

Freshman Brittany Tew rises above the pageant girl stereotype with her smarts.



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Esteemed professor leaves lifelong legacy

By RAE JEFFERSON
 STAFF WRITER

A beloved professor of Baylor is in the thoughts of many, especially those on whom he left a lasting impression.

At age 64, Dr. Fred Hulme Jr., a senior lecturer in the Hankamer School of Business, died Sunday at his residence with his family at his side, according to an email sent to faculty,

staff and students Tuesday.

This past summer, Hulme was diagnosed with cancer, which was the cause of his death.

"We are deeply saddened at the loss of one of our beloved professors, Fred Hulme, who faithfully served the university and countless students for so many years," Lori Fogleman, assistant vice president for media communications, wrote in an email to the

Lariat. "Our thoughts and prayers are with Fred's wife Carolyn and daughter Emily, as well as with his students and colleagues in the business school, as they grieve the loss of a husband, father, mentor and servant to all."

Tim Kayworth, the information systems department chair, said Hulme was more than just a professor to students.

"I've known him for years," Kay-

worth said. "He's always been very passionate about his work and cared about his students."

Kayworth said in the days immediately after Hulme's death, his own desk was littered with letters from students attesting to the heart Hulme had for his students and work.

Daniel Voigt, who graduated from Baylor in 2007 with a degree in finance and economics, said he took

a class taught by Hulme during the study abroad program Baylor in Great Britain.

"I loved having Dr. Hulme," Voigt said. "He cared more about his students than the average professor. You could see on his face that he loved what he did."

Voigt said he initially heard about



Hulme

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Zinging out loud ZZZ makes its own rendition of Sing

By MADI ALLEN
 REPORTER

The men of Zeta Zigga Zamma have finally gotten their act together and will put on Zing, their own version of Sing, at 7 p.m. March 6 at the Jubilee Theater.

"The real question is, how did Zing not come about sooner?" said Ames, Iowa, sophomore Vince Greenwald, member of ZZZ.

For the first annual Zing, the members of Zeta Zigga Zamma are putting on their own version with all of the choreography, music and singing done by new members.

"ZZZ is not a student organization through Baylor, so we aren't allowed to participate in Sing," said Trophy Club senior Travis Blake, president of Zeta Zigga Zamma. "We decided to do Zing as a way to bond our new members together."

The night will be composed of the Zing act performed by the new members, a comedic set by some of the current members and musical performances by student Zachary Doe and Uproar Records artist Luke Hicks.

"We want to take what Baylor does with Sing and do it worse," Greenwald said. "The goal for the night is fun and 'turntness.'"

According to its website, Zeta Zigga Zamma is an inclusive social group that offers an alternative to a fraternity.

Zing is another approach to display the group's talent and humor in a fun way.

"We love to be goofy, and Zing is our way to be serious about being funny," Blake said. "We love Sing so



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The members of Zeta Zigga Zamma rehearse their parody of All-University Sing, which they call Zing. The production will combine the unofficial organization's style of humor with fundraising and will give a portion of the ticket sales to Mission Waco.

much we want to imitate it."

Tickets are \$5 at the door with a portion of the money going toward Mission Waco.

"We don't want people to pay five bucks for a 10 and a half minute Zing act," said Nashville, Tenn., sophomore Clay Huddleston, who will be performing in the Zing act.

Zing is not just a comedy set; it's a way for the mem-

bers to give.

"We love Mission Waco, and we love our city," said Waco sophomore Chase Wommack. "We want to give back."

Through Zing, the members of Zeta Zigga Zamma want to display the purpose of their organization.

"We want to continue this environment of loving people ridiculously," Greenwald said.

Last day nearing for early voting

By REBECCA FIEDLER
 STAFF WRITER

The last day to vote early in Republican and Democratic primaries for the Texas state and national congressional elections is Friday. The official primary election will be Tuesday.

Positions in the elections include governor, U.S. senators and House representatives, state congressional offices and other local offices. The general election for these positions will be held on Nov. 4.

"The primary election is for the parties to get their nominee on the ballot for the November election, where a person will actually be elected to office," said Kathy Van Wolfe, elections administrator at the McLennan County elections office.

Primaries are held for the Republican and Democratic parties only, though voters will have the option of selecting independent party candidates in the general election.

Schertz senior Kimani Mitchell, president of Baylor College Democrats, said

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Cut out junk food advertising in schools, government says



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First lady Michelle Obama and Food Network chef Rachael Ray discuss lunches with students from the Eastside and Northside Elementary Schools on Feb. 27, 2013, in Clinton, Miss.

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE AND
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WASHINGTON — It's not just about what America's kids are getting in the lunch line.

The Obama administration is moving to phase out junk food advertising on football scoreboards and elsewhere on school grounds — part of a broad effort to combat child obesity and create what Michelle Obama calls "a new norm" for today's schoolchildren and future generations.

"This new approach to eating and activity is not just a fad," Mrs. Obama said Tuesday as she described the proposed rules at the White House.

Promotion of sugary drinks and junk foods around campuses during the school day would be phased out under the Agriculture Department rules, which are intended to ensure that mar-

keting is brought in line with health standards that already apply to food served by public schools.

That means a scoreboard at a high school football or basketball game eventually wouldn't be allowed to advertise Coca-Cola, for example, though it could advertise Diet Coke or Dasani water, also owned by Coca-Cola Co.

Same with the front of a vending machine. Cups, posters and menu boards that promote foods that don't meet federal standards would also be phased out.

Ninety-three percent of such marketing in schools is related to beverages. And many soda companies already have started to transition their sales and advertising in schools from sugary sodas and sports drinks to other products they produce.

Companies are spending \$149 million a year on marketing to kids in schools, according to the Agriculture Department.

The announcement at the White House was part of a week of events marking the fourth anniversary of the first lady's "Let's Move" program. Mrs. Obama also traveled to Miami Tuesday to announce that the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the National Recreation and Park Association will serve more fruits and vegetables at after-school programs and ensure kids get 30-60 minutes of physical activity a day. NBC's "Parks and Recreation" star Amy Poehler introduced the first lady.

The proposed school marketing rules come on the heels of federal regulations that now require food in school lunch lines to be more healthful than in the past.

Separate rules, which are to go into effect in September, will cover other food around school as well, including in vending machines and "a la carte" lines

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ITS warns Apple users to update all software to prevent hackers from stealing personal information.



Jason Young, music arranger for All-University Sing, opens up about his 23 years with the show.



The Baylor Bears will be matched up against UT men's basketball in Austin tonight.



Illegal protest makes no changes to policy

Editorial

An 84-year-old nun and two fellow peace activists broke into the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tenn., and caused nearly \$50,000 worth of damage on July 28, 2012, but their actions were all in vain.

