.org

Moore said she hopes to raise \$250,000 for campus projects which include expanding the square footage of their facility to meet state guidelines for maximum occupancy. The campus can register 100 people at a time, but they are now at capacity.



Griffin III

"We've got a lot of adults with disabilities like Down Syndrome or cerebral palsy in their 20s, 30s and 40s," Moore said. "We also have groups of elderly people with dementia who fall a lot and can't stay home alone, but we can't take anymore at all."

Moore said Griffin has been talking with campus coordinators since July 2012, trying to find time in his NFL schedule to commit to the campus where he said he grew as a person.

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Walk-ins now offered for counseling

By REBECCA FIEDLER
STAFF WRITER

Students once had to wait up to a week or more to receive their first appointment at the Baylor Counseling Center. As of January, the Counseling Center, located in the McLane Student Life Center, has begun offering a walk-in clinic

for initial assessments Mondays through Thursdays.

Students who want to begin receiving counseling at Baylor can walk into the Counseling Center at their own convenience and receive a free evaluation from a counselor and be directed to services suited to help them. The Counseling Center has a team of clinicians who ro-

tate times to tend to students wanting the initial assessments.

"Mainly the appointment is to talk about what the student's concerns are, and what may be the best service to help them out," said Dr. Randal Boldt, assistant director of counseling services. "So it's a problem-solving discussion with the goal of hooking the student up

with the service that would be best for them."

Students can also come to the new walk-in clinic if they feel they are having a psychological emergency.

"It would be hard to say what is an emergency for someone in par-

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SEBASTIAN SCHEINER | ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israeli activists protest Russia's human rights record and anti-gay law in front of Israel's President Shimon Peres' residence Wednesday in Jerusalem.

Olympics to open Friday with anti-gay law furor in Russia

By DAVID CRARY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Protesters in cities around the world targeted major Olympic sponsors Wednesday, just ahead of the Winter Games in Sochi, urging them to speak out against Russia's law restricting gay-rights activities. Two more sponsors of the U.S. Olympic team condemned the law, but leading global sponsors did not join them.

"No, no to Russia's anti-gay law," chanted several dozen protesters in Paris who gathered in front of a McDonald's restaurant

at the Place de la Republique. The fast-food chain is one of the International Olympic Committee's 10 top sponsors for the Sochi Games, which open Friday.

Protests also took place in London, Jerusalem, St. Petersburg, Russia, and elsewhere. In all, 20 demonstrations were planned by the advocacy group All Out and its allies.

McDonald's, like other top IOC sponsors, reiterated that it supports human rights and opposes discrimination, but its statement did not mention the Russian law.

Coca-Cola, another prime target of protests, also didn't men-

tion the law in its latest statement, though it described itself as a strong supporter of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

"We do not condone intolerance or discrimination of any kind anywhere in the world," Coca-Cola said.

Visa, another IOC top sponsor, issued a similar statement, as did Dow Chemical, which said it is "engaged with the IOC on this important topic." General Electric, an IOC sponsor since 2005, declined comment.

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Students reach for the sky at the Baylor Challenge Course at Eastland Lakes. See the video online.



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A group of students gather together to talk religion, faith and everything in between.



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A new crop of Bears made it official on National Signing Day, bringing in a total of 23 players.



Firing squads offer states cheaper execution style

Editorial

Lawmakers in Missouri and Wyoming have introduced legislation that would add firing squads as an alternate execution option because of difficulties in acquiring lethal injection drugs.

Firing squads are a viable option as an alternative execution method because lethal injection drugs are becoming too expensive. Pharmaceutical companies are purposely making it difficult to acquire lethal injection drugs because companies and manufacturers are opposed to their use for the procedure.

Lethal injection is expensive, inhumane and difficult, as arguments against it claim. No means of death can satisfy the desire to be humane, but the American execution process can be less expensive for taxpayers with the inclusion of the firing squad as a method of legal execution.

On Jan. 16 in Ohio, an inmate had complications during his lethal injection that included gasping and convulsions. No matter how the execution is carried out, it is never going to be pleasant for the one who experiences it. A firing squad

method will be cheap and effective, as bullets only cost a few cents.

The only state that has used this method in the recent past is Utah. The state has utilized a firing squad three times since 1977. The last such occurrence of a firing squad in Utah was in 2010.

Since the United States reinstated capital punishment in 1976, Utah and Oklahoma are the only states to offer the firing squad as a method of execution.

Even Utah has had a checkered past with the firing squad. Death row inmates in Utah were allowed to choose how they wanted to die. It was not until 2004 that lethal injection became the default method for execution in Utah. Inmates sentenced before 2004 still have a choice of execution method.

Not only are the chemicals for lethal objection difficult to obtain, but they are also pricey.

With pharmaceutical companies not wanting to have their products associated with lethal injection, manufacturers have withheld selling the product to states for that purpose.

Hospira, a major American company that makes a drug that most states use in lethal injection, announced on Jan. 21, 2011, that it would no longer produce the

powerful anesthetic. Hospira has a plant in Milan, Italy, which has no capital punishment. Under the demands of Italian political pressure, Hospira decided to stop making sodium thiopental because the company said they could not prevent the drug from being used for the purposes of capital punishment.

This decision, although three years ago, has had ramifications on capital punishment in the United States that include making drugs used in lethal injections difficult to obtain.

Most states use a three-drug combination to execute inmates. Sodium thiopental is used as an anesthetic to cause unconsciousness. Pancurium bromide paralyzes the inmate and potassium chloride stops the heart.

Other options for executions that have been floated by lawmakers are electrocutions and gas chambers.

