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Students lose Army tuition assistance

By REBECCA FIEDLER
STAFF WRITER

Baylor has been suspended from its students receiving tuition assistance from the U.S. Army.

The Army offers up to \$250 per semester hour to soldiers one year after graduating from initial entry training.

“We elected not to participate in the program,” said Lori Fogleman, assistant vice president for student media communications.

For several years Baylor has had two to three students a year who have used tuition assistance from the Army, said Jackie Diaz, assistant vice president for student financial services, strategy and planning.

A few years ago GoArmyEd, the Army’s online service for requesting financial aid, began to require that students use an issued government payment card for their Army tuition assistance.

“Baylor does not accept credit cards directly for any tuition payment, and we never have,” Diaz said.

Baylor doesn’t accept this type of payment because of expense to the university, Diaz said, as credit card companies charge fees. If Baylor had to pay these fees, tu-

ition would likely be raised. The only way Baylor will accept such payments is through a third-party processor, which involves the students and parents paying extra fees.

Maj. Santos Arroyo, battalion commander of Baylor Army ROTC, said there could be benefits for Baylor in accepting tuition assistance, because Fort Hood soldiers might use those benefits.

“There are a lot of officers at Fort Hood that would love to drive one hour to Baylor three or four times a week that to complete a degree plan,” Arroyo said. “It’s an opportunity that I think Baylor could capitalize on.”

Once Baylor told GoArmyEd that the university doesn’t accept credit cards, there was a period of negotiation with Baylor and GoArmyEd. GoArmyEd acknowledged that there are multiple other schools in the same situation as Baylor with payment policies, so GoArmyEd exempted Baylor from the card method of payment.

On March 1, 2013, however, the U.S. Department of Defense wrote an updated memorandum of understanding concerning tuition assistance: a document that

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Blackboard may get replaced by new system

By NICO ZULLI
REPORTER

After more than a decade on campus, Blackboard may no longer reign as Baylor’s learning management system for students, faculty and staff.

“Change is hard,” said Pattie Orr, vice president for information technology and dean of university libraries. “And if I had been a faculty or staff member using Blackboard for 10 to 12 years, I would be concerned if I had to move on to something new.”

Orr said the idea of switching learning management systems came about as a result of Baylor’s constant evaluation of any products that are used as well as a willingness to make improvements to these products. While it remains

uncertain whether or not a change from Blackboard to Canvas by Instructure will take place at this time, Orr said it is a possibility she intends to explore thoroughly before making a final decision on the matter.

Orr said numerous campus feedback surveys over the years have indicated that students, faculty and staff have favorable opinions of Blackboard. She also said the time has come to reassess Blackboard against the capabilities of Canvas.

“We have been keeping our finger on our pulse all along, and we see satisfaction, so it’s not that we are fixing a problem,” she said. “We are just looking for ways to offer improvement.”

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KEVIN FREEMAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Hanging around

Students take advantage of the beautiful 70-degree weather Tuesday afternoon with a nap in the hammocks in Vara Martin Daniel Plaza.

Fort Hood razes 2009 massacre site

By NOMAAN MERCHANT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — A Texas Army post has razed the building where a former psychiatrist carried out one of the worst mass shootings in U.S. history, with plans to put up trees and a memorial in its place.

Fort Hood officials said Tuesday that they have torn down Building 42003, the site of a 2009 massacre that left 13 people dead and more than 30 wounded.

The building was part of a processing center complex for soldiers deploying and returning from combat. On Nov. 5, 2009, then-Maj. Ni-

dal Hasan carried two weapons inside, shouted “Allahu Akbar!” — “God is great” in Arabic — and opened fire on soldiers waiting for vaccines and paperwork.

As soldiers and civilians tried to take cover, Hasan walked through the building, targeting anyone in a green Army uniform. He left pools of blood and spent ammunition in his wake. He was eventually confronted outside the building by Fort Hood police officers, who shot him and paralyzed him from the waist down.

Hasan was convicted in August of charges related

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Fort Hood officials said Tuesday they have torn down Building 42003, the site of a 2009 massacre that left 13 people dead and more than 30 wounded.

Sophomores welcome needed retreat

By RAE JEFFERSON
STAFF WRITER

Sophomores in search of spiritual growth and a break from the hubbub of school have an opportunity to find exactly that, thanks to Baylor Spiritual Life.

This week, registration opened for the fourth annual Baylor Second Year Retreat, a 3-day trip scheduled for March 28 – 30 that is open to all sophomore class.

For \$120, students can travel to Camp Eagle in Rock Springs to “hike, kayak, relax and refresh,” Student Life wrote in an email sent to the sophomore class.

Retreat coordinator Ray Small, a graduate student from Austin, said the trip will focus on teaching students to practice the Sabbath as a means of finding peace in the midst of stress caused by school and life.

Small said the Sabbath is a part of Christian life that tends to be overlooked by most students. Many Christians “do not understand business as a sin, or problematic,” Small said.

“Biblically, keeping the Sabbath is on the



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Students find time to get in a few laughs at last year’s sophomore retreat at Camp Eagle in Rock Springs. The trip is designed for second-year students to get away from classes and grow spiritually.

same list as not murdering,” he said. “If we’re very busy, we have no problem with working everyday; but if we’re very angry, we do have a problem with murdering. We just don’t value

rest like God does.”

Georgetown sophomore Evan Edwards,

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Baylor art professor has been collecting bugs all his life and uses them now to draw inspiration.



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In his 11th season, head basketball coach Scott Drew keeps recruiting top talent to Baylor.



Talent should yield an NFL roster spot

Editorial

A Division I football team in the Southeastern Conference had a gay player and nobody knew about it except for his teammates. Missouri All-American defensive end and National Football League Draft prospect Michael Sam came out of the closet on Feb. 10, marking him as the first openly gay athlete to pursue playing in the NFL.

Before the 2013 season at Missouri, Sam came out to his teammates during a team meeting. Sam's sexual orientation was not a hindrance or a distraction to the 2013 Missouri Tigers football team.

The group of student-athletes in their teens and early 20s handled having a homosexual teammate with maturity and responsibility.

While the editorial board does not condone his lifestyle, we support Sam's right to play in the NFL, and this situation pertains to his right to work, not the morality of his lifestyle.

It is time for the NFL to look beyond sexual orientation in its players.

The NFL is an industry that makes more than \$10 billion annually in profits. It's a serious business. As a result, many franchises are careful of their image.