Sister Megan Rice, the nun, was sentenced to 35 months in prison on Feb. 18.

She told the judge she didn't want any leniency and she'd happily spend the rest of her life in prison. The other two activists each received more than five years in prison, in part because they had other criminal histories. The trio cut through four chain-link fences in order to breach what was supposed to be one of the most secure uranium processing and storage facilities in the country.

In fact, the website for the complex states, "Y-12 continuously monitors local and world events to prepare for potential risks to the site, our information and our employees."

It goes on to state the website's security experts control website access and guard against any potential threats to the website. It's no wonder the security contractor was fired after the incident.

After hoisting banners, spray painting messages and splattering human blood from baby bottles on the buildings, the nun and her comrades were discovered by a security guard.

While complex officials said the trio had no chance of reaching materials that could be used in a bomb, the group's tactics for protesting nuclear products and actions are questionable.

The goal of the group's protest was to raise awareness of the United States' participation in nuclear actions. The U.S. is one of five nations that are officially recognized as possessing nuclear weapons, according to the Non-Proliferation Treaty of 1968.

The treaty includes a commitment to not help other nations acquire nuclear weapons. The United States has an estimated 7,650 warheads, according to a survey by CNN.

While this goal was accom-

plished, the protesters actually helped protect the U.S.'s work with nuclear materials as the security of the site has been increased since they broke in. Operations at the site were shut down for a short period of time, but not permanently.

Rice and her fellow protesters claimed they were doing God's work by breaking into the complex.

"I was acting upon my God-given obligations as a follower of Jesus Christ," said Michael Walli, one of the protesters with Rice, according to the Huffington Post.

Regardless of religious beliefs, the law is the law. Breaking into a facility, especially one that pertains to national security, is wrong no matter what you believe or what your motivations are.

The First Amendment allows for the right to peacefully assemble and freedom of speech. This gives people the chance to protest peacefully and be heard by fellow citizens. These particular protesters did not do what the First Amendment allows.

It's true that the group's actions speak louder than simply waving signs outside a government building. However, according to the As-



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sociated Press, some government officials have praised the group for bringing awareness to the frailties in security at the complex, but not many people have commented on their actual goal of shutting down the complex and stopping U.S. par-

ticipation in nuclear actions.

There are better ways to protest that do not include breaking the law. If there's a weapons convention, picket outside.

If the government is meeting with other nations to talk nuclear

proliferation, protest with petitions and signs.

Breaking into a high-security complex is an impressive feat, especially considering a nun was involved. Unfortunately, that's all this trio will be remembered for.

Men, women need same military test

Currently, a woman Marine Corps candidate can choose either pull-ups or the less physically taxing flexed-arm hang to demonstrate her upper body strength. The physiology of the female body makes pull-ups more difficult for the average woman than the average man.

But is that reason enough for women to be exempt from the same expectations as their male counterparts? After all, both men and women candidates have the same end goal: to qualify as a Marine.



Emily Ballard | Reporter

Around this time last year, then Defense Secretary Leon Panetta made a revolutionary announcement: Women in the U.S. military will no longer be banned from holding combat positions.

Many U.S. government and military officials believe that since the civilian world promotes gender equality, the military also should.

Last year when the Marines suggested a requirement of at least three pull-ups for women, they were heavily criticized.

In the eyes of male Marines, three pull-ups would be a laughable requirement for them.

The "perfect" score for them is 20 pull-ups, while for women, it is only eight. The discrepancy calls for a change.

As of January, the requirement has been placed on hold. According to marinecorpstimes.com, June 30 is the earliest a requirement can be implemented.

Instead of the three pull-up requirement, the Marines should implement a different physical requirement altogether. The test

needs to be more practical and truth-telling of not just physical ability but endurance that may be required during combat.

Male or female, a Marine is a Marine. A perfect score should resonate across the board.

The pull-up test should be replaced by a weight-carrying test that both men and women must execute.

After determining the average weight of the current Marines, each Marine-in-training should be made to carry that amount of weight both in the arms and over the shoulder for a few minutes.

This new test would weed out those who would be unable to carry a fallen soldier to safety in combat.

The New York Times said more than a quarter of a million women have deployed to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In reality, many of them ended up on the frontlines of battle even though that was not technically al-

lowed. These brave women took bullets for men and for their country.

If women willingly fight and die just as men do, they deserve respect from their country and also from their male soldier teammates.

Enforcing the same physical ability requirements for men and women protects the Marines' reputation and will make it easier for male Marines to respect female Marines.

The Marines have a name to maintain. From the beginning of try-outs, they are expected to act with an incredible amount of physical and mental strength.

The U.S. Department of Defense calls on them to carry out some of the most perilous and tactically challenging missions during war.

Consider Fallujah during the Iraq War in 2004. Forty-eight Marines died in action and more than 400 were seriously injured in one of the bloodiest battles of the war.

The wounded soldiers depended on the other combat soldiers to bring them to safety and medical attention as quickly as possible. The death toll of Marines could have been much higher.

If women Marines are not held to the same physical standard as men, they will weaken the overall strength of the Marines. In dangerous situations in war zones, physical strength can make or break a mission.

In the event of a soldier receiving debilitating or life-threatening wounds, a soldier must be able to carry the wounded soldier to safety.

Women may be officially allowed to engage in combat soon. What a groundbreaking feat for women's equality.

They will be given the opportunity to defy the stereotype of women soldiers as incapable of handling the emotional stress of combat.

Maybe men's perception of women's physical capability also will change.

Before this change occurs, women Marines must be able to prove their physical prowess.

History shows us that women have to earn their respect from men when given the same tasks as men.

Unfortunately, it does not come without confirmation that the woman can perform just as well or better than the man.

Undoubtedly, women would struggle more with my proposed weight-carrying requirement. But that does not make it impossible — just more demanding. With strenuous physical training, women can build strength enough to carry a man.

And while higher expectations may scare some women away from trying out for the Marine Corps, others may be more inclined to join because they would earn respect from their male Marine teammates.

So I say to the Marine women: show your guns — in combat and by flaunting your muscles. Your hard work in the gym will pay off in combat.

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Lariat Letters

Students need to show up to basketball games

I am a staunch Baylor supporter, all sports that are on TV. I live in Jonesboro, Ark. I and my whole family watch every game that is on TV. I was in the Baylor class of '59.

It makes me angry to see so many empty seats. Where are the people? Where are the students? Kansas is solid blue. Kansas State is full. The commentator in Saturday's women's basketball game between Iowa State and Texas said that Iowa State had 13,000 in attendance.