Gas chambers present an inherent danger because of the protocol that must be followed to contain lethal gas while not harming anyone besides the inmate. Gas chamber execution is a labor-intensive method that requires manpower and time. As a result, gas chamber executions have not happened in



ASHER FREEMAN

the United States since 1999.

Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia are the only states that have the electric chair as an option. Should lethal injection be declared unconstitutional, then Oklahoma and Arkansas could use electric

chairs, although electrocutions are currently not available.

The last time an electrocution took place in the United States was in Jan. 16, 2013, in Virginia.

Given that lethal injection drugs are both expensive and difficult to obtain, a firing squad op-

tion makes sense. Death can never be humane, but a firing squad is no different than lethal injection when it comes to ethics. The firing squad is a cheaper, easier and more effective way to execute an inmate sentenced to capital punishment.

It's time to kick Title IX out of the game

Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 says, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

As a female soccer player growing up in the '90s, Title IX was more a buzzword than a piece of legislation. At age 7, when I watched the U.S. Women's National Team win with World Cup, I did not and could not understand how a piece of paper written by men in suits could have anything to do with the athletic success of my idols: Brianna Scurry, Julie Foudy and, naturally, Mia Hamm.

Today, I am finally able to understand the profound effect Title IX has had on the opportunity for women everywhere, myself included, to play collegiate sports. I am also able to understand that it's time for Title IX to go.

While most people think of Title IX as the law that ensures an equal number of collegiate scholarships for men and women, athletics are just one of the ten key areas addressed by Title IX: access to higher education, career education, employment, education for pregnant and parenting students, learning environment, math and science, sexual harassment, standardized testing, technology and, of course, athletics.

When Richard Nixon signed the law into action, it was ground breaking. No piece of federal legislature had ever gone to bat for women's social rights in that way, especially in the male dominated realm of athletics.

Over the past 42 years, Title IX opened the doors for thousands of female athletes who dreamed their whole

lives of playing at the next level. Unfortunately, it has also closed the doors on countless others, particularly male athletes in non-revenue sports, which are often the first programs to go when cuts have to be made to balance male and female scholarship counts.

Title IX should be reevaluated, and the law should be rewritten with non-revenue men's sports in mind.

Take Baylor, a major university in a nationally competitive athletic conference. Why is it that male athletes looking to attend Baylor are limited to just seven NCAA sports, while female athletes have 10 to choose from? Title IX. With football monopolizing the vast majority of male scholarships, sports such as men's volleyball, lacrosse, wrestling, soccer and rugby are blatantly absent from our athletic department.

To add a men's sport, there are essentially two options that preserve the scholarship balance: add an additional women's sport, which doubles the expense, or cut men's scholarships somewhere else in the department. With the scholarship proportions so painstakingly calculated, it is an enormous hassle both financially and bureaucratically to add a new team. Consequently, the addition of a minor sport, like wrestling, is often written off as a hopeful dream.

Meanwhile, the non-revenue men's sports that do have programs struggle to recruit competitive rosters with

limited funds. The NCAA allows 14 full scholarships for a women's soccer program. These are divided among between 25-35 players. Men's track and field and cross country combined are allowed 12.6 scholarships, which they must allocate to a roster that can include over 60 student-athletes. Rosters, especially at an expensive school like Baylor, then become filled with athletes who happen to be able to afford tuition, not necessarily those who run the fastest, jump the highest or throw the farthest.

According to the Department of Education's website, the institution discourages cutting men's sports to comply with Title IX. Dissolving men's programs is intended to be a last resort. As an alternative, they suggest bolstering women's programming without touching men's sports.

However, the idea of being able to add women's scholarships without taking away any men's scholarships is fiscally impractical. Schools and their athletic departments work on strict budgets, which, at Baylor and schools like it, are almost exclusively funded by the football and basketball teams' revenue. The rest of the programs — the deficit sports — run their programs from those funds, without being able to give more than a fraction of the money back to the university.

Consequently, in order to comply with Title IX, many schools take the

most financially conservative route. This means cutting minor men's sports.

In 1993, Colgate University dissolved its 106-year-old varsity baseball program, citing questions of gender equity.

Also in 1993, Cornell University cut its men's fencing program. While the women's program is thriving and consistently competing in the top of the Ivy League, male fencers are relegated to an open club team.

In 1994, University of California, Los Angeles cut its men's swimming and diving program and both of its gymnastics programs. While the women's gymnastics team returned to campus shortly thereafter, neither men's swimming and diving nor gymnastics exist at UCLA today.

In 2011, University of Delaware turned its men's track and field program into a club sport, leaving dozens of student-athletes without scholarships.

While the Department of Education claims cutting men's sports is not the preferred way of complying with Title IX, it is the most practical method for universities facing gender equality issues in the athletic department.

Though the consequences were unintended, it is time for the writers and supporters of Title IX to take responsibility for the negative side effects this legislation has had on non-revenue men's sports.

Title IX did indescribable things for women, especially those aspiring to play sports at the next level, and it did so in the name of gender equality. It is time to remember that equality is for all, not just for women.

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Think outside the bubble

Group explores religion from different angles

By RAE JEFFERSON
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Baylor's Christian affiliation has made discussions about faith an expected occurrence for most students in academic settings.

One group of students, however, has carried the discussion beyond the confines of the classroom and strives to keep the conversation open to students of any belief system — something that can be difficult to achieve at a Christian institution.

Courtney Lyons, assistant director of student success, is the faculty member responsible for spearheading an out-of-class discussion group about religion that has attracted dozens of her former students.

The group, which began meeting last semester, is not sponsored by Baylor and focuses on promoting member diversity. Lyons, an ordained Baptist minister, said any of her former students can join the group regardless of religious affiliation.