How will fans react to having a gay player on their favorite team, especially in more conservative areas of the country? How will he affect the marketability of the team? How will teammates with various backgrounds and diverse world-

views cope with having Sam in the locker room?

This is where Michael Sam's announcement presents the NFL with a problem, even though it should not be.

In a profession where image contributes to perception of a franchise, many NFL owners, general managers and head coaches are cautious of selecting the first openly gay player in the NFL to their team.

If a group of college student-athletes can handle having Sam as a teammate, then professionals who make millions of dollars should be able to handle a diverse locker room.

Much has been made of the NFL's machismo and often-barbaric locker room culture. A football locker room can be one of the most vulgar places in the American work force.

The Miami Dolphins bullying saga involving Richie Incognito and Jonathan Martin jumps to the forefront as an example.

Incognito bullied and harassed Martin to the point where Martin had a nervous breakdown and left the team.

Despite the oft-ridiculed locker room culture, that does not mean the NFL can't change.

Sam presents the NFL with the opportunity to reflect the rest of society to enable the rights of all people to work, without any discrimination.

Sam, the 6-foot-2-inch, 260-pound defensive end, had a dominant senior season for the Missouri Tigers. A three-year letterman, Sam led the SEC with 11.5 sacks and 19 tackles-for-loss.

If a football player can compete

at a level worthy of earning a roster spot in the NFL, then that player deserves the opportunity, no matter what his sexual preference is.

Sam was the Associated Press' Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Year in the 2013 season and will be eligible to be drafted in the 2014 NFL Draft.

Of the last nine players to win the SEC Defensive Player of the Year Award, eight went on to be selected in the first round of the NFL Draft.

From 2004 to present, David Pollack, Patrick Willis, Glenn Dorsey, Eric Berry, Rolando McClain, Patrick Peterson, Morris Claiborne and Jarvis Jones have all been first round NFL Draft picks. The lineage is evident.

Winning the SEC Defensive Player of the Year Award puts a prospective NFL player in a strong position to be an early draft pick and go on to have a successful NFL career.

Sam's announcement of his sexual orientation will likely affect his draft stock.

That's not fair, but it's the trail Sam will have to blaze.

Off-the-field distractions are handled by franchises and organizations.

Whichever franchise selects Sam will have to have stern leadership in place and have a fundamental, tight ship.

The franchise chooses how much media access to give to certain players. In this respect, teams control the narrative.

A team that selects Sam can make the selection as quietly as possible, or to welcome the attention.

How the NFL handles its first



openly gay player will serve as a litmus test of football culture.

Hopefully, the NFL can look past this and take part in ethical employment practices.

It's time for the NFL to embrace its own adage: "If you can play, you can play."

Opinion

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I'm no longer a victim of Southern circumstance

Before last summer, I considered myself an up-against-the-wall right wing conservative ready to shoot down anyone with my proverbial concealed weapon. Now, I'm willing to give the other side a fair listen.

I spent two months last summer interning in Washington, D.C., in a program with 30 other budding journalists from around the world. I come from a somewhat hellfire and brimstone family that held their breath when I boarded the plane for D.C., scared to death I might return brainwashed by "those heathen liberal Yankees."

My grandparents didn't take too kindly also to the fact that I would be rooming with Democrats.

They're still warming up to the idea that one of my best girl friends from the program is a Catholic from upstate New York.

Even after catching Potomac Fever, my family was relieved to see me in one piece upon returning from the District, despite mingling all summer with the lefty persuasion.

While I made lasting relationships and connections, I credit part of my success in the program to one in particular — my next-



Taylor Griffin | News Editor

door neighbor.

Perhaps it would be prudent first to describe my friend.

I love to introduce him into my stories about D.C. by calling him "the absolute most interesting person in the world," and he was; the Dos Equis advertisements have nothing on this guy.

With roughly a 6-foot-4-inch spindly stature, this Ohio native proudly wore his tortoise Buddy Holly specs and the occasional T-shirt with the outline of his home state. For work, he would often sport a suit with a bow tie.

He embraced his nerdy chic get-up.

As rail-thin as he was, the boy was somehow a walking garbage disposal and ate just about anything he could.

As an avid long-distance runner, he would get in roughly 5 miles or more a day by running from the Lincoln Memorial all the way to the Capitol and back to our apartment building.

Fluent in Swahili, he had an infinite knowledge of hip-hop music from the 1980s on through the majesty of Jay-Z, whose album, "Magna Carta Holy Grail" that dropped last summer he listened to like it was gospel.

To top it all off, he was by far the most raging liberal human being I've ever met — borderline socialist, and he wasn't ashamed to tell it. In other words, he was the quintessence of what us Southerners consider a "goober."

The rest of the summer, my neighbor and I often woke up at the crack of dawn before our internships and shared a pot of coffee or a stack of pancakes at each other's apartments.

One morning, we jabbed over our cups of Trader Joe's Tanzanian Peaberry brew about our own family dynamics. I told him I was raised with the grit and tenacity of a true East Texan, which of course

was bundled with the uber-Republican, Confederate flag-wavin' glimpse into my upbringing.

He laughed and proceeded to fill me in on his past. He grew up in a house politically divided down the middle and somehow ended up as far left as a person could be.

We chatted about our differing views, and he would intermittently insert a thoughtful head nod as I explained my conservative stance.

When the subject of my faith came up, he simply said, "I'm just not about that life," and left it at that.

I feel guilty at times for never asking his reasoning, but I quickly remember why I didn't: It was his decision.

It was curious that he never bothered to shoot me down like the liberal heads my family warned me about for suggesting I believe something completely opposite of him.

Instead, I poured him another cup of coffee.

It was most compelling because he was more interested in fully understanding my thinking and beliefs than he was in telling me I was wrong.

I observed his behavior all summer and took mental note of the way he treated others. He was

his own best critic, but although he loved to talk about himself, he never failed to return a compliment on his listener.

He never uttered a curse word and said he found them unflattering. As a protégé journalist, he had plenty more eloquent insults in his arsenal that would bomb anyone on the spot.

He calmly and attentively recognized the world around him and seemingly took in every detail as if he would use it in his next story. I learned more simply watching him take it all in than I did in the classroom.

The night before our program graduation, I was this close to having a complete "Scarecrow, I'll miss you most of all" meltdown when I finally had to bid adieu to my Ohio goober.