If I lived closer to Waco I would be there. Where are you? Why aren't you supporting your winning teams?

Ava Johnson Duke
Class of '59



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Student gives insider perspective on beauty pageants

By NICO ZULLI
REPORTER

Behind all of the hopes for world peace, lack of geographical knowledge, iconic brain blunders and glitzy garb, there may be a lot more to pageant women than what commonly meets the eye.

Southlake freshman Brittany Tew, 18, is the recipient of a full-ride academic Baylor scholarship, a published children's author, and an accomplished ventriloquist, pianist, scholar and pageant girl.

"A lot of people have common, cliché platforms they call their own in pageant competitions," Tew said. "You know, the stereotypical ones people would think of, like world peace and poverty. And those are wonderful causes, don't get me wrong. But my platform is personal to me, and it is my strength in competition."

With self-professed confidence, Tew said her motivation does not come from her looks, but rather, the power she gained in overcoming a life-altering adversity.

Over a cup of White Fang at Common Grounds, she discussed life, school and her take on pageantry.

Q: So, why do you do this - pageants?

A: I do pageants in the Miss America Organization because I really believe in what the organization stands for. Most people don't know this, but there are four points in the Miss America crown that each represent what it means to have the title - style, success, scholarship and service. And I feel that I really connect with those four things on a personal level.

Q: In an interview with CBS-Dallas News a few years ago for the Texans with Character segment, you talked about the importance of overcoming adversity. Tell me a little bit about why you believe overcoming adversity is so empowering and how it has affected your life.

Q & A

A: I witnessed two of my siblings die at two different periods of my life: Once when I was in middle school and again when I first got to high school.

Both siblings suffered from a rare, untreatable variation of a brain disorder called Luekodystrophy, which is a term for a group of rare disorders involving the deterioration of white matter in the brain. There is no known cure, and my sisters suffered from a type of Luekodystrophy that made them the 30th and 32nd cases ever known. My mother also developed a brain tumor from stress and had only a 40 percent chance of coming out of surgery. She did survive, but not only did I have to watch two siblings pass away two different times, but I also remember my mom writing us letters. I remember saying goodbye to her. It's really traumatic to experience these sorts of things at such a young age, and it changed my life. There will always be hard days, like April 2, the day Caroline died.

But I feel like everyone will experience tragedy in some form or fashion in their life. When someone goes through something tragic, you can either be better or bitter after the fact. And I feel like having the skills to overcome tragedy can help you to become a better person. You can tell people get weighted down by life. But I say,

rise up to be your best out of the tragedy.

Triumphing over tragedy has been my platform over the past five years in competitions and in life in general.

Q: Where do you draw your inspiration and strength to do this type of high-pressure pageant competing?

A: Well, my platform is my strength and inspiration — triumphing over tragedy. When I was Teen Southlake I was talking to my public relations director, and we were trying to find a way to tell my story about death to explain it to elementary kids. So, I decided that I was going to write a children's book through Amazon. And now I am working on a second children's book. My manuscript is due in May, and I am looking to publish through Lifeway Christian this time.

"My platform is my strength and inspiration - triumphing over tragedy."

Brittany Tew |
Southlake Freshman

Q: Throughout your pageant experiences, have you noticed any consistent patterns in the way they are conducted? Do they all look for the same 'it' girl figure?

A: All pageants have the same phases, from the local to state and national levels. What most people don't know is that there is actually a 10-minute private interview with the judge's panel before the actual

pageant begins, and they can ask you any question in the world regarding any topic. So, it is important to be well-versed and up-to-speed on current events and public policy is a big one.

But, what you guys see is what happens after this interview phase. After this is the opening number, then comes the on-stage question, bikini competition, talent portion and finally evening gown competition.

Another thing a lot of people don't know is that the bikinis we wear are actually glued on so that there are no mishaps. Contrary to what a lot of people think, the skinniest girl doesn't always win. I mean, as you can see, I'm not stick thin. The Miss America Organization definitely promotes a healthy lifestyle.

Q: Do you find pageant judgment to be fair?

A: To some degree, I do. What they always tell us at the different orientations is that whoever wins the crown on a given day could be different, because it is a very subjective sport. I feel like every judge's dynamic is different and looking for something in particular.

Q: What does the life of a winner of a major title look like after the competition is over?

A: After the pageant, you don't see that it really is a job. It's kind of weird, but the pageants themselves are what I consider to be an abnormal way for a job interview. For example, since I won Miss White Settlement this year, I am driving back to White Settlement to do an appearance at the chamber of commerce. You have to do things like this as a title winner - represent the organization when



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Baylor freshman Brittany Tew was the youngest contestant in the 2011 Miss Texas pageant. Tew won five titles in various pageants across Texas.

you are requested and things like that.

Q: So, you left high school a year early and came to Baylor on a full academic scholarship - were you considering any other universities before enrolling at Baylor?

A: Yes. I was accepted at Pepperdine and Harvard, but turned them both down to come to Baylor. I am actually on the eight-year track to Baylor Med School. I want to be a pediatric neurologist with a specialized focus on rare brain diseases and disorders.

Q: Do you think your experiences in pageant competition will benefit you in the future?

A: Absolutely. I have actually learned a lot about the importance of being able to communicate your position on issues, ideas and per-

spectives clearly. Obviously communication is something you will need to be able to do no matter which field you end up in. Pageants have really helped me with this skill in particular.

Q: What is next for you in the pageant world?

A: I have won five titles in all. I was the youngest contestant for Miss Texas last year, but they told me that I needed to appear more mature to have a shot at winning the title. So, for my talent this year I will be performing piano instead of a ventriloquism act. I do have a team of about 20 people helping me to prepare for Miss Texas this year, including my hair and nail sponsors, photographers, and my nutritionist and trainer. I am also working with a designer to design my own evening gown, so that's exciting for me too.



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Just a quick study break won't hurt

San Antonio freshman Tyler Wilson takes a break from studying and plays pool with friends in Alexander Hall. As midterm exams quickly approach, students look for ways to alleviate stress in their daily routines.

Apple releases major bug fix for iOS, iPhone, iPad

By NICO ZULLI
REPORTER

Apple users should update any iOS software as soon as possible because personal information is at serious risk of being stolen by hackers.

Apple Inc. informed the public this past Friday of a security issue that poses a threat to all iOS devices, including iPhones, iPads and Macintosh computers.

"There was a bug in the SSL, which is known as the Secure Socket Layer," said Micah Lamb, ITS assistant director of systems support. "Basically, this means a glitch in the code, which is supposed to go through a series of 'security checks' when you perform a transaction of information between your browser and server. But with this bug, the system no longer performs these checks and leaves information vulnerable."