"We have a lot of diversity in our group, and the conversation is wide open for students to contribute," she said. "This is a place, of many, where they can have a voice and say, 'This is my perspective on faith, and if I'm not a Christian, it's not because I'm immature or whatever other stereotypes exist, it's based on my own conclusion and upbringing.'"

Lyons said admission to the group is restricted to her former

students because there is a greater sense of familiarity between herself and the students.

"It gives us four months of history with each other that lets our conversations build on that rapport or trust," Lyons said.

The group's members come from a variety of religious and nonreligious backgrounds such as Buddhism, Christianity, atheism and agnosticism, and also represent all four classifications and every school on Baylor's campus, Lyons said.

Houston junior Kim Dang, a practicing Buddhist, wrote in an email to the Lariat that she joined the discussion group to expand her knowledge of Christianity and teach her Christian peers about her beliefs.

"It's kind of a symbiotic relationship where we help each other learn and grow with bringing in our beliefs and discussing them," she wrote. "The discussion group is comprised of people of different denominations, but I try to bring in an even higher level of diversity with my non-Christian beliefs."

Saginaw, Mich., junior Abbie Greenwell began attending the discussion group about halfway through the fall semester. She said the topics cause her to think critically about her belief system.

"There are so many different worldviews and opinions," Greenwell said. "I really appreciate the opportunity to talk to people of different opinions. It forces me to think about why I think the way I

think."

Dang wrote she agreed the conversations have expanded her ability to be more accepting of others' ideas.

"I believe that I have grown as a person by listening to others' beliefs," she wrote in the email. "It takes away ignorance and helps to better my understanding of Christianity."

Greenwell said she has been challenged to look at different topics from new points of view because of the thoughts presented by other students.

"It's opened my eyes to different perspectives," she said.

"It's a safe place to tap into other people's views and opinions on whatever the situation is."

Kim Dang | Houston junior

"Sometimes it's hard to think outside of the Baylor Bubble — which is really sad."

Lyons said the goal of the group is to provide students with "mutual educational exchange, spiritual and intellectual formation, a learning community and fellowship."

"We want to think together about our experiences of faith," Lyons said. "We want to consider new ideas, learn about things that are different from our own experi-



COURTESY PHOTO

A group of Courtney Lyons' former students gather to discuss various religions and beliefs. The group has students from all four classifications and from denominations ranging from Baptist to Buddhist.

ences, and model respectful community."

The group, Lyons said, was started after a student approached her with an interest in continuing class discussions about religion, which frequently took place in Lyons's Introduction to Christian Scripture and Introduction to Christian Heritage classes, outside of class in a voluntary discussion group.

Lyons said although she initiated the formation of the group and hosts the meetings at her apartment once a month, the direction of the group is largely dictated by the students.

"I let students initiate our conversation topics," she said. "We connect through Facebook and Blackboard between meetings, but students are responsible for bringing topics and ideas for us to discuss."

This level of student involvement ensures that students are able

to talk about what is interesting or important to them personally, Lyons said.

Past conversation topics include the pope; Christian responsibility to injustice, sexuality and sexual orientation; feminism; and separation of church and state.

"No subject or view point is off limits because we want to create a safe space for respectful dialogue on issues that matter to the students," Lyons said. "The students regularly bounce ideas off of each other and learn in conversation with each other."

Dang wrote that she is sometimes apprehensive when it comes to adding to the conversation.

"As the minority, sometimes I am afraid I might offend the other group members with my beliefs," Dang wrote in her email. "I think that some of my beliefs are very different from the majority of beliefs at Baylor."

Although this freedom of dis-

ussion can cause tension, Greenwell said she sees it as beneficial.

"It teaches you to separate how you feel about a person from their opinions, which is powerful because people often dislike other people because of the views they hold," she said.

Greenwell said the group sometimes provides a platform for sharing personal challenges, rather than remaining focused on issues affecting the church.

"It's a safe place to tap into other people's views and opinions on whatever the situation is," she said.

Dang wrote that she remembered a meeting last fall when the students helped Lyons move her belongings when her apartment flooded. Dang said these kinds of interactions have revealed a deeper purpose behind the group. "It's sort of a support group," she wrote.

Lyons echoed these sentiments, calling the discussion group a little family.

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Baylor becomes dapper with new plaid

By JESSICA ABBEY
REPORTER



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President and Chancellor Ken Starr, First Lady Alice Starr and Betsy Robinson, wife of alumnus and regent C. Clifton Robinson, pose with Edmond, Okla., senior Claire Major and Waco senior Jackson Wren. Major and Wren, along with Lorena senior Hob Howell (not pictured), founded Dapper Bear Clothiers, the business producing the official Baylor plaid.

For nine years, Jayne Fader, a senior lecturer in the department of family and consumer sciences, had her students create green and gold plaids in the hope that one day Baylor would have an official plaid.

That day has arrived. Three students in the Accelerated Ventures Program at Baylor started a business centered on the Baylor plaid: Dapper Bear Clothiers.

The Accelerated Ventures Program is a two-semester course in which students are given \$5,000 to start their own business.

Lorena senior Hob Howell, the chief marketing officer for Dapper Bear Clothiers, said, "Every school has their official colors and now we have an official plaid."

Waco senior Jackson Wren and Edmond, Okla., senior Claire Major are a part of the founding trio of Dapper Bear Clothiers. They serve as the chief executive officer and the chief operating officer respectively.

The trio had many options to choose from, but the plaid business idea was a great opportunity.

Major said the group's personal connection to Baylor played a large part in them choosing it as their business model.