His friendship is worth more than rubies to me because he chooses to accept my Bible-thumpin' Texan upbringing rather than belittle me for believing in a higher power.

He is slow to assume what is considered factual but quick to respect the beliefs of others — the optimal trait for any good journalist.

Besides schooling me on a few practical words in Swahili and the

fact that Macklemore was not real rap, he taught me one of the most valuable lessons: live and let live.

Instead of trading my red for blue, I gained a sharper view of what I actually do believe and support, not just what my momma tells me is true.

That meant clarifying what I already revere and letting go of past notions that no longer fit the person I am today. In short, I'm now a proud purple.

Indirectly, I was raised to figuratively scare the hell out of those who didn't agree with my beliefs, and while I still cling to a many of the ideals conservatives preach, I've come to realize that hate spews from both ends of the political continuum.

While I continue to respect my background, I now steer clear from the hurtful and often inaccurate assumptions I was raised to make.

I no longer cast God's wrath in the name of George W. Bush on the ones who choose differently on their ballots. In fact, I celebrate their freedom to believe the opposite of me; it certainly makes for better conversation.

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During “This is My Story,” held in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center last Tuesday, students tell their life stories while passing around a ball of yarn. By the end of the activity, each student was connected to another by string.

Cultural Community

‘This is My Story’ program launches, invites students to share backgrounds

BY EMILY BALLARD
REPORTER

Baylor’s Cross Cultural Ministries program beckons students who want to learn about other cultures and to interact with the diverse group of students the ministry reaches.

Last Tuesday marked the launch of Cross Cultural Ministries’ new monthly activity called “This is My Story.” The program welcomes all students to the Bobo Spiritual Life Center to participate in sharing some of their life stories with small groups of people.

“It’s a time to build community,” said Julia Fanning, the program assistant of Formation and Spiritual Life. “It’s a place where our shared stories will help us learn. Students can just show up. If you’re from Waco or Shanghai, it doesn’t matter.”

The small groups formed at this first meeting will meet throughout the semester and will serve as a safe place for vulnerability, Fanning said.

“From our different stories we are creating a shared story,” she said.

Students have an opportunity to practice listening skills and gain cultural awareness.

Graduate student Hector Castellort, ministry associate for Cross Cultural Ministries, leads “This is My Story.” He shared his own story of coming to the U.S. from Mexico when he was 15 years old because his parents thought Mexico was too dangerous and believed he would receive better education in the U.S.

Despite the unfortunate circumstances of having to leave his parents and his home in Mexico, Castellort said he is thankful for his experiences in the U.S., particularly for the opportunity to explore cultures other than his own.

“I feel being in the U.S. has brought me close to God,” he said.

Cross Cultural Ministries activities are based on the idea that Christians are responsible for building and living in community, Fanning said.

“It began because something we believe in is Christian hospitality, loving others who are different from you,” she said.

During the meeting, international and U.S.-born students mingled rather than separating into cliques based on their ethnicity or cultural background.

“I think a lot of students have come here and found a home,” Fanning said. “Friendships have blossomed between students and between students and our staff here.”

At “This is My Story,” Lee Ann Robelia, administrative associate for Formation, held a thick ball of purple yarn in her hands as she shared her life story with the group of students. When she finished, she tossed the ball of yarn to a student across the room while holding on to the flyaway string with a finger. By the time everyone had introduced themselves, a 21-point violet star of yarn linked the group.

“Suddenly, I star in your story and you star in mine,” Robelia said. “This is how community is built.”

Hong Kong senior Evonne Yip attended Hong Kong Baptist University before enrolling at Baylor. She attends Cross Cultural Ministries activities every week, she said, which has helped grow her accustomed to American culture.

“The biggest problem is language,” she said. “Some native speakers who talk with us help us become more efficient with English.”

Cross Cultural Ministries includes 12 leaders, most of them

students.

Dr. Jonathan Lenells, assistant professor of mathematics, is an exception. He arrived four years ago from Vaxjo, Sweden, to teach at Baylor. Students gravitated toward Lenells’ cheery laugh at Tuesday’s event. He led a small group of five students.

Lenells said Cross Cultural Ministries has brought him meaningful friendships despite the difficulty of making lasting friendships with exchange students who only have a year at Baylor.

“It encourages me to build friendships, go beyond, step outside my box, see other cultures, grow as a Christian,” he said.

Every other Tuesday, Cross Cultural Ministries members of a particular country prepare a cultural meal for all students in attendance, often around 100 people, Fanning said. Mexican carnitas were served at a recent dinner and the cuisine this week was Brazilian. Nigerian food is on the list for this semester as well.

Surabaya, Indonesia, graduate student Iwan Njoto Sandjaja said he has an important job to do for “This is My Story.” He brings pizza for students to enjoy while mingling. He said it is important to share food as seen through Jesus Christ’s ministry depicted in the Bible. When on chef duty for a Cross Cultural Ministries dinner, Sandjaja prepared his favorite Indonesian dish, chicken satay with peanut sauce on the side.

“I have made dear friends through those dinners,” Castellort said. “I would like for Cross Cultural Ministries to be a place where American students learn other cultures, expand their horizons and for international students to have a cross-cultural experience they never forget.”



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Students were split into small groups and had the opportunity to mingle with people from multiple backgrounds. The program aims to build a community through the sharing of life experiences.

Bagels in the eleventh hour

Student Senate to vote on extending hours of Einstein’s during finals week

BY ALLYSSA SCHOONOVER
REPORTER

Students may soon be able to get brain food after hours at the Bill Daniel Student Center during finals.

Aramark and Houston sophomore Christine Tran, a student senator, wanted to provide students with a place to get a late-night snack while studying for finals.

Tran looked for a way to provide this opportunity. After she spoke with staff at Aramark, a plan was created to extend the hours of Einstein’s Bros Bagels at the SUB during the week of finals. There will be a trial period for the extended hours this semester.

Jerry Weatherman, retail food service director for Aramark, said Einstein’s was selected because students will be able to get coffee, lattes, smoothies, sandwiches or snacks.

“We looked at different ideas,” Weatherman said. “Just by nature and a cost standpoint, it wouldn’t make sense to have everything open. We settled on Einstein’s because it provides the greatest amount of service needs.”

Einstein’s usually closes at 6 p.m., but Tran said it will likely close at 11 p.m. during finals.

“Basically it’s going to be during the dead days May 5 through May 8,” Tran said.

Aramark plans to extend Einstein’s hours for those few days. It is not a permanent change.