This vulnerability on personal and public devices is particularly dangerous because any transaction of information on public Wi-Fi

allows hackers to access sensitive user data.

While Baylor students, faculty and staff are fortunate to be at less risk because they are navigating on a more heavily secured campus network, any information transactions on public Wi-Fi off-campus may still place them at risk.

"ITS is already working to update all Baylor-owned machines around campus with these bug fixes, and there are a lot," he said. "But we cannot do anything about personal devices. Baylor students, faculty and staff are responsible for updating their personal devices, which are vulnerable as well."

Apple released updates, or patches, to fix the bug on the iPhone and iPad on Saturday. An update for Mac OS X was just released around noon Tuesday to fix the bug.

"I recommend that everyone run an update check on their personal devices and keep doing so until the software is completely up-to-date," Lamb said.

Lamb also said users can navigate to the website www.gotofail.com on their Apple devices, and the website will automatically check to see if the device is vulnerable. All Mac OS X systems 10.7 or higher are affected.

With regard to whether or not mobile apps are affected, Lamb said only built-in Apple applications might be at risk because they use the same SSL as other features of the device.

"Apps like the Apple Maps app, Safari and the iTunes Store would be of concern," he said. "But in the case of other applications, they can use their own SSL and might not be affected."

Regardless, Lamb said the best idea is to just update every Apple device with the patches released by Apple and to be on the look out for more updates to come.

"The best way to always keep your information safe is to constantly update your devices with the latest software updates," he said.

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In the pit: Arranger brings life to All-University Sing acts

By MADISON ADAMS
REPORTER

As the music arranger for all the acts involved in All-University Sing for 23 years, alumnus Jason Young has put in countless hours into more than 450 acts to ensure that each group has every opportunity to qualify for Pigskin Revue each year.

In the midst of the Sing season, it was only fitting that the Lariat interview the man behind the music to see the perspective of Sing from down in the pit.

Q: How did you move into the position?

A: When I came in '87 as a student, I was part of a work-study program where they basically picked a job out of a hat for me and it said "Waco Hall." Specifically, my job was running the audio mixer in the pit for this thing called "Pigskin Revue."

A few years later, Janey Hampton, who was Sing chair for Zeta Tau Alpha, asked me to compose the music for their act, which was a fireman theme.

Q: Did you know what you were getting yourself into?

A: Obviously not. It has changed my life and I love what I do. The best job I ever had was as wilderness guide in Colorado during my college years, but this is a close second.

When I was just a college student running audio in the pit, I had the reaction of, "this is amazing," and then four years later when asked to compose for Zeta, it took me 300 hours to write the first act. I didn't have a computer or anything and I even went \$2,000 in debt when I co-signed a loan with my dad to make arranging my first Sing act all possible.

Now it probably takes me around 100 hours per act to put it all together, but it's one of those things when you find your calling you don't think about the hours you are putting in, you think about the fact that you were made to do this. I truly consider myself blessed to be where I am today.

Q: What surprised you about the position?

A: How disorganized the role of the arranger was before I came. There was no standardization or organization behind what an arranger did. Some people had paper scores and some scores were computerized. The groups would also hire their own bands, which meant as the acts would be tearing down and setting up on stage the bands would be changing out down in the pit. The sound levels would be all off, the band would be scrambling and the show suffered.

Q: What does the process look like now?

A: Now the band is given their entire music for the acts, which amounts to roughly 450 pages of music. They learn the music in two days and then run through the music only six times before club night.



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Music arranger and alumnus Jason Young has created All-University Sing music for 23 years, putting in hours of work into more than 450 acts.

So for instance the Saturday before Sing we will have eight hours of rehearsing, each act receiving 45 minutes, which amounts to running the act twice.

Then Monday each act gets a full-tech where they run the act three times with band. On Wednesday, the acts get dress rehearsal. Then Thursday for club night is the seventh time we as a band have played the act.

Q: What does a day in the life of Jason Young look like?

A: Well I do not think people realize how long it takes to put the show together. Once the music arranging part starts, I spend many hours talking with the groups, writing music, thinking through different ideas and generally trying to develop the best way to present the act.

I'll get up at 4 a.m. sometimes (but then I'm a chronic insomniac, which can sometimes be beneficial) and work all day.

There's a stretch of about 100 days where I'm working seven days a week, up to 10 hours per day to get the bulk of the music done.

Once the music is delivered and approved, I'll turn around and create the sheet music for each act as well as the individual parts, master scores and show track.

Q: What is a challenge that people might not be aware of?

A: Keeping it fresh from year to year. The themes go into embargo and cannot be used for six years if the act goes to Pigskin or four years if the act did not qualify for Pigskin and we cannot do anything on that list or anything even related. Every year I find myself thinking, "So what do we do next year?" This is such a creative endeavor and you have four to five Sing chairs

with different ideas and sometimes getting them on the same page is something that is also challenging. It is fun to take students through this process, helping them to develop their act, keep it professional, keep quality high and keep the audience entertained. I try to have them think about Sing as Broadway on a budget. This is not a high school show amped up.

Q: What makes it worth all of the work?

A: To me, Club Night is Christmas. Students and everyone involved has spent nine months working on their act and the curtain goes up and groups finally get to present their present. Another aspect I love is seeing leadership development happen. Seeing students transition from thinking, "how are we going to do this?" to being proud of an act that they have constructed. Sing is a learning lab and every year I have alumni come back and say I learned many lessons through Sing that I never would have learned from class.

Q: What is the funniest thing you have ever seen happen when the acts go live opening night?

A: One time the band and I figured out we have witnessed over 5,000 performances of individual shows. Hilarious things are bound to happen.

One that sticks out was in 2006 or 2007 when Alpha Tau Omega did a Sesame Street act and they were late getting their costumes done so last minute they glued big eyeballs onto their Cookie Monster outfit. When Cookie Monster busted through their paper backdrop, one of the big eyeballs came unglued and rolled across stage and into the pit during club night, leaving the entire audience in hysterics.

Q: Biggest catastrophe you've seen over the years?

A: The biggest was when we set the stage curtain on fire. It was Chamber's baseball act from around 1995. It was supposed to be much like the end of the movie "The Natural" when the character Hobbs hits the ball into the stadium lights and they explode. When the lights exploded on stage, it somehow set the curtain on fire and the stage manager came out and hosed down the curtain with a fire extinguisher while Chamber finished their act, singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

Q: Do you expect the acts to be better than ever in Sing 2014?

A: I think they will be. There have always been great acts, but the acts that used to place first, second and third years ago might make Pigskin these days but they probably would not place in the top three.