"Once we realized how supportive the Baylor community can be, we knew this was a good idea," Howell said.

About a year ago, Betsy Robinson, the wife of regent and alumnus C. Clifton Robinson, decided she wanted to develop a Baylor plaid they could trademark.

She wanted to use the plaid to create blankets and other items, whose proceeds could go toward student scholarships. She

enlisted the help of First Lady Alice Starr and Fader.

Fader brought the top plaid choices her students had created. They chose the plaid designed by Raleigh, N.C., alumna Hannah Maynard to be the official Baylor plaid.

Maynard created a green and gold plaid in one of Fader's technology design classes.

"It's really cool to think something that was going to be sold in the bookstore or was Baylor official was designed by me," Maynard said. She said she thinks her design stood out because she used thicker

stripes and brighter colors. Wren, Howell and Major now sell scarves and ties on their website for their business project. Students and alumni are their target market.

"Word of mouth is a big aspect of our business right now," Howell said.

Recently, the Starrs have helped them promote their business. They have worn the products to various events, including the San Antonio Women's Scholarship Dinner. At the scholarship dinner, a tie and scarf were auctioned off, raising a total of \$1,650 to go toward student scholarships.

"We would be happy to promote any student business," Starr said.

She said everyone asks her where she got her Baylor plaid scarf, especially when she wears it to the basketball games. She said whenever the Starrs make a debut in the plaid, it is always mentioned in their speeches. The University Development Office is also working on creating a plaid blanket to release with the new stadium.

"It will be used for tailgating and windy days," Starr said.

Starr also said she is going to a scholarship dinner this month where she will

promote the plaid scarf.

"I'm going to use it as an example of student initiative," she said. "I think people are impressed by that kind of entrepreneurship."

Dapper Bear Clothiers began selling scarves in December. Since then they have sold 78 scarves. The ties were just released a few weeks ago, and the group sold 37 ties in the first week of their release.

The group said it has been successful so far and are planning ahead for the future. They anticipate coming out with more products in April that will be less expensive summer items.

Starr said she has big hopes for the future of their company and thinks they can create socks, pants and umbrellas.

"If I were them, I would probably market to other schools," Starr said. She believes the business plan can work just as well in other markets.

Overall, Starr said she admires the work these students have done in such a short period of time.

They created a business plan, designed a product, ordered samples through various manufacturers, created a website, set up a credit card payment system and created successful marketing campaigns through social media.

"You're not just learning through a textbook, it's hands on," Howell said.

Wren, the CEO of Dapper Bear Clothiers, said it has been a good experience for him.

"I've definitely learned more about building a business doing this," he said. "I feel much more confident if I want to start something else in the future."

To see the pattern or purchase a product, visit dapperbearclothier.com.

Fallon, Meyers: new stars in late-night sky

By ROB OWEN
PITTSBURG POST-GAZETTE
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PASADENA, Calif. —NBC is preparing to remake its late-night lineup as Jay Leno exits as host of "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno" today and Jimmy Fallon begins as host of "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" Feb. 17 (at midnight its first week following Olympics coverage, then moving back to its regular 11:35 p.m. time slot). On Feb. 24, "Late Night with Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m.) debuts.

"Late Night" house band The Roots will join Fallon on "The Tonight Show," which will originate from New York instead of its longtime Burbank, Calif., home. Fallon was born and raised in New York, and he wanted to bring "The Tonight Show" back there after a more than 40-year absence.

Fallon's first guest will be Will Smith

and his first musical guest will be U2.

This new iteration of "The Tonight Show" will certainly mirror Fallon's personality and style as well as that of Fallon's "Late Night." (The head writer of "Late Night" is moving with Fallon to "The Tonight Show.")

"There's no defined thing as to what 'The Tonight Show' is and what it isn't," Lieb said. "The engine is there: It's Jimmy Fallon. There's a real reason he was picked to host this show, and there's a reason people enjoy the show now. It's what we do, and it's a lot of fun."

Fallon said having fun will be key to the show's success.

"I wish that Steve Allen and Johnny Carson were still around just to see what we're going to do with the show because when they invented this show, it was all about being fun and silly and goofy," Mr. Fallon said. "And Steve Allen was the first guy to sit in a plate with ice cream and

pretend he's a banana split and get chocolate syrup all over him and roll around, because that's what it should be. It should be goofy and fun and make everyone laugh. Everyone works too hard, and we're the first thing after your local news. You watch us, and you get a good laugh, and you go to bed with a smile on your face. And that's our job."

With Fallon taking over "The Tonight Show," "Saturday Night Live" head writer and "Weekend Update" anchor Seth Meyers will take over as host of "Late Night With Seth Meyers," whose studio will be one floor above the new "Tonight Show" studio in 30 Rockefeller Plaza. (Meyers' last "Weekend Update" on "SNL" aired this past weekend.)

Meyers, 40, said he plans to bring some elements from "Weekend Update" to "Late Night."

"I'm drawn to the idea of making jokes about current events," he said, add-

ing that he brought the head writer of "Weekend Update" to his new show. "I like interviewing people who are fictional and I'd like to continue that to some degree."

Meyers said he'll have a separate area to interview characters to distinguish it from his interviews with real people, who will include Amy Poehler as his first guest.

Meyers said he's not a music buff like Fallon, so he and producer Mike Shoemaker have surrounded themselves with people who are music experts.

As for interviews, he said he's been working on his listening and interview skills.

He said the show will distinguish itself from its competition in its opening 15 minutes: "The biggest way to define yourself is in the two to three acts of comedy before the guests come out."

