More boots on the ground

Military now gives women chance to enter front lines

By Americus Freeman

Baylor women who have had involv- ment in the military have expressed dif- fering opinions following the opening of more jobs for women in the U.S. Army. On Jan. 24 the Army News Service announced the Army will open 35,000 positions to women that were previously exclusive to men.

Women may now hold positions in direct ground combat units not under Army Special Operations. Col. Linda Sheimo, chief of the command programs and policy division at the Directorate of Military Personnel Management, said she expects the change to take place in April, according to the Army’s website.

The Army still has 100,000 jobs closed to women in 14 of 46 occupational spe- cialties. “The Army has a plan to determine whether these Military Occupational Specialties should open to women,” said Sheimo, the Army’s website states. “Women soldiers may have the opportu- nity to serve in every position, unit, and MOS where a male soldier can currently serve.”

Waco graduate student Sgt. Dana Looper serves with the Texas Army Na- val Militia, page 6

New football stadium to go greener

By Micah Gruenewald

With opening day roughly seven months away, McLane Stadium is rapidly taking shape. The athletic department hopes the new facility will improve the game day experience for players and fans, while having a smaller carbon footprint in the process.

Since the beginning of the design process, deputy athletics director Todd Paralle and his staff wanted the new stadium to build on the green legacy the athletic department has worked hard to establish.

Over the course of the 2012 football season, Floyd Casey Stadium patrons and staff recycled approximately 11 tons of material. This season the sustainable efforts yielded almost 50 percent more recycled mate- rial, at approximately 15 tons. Tom Hill, associate athletic director for community relations and special projects, said the extreme jump in recycling is the result of the commitment of the cleaning staff to a simple, efficient system.

Hill said it intends to carry that sys- tem over to McLane Stadium in hopes the members will continue to grow in the 2014 season.

“We are a touchdown in the way we have gone green,” Hill said. “Our athletic program has led the country on more than one year in our recycling efforts and our sustainability efforts.”

In 2009, the Big 12 Athletics Com- mittee, which uses wind and solar sources for 70 percent of its energy, became the second building on campus to receive LEED (Leadership in Energy and Envi- ronmental Design) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

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Ready to charge

The Baylor Rugby Football Club warms up before a match against Rice University on Saturday at one of the Baylor Science Building fields. The team won 20-11 over the opponent and is expecting its next home match against Texas Tech on Feb. 22.
The Texas Department of Transportation is convincing a study on the benefits of building a high-speed rail connecting Dallas, Waco, Austin and San Antonio. The plan for the rail includes 16 trains a day that would run along a dedicated 100-foot right-of-way. While Texas DOT officials have said the rail as an underestimation, they estimate that it would cost around $10 billion.

The trains would average 160 to 140 mph and have peak speeds of 220 mph. In addition, official estimates would be about 80 percent the cost of flying. The rail would connect the cities along a 200-mile stretch of land that is a great idea, especially because it would run through West Texas. The study is ongoing and will be complete by the end of the year.

High-speed rails are a sign of progress. The tech- nology has come to more countries around the world build these trains. These two train cities in countries such as Japan, Italy, Turkey, the United Kingdom, China and Mexico. The United States has only two train lines between Washington D.C. and Boston, with stops in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

These oppose to the trains, especially some people in Texas, have expressed concern that a train would fragment land and properties. This was a con- servation of the main opposition a decade ago with the Trans-Texas Corridor that would have served nearly 4,000 miles and included high-speed rails, commuter trains or freight trains. However, this particular project could be considered too ambitious, because it would have also built highways and infrastructure for utilities across the state instead of just building a rail. Eventually the project was canceled in 2011 after the Texas public spoke out about the actual cost of building such a massive system.

The current project is not nearly as big and not nearly as intrusive to Texas land. As reported by the Waco Tribune Herald, Texas DOT spokesman Mark Venard said the study is rank- ing a priority to avoid fragmenting land and instead use land that is already suitable for railroads and high- ways.

The author describes the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, Chris McGraw, said the rail has the potential to increase connectivity between Waco and other cities. "This means that people would have a lot more freedom of traveling between cities along the rail. For Baylor students, this means a faster way to make it to the Del- las-Fort Worth airport or make it home for breaks. For students without cars, the rail would make traveling out of town more easy than ever."