In the last 10 years, you have seen shows like "American Idol" and "So You Think You Can Dance" that give you behind-the-scenes look at how productions work, which makes many aspects of a production become part of our daily vocabulary. Students become Sing chairs and already somewhat speak the language so instead of starting out in Sing 101, they start with Sing 201.

Q: Any acts that break the mold?

A: You could never completely re-do Sing. Sing is its own thing and it has its own language. It isn't a musical and it isn't a choir concert. If you do something that is totally different, the audience won't understand it.

The audience comes in and they expect to be spoken to in the language of Sing. To break the mold would be like talking in the audience in the wrong language. No matter how different the acts are, they still have a family resemblance. If we do the act right the audience should think it's effortless, funny, entertaining and easy.

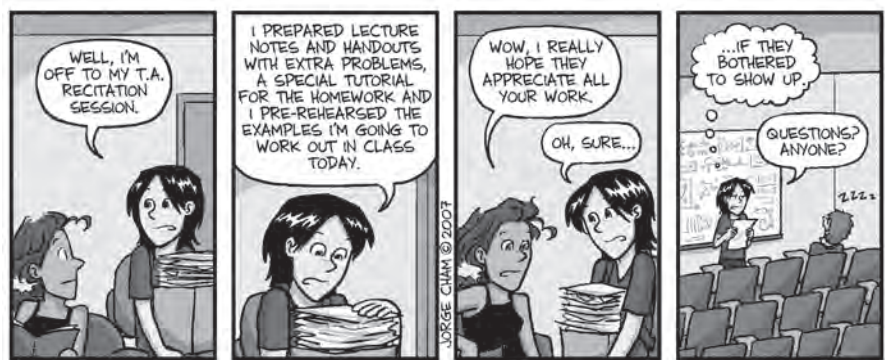


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Young, who leads music in the orchestra pit, has seen many memorable performances.

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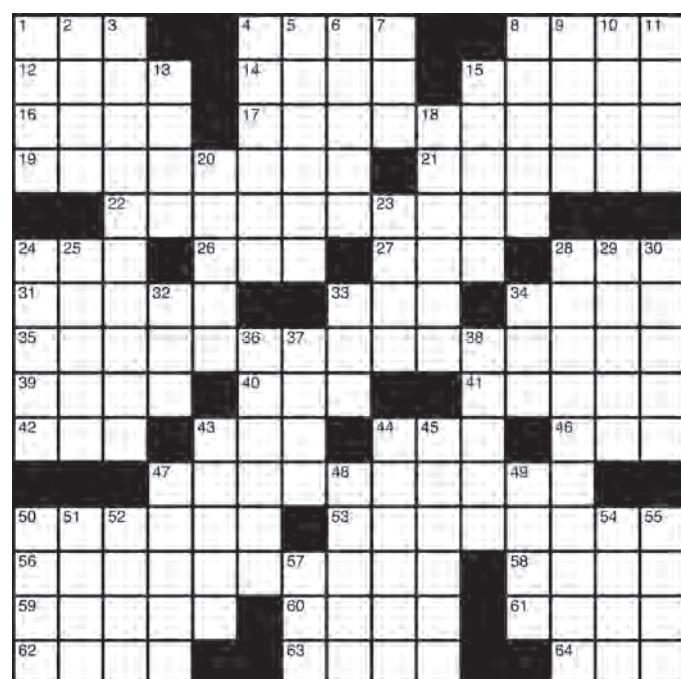
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- Lunchbox staple, initially
 - Handy, say
 - Hatcher of "Lois & Clark"
 - Pakistani language
 - Pakistan neighbor
 - Tablecloth fabric
 - Striped fish
 - Dangerously sharp
 - Ranch nightmare
 - "Wake Up Little Susie" singer Don or Phil
 - "Curb Your Enthusiasm" creator
 - Next-to-last Greek letter
 - Difficult turn on the slopes
 - Fellows
 - Cape Town's land: Abbr.
 - 1983 Streisand film
 - "From ___ to shining ..."
 - Has ___
 - Common pump choice
 - Early garden
 - La-Z-Boy room
 - Very unpleasant, weather-wise
 - Country south of Turk.
 - Costly cracker-topper
 - 44 35-Across, e.g.
 - Boxer's stat
 - Gnarly one on the waves
 - "Beat it, kid!"
 - "I'm serious!"
 - "Star Wars" droid, and a hint to letters shared by 17-, 22-, 35- and 47-Across
 - Eyelid trouble
 - Taxi fixture
 - Clothier Strauss
 - Traffic sound
 - Glimpse
 - Lose sleep (over)
 - Mario Brothers console

- Down
- Stout servers
 - Unruly kid
 - Holden Caulfield creator
 - Cable stations, e.g.
 - Vintage sitcom stepfamily
 - Vegged out

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- Ambient music pioneer Brian
- Assisted through a tough time, with "over"
- Caltech grad, often: Abbr.
- Hose holder
- Race nickname
- West Point letters
- "Deathtrap" playwright Ira
- Disclose
- Suave shelfmate
- "So true!"
- Funereal piles
- Like some rye bread
- Comedian who ended his show with "... and may God bless"
- Make arrangements for
- Raggedy dolls
- Winery cask
- Baltimore daily
- Cry from a flock
- Loved to pieces
- Scuba spot
- Come after
- Gossip fodder
- Vinyl record feature
- Cleverly skillful
- "Here, piggies!"
- "It's open!"
- Imprecise cooking measure
- Pool or polo
- Raw rocks
- Web address opening
- Harp kin
- Strong urges
- Pixie

Agbuke anchors Lady Bears frontcourt

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

The Lady Bears' high-powered offense was on display on Monday at the Ferrell Center. Baylor scored 96 points to win by seven, 96-89, against the Oklahoma Sooners.

When the Lady Bears score that much it usually comes in a double-digit blowout win, but Monday almost turned into a loss. It was one of Baylor's worst defensive performances of the season.

"We hung on and we won," Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said. "Thank goodness we had the 32-point lead."

Monday's game showed just how important junior post Sune Agbuke is to the team as a complete unit. Agbuke has a sore Achilles tendon that she is trying to nurse back to 100 percent prior to the post-season for the Lady Bears.

In the second meeting of the season against Oklahoma, the Lady Bears had a 32-point lead just five minutes into the second half. Mulkey subbed in her two post players behind Agbuke on the depth chart with sophomore post Kristina Higgins and freshman post Khadijah Cave.

"We had a 32-point lead and I thought, 'Now's a time to let this young bunch at the post play,'" Mulkey said.

Higgins and Cave did not have their best showing, though, against the Sooners. The Lady Bears count on Agbuke's defensive ability and sheer size to be the heart of their defense.