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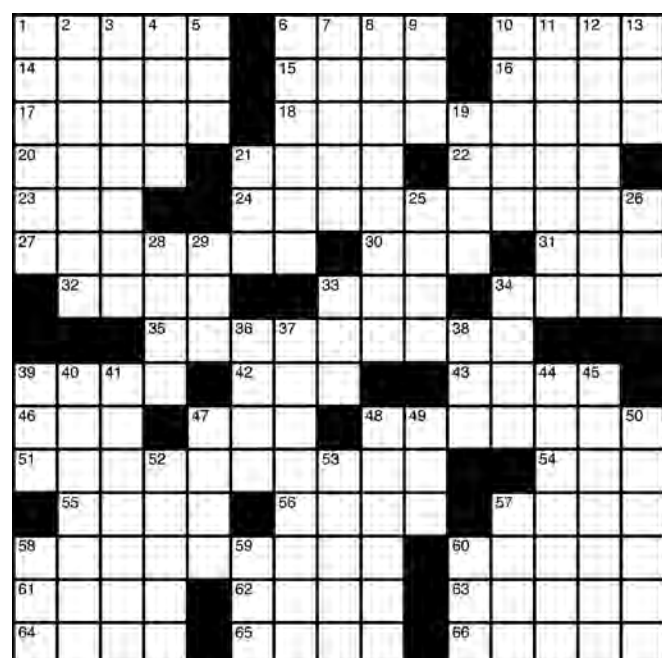
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 - Resistance units
 - Bottom row key
 - "A Death in the Family" author
 - North ___
 - "Fall on your knees" carol
 - Mammoth traps
 - "Hometown proud" supermarket chain
 - "How relaxing!"
 - Fighting stats
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 - Hardly the latest buzz
 - Only just broke the tape
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 - Symbol for Macy's
 - Prime time rating
 - Give a darn?
 - "You gotta be kidding!"
 - Big Apple restaurateur
 - Go-getter
 - Remedy
 - See 44-Down
 - Duel tool
 - "My word!"
 - Until now
- Down
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Lenz leads No. 6 tennis to 4-0 record

By RYAN HANNEGAN
REPORTER

The Baylor men's tennis team includes 11 talented tennis players who have collectively started off the season 4-0 to earn a No. 6 ranking. Among these players is sophomore Julian Lenz. Julian has represented Baylor both on and off the tennis court as a student-athlete who does what it takes to succeed.

Born in Giessen, Germany, on Feb. 17, 1993, Lenz learned tennis from a young age. His older brother played tennis, and Lenz would regularly attend his brother's practices because he was too young to be left at home alone.

"I think I was 2 or 3 when I just started picking up a tennis racket," Lenz said. "My brother had a really nice coach back then and a couple of minutes after practice he would just feed me balls and I played a little bit."

He was about 5 or 6 years old when he began to play competitively. Lenz came from a family of sports enthusiasts, and sports were just something they did growing up.

"We, in general, are a pretty sports-oriented family," Lenz said. "We would just play for fun."

As he got older, Julian was a two-sport star, but was eventually forced to pick between the two sports.

"I actually played soccer too," Lenz said. "I was never playing with my age. I was always playing at higher levels and with kids that were older than me. Ultimately, it came to a point where I had to quit

one or the other and I chose tennis. It was just more fun."

Lenz said he loves the pressure-packed points a match provides. Moments like these motivate Lenz to get better each and every day, even when things get difficult.

"Well, of course I like the big moments," Lenz said. "When you play big matches. Right now in college, it's also, of course, playing for the team. Sometimes you question yourself when you're doing conditioning stuff asking yourself, 'Why am I doing all of this?' I just think of those big moments I have had and it helps me to keep going."

Coming out of high school, there was little doubt for Lenz as to where he would be playing collegiately.

Lenz noted the reputation of Baylor tennis, as well as living close to a former Baylor tennis star in his hometown in Germany, were key factors in his decision to come to Baylor.

"I came, of course, because the history of Baylor," Lenz said. "We played in 2004 with three or four Germans on the team. I heard a lot of good things from them. Especially from Lars Poerschke, who lived like 15 minutes away from me. I remember always practicing with him before I came to college. He was always pushing me to go to Baylor. I really didn't have a choice; I really didn't make a choice. Once I was looking at colleges, it was really just Baylor."

As a freshman, Lenz advanced to the round of 16 at the USTA-ITA National Indoor Championships in singles, posting an 11-4 record. He also won the distinction

of German Junior Champion in 2012 and played in all four junior grand slams in 2011, advancing to the Round of 32 at both the US and Australian Opens. He is currently ranked as the No. 2 college player in the nation.

Lenz is exceptional in the classroom as well. Lenz made the fall Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll and the Baylor Dean's List.

Many on the team realize how talented Lenz is and his great potential.

Fellow teammate junior Mate Zsiga gave Lenz high praise.

"He's really talented," Zsiga said. "He's got a great serve, huge forehand, and he just helps the team in a lot of ways. He's a fighter; he plays hard every single match. He's obviously a huge part of our team and helps a ton."

Head coach Matt Knoll also had a lot of great things to say about his player, noting how bright his future is for Lenz.

"I think the thing that stands out about Julian is his work ethic," Knoll said, "and his professionalism as it pertains to tennis. His development has been nice and steady. You know, he's worked hard and has continued to get better. That's the way he has contributed to his team the best. He's made a real commitment to his own improvement and it pushes everyone else to do the same."

"I believe the sky is the limit for Julian," Knoll said. "I think if he continues to stay focused on the present, he's got a great skill set to play tennis at a high level. I think he will jump out of bed when he's 28 or 29 and be pretty good."