Some people may think the time saved during travel is not worth the money spent to build the rail. The study is ongoing, so the statistics on how much time would actually be saved is yet unknown. Interstate 35 does offer a connection between the cities the rail would connect, but义务教育 travel is slow due to construction, accidents or weather. These things would not affect the rail. In fact, a rail could potentially increase the demand on the interstate.

The other benefits of the rail make it worth the cost. It is easier and traveling by rail isn’t as much as flying. In a world that has an ever increasing call for ‘green’ products, the rail would run on elec- tricity. According to the US High Speed Rail Association, the rail runs on it’s own. This means a faster way to make it to the Del- las-Fort Worth airport or make it home for breaks. For students without cars, the rail would make traveling out of town more easy than ever."

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**Speaker empowers women, encourages confidence**

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Josh Garrels, a singer/songwriter from Portland, merges Christian and secular music. He was influenced by skateboarding, art and music. He learned what did and did not work in that culture and has applied it to his music since coming to the faith.

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— Josh Garrels (Singer/Songwriter)

For people growing up in youth groups, it can get separated in the wrong way from the rest of society and the rest of culture that’s happening out there,” Garrels said.

Believing there is an appropriate place for worship music and a place for art and music for nonbelievers, Garrels said he approaches the two fields distinctly.

"Innately, because I didn’t grow up in the church, I’m sensitive to the 98 percent of my generation who don’t believe in the Lord,” Garrels said. “So you have to sing about it sensitively to sing about Him.”

While he doesn’t want to compromise his faith, or shy away from Christian undertones, Garrels said he strives for that duality — all done by Garrels with his wife and co-producer Michelle in their Portland, Ore., home.

“Michelle sort of has an uncanny ability to know what words and what Doesn’t,” Garrels said. “She has a territorial spirit about her in that she can listen to something or look at something or read something and find the weakness and find the strengths.”

Serendipitously, Garrels has collaborated with other independent musicians and produced a full-length feature documentary with Brooklyn-based production company Mason Jar Films. The company first reached out to Garrels to film a video in a rodeo cathedral for one of Garrels’ songs, “Words Romantically,” and arranged an orchestra to perform the simple song.

After a film, Vancouver-based nancy johnson, saw the video, he invited Mason Jar Music, Garrels and his family to an island outside of Vancouver to produce the documentary, “The Sea In Between.”

For 11 days, Garrels recorded songs and interviews across the island, and Bellevue John Mason produced the documentary.

“I just played my songs, and they built this beach instrumentation around it,” Garrels said. “It focuses on the songs and my family and the process of being a vacation musician in this upside-down industry we live in.”

Since “The Sea In Between” was released, Garrels has been working on a new album, which he hopes to release summer 2014. The album focuses on Garrels’ current life transitions, his father-and-son relationships, leaving and returning home and finding the joy of the Lord.

“The way the film this is, you know, this is one of fatherhood and learning what it is to go through these stages, so it’s built into this album,” Garrels said.

On top of his upcoming album, which he says will be his shortest, he is working on two other potential collaborations and trying to secure creative opportunities for his last album, “Love & War & The Sea in Between,” which he calls his breakout album.

National Public Radio covered his music on the day after Christmas last year, which he said is rare because of Garrels’ Christian themes.

This February mini tour is Garrels’ first time to play in Texas. The Robbie Seay Band from Tennessee will be opening for Garrels.

Common Grounds’ line event coordinator Wes Butler, first heard of Garrels over a year ago after another performer suggested him. Garrels had a free CD for download on NoiseTrade, and Butler quickly became a fan.

“I said it sounded very original and high quality,” Butler said. “We kind of went about the idea of bringing him to Common Grounds for a while because we didn’t know who he was, but he knew us.

Butler eventually contacted Garrels, brooked the show and then found out Garrels had added Seay, a Baylor alum and friend of Butler’s, to the lineup.

Butler said he was surprised by how quick the ticket went.

“I knew he was a quality act, but we thought it would pick up much more last year, the album,” Butler said. The band sold-out show did go on, but he said they miss the extra revenue for the local bands.