Mulkey emphasizes and expects quality rebounding from a

team she considers a Final Four contender this year.

After letting Oklahoma back into the game, the Lady Bears were not sure how it happened.

"I really don't know," senior guard Makenzie Robertson said. "I just remember looking up and it was cut by a lot."

Some would say it was nervousness from the Lady Bears or maybe it was the Sooners, who started to shoot better in the second half. Freshman forward Nina Davis denied any assumption that she or the team were unfocused in a bizarre second half.

"I wouldn't say there was a point where we got nervous," Davis said. "I think more so for the team, it was more of a sense of urgency. We knew what it took to get the lead, and we knew we just needed to start rebounding and stop them in transition."

The Sooners were outscored by 22 points at halftime, 53-31, and were outshot 31.3 to 55 percent in field goals made.

Both of those stats took a complete turnaround in the second half. Oklahoma shot better and scored more than Baylor in the second half by a significant margin. Oklahoma guards penetrated into the lane off the dribble at will, and there was little Baylor did to stop it.

"I just thought it totally changed the complexion of the game when I didn't put [Agbuke] back in there because she is a wall back there," Mulkey said. "She's a defensive presence when those guards were penetrating. We just didn't get it done on that end of floor with that position [with Agbuke out]."



Junior post Sune Agbuke goes up strong for a shot in Baylor's 87-73 win over Texas on Feb. 1 at the Ferrell Center. Agbuke averages 6.4 points, 7.4 rebounds and 2.0 blocks per game this season.

Every basketball coach expects post players to be a rebounding force on both ends of the floor. The Lady Bears are usually a very solid rebounding team.

With Agbuke out of the game,

the Lady Bears' post players came up short in rebounds.

Cave was the only player between her and Higgins with a rebound, and she totalled two rebounds against the Sooners. When

the second-string post player is filling in for the starter because of Achilles soreness, zero rebounds is not going to cut it in the long run.

"We weren't really rebounding as well as we have been," Robert-

son said. "[Oklahoma] also started making some threes, and threes can put you back in the game pretty quick."

Higgins is Agbuke's primary substitute. When Agbuke struggled with foul trouble earlier in the season, Higgins would check in for a couple minutes, give Agbuke a breather and soon check right back out of the game.

Past opposing teams could not really expose Higgins' possible weakness or recognize her tendencies because she would check in and out of the game often with Agbuke. Cave earned most of her playing time once the rest of the starters already checked out. The Lady Bears have been ahead in plenty of games this season and that allows Mulkey to give her young players experience and playing time.

Monday was different. Higgins and Cave were playing more than they have in the past. The absence of Agbuke on defense revealed gaping holes in the Baylor post.

"I wasn't pleased with the way we handled the second half after Sune went out, defensively," Mulkey said. "It wasn't like they came in and ran a new offense, but give credit to them too because they started making shots that they missed in the first half."

As the Lady Bears move forward, Mulkey wants to keep her team's status in perspective. The Lady Bears won the game against one of the best teams in the Big 12, and are looking to earn their fourth straight Big 12 regular season title.

Baylor's depth at the post will be tested if they anticipate a successful post-season.

Southern Miss double-header awaits softball

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

No. 12 Baylor softball started off the season with three challenging tournaments, but held strong with a 12-3 record, including a 3-1 record against ranked teams.

Baylor (12-3) will travel to Hattiesburg, Miss., to take on Southern Mississippi (4-10) in a double-header today.

"Heading into the double-header, we'll be looking to get some experience for the younger players who will be traveling with us," Baylor assistant coach Pete Vamvakas said. "It's going to be a great trip, Southern Miss is typically a great team. They had a tough start to the season; their record doesn't reflect how good they actually are. We're excited about the competition."

Baylor comes into this game after a 4-1 performance in the Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic. The Bears defeated No. 14 Stanford and No. 19 Missouri, among others, and outscored their opponents 28-9 over the course of the tournament. Senior left-hander Whitney Canion was named Big 12 Softball Pitcher of the Week after not allowing an earned run in 21 innings on the way to a 3-0 record and a save in the Nutter Classic.

"I think the key for me is mixing it and being unpredictable," Canion said. "Low, high, fastball, changeup, I've been using all my

pitches instead of relying on just one. Leading off with a home run against Stanford too, I think our offense is setting the tone."

Senior catcher Clare Hosack is hitting .368 on the season with three homers and 16 RBIs to lead Baylor while slugging .711 in 14 starts. As a team, the Bears are hitting .327 and slugging .474 despite playing one of the toughest schedules in the country. The pitching staff has been dominant to start the year. Canion is 7-2 with a 1.10 ERA and 65 strikeouts in only nine starts and 57.1 innings pitched. Sophomore right-hander Heather Stearns has allowed only six earned runs in 26.0 innings pitched and boasts a 5-1 record. Opponents are hitting .190 and slugging .292 against the Bears. Sophomore infielder Sarah Evans leads the Southern Miss offense with a .607 slugging percentage and .357 average in 28 at-bats. The Golden Eagles hit .248 as a team and have been outscored 84-37 in their 14 games.

Southern Mississippi pitchers combine for a 6.55 ERA. Junior right-hander Shelbee Rodgers is 2-4 in her six starts with a 6.10 ERA in 31.0 innings pitched. The Golden Eagles allow opponents to hit .350. Baylor should be able to take advantage of Southern Miss offensively.

"It's great to get some experience for the young players," Vamvakas said. "Injury-wise, you never know what could happen, so



Junior outfielder Kaitlyn Thumann swings through contact in Baylor's 2-1 win against Missouri on Feb. 16.

you want some of these younger players to get some experience in these games."

Baylor played a double-header against Southern Miss last season in Waco. The Bears swept the series 2-0. Canion took the first win in a 2-0 shutout where she allowed only one hit and struck out 12.

Junior right fielder Kaitlyn Thumann went 3-for-4 in the victory with a run scored.

Stearns pitched a complete game, 2-1, victory in the second. Stearns did not allow an earned run while throwing eight strikeouts. Stearns added a game-winning walk-off homer in the bottom of the seventh.

"To get ready for Southern

Miss, we have to get our mind right since we've been traveling so much," senior catcher Clare Hosack said. "We're trying to calm down so we can rest and reset so we can come out strong."

Baylor is coming off of its third straight week with a tournament after playing in the Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic in Palm Springs, Calif., over the past weekend.

"It's tough not playing many home games, but I love going everywhere," Canion said. "It seems like we're in a new state almost every weekend. The experience of all these tournaments is really fun."

Baylor will play at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. today against Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Bears seek payback versus Longhorns

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor basketball has pulled a miraculous turnaround after looking dead in the water only a few short weeks ago.

