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Inspiring culture

Lecturer connects students with attraction of Thailand

By EMILY BALLARD
REPORTER

On the top floor of one of the oldest buildings on campus, one professor's office overflows with the basics of a seasoned professor—stacks of antique books, coffee mugs and stacks of graded papers.

But these ordinary items take a backseat to the handcrafted silky banner of elephants that hangs across a crowded bookshelf and the photographs of elephant rides and world leaders. Kathryn Mueller's office showcases her undying love for the culture and people of Thailand.

Boasting nearly 40 years as a senior lecturer of sociology at Baylor, Mueller estimates 18,000 former Baylor Bears can claim her as their former professor. Among these former students are her oldest son's roommate and his roommate's son, making her a multi-generational professor.



Over the years, Mueller has adapted to the college student's sleep schedule to accommodate her students. Twice a month she holds what she calls "midnight madness office hours" during which her students can come into her office at all hours of the night to discuss grades, concerns or to share stories, she said.

"It's a good thing for the athletes," she said. "Usually

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Kathryn Mueller, a senior lecturer of sociology, organizes for Baylor students to teach the English language in Thailand. Above, she holds a copy of a publication for the Royal Chitralada projects, a technological enterprise initiated by Bhumbol Adulyadej, the king of Thailand. Mueller's office holds a number of treasures from her numerous trips to Thailand, including a pin, left, given to her by the country's royal family.

Body of student found in vehicle

By PAULA ANN SOLIS
STAFF WRITER

The body of a male Baylor student was found at 10 a.m. Thursday in a chemically hazardous vehicle near University Parks Drive and Donaldson Lane, said Lori Fogleman, assistant vice president for media communications.

The vehicle was marked with the international symbol for biohazardous materials, Cawthon said there was note on the vehicle explaining nitrogen sulfide was used. Because of this warning a hazmat team was called to the scene.

"We believe that these signs or warning labels were done in an effort so that no first responders would be overcome by the chemicals," Cawthon said. "We don't suspect foul play. We suspect a self-inflicted type of death."

Officer Steve Anderson with the Waco Police Department said Waco police were the first to respond to the scene but after they realized the location was outside Waco's city limits, the case was turned over to the McLennan County Sheriff's office.

Fogleman said she could not release the name of the student or his classification until authorities notify his family. Chief Deputy Matt Cawthon from the McLennan County Sheriff's office said most of the man's family has been contacted. Only his father, who is traveling, has not been notified.

Cawthon said he will release further details, including the student's name, today.

The Baylor Police Department has not confirmed its involvement with the investigation, but a Baylor police vehicle was seen at the site.

"It's heartbreaking and just a terrible tragedy," Fogleman said in the official university statement regarding the incident. "Our hearts go out to this his family, friends and classmates and all those who knew and loved him. The university will be proving opportunities for students and faculty to gather together to share in their grief."

Student finds injured man while on run

By PAULA ANN SOLIS
STAFF WRITER

A Baylor sophomore found the blood-covered body of a man at 9 a.m. Thursday while running along the Brazos River near the 200 block of University Parks Drive.

The student, who requested to remain anonymous, said the man was lying on the ground and his eyes were swollen and closed. She tried to speak to him but he could only wheeze in and out, she said.

"That's when I made the call," she said. "I was on the phone for five minutes and then the police showed up."

She said she did not feel comfortable touching the man or assessing him herself, but she did wait by him until the emergency medical team arrived.

Officer Steve Anderson with the Waco Police Department said the man suffered a broken arm, a broken shoulder and brain hemorrhaging. He was transported to Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center.

"It did not look like he had been assaulted," Anderson said. "The male subject appears to have fallen off the trestle onto the riverwalk below."

His condition and name has not been released because officers are waiting to notify the man's family, Anderson said. Only his year of birth, 1959, has been released.

Texas first lady helps Waco celebrate downtown

By REBECCA FIEDLER
STAFF WRITER

The city of Waco was officially inducted into the Texas Main Street program Thursday. Wacoans of all ages, state dignitaries, local chambers of commerce and first lady of Texas Anita Perry gathered at the Waco Convention Center to celebrate the city's downtown district, honoring its history and modern growth and progress.