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Sophomore Julian Lenz concentrates on a return on April 21, 2013. The Bears are 4-0 this season and are ranked No. 6 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings.

Briles delivers Bears talented recruiting class



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Baylor receiver Tevin Reese was a three-star receiver out of Temple High School and is now heading to the NFL after four seasons at Baylor.

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor football announced Wednesday its high school Class of 2014 football signing class. Nineteen freshmen and four junior college transfers signed their National Letter of Intent to play at Baylor.

"It's very exciting day, as always, this time of year," Baylor head coach Art Briles said. "Heath Nielsen [associate athletic director for communications] mentioned we have a top 20 class per ESPN and I think Scout also. If you are into rankings that is a good deal. We are excited about these guys."

Baylor's 2014 class is headlined by a plethora of talented wide receivers.

The class is led by Mount Pleasant native K.D. Cannon, a player ranked top 30 and a top four wide receiver by ESPN.

"K.D.'s the smoothest and purest receiver at the high school the level I've ever seen," Briles said. "When the ball's in his hands, he is as instinctive as anybody I've ever been around. They all have great talents they bring to the table."

Texarkana native Davion Hall, a five-star athlete, Willis native Chris Platt and Houston native Ishmael Zamora round out the wide receiver class.

"Platt's going to win the 400 for the fourth time in a row - the fastest quarter-miler in America in his age group," Briles said. "Zamora got second in intermediates last year. Davion Hall is as multiple an athlete as we've signed in forever. He can play any position but we're going to bring him in as a receiver and turn him loose and see what he can do."

All four wide receivers are ranked in the ESPN Top 300.

"If there is a better receiver class in America then somebody is speaking with forked tongue," Briles said. "There are not four receivers better than who we signed. Somebody could challenge it, but I'm not going to challenge [Brady] Heslip to a three-point shooting contest because I'm not going to win. These guys are phenomenal athletes and football players."

Baylor signed five defensive backs in this class: Pflugerville's Chance Waz, Mesquite's Veredrick Vaughns, Princeton's Jourdan Blake and junior college transfers Tion Wright and Chris Sanders.

"Defensive back was an area we certainly felt like we had to hit, needed to hit, and did hit," Briles said. "Once again we've got guys on campus we have a whole lot of confidence in, but the talent level is very impressive and that's where it all starts."

These signings come after Baylor graduated four of its five defensive backs with significant starting experience.

"The guys we signed and bringing in the two junior college guys at midterm who we really have a lot of confidence in," Briles said. "We feel like they can come in and compete without question because they're mature and they're ready to go."

One of the more intriguing players in the class is a running back from Ennis named Terence Williams.

Although with a different spelling, Baylor fans may remember that he is the second Terrance Williams to come through Waco, after current Dallas Cowboys wide receiver.

"That's always been good for us," Briles said. "He's another guy that's a midterm guy that we're really proud of and on campus. He's going to be a great football player for us, just as the first one was."

Baylor signed four highly-rated offensive lineman prospects in Houston's Blake Blackmar, Houston's Devonte Jones, Waxahachie lineman Patrick Lawrence and Rockdale's Josh Pelzel.

The Bears supplement these acquisitions with Lackawanna Junior College transfer Jarrell Broxton, the man many expect to replace All-American left

guard Cyril Richardson on the interior of the line.

"As I've said many times before, the line is where we always start, maybe with the exception of a quarterback and some other skilled positions," Briles said. "The game is certainly determined in the trenches. We feel really good about our O-line class. Those are areas where we're always going to try to be very strong as a team year in and year out. Some of these guys are going to be really outstanding players before all is said and done."

For the first time, Baylor broadcast its signing day live on the internet for fans to watch. Many fans tuned in to a live feed to watch the National Letters of Intent arrive via fax machine. "I was right there with them," Briles said. "I think that's what you want. If there's interest you fulfill it. It was certainly good vision by whoever decided to do that because it is neat. I'm glad our fans got to be a part of it."

The rest of the 2014 signing class is comprised of Kingwood tight end Jordan Feuerbacher, Waco defensive end Jamie Jacobs, Magnolia defensive end Xavier Jones, Houston defensive lineman Ira Lewis, Coppell tight end Blake Mahon, Cibola defensive end Josh Malin and Mesquite defensive tackle Andrew Morris.

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Health care push to focus on biggest cities

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MCALLEN, Texas — With less than two months remaining to enroll in the health care marketplace, the federal government is focusing outreach efforts on areas with the largest concentrations of uninsured, including Texas' Harris and Dallas counties.

According to a study conducted for The Associated Press, half of the nation's uninsured live in just 113 of the 3,143 counties.

Texas has the highest uninsured rate in the U.S. — about one in four people — and the two biggest concentrations in Texas are Harris and Dallas counties.

That sort of data are what brought U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to Dallas last week and why the agency is coordinating with Houston health officials on advertising aimed at spreading the enrollment message.

Martha Blaine, executive director of the Community Council

of Greater Dallas, said Texas' refusal to expand Medicaid is the main factor.

"I think the other reason that we're not making the headway against the uninsured in Texas is that ... with the federal exchange Texas did not receive any of the outreach money. And so we do not have high-profile outreach programs like California has," Blaine said. "The general public does not have a unified message in Texas."

Federal officials have identified 25 key metro areas to focus on before the March 31 end of open enrollment, including Dallas and Houston; South Florida and Orlando; the northern New Jersey megalopolis; Phoenix and Tucson; Detroit and Cleveland; Atlanta and Nashville.

In mid-January, federal officials reported more than 118,500 Texans had used the health care web site to sign up for insurance.