The Bears are now winners of four straight with only four games left to go in the season.

Baylor (18-9, 6-8) will look to add to its NCAA Tournament resume as the Bears travel to Austin for their penultimate road game against No. 24 Texas (20-7, 9-5) at the Frank Erwin Center.

Baylor comes into this game after consecutive wins against TCU, Kansas State, Oklahoma State and West Virginia.

"We definitely feeling better than we were at the first part of conference," senior power forward Cory Jefferson said. "Everyone's spirits are high."

Against West Virginia, junior forward Royce O'Neale posted a career game with 22 points, six rebounds and six assists on perfect 8-for-8 from the field and 4-for-4 from three.

"I've never had one like that," O'Neale said. "100 percent? I felt like I couldn't miss."

Jefferson, a fellow Killeen native, knew that O'Neale had the ability to shoot the way he did.

"I've been telling him to shoot it for a while," Jefferson said. "He's one of the best shooters on the team."

Baylor's frontcourt has been key to its turnaround. In the four wins, the frontcourt of sophomore center Isaiah Austin and senior power forward Cory Jefferson has combined for 33.5 points, 17.0 rebounds and 8.0 blocks per game on a combined 52.7 percent.

Baylor has also benefitted greatly from the return of junior point guard Kenny Chery after a foot injury.

Chery is averaging 7.5 assists per game over the last four, and posted the first triple-double in Big 12 conference play by a Baylor player against Kansas State with 20 points, 10 rebounds and 12 assists.

"It's been good for us to have Kenny back, but I think it's also been good for him," head coach Scott Drew said. "When he was out, he lost some rhythm with his teammates."

Texas enters the matchup after a beating from Kansas 85-54. Drew dismissed the idea he is worried about the Longhorns trying to bounce back against the Bears.

"Right now we're more concerned about ourselves than what Texas is doing," Drew said.

The Longhorns as a team out-rebound opponents 41.9 to 34.1 and hold teams to 40.6 percent from the field.

"Texas is a very good defensive team," Drew said. "The last time we played, I thought our shot selection wasn't as good as it could have been. They're a very physical team."

In their last meeting, freshman point guard Isaiah Taylor scored a career-high 27 points on 10-for-18 from the floor as Texas stole one 74-60 from No. 24 Baylor. The Bears shot only 32.1 percent from the field and 3-for-17 from the three-point line in Waco.

With a win, Baylor can help to cement its place in the NCAA Tournament after a nightmare start to conference play. ESPN's Joe Lunardi ranks Baylor as a No. 10 seed.

Baylor will play No. 24 Texas at 8 p.m. today at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

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Few Army women want combat jobs

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FORT EUSTIS, Va. — Only a small fraction of Army women say they'd like to move into one of the newly opening combat jobs, but those few who do say they want a job that takes them right into the heart of battle, according to preliminary results from a survey of the service's nearly 170,000 women.

That survey and others across the Army, publicly disclosed for the first time to The Associated Press, also revealed that soldiers of both genders are nervous about women entering combat jobs but say they are determined to do it fairly.

Men are worried about losing their jobs to women; women are worried they will be seen as getting jobs because of their gender and not their qualifications. Both are emphatic that the Army must not lower standards to accommodate women.

Less than 8 percent of Army women who responded to the survey said they wanted a combat job. Of those, an overwhelming number said they'd like to be a Night Stalker — a member of the elite special operations helicopter crews who perhaps are best known for flying the Navy SEALs into Osama bin Laden's compound in 2011.

Last year top Pentagon officials signed an order saying women must have the same opportunities as men in combat jobs and the services have been devising updated physical standards, training, education and other programs for thousands of jobs they must open Jan. 1, 2016. The services must open as many jobs to women as possible; if they decide to keep some closed, they must explain why.

The Army says that about 200,000 of its 1.1 million jobs are either direct combat or related jobs such as field artillery, combat engineers and so on. That's roughly 20 percent of the force, though the direct-combat frontline fighters make up roughly half of that or about 9 percent.

Throughout last year, the Army emailed questionnaires to active duty, reserves and Army National Guard members to gauge soldiers' views on the move to bring women into combat jobs. The results from the survey sent to women showed that just 2,238 — or 7.5 percent — of the 30,000 who responded said they would want one of the infantry, armor, artillery and combat engineer jobs.

Army officials also polled men and women on their concerns about the integration. And they asked senior female leaders to say whether they would have chosen combat jobs if they'd been given that chance 10 or 20 years ago.

All agreed the physical standards for the jobs should remain the same.

"The men don't want to lower the stan-



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Female soldiers train on a firing range on Sept. 18, 2012, in Fort Campbell, Ky. Only a small fraction of Army women say they'd like to move into one of the newly opening combat jobs, but those few who do, say they want a job that takes them right into the heart of battle.

dards because they see that as a perceived risk to their team," David Brinkley, deputy chief of staff for operations at the Army's Training and Doctrine Command, told the AP. "The women don't want to lower the standards because they want the men to know they're just as able as they are to do the same task."

Brinkley's office at Fort Eustis is filled with charts, graphs and data the Army is using to methodically bring women into jobs that have been previously open only to men.

The surveys are helping to shape the education and preparation that women, men and top leaders need to put in place to insure the integration goes smoothly.

The questionnaires, and the focus groups that followed them, showed that younger men and those who have served with women in the last two years are more open to the integration, while mid-level soldiers — particularly those in units such as infantry and armor that have not yet included women — were more hesitant.

And there were nagging stereotypes. Male soldiers fretted that their unit's readiness will be degraded because of what they term "women issues," such as pregnancy and menstrual cycles. Or they worried that women incapable of the physical demands would be brought in anyway.

Officers were concerned about sexual harassment and improper relationships. And the idea of integrated units bothered both military wives and husbands.

Plagued by an increase in reported sexual assaults, the military is putting a much greater emphasis on training, reporting and treat-

ment. But that increased focus, said Brinkley, has prompted some troops to say they are worried to be in the same room together.

The men, said Brinkley, worry that anything they say could ruin their careers.

"Did we have a problem? Yes. Are we aggressively solving it? Yes," said Brinkley. But, he added, "we've kind of created a little environment of fear, which we fear might frankly hinder integration."

The solution, said Brinkley and other Army leaders, involves education, training and good leadership.

Women across the Army have been getting pregnant for years and those units have dealt with it. And, while inappropriate relationships do happen, they are a violation of regulations. So it is up to unit leaders to enforce the Uniform Code of Military Justice in the combat arms units, just as they do in others.

Army leaders were unsurprised by the small number of women interested in combat jobs.

"The issue is going to be the propensity of women who want to do some of these things," Gen. Ray Odierno, chief of staff of the Army, said in an interview with the AP. "I don't think it's going to be as great as people think."