"This distinction honors Waco's rich history, architecture, and a downtown that has been transforming into a jewel of the city and the region," said Bob Davis, president of the Waco Downtown Development Co.

The Texas Main Street Program is run by the Texas Historical Commission, and its purpose is "to provide technical expertise, resources and support for Texas communities in the preservation

and revitalization of historic downtowns and commercial neighborhood districts," as the program's website states.

Waco Mayor Malcolm Duncan said the induction of Waco into the Main Street program will be of great help to the Waco community.

"I already have two local groups who have expressed they'd like to get some help, and the Main Street program provides design experts and architectural assistants," Duncan said.

A potential design for aesthetic changes to Elm Street was unveiled at the event, showing pictures of shops along the road with new greenery, decoration and masonry.

Perry spoke of memories she enjoyed from visiting towns across the state, and paid compliments

to Waco, saying she is proud of the city. Waco is the last city Perry will ever visit on a Main Street induction tour.

"The Waco Suspension Bridge is an important symbol of both your city's past and future," she said. "Brooklyn, New York, has nothing on us."

Perry said she feels the city of Waco has great energy.

"Being in the Main Street program makes Waco special," Perry said. "Waco has more than its share of dedicated citizens."

Perry has traveled across the state since 2001 with the Main Street program, inducting 49 of 86 Texas cities in the program. Perry visited Waco Thursday having been to Caldwell to induct that city.



Perry

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Turtle power? The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle reboot trailer is up for debate this week.



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Students played around with puppies and got some info about this weekend's Crossroads event.



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Need a late-night cure for a sweet tooth? Local eatery Lula Jane's delivers cookies to campus.



Texas students should pay it forward

Editorial

Student loans. The very words cause many in higher education to shudder in fear, and rightfully so. College, especially private schools such as Baylor, is expensive, and the debt can be hard for many people to get ahead of.

According to PBS, Americans collectively have about \$1 trillion in unpaid student loan debt.

This is a problem, and many states are working on a solution that many students can get behind.

The idea is called “pay it forward,” and it exists in many forms from state to state. In general, universities drop tuition down to nothing. Aside from living expenses and fees, college becomes free, but there is a catch.

After students graduate and get a job, they pay part of their paycheck, generally 4 percent or less, back to the university for a period of time or until a certain amount is paid off.

This may seem like different means to the same end, but the pay-it-forward program avoids the life-altering student loan debt that so many people loathe.

Texas should formulate a pay-it-forward program for its public universities. This would drive down the cost of education across the board and help solve the monstrous problem of student loan debt.

The state in the spotlight for this plan is Michigan. The state’s plan, if it passes, is aimed at low and middle-income families, and its participants would have to pay their public universities 4 percent of their annual income for five years for every one year at the university.

That means if a participant went to Michigan or Michigan State for four years, he or she would pay the university back for 20 years.

To put the percentage in perspective, a graduate that makes \$50,000 each year would have to pay the university \$2,000 each year. Community colleges have different guidelines and parameters in the Michigan model.

The Michigan model seems like a good one for Texas to work from. The payback demands aren’t too much to handle and the astronomical rates of federal loans could become a thing of the past.

A pay-it-forward program might also drop the cost of private universities even though the

program doesn’t apply to them. Put yourself in the shoes of a high school senior deciding between The University of Texas and Baylor. Even if you think that Baylor is a better school, the pay-it-forward program might be too much to pass up when compare it to Baylor’s total cost of attendance of \$27,000 per semester.

This would drive more talent to Austin, and it would strongly encourage Baylor to drop its tuition to a more competitive level.

The people most opposed to this plan would be students majoring in fields that have a high starting salary. After all, in the Michigan plan, students pay the university over a period of time, not until a certain amount is paid off.

Pay-it-forward plans differ vastly, so it would be up to Texas to create a program that addresses this issue.

The best way to tackle this problem would be to give students an option. Pay-it-forward programs are just that — programs. If a student believes he or she would not benefit from the program, then that student should be able to take the traditional route to paying for college. That way, nobody’s college costs would increase.

Another issue would be stu-



dents in the program that choose to go to graduate school or professional school.