Student Senate will vote on the bill Thursday.

“There is a lot of consensus within Student Government about this,” Tran said. “Some people still think the SUB isn’t a good place to study, but a lot of people think with food being open it will be better.”

She also said the Moody Library Starbucks doesn’t make a lot of profit late at night. However, it’s possible that Aramark staff would consider extending hours during other special times, such as midterms.

“When we looked at the revenue it’s more costly to keep it open during later hours,” Tran said.

Both Weatherman and Tran said they think having Einstein’s open later fulfills a need for students. They won’t have to walk to the library or Exxon gas station to get food, or bring their own snacks. They said it’s a convenience that will likely be appreciated during such a high stress time.

Weatherman said they might continue to do this in the future, if it’s successful during finals this semester.

“It depends how business does,” Weatherman said. “It’s our role and our job to manage those costs as well as possible, and we have a good plan in place.”



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Unrest in Ukraine

Monuments to Kiev’s founders burn as anti-government protesters clash with riot police in Kiev’s Independence Square in Kiev, Ukraine. Thousands of police armed with stun grenades and water cannons attacked the large opposition camp in Ukraine’s capital on Tuesday.

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Rowling as Galbraith to produce new thriller

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LONDON — J.K. Rowling is back with a novel involving a writer whose acid-tipped pen may have led to murder. Publisher Little, Brown said Monday that it is publishing a second book by Robert Galbraith, the “Harry Potter” author’s thriller-writing pseudonym. “The Silkworm” sees the return of detective Cormoran Strike, the ex-soldier hero introduced in “The Cuckoo’s Calling.” In the new book, Strike investigates the disappearance of a novelist who has written a book that features scathing descriptions of real people. “The Cuckoo’s Calling” initially attracted little notice when it was published last year, but rocketed up the charts



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British author J.K. Rowling poses for photographers at the Southbank Centre in London on Sept. 27, 2012. J.K. Rowling, under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith, is back with a novel involving a writer whose acid-tipped pen may have led

once Rowling was exposed as its author. A lawyer has been fined for letting slip the writer’s identity. “The Silkworm” will be published June 19 in Britain and June 24 in the U.S.

Chart-topping Missouri nuns release Lent worship album

By Heather Hollingsworth
Associated Press

GOWER, Mo. — Eight times a day, a group of nuns files into a chapel in their rural northwest Missouri monastery to chant and worship. Quite unexpectedly, this private, prayerful pursuit has made the Benedictines of Mary a chart-topping recording industry curiosity. After being named Billboard’s No. 1 Classical Traditional Artist of 2012 and 2013, the nuns released their third album, called “Lent At Ephesus,” Feb. 11 on the De Montfort Music/Decca/Universal Classics label. Matt Abramovitz, program director for New York classical radio station WQXR, which has featured the new album on air, said the station didn’t know what to make of it when the nuns’ first record arrived. “They’re not professional singers,” he said. “They aren’t singing traditional classical repertoire, which is what we normally play, but we gave it a listen, and we were stunned by the quality of the performance and the sincerity. And they really were a hit with our audience.”

The latest album includes a capella chants, intricate harmonies and hymns of glory and redemption, all designed to capture the Christian season of preparation before Easter. How this album and the nuns’ earlier releases — “Advent at Ephesus” and “Angels and Saints at Ephesus” — came to develop a following among classical and religious music lovers is something the monastery’s prioress can only explain in religious terms. “With God,” said Mother Cecilia Snell, “all things are possible.” The 22 nuns, with an average age of 29, live modestly at the monastery surrounded by about 280 acres of northwest Missouri farmland. They model their existence after life in the early sixth-century monasteries and still wear the black and white habits that were largely abandoned half a century ago. When they aren’t chanting — the task consumes about four hours daily — they speak little so they can better focusing on communing with God. The sisters don’t use the Internet, and Snell does so only in a limited way. The nuns receive prayer requests and notes of thanks from listeners.

One recent letter came from a woman who described playing the nuns’ music as her husband was dying and talked about the comfort it brought. The nuns also use the profit they make from the recordings to help pay off the monastery they moved into in 2010 outside Gower, a town of about 1,500 that is located about 35 miles north of Kansas City. Given that their existence is so isolated, Snell said the attention the music is receiving is the “last thing” she thought would happen when she became a nun. The decision meant giving up her hard-earned spot in the symphony, which she said had given her “a little taste of the beauty of making music with others.” Ultimately, though, playing with an orchestra wasn’t what God was asking of her, she said. “I know people were thinking, ‘What is she thinking? She is crazy. She is throwing her life away. She is throwing her talents away,’” she said. “But that is not how God works. He takes that offering seriously and he can multiply it 100-fold, which seems to be what he is doing. It is all his plans, his providence.”

Becoming a ‘queen’

By Patricia Sheridan
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
via McClatchy Tribune

PITTSBURGH — Born Dana Owens, she first became noticed as a hip-hop rapper in her teens, but it didn’t take long for Newark, N.J.’s Queen Latifah to blossom into a world-class entertainer. At 43, she counts a Grammy, a Golden Globe and two Screen Actors Guild awards among her triumphs, and this year, a People’s Choice Award for best new talk show host. She also earned an Oscar nomination for her role in the film “Chicago.” Thursday will mark the 100th episode of “The Queen Latifah Show,” which airs weekdays on the CW.



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Queen Latifah sings “America the Beautiful” before the start of Super Bowl XLVIII at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., on Feb. 2.

A: I would describe myself as an ambitious person. I was raised to go to college. I was the daughter of a high school teacher, and education was very important in my house. You had to get an education. You had to hit the books. It was tough because I dropped out of college to pursue music. But I skipped first grade. So I made a deal with my mom. Since I had a year to blow in my mind, I said I would take a year off from college and put everything I had into making my music career a success. If it was successful in that amount of time, then I would stick with it. If not, I would go back to college. So we made that deal, and I never had to return. I wish I could have. She was happy, but she still wanted me to get a degree and I wish I had. Everything worked out. I went to the college of life.

Q: I saw you marry all those couples at the Grammy Awards, but I read you are not a minister. What did you do to be able to perform the marriage ceremony? A: Well, I’m definitely not an ordained minister; that requires a lot more. I was deputized as a commissioner by the State of California to be able to do that. I had to get sworn in, and it was just for a limited amount of time. It was like Cinderella (laughs).