“Why would I mess this up if this is the kind of fan that I want to have in the area,” Butler said.

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Bears seek another upset, host No. 8 KU

By JESSICA JEPHSON
Sports Writer

Just a few days ago, Baylor fans were planning out trips to the College Station, Texas, to see their team earn another road win in Big 12 play after playing a strong nonconference schedule. On Sunday, Baylor (14-2, 2-4) got its run back right in the conference for a berth to the NCAA Tournament with a 76-75 win against Oklahoma (14-2, 6-0-4) on the road.

"You can't just get 20 points on the road," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "We needed a win. We played enough to win a couple of games, and we're going to win enough games of that sort, so we couldn't let the game get away like that."

Juniors Sune Agtin and Whitney Hand continued to have success in one of the conference's toughest matches. The Oklahoma Sooners (81-67 in Big 12 play."

"We have to just improve to win games like that," Drew said. "We didn't do a good job of that in the big situations."

Baylor will turn right around and be tested against No. 8 Kansas in Waco. The Jayhawks are fresh off a tough loss against Texas in Austin and will be looking to take things around. Baylor coach Matt Knoll said: "We obviously have to keep up our momentum for what's coming up, "

"Some of those in the Big 12..."

Tennis: men defeat Purdue, women fall to Florida

By TRAVIS TAYLOR
Lariat Photo editor

Tenis: men defeat Purdue, women fall to Florida

The No. 7 Lady Bears defeated the Oklahoma Sooners 81-67 in Norman, Okla., on Tuesday. Baylor's fifth straight conference win and ninth overall win in Big 12 Conference play, further increasing the Lady Bears lead in Big 12.

The Lady Bears (18-0, 6-0-4) continued to have success in one of their most consistent phases of the game, free throws. Baylor got plenty of second chance offensive fouls due to offensive rebounds, three point shots by Kyla Boyles and Whitney Hand.

"One of the main things that we have to do is keep our energy up," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "We try to keep our energy up for 40 minutes. We didn't do a good job of that in the big situations."

Against Incarnate Word, Baylor recognized mismatches and exploited their opponents' weaknesses. Freshman guard Imani Wright has come to expect quality play from her usual offensive threats.

"Coach pointed out was 'Who do they have that matches us on the court?''" Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "We try to keep the ball out of Brady's hands.'"

In doubles, the Gators claimed the last two points with victories from Patrick Heslip, 6-1, 6-7, 6-1, and Olivia Janowicz pushing her to 6-4, 6-1 on court five.

"One of the main things that we have to do is keep our energy up." This is really hard in tennis, especially when you have your best players aren't on court one.

In women's tennis, the No. 19 Gators defeated the University of North Florida Ospreys 7-0 on Saturday.

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Military

Ties Al-Qaida

Tosettle a dispute over its branch in Iraq, the Islamic State is planning a major offensive against its chief rival, Al-Qaeda's leader Ayman al-Zawahri, according to a U.S. official.

The Islamic State, which currently controls large parts of Iraq and Syria, declared itself a successor to Al-Qaeda in June 2014.

The group, led by Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, has been fighting Al-Qaeda in Syria since 2013.

Al-Zawahri has supported the Islamic State's efforts to create a caliphate in Syria and Iraq, but he has also criticized the group for its violent tactics.

The Islamic State has recently been forced to retreat from some territories it had controlled in Syria, and it is facing increasing pressure from the United States and its allies.

US officials confirmed to The Associated Press that the Islamic State was planning an offensive against Al-Qaeda in Syria.

"We are aware of the plans of the Islamic State to attack Al-Qaeda in Syria, and we are taking steps to prevent this," a U.S. official said.

U.S. and coalition forces have been stepping up their efforts to combat the Islamic State in recent weeks.

The move comes as the Islamic State continues to lose ground in Syria and Iraq, with the Iraqi government making significant gains against the group.

The Islamic State has been losing territory in Syria and Iraq since President Barack Obama ordered a military campaign against the group in August 2014.

The group has lost control of major cities in both countries, including Mosul in Iraq and Raqqa in Syria, and it is currently battling for control of areas around those cities.

The Islamic State has been struggling to find a new source of revenue and fighters, with many of its fighters becoming disillusioned with the group's tactics.

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