It doesn’t seem fair that a doctor should have to pay 4 percent of his or her comfortable salary for 40 years (assuming education takes eight years).

In cases like this, the state should have a pay ceiling that more accurately reflects the total value of the student’s education.

Lariat Letters

Molded by my loving mother’s hands

My mom has the softest hands. I was never sure as to why or how. It was an enigma to me. As far as I knew, she didn’t use any special moisturizer or lotion. I was surprised every time I held her hand, the skin all silky smooth. Her hands have been through so much, you’d expect them to be rough, crooked and ugly. But for some reason they’re not. My mother has beautiful hands.

When I was little, I loved helping my mom in the kitchen. “Let me do it, let me do it!” I would shout, my eagerness apparent in my smile that revealed missing teeth. She gave me small tasks: snapping the ends off of green beans, washing the carrots, tasks that didn’t require knives. I was happy to do anything. I’d stand on the stepping stool and do exactly as my mom instructed. “Like this, OK? Now you try.”

As I entered middle school, our time in the kitchen became more talkative. She peeled the potatoes as I told her about my day, what went wrong, what went well, what teacher was unfair, what girl was mean to me. She listened as she walked back and forth between the stove and the chopping board. A loud sizzle erupted as the potatoes made contact with oil.

“Mom are you listening?”

“Yes, I’m listening.”

Then high school came, and we stopped getting along. I hated being in the kitchen because she was always there, brooding about something that upset her. As she rocked back and forth kneading dough, she complained about how awful her children were. Unappreciative and lazy were her favorite adjectives to describe her son and daughter. She droned on and on, giving us the

lecture we’d heard hundreds of times before about how she’s tired from work and still has to cook for us, about how we’re bad kids because we don’t clean our rooms. I zoned out and watched the way she pressed the dough aggressively, flour sticking to her fingers. Using her wrist, the only part of her hand not covered in flour, she wiped the sweat from her brow, and for a brief second, I thought she might be done complaining. She threw the ball of dough into a large pot and slammed the lid shut. It’ll be done rising in an hour, she told me once.

“I’ve never known kids this terrible!” And so her monologue continued.

I always imagined that she’d be so mad one evening, she wouldn’t prepare dinner at all. But that never happened. Even on days when the kitchen suffered abuse — the cabinets slammed, the dishes dropped, and the spices carelessly thrown — still, somehow, a hot meal would await us.

My dad cooked too, but only after the divorce did I realize that cooking, to him, was a means of sustenance only, a means of surviving to see the next day. When my parents began living in separate houses, my mom kept cooking lavish meals. My dad stopped. He showed me and my brother he loved us in different ways, taking us go-cart



Ada Zhang | Guest Columnist

racing, playing golf with my brother on Saturdays, arranging father-daughter trips to Europe. My mom, preferring the comfort of home, didn’t do any of these things.

The greatest thing about starting college — besides the dessert section in the dining hall — was the physical distance separating me and my mom. Ironically, this distance created an emotional closeness. I missed my mom every day that first semester. I called her on the way to class and asked her what she cooked for dinner the night before.

“Just something simple. Rice and some vegetables. A meat dish for your brother.”

She always prepared a special meal for me when I visited home. While I’ve always known my mom was a good cook, the first bite continuously caught me off-guard. The fresh bread, so fluffy and warm, was nothing short of perfection. I’d think to myself, “My mother must have magic hands. She must be a sorcerer of some kind to make bread this good.” And then I took a serious look at her hands. The skin was thin and loose, crooked blue veins shifting every time she wiggled her fingers. They were turning into old people’s hands, hands that have baked hundreds of loaves of bread and chopped thousands of vegetables;

hands that have been stung by hot oil, cut by sharp blades; hands that have fed two children, even when they were unappreciative.

I often look at my own hands, fingers stretched wide apart like I’m palming a basketball. They are still a child’s, sticky from the apple I just ate. Dirt hides under my finger nails which need badly to be cut. Stubborn remnants of nail polish remain on my thumb. I don’t have my mother’s hands. How could I? I rarely prepare meals for anyone besides myself, and even so, I regularly go out to eat because, like my mother said, I am lazy. I don’t know what it’s like to love two children. I haven’t earned soft hands.