Q: Was fame something you had to adjust to or did you know what you were getting into? A: The only part of being famous that I probably wanted growing up was enough fame to get into clubs for free (laughs). Because I was hanging out in New York City and I wanted to be able to get the hook up. I really became famous because of music. Music was really the love that I had and you know, (music brought about) business opportunities to be able to change the circumstances for my family — to buy my mom a house and do things for my family and friends. That was the goal. The fame came along with that.

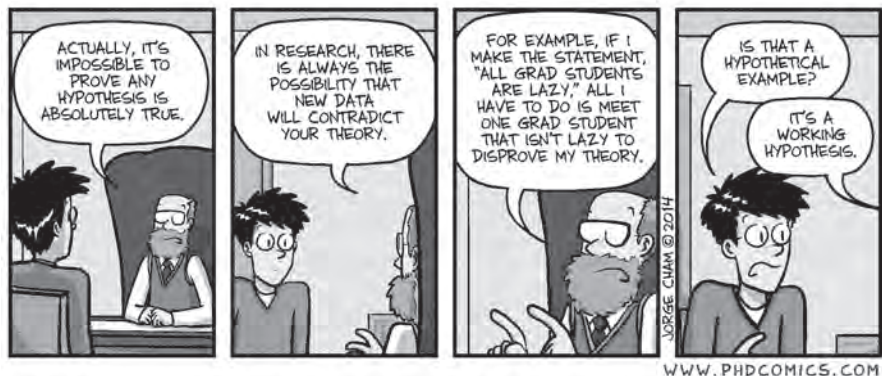
Q: You did what you loved. A: I did what I loved. I always did what I loved, and so fame was an adjustment for me. It took me to crazy places. All of a sudden people looked at me, and I was supposed to be a role model. I was 17 years old when my first single came down. I was a kid. It was kind of a lot of responsibility. I felt a little bit of that pressure because I felt I’m still learning. I’m still growing. I also saw the positive side of what I could do and how I could get involved in AIDS activism and the things that were important in my time, growing up as a teenager. South Africa, apartheid, bringing those walls down. It was something we were able to bring to the world’s attention through hip-hop, through music. My generation of hip-hop spoke a lot about social issues, if there was something that needed to be talked about. So there was a lot of upside to that fame.

Q: Would you describe yourself as an ambitious person?

Q&A

Q: Your name is now a brand, but do you ever regret not using your given name because you were so young when you chose it? A: I actually don’t regret it. If anything I’m kind of glad I did create this sort of persona. It was part of how I visualized myself and something I wanted to portray. I believed the queen part was important because I felt like all women are queens and should be treated as such. I saw a lot of misogyny and chauvinism growing up. I guess I was a feminist back then, and I didn’t know it. I didn’t really know about feminism, but I did know that women should get the same pay as the guys for the same job. I watched my mom work really hard and my dad work really hard. I felt like things should be balanced. To me it was an attitude. Calling myself “Queen” would help me grow into those shoes. Queen Latifah, I never thought people would call me the whole name for some reason. My nickname was Latifah. Everybody called me that already. I kind of stuck the Queen on at the last minute when it was time for me to sign a recording contract. I was surprised when people called me the whole thing. I was like, “OK.”

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 - 15 Mrs. Gorbachev
 - 16 Dancer-turned-spy Mata
 - 17 Favorite Hall of Famer of the 39th U.S. president?
 - 19 Tablet with a “mini” version
 - 20 Tummy muscles
 - 21 Egyptian cross with a top loop
 - 22 Black belt activity
 - 24 Favorite Hall of Famer of the 7th U.S. president?
 - 27 Opposite of vain
 - 28 “How awful!”
 - 29 Greets with a hand gesture
 - 30 Hook’s sidekick
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 - 34 Forewarning
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 - 37 Computer support person
 - 38 “_ and Peace”
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 - 42 “The Bachelorette” contestant, e.g.
 - 44 Favorite Hall of Famer of the 17th and 36th U.S. presidents?
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- 23 Back woe
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- 26 Leap
- 27 Mother, to baby
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- 31 Bubbly citrus drink
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- 36 Journey to Mecca
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TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Baylor head coach Scott Drew diagrams a play versus Oklahoma on Jan. 18 at the Ferrell Center. Drew is in his 11th season as head coach.

Coach Drew keeps talent coming to BU

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

From the time basketball coach Scott Drew first arrived on campus, Baylor's basketball program has increased exponentially. Since his arrival, Baylor won its first tournament game since 1950, has reached the NCAA Tournament three times and made two Elite Eight appearances. Drew's 197 wins as Baylor coach trails only Bill Henderson's 201 wins on the all-time Baylor win list. Henderson accomplished this feat in 18 years as Baylor coach. Drew has taken only 11. Drew will often say a coach is only as good as his players. As a result, Baylor's recruiting presence has exploded since Drew and his staff arrived in Waco. Since Drew's first recruiting cycle in 2004, Baylor has signed 25 players in the Rivals 150 and four McDonald's All-Americans. Five Baylor players were drafted into the NBA during that span. For years, it seemed inconceivable that even the best of coaches could bring high-level talent to Waco, but Drew has bucked the trend. "We have a different niche than the other schools we recruit against in our state," longtime assistant coach Jerome Tang said. "We're a Christian private school. We try to locate as early as possible kids who faith is important, as well as a family environment." Sophomore center Isaiah Austin was one of Drew's McDonald's All-Americans, and a consensus top five national recruit. He emphasized how the religious aspect of Baylor played into his decision. "I'm really strong in my religion," Austin said. "Everyone here is open to Bible study or open to expressing their beliefs with each other, even the coaching staff. We pray before every practice. We may not have the biggest fan base, but they support us and we're blessed to have them." Tang also expressed how valuable it is to have connections to areas such as Dallas/Fort Worth and Louisiana through successful basketball alumni. "To see the social and spiritual growth of guys like [former Bears] LaceDarius Dunn and Tweety Carter, it speaks volumes," Tang said. "It shows a lot to see