According to the survey, the vast majority of the women who expressed interest in combat jobs were in the lower ranks, age 27 or younger.

Some of the more experienced soldiers said that if they had it to do all over again, they might choose one of the combat arms jobs.

HULME from Page 1

Hulme's passing via Twitter from another student who participated in the study abroad program.

"I felt total sadness when I heard about it," Voigt said. "I think the Baylor community really lost a great person."

Hulme had a knack for making difficult or generally uninteresting areas of study enjoyable for his students, Kayworth said.

"He taught statistics, but he had a passion for it, so many students found his class to be their favorite," Kayworth said.

Hulme was an accomplished professor who received many accolades for outstanding teaching, such as the Hankamer School

of Business Teaching Excellence Award in 1997, the Guidestone Outstanding Professor in 2009 and Baylor Athletics' Outstanding Professors Award for six consecutive years.

Aside from being a dedicated professor, Hulme also volunteered with organizations such as Mission Waco, Kids Hope and Caritas, and also served in several areas at Columbus Avenue Baptist Church.

"We will certainly miss the level of impact he had on so many students," Kayworth said. "He mentored many students outside the classroom. The magnitude — the depth to which he impacted

students — I think we're really going to miss that."

Voigt expressed his condolences for Hulme's family.

"My prayers go out to his wife and family," he said. "I know he will be missed by many."

Visitation will be open from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Oakcrest Funeral Home, located at 4520 Bosque Blvd.

Hulme's services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Columbus Avenue Baptist Church, located at 1300 Columbus Ave. in Waco. The burial at Oakwood Cemetery will immediately follow the services.

FOOD from Page 1

in the lunch room.

Calorie, fat, sugar and sodium limits now will have to be met on almost every food and beverage sold during the school day, as mandated by a 2010 child nutrition law.

Even though diet sodas would be allowed in high schools under the proposed rules announced Tuesday, the rules don't address the question raised by some as to whether those drinks are actually healthful alternatives to sugary soda.

Some healthful-food rules have come under fire from conservatives who say the government shouldn't dictate what kids eat — and from some students who don't like the new alternatives.

Mrs. Obama defended herself against critics, saying that "I didn't create this issue." She said kids will eventually get used to the changes.

"That's our job as parents, to hold steady through the whining," she said.

Aware of the backlash, the Agriculture Department is allowing schools to make some of their own decisions on what constitutes marketing and is asking for comments on some options.

For example, the proposal asks for comments on initiatives like

Pizza Hut's "Book It" program, which coordinates with schools to reward kids with pizza for reading.

Rules for other school fundraisers, like bake sales and marketing for those events, would be left up to schools or states.

Off-campus fundraisers, like an event at a local fast-food outlet that benefits a school, still would be permitted.

But posters advertising the fast food may not be allowed in school hallways. An email to parents — with or without the advertising — would have to suffice. The idea is to market to the parents, not the kids.

The rules also make allowances for major infrastructure costs — that scoreboard advertising Coca-Cola, for example, wouldn't have to be immediately torn down.

But the school would have to get one with a different message or product the next time it was replaced.

Schools that don't want to comply could leave the National School Lunch Program, which allows schools to collect government reimbursements for free and low-cost lunches for needy students in exchange for following certain standards.

Very few schools choose to

give up those government dollars, though.

The beverage industry — led by Coca-Cola Co., Dr. Pepper Snapple Group and PepsiCo — is on board with the new rules. American Beverage Association President and CEO Susan Neely said in a statement that aligning signage with the more healthful drinks that will be offered in schools is the "logical next step."

The public will have 60 days to comment on the proposed rules, which also would allow more children access to free lunches and ensure that schools have wellness policies in place.

The 2010 child nutrition law expanded food programs for hungry students.

The rules being proposed Tuesday would increase that even further by allowing the highest-poverty schools to serve lunch and breakfast to all students for free, with the cost shared between the federal government and the schools.

According to the Agriculture Department and the White House, that initiative would allow 9 million children in 22,000 schools to receive free lunches.

The department already has tested the program in 11 states.

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no matter their party affiliation, students should be informed when the candidate they think is the right person for the job," Mitchell said.

Scottsdale, Ariz., senior Michael Blair, president of Baylor College Republicans, said he also believes students should vote.

"This is a time that students really should be voting, whether it be here in Waco or wherever they're registered to vote," he said. "There are a lot of major issues, and it's important that students' voices be heard."

Voters must be registered with the county they wish to vote in 30 days prior to an election. They must have a form of photo ID accepted by the government with them, such as a Texas driver's license, military ID or U.S. passport. Voters may choose to vote via mail in absentee voting, but the deadline for that option has passed. Baylor students wishing to vote in McLennan County must already be registered as such.

One other option Baylor students have in Waco is available only during the early voting period, Wolfe said. Voters not registered in McLennan County may come to the main office of the elections office on 214 Fourth St. by Friday and vote for a limited number of higher offices, such as governor.

"Voters who are registered in the state can come in and fill out an application to fill out a limited ballot," Wolfe said. "That actually registers them here in McLennan County, and then they can vote the top of the ballot."

With limited voting, a person can't vote in local races. Limited voting cancels a person's registration from their previous voting location and registers them in the county the vote is cast.

A person may pick and choose which offices they vote for, but must select one of the two political parties.

"In Texas you don't register by party," Wolfe said. "But if you're voting in a primary election, you have to select which party election you're going to vote in."

This means a voter may vote Democrat this year and Republican in two years because in Texas that person is not officially associated with those parties, Wolfe said.

"In some states you have to register by party, but here in Texas you do not," she said.

Democratic and Republican primaries in McLennan County are held in the same locations, Wolfe said, which is called a joint primary.

Wolfe said she feels many people won't vote because they think their vote won't count or are out of the area of registry at the time of an election.

"Especially with these local races, some candidates may win by just a few votes, so every vote counts," Wolfe said.

Blair said places like McLennan County give stronger leaning to the Republican Party.

"There will be many instances, say here in McLennan County, where the Republican primary will be the election," he said. "Either there won't be a Democratic candidate, or there will be a very uncompetitive election."

Blair also said this year's elections will be important for the Republican Party.

"Our party is at the crossroads," Blair said. "I believe this will be a very telling election, at least for the viability of groups like the tea party."

Mitchell said some Baylor students intend to vote via absentee voting but end up not voting at all.

"I think that the voter turnout for Baylor students is abysmal," she said. "I encourage students to register in McLennan County, which is where they will be when the time to vote comes almost every single year."

More information on voting, including accepted forms of identification, can be found at votetexas.gov.

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