I don’t have my mother’s hands, not yet. But I will someday. There will come a time when I labor in the kitchen to feed my own children. I will mix and chop and stir and flip. I will make bread even when I’m angry. I will subject my hands to hot oil and knife accidents. Slowly but surely, my hands will become like Egyptian cotton, softened by acts of unconditional love. The day my children ask me why I have such soft hands, I will reply, “These hands have worked hard to protect you and care for you, to make sure you feel full, to cheer you up when you’ve had a bad day. In return for my services, God gave me soft hands. For there will come a day when I no longer have the energy to feed you. I will not have much to offer you in my old age except these hands, silky and smooth, always ready to hold yours.”

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Hobby Lobby shouldn’t get rights from RFRA

Ken Starr, president and chancellor of Baylor University, wrote a column featured in both The National Review Online and the Baylor Lariat which overestimates the power of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act in respect to for-profit corporations.

It will not be demanding to demonstrate to at least five justices “that HHS has a profound governmental interest in requiring Hobby Lobby (and its owners, five members of the Green family in Oklahoma City) to provide all 20 contraceptive methods ordained by the FDA.”

While Judge Starr believes the “daunting task” of strict scrutiny will aid in the downfall of the government lawyers, the reality is such a feat is more often than not made in respect to laws that burden religious liberty, with 60 percent of such laws surviving strict scrutiny review.

Furthermore, there is no indication that congress intended the statute to cover for-profit companies and their owners.

Claiming so would contend a paramount misrepresentation of the RFRA.

Mandating Hobby Lobby to offer all 20 Contraceptive methods is not a “substantial burden” on their religious beliefs, however authentic they may be.

This is because companies are removed from the employee’s decision to use the contraception or not. Use of the medically valid options are left up to the employee completely, meaning the owners are not substantially affected.

Judge Starr also wrote the DOJ is arguing the definition of “persons” under RFRA. The DOJ is arguing that non-profit organizations are not persons capable of the exercise of free religion.

I don’t believe the federal government doesn’t care about Hobby Lobby’s objects, as Judge Starr has stated, but is keeping the rights of the employees in mind.

Ignoring the fact that Hobby Lobby is trying to label particular methods of birth control as “abortifacients” despite scientific evidence refuting this claim, superimposing employer’s beliefs onto employees isn’t what the RFRA was designed to do.

Annabel Simpson
Houston freshman

Correction

In the March 27 photo on the front page “With honor and class,” The Lariat reported that the woman pictured is Colorado Springs, Colo., senior Sarah Gohl.

The woman pictured is actually her identical twin sister, Colorado Springs, Colo., senior Joanna Gohl. The Lariat sincerely regrets the error.

Corrections can be submitted to the editor via lariat_letters@baylor.edu. Please contact The Lariat as soon as the error is noticed.



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Puppies snuggled with students Thursday in the Bill Daniel Student Center to draw attention to the Crossroads, a night of worship and praise. Students could pet the puppies while being educated on the event.

A night of worship, praise to come to the Ferrell Center

By ANJA ROSALES
REPORTER

Worship, messages and praise will all come together Monday night.

Baylor quarterback Bryce Petty will be joined by singer/songwriter Matt Wertz and speakers Joe White and Dave Barnes at 8 p.m. Monday in the Ferrell Center with After Dark, locally known as Crossroads. The event is sponsored by Baylor Athletics and Spiritual Life.

After Dark is an event that travels to different college campuses for a free, one-night event where music and message meet. Because there is an annual show at Baylor already called After Dark, this event is taking on the name of Crossroads.

Denver sophomore Haley Pierson and New Orleans sophomore Kathryn Copp are responsible for bringing the event to Baylor. Copp and Pierson said they are excited to have Petty share his story at the event.

Although Petty is used to playing in front of thousands of people, he said he is a little nervous to speak in front of a large crowd on Monday night.

“I start sweating just thinking about it,” Petty said. “But I know I’m doing it to give God glory. I’m sure I’ll come off the stage not knowing a word I said or wondering how bad I stuttered, but at the end of the day if one person hears the word of God from my mouth, it makes all the nerves worth it.”