that there's somebody from where they're from who have been successful here." Sophomore forward Rico Gathers was the highest-rated prospect in the state of Louisiana when he committed to Baylor in 2012. He was drawn to the family atmosphere and was encouraged by Drew's staff. "I felt comfortable," Gathers said. "All of this is about me trying to go somewhere where you're going to be able to play and get better and that's what I look at. I look at it like I have everything I need right here." Gathers was also drawn to Baylor thanks to his relationship with former Baylor star Tweety Carter. Gathers said he came and saw Carter play as early as a freshman in high school. Baylor's coaches emphasize how essential relationship building is to recruiting. "You have to be visible," Drew said. "If they like you, you like them. It's easier to talk, but you have to put out the work to develop those relationships." Drew has also recruited a variety of impact transfers, including Milwaukee Bucks forward Ekpe Udoh, 2013 NBA Draft pick Pierre Jackson and three-point marksman senior Brady Heslip. "Junior college kids probably make bigger decisions based on basketball," Tang said. "They only have two years. They're looking for immediate opportunity. With Pierre, there was a need and he saw the immediate opportunity to come in and play with great players." The transfers of Udoh, Jackson and Heslip were all key parts of reaching the Elite Eight round of the NCAA Tournament in two of the past four seasons. Drew's run of signing ESPN top 50 players the past four years ended in 2013, but Baylor reached as high as No. 7 in the polls this season, so the team is not worried. "The more you recruit, the more you realize intangibles matter," Drew said. "A player's work ethic, whether they are going to spend time in the gym, do they want to get better? Guys who want to improve tend to get better more than those who don't come to the gym. The character part helps define what kind of teammates they're going to be."

Baseball wins home opener against UT-Arlington 5-2

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

On a beautiful, cool night at Baylor Ballpark, the Baylor baseball team opened its home season with a 5-2 win against UT-Arlington on Tuesday. The Bears (2-2) started with freshman left-hander Daniel Castano on the mound. The first batter Castano faced grounded out on a hit to the second baseman. A sac fly with the bases loaded gave UTA the lead in the first inning. Castano gave up a run and had two runners on base already in his first career start. Castano got some pep in his step after making a tremendous play on a bunt. Running all the way down to the third base foul line, he threw the runner out at first from his knees—a sigh of relief for the freshman Castano. "We've been always taught to take a deep breath, and try to calm down as much as you can," Castano said. "I was pretty nervous at the beginning, just trying to find the strike zone. [I told myself] to take it just one pitch at a time." Castano pitched four innings, recording a strikeout. UTA got three hits and two runs off Castano, but Baylor head coach Steve Smith said he liked what he saw from Castano's debut start. "He held it together," Baylor head coach Steve Smith said. "He made a great play on the

bunt. A great play. That was as impressive as anything I saw all night." In Baylor's turn at bat in the bottom of the first inning, the Bears did not respond to UTA's one run though. The Bears got on the board in the second inning. Junior right fielder Adam Toth got on base after UTA made an error on a pop fly with two outs. Toth went on to score after third baseman junior Duncan Wendel hit a triple. It took a couple innings for Baylor to really settle into the batter's box, but the after a good defensive inning for Baylor, the Bears also stepped up their hitting. The improvement gave the Bears two hits but did not result in any runs. UTA center fielder Derek Miller launched Castano's last pitch of the night into right field, earning a double, RBI and the 2-1 lead for the Mavericks. Sean Spicer entered the game for Castano in the fifth. Spicer hit his first batter, but Baylor's infield defended well by completing a double play on a grounder to Langford. Smith went to his bullpen for the second time of the night in the sixth. Spicer only pitched one inning before senior pitcher Doug Ashby took his position from the bump. Ashby was flawless with two strikes against and no hits against five batters. The sixth inning marked the turning point

for Baylor's offense. The Bears got two hits off of UTA's Brad Vachon with one out. UTA head coach Darin Thomas called time, but stuck with Vachon as his pitcher with runners on first and third base. Vachon then loaded the bases after hitting senior DH Grayson Porter. On the next play, sophomore first baseman Mitch Price punished Vachon with a ripper down the middle. "I was trying to go up the middle the entire time," Price said. "I saw the slider from [Vachon] early, so I kind of thought it would come up again. So, I just waited on it that time and took it right up the middle—got enough bat on to get through." Two runners came home for Baylor, giving Baylor a 3-2 advantage, and the first lead of the night. UTA head coach Darin Thomas replaced Vachon after a rough sixth inning with junior left-hander Zach Hobbs. Hobbs went the rest of the inning without any hits or runs. UTA's early success at bat diminished when Ashby pitched. Baylor ended the top of the seventh inning cleanly. The Bears were licking their chops for another inning of offense after putting some pressure on the UTA bullpen in the sixth inning. Freshman catcher Matt Menard slammed a drive to right field, putting runners on third and second. After Hobbs entered the game, UTA struggled to establish a solid defensive game for the Bears. Hobbs walked the next batter, loaded the bases.

Senior pitcher Keegan Hucul came in for the Mavericks, but did not start his night on the right foot. Hucul threw the ball past his catcher on his first batter. With the bases loaded, Baylor sent a runner home as UTA scrambled for the ball, but could not get it soon enough. Baylor scored, making it 4-2. Hucul intentionally walked his next batter and loaded the bases with one out. Thomas looked to his bullpen again in the seventh, now putting junior right-hander TJ Whidby on the mound. Porter hit a sac fly to right field, strengthening Baylor's lead to three. Ryan Smith came in after a no-hit outing from Ashby and took care of his inning with one strikeout and no hits against three batters. Thomas put his junior right-hander Colin Tornberg in after Whidby walked two Baylor batters. Tornberg was the sixth pitcher of the night and ended the inning promptly with a strikeout. The Bears wrapped up the game in the ninth inning with senior right-handed pitcher Josh Michalec earning the save. Next up, the Bears face Austin Peay in a weekend series at Baylor Ballpark, starting at 6:35 p.m. Friday, 3:05 p.m. Saturday and 1:05 p.m. Sunday.



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Junior right-handed pitcher Sean Spicer drives off the mound to excel through his throwing motion in Baylor's 5-2 win against UT-Arlington on Tuesday at Baylor Ballpark. The Bears are 2-2 this season. The Bears have a three-game home series this weekend against Austin Peay.

Box Score
Tuesday, Feb. 18
Baylor Ballpark
UT-Arlington
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RETREAT

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Three students enjoy last year's retreat, which gives sophomores a chance to relax and take a break from everyday classes.

who has never attended a retreat as a participant, said he is looking forward to the emphasis of peace that is being placed at the sophomore retreat.

"School is just stressful, and I'm working for the first time while being in college, so the stress just builds up," he said. "God commands that we have that Sabbath time. The school allowing us the opportunity to do that in a separate place from everything else is just great."