Texas poses a couple of challenges. The state has many immigrants who are in the country illegally and therefore are not eli-

gible for subsidized health coverage through the marketplace, and it didn't expand Medicaid to cover most poor adults.

Debra Walker, 59, of Houston, who has lived without insurance for the past few years, falls into the latter category.

She cares for her sick husband and in order to have the flexibility she needs she works as a home health care specialist about 20 hours per week. She makes \$7.50 per hour.

For the past three years, Walker has relied on Harris County's health plan, which subsidizes doctor's visits on a sliding scale based on a resident's income.

Still, with recent diagnoses for high blood pressure and diabetes, even her reduced prescription costs can add up.

"It's pretty hard to swing that," Walker said. "It gets expensive."

For the AP study, the State Health Access Data Assistance Center at the University of Minnesota used government data from the 2011 Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, the only

source of annual estimates of uninsured people for all counties.

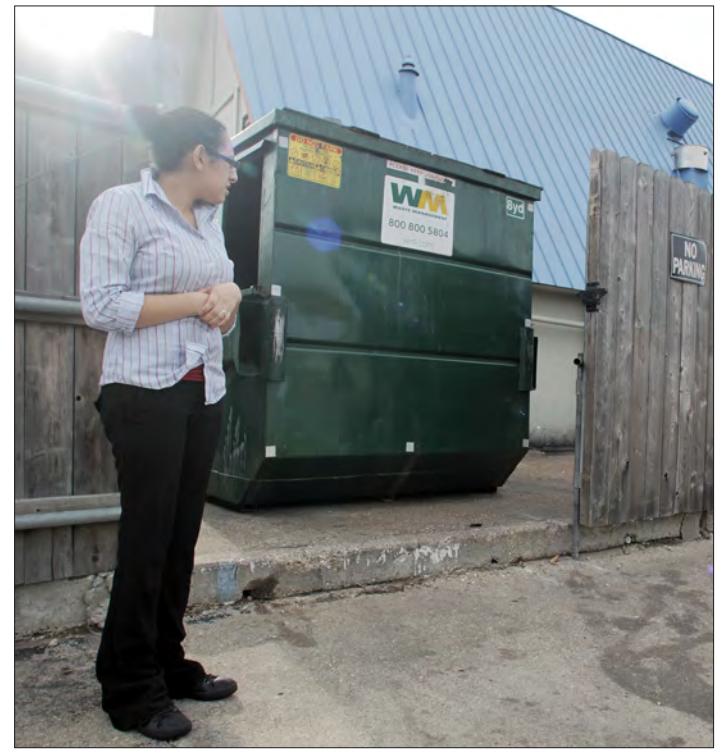
They were not able to filter out people who entered the country illegally and thus are not eligible for coverage under the law.

Benjamin Hernandez, deputy assistant director for the Houston Department of Health & Human Services, said it's little surprise that Harris County's nearly 1.1 million uninsured rank it second only to Los Angeles County. The city has been using ZIP code-level data of the uninsured but is still seeking updated information that would show where their outreach is actually leading to enrollment in those areas.

"We've done a lot of grassroots efforts ... but we have not had a lot of media penetration in this market," Hernandez said.

"We're paying currently for our own media buys that we're doing in (public service announcements), but ... we're working with HHS now so they can do some media penetration in this area as well."

IHOP from Page 1



TRAVIS TAYLOR | PHOTO EDITOR

Mariela Gonzalez, one of the managers of the IHOP on South Fourth Street near the Baylor campus, points out an area where parking behind the restaurant is limited on Wednesday.

and printer paper, lay in a puddle behind the IHOP dumpster.

"Why would you park in front of our dumpsters?" the handwritting read. "This happened yesterday and our trash could not be picked up!" Signed, IHOP.

A trash truck makes daily visits to the rear of the restaurant where the dumpsters are located. It's also popular for drivers who need a place to keep their cars.

When those dumpsters are blocked off by unattended vehicles, it's a sanitary issue for the restaurant.

"We've only towed three or four cars this year," said "We don't want to have to do that. In fact, general management asks us not to, but when the trash piles up, it's a health issue." The restaurant is charged \$400-500 dollars every time they need to call for a tow.

Parking behind the restaurant can also be a safety issue, Gonzales said. "If something happens and we have an emergency, emergency vehicles can't get through with all the cars in the way," she said.

COUNSEL from Page 1

ticular," Boldt said. "So what will happen is, a student will walk in and we'll help them determine if their situation is urgent. Then they will be seen in an order of priority based on what their concern is."

Boldt said the counseling center has not seen an increase in student patients since the walk-in clinic was started at the beginning of the semester.

Boldt said he feels students are often pleasantly surprised to find out they can be seen almost immediately, as it could take sometimes over a week to get an initial appointment. Boldt said he warns that as the semester progresses, more people will come

in, and may not be seen the day of their arrival but the next day. Boldt said he feels this is still better than the old system.

"It allows us to be more flexible based on the urgency of a student's concerns when they come in, so that we could see someone in a crisis much sooner," he said.

Chesterfield, Mo., senior Lauren McDougal is the vice president of student organization Active Minds, which focuses on educating students on mental health awareness.

"I'm such an advocate of counseling in general, but I think with all the stressors we face in college, even coming in as freshmen, having the ability to go to counseling that's

this available is incredible," McDougal said.

If Baylor didn't have campus counseling, students would have to go off campus for counseling services, and McDougal said those outside services are expensive.

"Having the opportunity to go in right at the Counseling Center in the McLane Student Life Center is an incredible thing," she said.

McDougal said counseling can be helpful to a student.