Petty said he is excited to give people a different look at who he is.

“A lot of people only know me only because I am the quarterback, which is fine,” Petty said. “But there is a lot more to me than just what I do on the field. It will be cool to share just how minus-



After being petted, a puppy lays on a shirt made for the Crossroads event.

cule football really is in the grand scheme of things.”

Petty said he wants to give the perspective that there is more to life than sports, school, friends and agendas.

“God is and should be the number one priority in our lives,” Petty said.

Copp and Pierson saw the opportunity to bring Crossroads to Baylor after attending an interest meeting in Missouri at Kanakuk Kamps where they worked as counselors last summer. The two attended a leadership summit where they received more information on the event and knowledge on how to bring it to Baylor.

Copp said this week leading up to the event relied heavily on getting students excited for the event. Pierson and Copp have done things such as changing their profile pictures on social media sites and scheduling flash mobs. Shirts are also being sold in the Bill Daniel Student Center for \$5. Copp said they had scheduled to bring live camels to campus so students can take pictures with them on Wednesday in honor of hump day, but the weather did not permit them to do so. There were puppies on Thursday in the SUB for students to play with while learning about the event.

“We are just doing random things to make the anticipation of the event fun and interesting,” Copp said.

Pierson said the fact that the event is coming to Baylor is an act of God as well as the way everything has fallen into place.

“We have just been so blessed the way things have worked out for us,” Pierson said. “The resources and help that has been provided to us has been such a blessing.”

Ready, Set, Glow: Zeta Tau Alpha, Delta Tau Delta bring new charity event to campus

By JOSH GILL
REPORTER

Students will have the opportunity to light up the night with glow sticks, neon shirts and black lights in the new spring charity event Ready, Set, Glow!

The Theta chapter of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority is partnering with the Theta Delta chapter of Delta Tau Delta to bring the 5k charity glow run to campus.

The event will take place Thursday. It is open to all Baylor students and the funds from race entry fees and sales of T-shirts and race packages will go toward the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Zeta Foundation Benefiting Breast Cancer Education and Awareness.

Students can sign up for the race online by going to the Facebook page for the event and clicking on the link for signups in the page’s info section.

Online signups will be open through Thursday. Participants may also register for the event in person before the race at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday. The race will begin at 8:00 p.m.

“Basically we have a philanthropy event once a semester and we make it open either for students to come and watch the event or for them to participate,” said Youngstown, Ohio, junior Sarah Carson, member of Zeta Tau Alpha. “In the spring in the past we had a golf tournament but this year we were trying to think of something that would appeal to a wider audience. It’s fun that it’s a glow run because not only are we partnering with a fraternity, but it’s something that a lot more people are interested in.”

San Antonio junior Kelsey Mann, director of philanthropy for Zeta Tau Alpha, said this year’s

spring charity event is different from those of past semesters.

“There will be a ton of glow sticks, and glow chalk, there’s going to be a ton of white, glow, and neon throughout the entire 5k. It is the first time in at least 17 years that we’ve brought our spring fundraiser to campus and it’s the first time that we’ve paired up with Delt.”

Richardson junior Austin Duval, service and philanthropy chair for Delta Tau Delta, said there are even more aspects of this run’s glow than the glow sticks and chalk.

“We bought 450 feet of glow wire for this event,” Duval said. “We do encourage people to bring their own glow things. Just make it awesome.”

Duval said there will also be a fog machine.

San Antonio junior and first vice president of Zeta Tau Alpha, Kelsey Vaughn, said running is not the only way that students can support this charity event.

“The entry fee to run is \$15 and it includes a T-shirt, some glow sticks as well, your race bib, and some fun coupons to put in the race bag,” Vaughn said. “If you don’t feel like running you can support us by buying a T-shirt and coming and cheering on your friends.”

Duval said the entry fee, though small, can make a difference for

the better.

“It’s not even that much, but where that \$15 can go is very impactful,” Duval said.

For those who cannot make it to the race and who perhaps do not wish to buy a T-shirt, Duval said there is another way to support Zeta Tau Alpha and Delta Tau Delta’s philanthropies.