Small said the department originally planned the retreat for last semester, but was rescheduled for several reasons, including scheduling conflicts with football season.

"Students were spending their weekends at football games," he said. "We felt like if we're going to be teaching rest as Sabbath or refreshment, we shouldn't take up another weekend."

Evans said this change in scheduling will likely work in his and other students' favors.

"Being able to do it towards the end of the semester, right before finals, is going to be really good to get my heart right and set my mind on the Lord before jumping into finals and everything else I'm doing this summer," Evans said.

The trip will be sponsored by Spiritual Formation, which is a department within Spiritual Life that focuses on making spirituality practical through events like retreats and outreach programs.

The Second Year Retreat is one of several retreats offered by the department that are organized by classification. Small said this age separation is important to the missions of each retreat.

"Each class is, in general, addressing a different theme," he said. "Freshmen are addressing a whole new world. That's not what a senior needs. We do feel like an 18-year-old is definitely in a different place than a 22-year-old."

Edwards, who served as a student leader at last semester's

freshman retreat, said he sees the benefit of organizing the retreats by classification.

"The purpose of the freshman retreat is to be loud, crazy, meet people and get really involved at Baylor" he said. "The sophomore retreat has a different dynamic than that. I think it's good that they divide everyone up."

Small said he hopes students "gain perspective of their place in this world with God," while on the retreat.

"The main purpose of the retreat is to get students to put school, relationships – anything that is stressful – in its place and understand that God commands them to rest and reflect," Small said. "They can look forward to not having those pressures."

Students interested in finding out more about the Second Year Retreat, or other retreats offered by Spiritual Life, can contact Ray Small and Ray.Small@baylor.edu. Registration will remain open until March 14.

BLACKBOARD

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Orr said this effort aims to fulfill Pro Futuris' core conviction of stewardship. She said her team wants to make sure that the partnership between Baylor and its chosen learning management system company will be a sustainable and reliable resource for the campus community.

After extensive reviews discussions of various LMS system options, the Teaching Learning Technology Committee, which includes one representative from each school at Baylor as well as several ex-officio members, has chosen Canvas by Instructure to be this potential replacement for Blackboard.

"The future is what we have to be looking toward," said Dr. Sandy Bennett, assistant director of online teaching and learning services and committee ex-officio member. "So we looked at several up and comers such as Sakai, Moodle, Canvas and Desire 2 Learn, which are all being used on other campuses. And Canvas is the main contender in the industry right now."

Baylor is under contract with Blackboard until 2015. If Canvas is selected to replace Blackboard, the Baylor campus can expect a transition to begin as early as next fall.

Canvas was selected by the committee over other systems for a variety of reasons, including maturity of the product, reputation and scale and function on a larger campus environment. Bennett said the main reason Canvas was chosen was its minimal system management requirement.

"These other systems are what are considered 'open-source,' Bennett said. "So they would require a lot more attention and upkeep from programmers, and we do not have the capability to supply that kind of maintenance."

Once Canvas was selected by the committee to be the most viable Blackboard alternative, Lance

Grigsby, senior academic consultant, Bennett and several other committee members traveled to meet with the staff at University of Texas at Austin.

UT-Austin, Mary-Hardin Baylor, Northwestern and several other universities have recently adopted Canvas, and Baylor staff reached out to UT for practical advice and guidance to discuss the potential transition from Blackboard to Canvas.

Grigsby said The University of Texas at Austin conducted extensive evaluations around its campus before making a decision to make the change to Canvas. And starting in the fall 2013 semester, Baylor began a similar yearlong evaluation process with the piloting of Canvas in certain courses.

"This year-long pilot was determined to be the best way to understand the differences between the two," Orr said.

In addition to this piloting of Canvas, Grigsby has been involved with the establishment of Roadshow Demos that will take place starting Monday to March 7. Bennett said Grigsby has been instrumental in setting up these demonstration opportunities, which will involve a series of traveling demonstrations that will allow students to experience each company's product.

"Both companies have been invited to come to campus to do a 45-minute product demonstration along with a series of come-and-go roadshow demonstrations," he said. "These demos will give students, faculty and staff the opportunity to experience and explore the features of Canvas and Blackboard and provide feedback," he said.

These roadshows will happen in several locations on Baylor's main campus, including the Baylor Sciences Building, Hankamer School of Business, Moody Memorial Library and the Bill Daniel Student Center, to name a

few. Dates and times for a Canvas and Blackboard demonstration and roadshow at the Louise Herrington School of Nursing will also be announced soon.

After the roadshows and demonstrations take place, the committee plans to work alongside their established 'task force' subcommittee to analyze feedback results and provide a recommendation to Orr on a decision between Canvas and Blackboard.

"The task force will analyze the accumulated evaluations from students, faculty and staff and return with a recommendation in about mid-April," Orr said. "I will then consult with the provost and make a final decision on the LMS."

If Canvas is selected as Baylor's new learning management system, Orr said it will not be a fast transition.

"UT took two years to integrate Canvas," she said. "It will be a gradual process for us as well."

Bennett said the beginning of the transition from Blackboard to Canvas would involve having both systems exist on campus simultaneously for a temporary amount of time. This way, all data could be transferred to the new system from Blackboard.

"If we do end up switching, juniors and graduating seniors during the 2014-2015 school year would probably be the most affected," Bennett said.

As the Roadshow Demos prepare to commence, Blackboard and Canvas by Instructure will be vying for student, faculty and staff participation in an effort to exhibit each system's strongest attributes.

"Blackboard has been a good partner, so we want to do an even-handed comparison of capabilities between Canvas and Blackboard," Orr said.

Ultimately, the system selected will be representative of student, faculty and staff preference — may the best system win.

TUITION

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requires universities to accept tuition assistance via payment cards. For Baylor to continue accepting tuition assistance from the Army, Baylor would have to sign this memorandum of understanding.

"Baylor kind of pushed back against that and indicated that we've gone through this with GoArmyEd and reached a resolution," Diaz said. "In the second or third iteration, not in the agreement itself but in the appendix of the memorandum, the Department of Defense indicates that if a school is currently receiving an exemption from one of the subsidiaries, that school will be allowed to continue with that exemption unless the Department decides otherwise."

Baylor officials were concerned, though, that the Department of Defense might take away the school's exemption from credit card usage if Baylor agreed to sign the memorandum, Diaz said. Officials have also been concerned about what the Department of Defense might do concerning not just those receiving Army tuition assistance, but also student veterans using GI Bill benefits.