"I would think if you are in a mindset where you feel you would benefit from counseling at all, it's a good thing to at least go and try," she said. "Any time you feel like it would be beneficial."

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Since leaving Baylor, Griffin has spoken on several occasions of the importance his encounters at Friends for Life have meant to him.

"Having the chance to go to Friends for Life and volunteer there was, you know, a great time in my life and it really shows, you know, just how much fun I've had here at Baylor and the things that I've seen to be able to grow," Griffin said at a press conference in 2012.

Larry Patton, a native Wacoan and client at the campus for eight years, said he is not surprised Griffin has decided to return for such a selfless cause.

Although Patton has suffered multiple strokes and has diminished long-term memory, he has not forgotten the first time Griffin came to the center and became part of his life.

"He asked me things about me," Patton said. "Somebody of that celebrity status, a lot of times you expect them to think it's all about them, but he wanted to hear about me."

Patton said the football star never played dominoes before visiting the center, but Patton took him under his wing and, through the game, became Griffin's biggest fan.

Humility is the word Patton said best describes Griffin because he is the kind of person who knows how to use his status for the bettering of others. Patton said he recalls vividly the times Griffin would sit beside him just to tell him he was in his prayers. Patton said this type of atmosphere is typical on campus where, on a daily basis, Baylor students spend much of their time volunteering and the campus and comforting clients.

"It's been a wonderful blessing for me because it's given me more of a sense of belonging and I really like that," Patton said. "As a senior



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Baylor's 2011 Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III visits Emelda Edwards, a Waco nursing home patient. Griffin will return to Waco in May to raise funds for Friends for Life, an organization that benefits the elderly and disabled in the area.

citizen you like to look at the generation that is going to be more or less carrying you and I think I'm in great hands."

Moore said she is hopeful the event will help develop a larger donor base for the center, which is one of only two centers of its kind in Waco. The Q-and-A will accompany a silent auction of signed football gear by Griffin and his former

coach Art Briles.

Although Griffin's schedule for the day is not fully planned yet, Moore said she would not be surprised if he decided to stop by the campus before the main event because that is the kind of person he is.

If he does stop by, his old friend Patton said he will be waiting.

OLYMPICS from Page 1

In contrast to the cautious approach of IOC sponsors, three sponsors of the U.S. Olympic Committee chose to speak out explicitly against the Russian law.

The first was AT&T.

"Russia's law is harmful to LGBT individuals and families, and it's harmful to a diverse society," it said Tuesday in a blog post.

Following suit on Wednesday were DeVry University, a for-profit education company, and yogurt-maker Chobani.

"We are against Russia's anti-LGBT law and support efforts to improve LGBT equality," said Ernie Gible, a DeVry spokesman.

"It's disappointing that in 2014 this is still an issue," said Chobani's CEO, Hamdi Ulukaya. "We are against all laws and practices that discriminate in any way, whether it be where you come from or who you love — for that reason, we oppose Russia's anti-LGBT law."

AT&T's move was praised by leading groups in the coalition that has been working for months to pressure sponsors into speaking out.

"AT&T has broken the ice," said Minky Worden, director of global initiatives for Human Rights Watch. "Top sponsors of the Olympics like Coke, GE, McDonald's and Visa are going to have to follow suit — they are very much on the wrong side of history in refusing to use their leverage with the International Olympic Committee to ask for reform and to defend LGBT Russians."

The Russian law, signed in July by President

Vladimir Putin, outlaws pro-gay "propaganda" that could be accessible to minors. Critics say it is so restrictive and vague that it deters almost any public expression of support for gay rights.

Nonetheless, about a dozen Russian activists protested the law Wednesday in St. Petersburg, hundreds of miles north of Sochi.

Two unfurled banners reading "Berlin 1936 = Sochi 2014," referring to the Olympic Games held in Nazi Germany.

One-person protests are legal in Russia, and the two activists holding signs were spaced far enough apart that neither was arrested.

In London, about 150 people rallying outside Prime Minister David Cameron's office urged McDonald's and the IOC's other sponsors to speak out.

To date, the IOC and its top sponsors — who pay millions for the rights to use Olympic symbols in television commercials and other marketing — have expressed general opposition to discrimination and pledged to ensure that people gathering for the Sochi Olympics wouldn't be affected by the law.

IOC spokesman Mark Adams said Wednesday the committee and the sponsors have been in constant communication about several issues in Russia, but he declined to describe the conversations when asked whether the sponsors wanted the IOC to make a specific statement about the law.

A coalition of 40 international groups, including Amnesty International and Human

Rights Watch, sent an open letter to the 10 top sponsors last week urging them to run ads promoting equality for LGBT people.

Human Rights Watch posted a video this week on YouTube of gay people in Russia being bullied, chased and beaten, compiled from footage the group said was uploaded by perpetrators.

The video got more than 830,000 views in less than two days.

Aside from AT&T, DeVry University and Chobani, sponsors of the U.S. Olympic Committee who were contacted by The Associated Press shied away from explicit condemnations of the Russian law, while expressing support for diversity and opposition to discrimination. These sponsors included TD Ameritrade, Kellogg Co., United Airlines, BP PLC, Nike Inc., Citigroup Inc. and Hilton Worldwide.

"Our sponsorship of the USOC is about supporting Team USA, not engaging in political or policy debates," said Scott Dean, a BP spokesman.

The Russian law "is unaffiliated with our ongoing support of the Olympic movement," said Hilton Worldwide. "Our mission is to help athletes on their journey...fostering and promoting the values and spirit of the Olympics amongst our guests and members."

Citigroup cited its "longstanding support" for LGBT rights, and added that it backed the USOC's "ongoing efforts" to address the issue with the IOC.

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