"Obviously, if all Baylor is processing is two or three students, that's not that many," Diaz said. "That's no big deal. But the direction that the Department of Defense is heading is aimed to consolidate all things veteran and military. The Department wants

to begin to process these things the same way."

Almost 300 student veterans at Baylor use GI Bill benefits. Diaz said if the Department of Defense pulls the Veterans Affairs program under the payment provision of the memorandum, there may be more \$200,000 that Baylor would have to absorb in fees to receive the government payment card.

"That's \$200,000 that could be given in scholarships," Diaz said. "If what we're doing right now is successful and beneficial to our military and veteran students, why expose Baylor to that kind of expense?"

Baylor has researched a sampling of schools who signed the memorandum where exemption was taken away. Some universities have had to raise fees on the general population of students to accommodate fees. The fees that would come with card usage would either be paid at Baylor with endowed funds or student tuition, Diaz said.

Baylor does offer financial services to its military students. Baylor takes part in the Yellow Ribbon Program, through which the university pays the remainder of fees for a veteran's tuition where the GI Bill doesn't.

Some students may not be eligible for Yellow Ribbon, however. A student veteran must have served three years active duty before qualifying, so students who have not served this amount of

time cannot receive these funds.

Diaz said if a student veteran can't get Yellow Ribbon money, they should make sure to fill out their FAFSA. The student's financial need is then analyzed and Baylor can award need-based and merit-based scholarships.

Sgt. Dana Leeper, Waco graduate student, serves with the Texas Army National Guard. Leeper said she was not able to receive Army tuition assistance at Baylor this year or Yellow Ribbon Program benefits and therefore had to pay a small portion of her tuition with her own money.

Leeper said as a graduate student, however, she struggles with finding scholarships, feeling they go mostly to undergrads.

"I only have to come up with \$850 of my own to pay, which is a blessing that I only have to pay such a small amount," Leeper said. "But I would love to be able to apply for a scholarship and have that covered. It's just really not an option once you get to graduate school."

Leeper said she understands the business logic behind Baylor's decisions with Army tuition assistance.

"If it were a bunch of us on campus who wanted to use the tuition assistance and Baylor weren't allowing us to, I bet Baylor would figure something out," Leeper said "But because it's so few of us, it's almost not worth it."

BUILDING

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to the massacre and sentenced to death. He is on death row at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., while his case goes through a review at Fort Hood before it enters a series of mandatory appeals.

The building was sealed off for nearly four years until post officials announced in November that they would demolish it.

Fort Hood officials, who declined to be interviewed, plan to place trees, a gazebo and a memorial plaque at the site.

Not all victims and their relatives agree with them. Kathy Platoni, an Army reservist who saw her friend, Capt. John Gaffaney, bleed to death, was one of the people who called on Fort Hood to keep the building standing as a

reminder of what happened.

Platoni found out about the demolition Tuesday in a mass email from the post.

While post spokesman Chris Haug said he believed family members and victims were consulted about what to do with the site, Platoni said Army officials had not asked her opinion.

Platoni mentioned other points of contention between the Army and the Fort Hood victims, including a prolonged fight for increased benefits and recognition due to what many victims say is a terrorist attack, despite the Army's insistence that the shooting was an act of workplace violence.

"For the building in which

this horrific event took place just to be wiped off the map before we have a say in what's done with it seems like another slap in the face," Platoni told The Associated Press Tuesday afternoon.

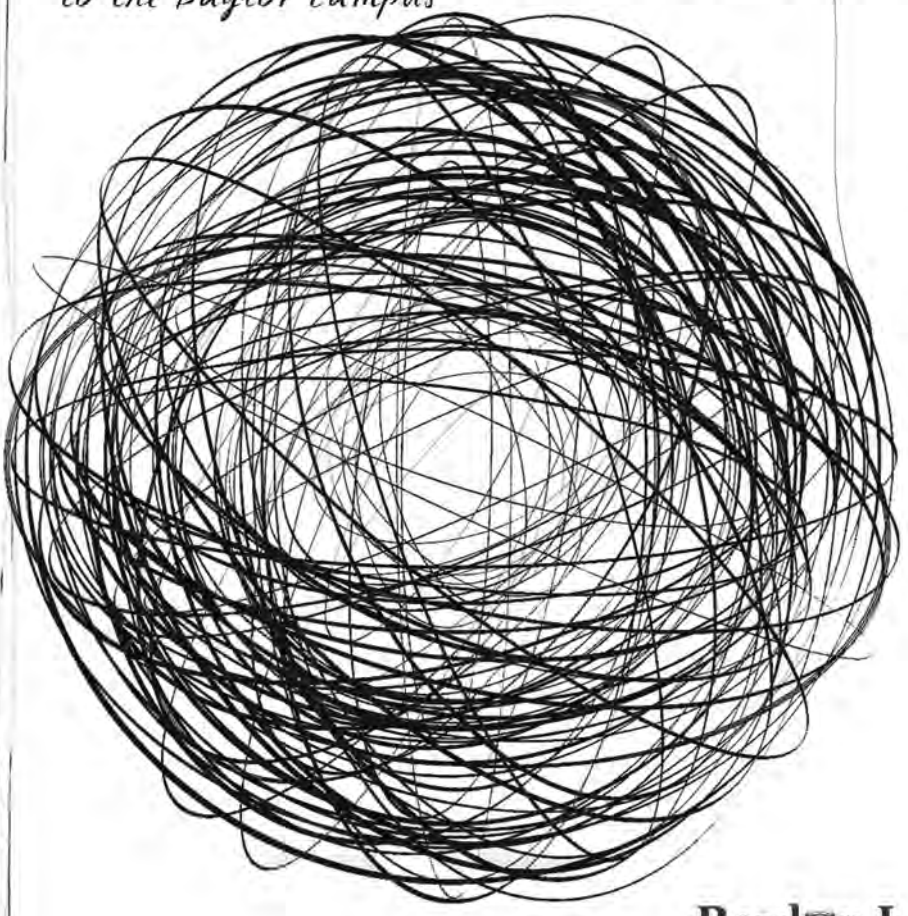
She described her shock at watching video of the building being torn down. Asked if the video provided any closure, she said no.

"I don't think there will be closure until Nidal Hasan has left the face of this earth, and even more importantly than that, the families of the deceased and the wounded receive all of the benefits (they deserve)," Platoni said. "Then there will be closure."

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