“We’re doing a profit share with Olive Branch on Monday the 31st,” Duval said. “If you can’t come out and run this is a great way to support the causes. All you have to do is tell them that this is for the Delt or Zeta glow run and they’ll take it from there.”

The participating Olive Branch restaurant location is at 215 S. 2nd St. below Spice Village and will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday.

Other than supporting charity, Duval said there is another incentive for both individuals and Greek Life organizations to participate in Ready Set Glow!

“There are two categories for prizes – one for organizations and one for individuals,” Duval said. “For the individual prize, Princeton Review will be giving a half scholarship to the male and female first-place winners. For the organizations, 10 percent of the profit will go to the philanthropy of the sorority and the fraternity with the most participants. In the future we’d like this to include other organizations but right now it’s primarily designed for Greek Life organizations.”

Duval said Delta Tau Delta also wishes to continue this event in the years to come.

“This is the inaugural year of it,” Duval said. “It is something that we wish to continue, going forward, in order to benefit our two philanthropies.”

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Senior lecturer Kathryn Mueller shows off photos and reflects on her times visiting and exploring Thailand. Along with Baylor, Mueller escorts students to Thailand for a 10-month long immersion experience to teach the English language as well as discover the beauty of the country.

they're off having to practice during regular office hours. And so many of our students work outside of Baylor just to pay for our tuition. And I get to know my students better."

Mueller said Baylor students and faculty have become part of her extended family, describing what she calls "the Baylor family" as a sort of phenomenon. Some of her former students even join Mueller's family for Christmas if they do not have a place to go.

"It's a way of life," she said. "It's not a job. It's a vital part of who I am."

It was a Baylor graduate from Thailand, Dr. Nirund Jivasantikan, who peaked Mueller's interest in the country. Jivasantikan received a Ph.D. in education from Baylor. Mueller helped feed his family while they lived in Waco, and Jivasantikan told her he was going to build a university just like Baylor when he returned to Thailand, Mueller said.

Mueller said he then asked if she would come with her students to Thailand to teach English, study or travel when the school was built.

Mueller jumped on the opportunity to bring her students to Thailand to teach English to the children of the royal family and to study sociology in Southeast Asia.

The school that Jivasantikan built reserves 10 spots specifically for Baylor graduate students, Mueller said.

"It's amazing how the Thai people have accepted us," she said.

Mueller has befriended the Thai royal family who supplies her and her students with food, drinks, a place to stay and lasting friendships.

"Some of my best friends live in Thailand," she said. "They are so welcoming when they see me, and it's just amazing. When my husband died [in 2012] they sent cards and flowers. I got flowers from the princess."

Her grandson, Baylor senior Josh Suelflow, studied abroad with his grandmother in 2011 through the Baylor in Thailand program that Mueller leads.

"She's treated like a rock star over there," Suelflow said.

The royal family even built two houses specifically reserved for Mueller and her Baylor students.

"We are able to get into the culture of the prestigious," she said. "But I also go and stay with the poorest of the poor."

The "poorest of the poor" Mueller described are the people that make up the Bisu ethnic group of Thailand—with a small population of around 1,000, according to peoplegroups.org.

Mueller said the Bisu hold a special place in her heart. When she visits them, they greet her with affectionate hugs and she sleeps outside under mosquito nets with them, she said. The Bisu children and Baylor students form special bonds too.

"The children are less reserved," Mueller said. "And they love playing with our Baylor students."

Some of the Baylor students who studied abroad in Thailand with Mueller fell in love with the country and the people just as Mueller did.

"I have three former students who, when they went over with us, made Thailand their home," Mueller said.

These students, Mueller said, can speak

three dialects of Thai and have become completely immersed in the Thai way of life.

When Mueller and her Baylor students studying abroad in Thailand are not mingling with the royal family or the Bisu people, they ride on elephants through Thai jungles, have sociology lessons on buses in transit and visit other Southeast Asian countries to explore and learn about their economic systems.

"I learned a lot from that," Suelflow said. "More than I would have in a regular classroom."

Mueller keeps the Baylor students in Thailand busy every second of the day, she said. They wake up around 6 a.m. and have jam-packed days, Mueller said. They also visit Cambodia, the Philippines and China.

"It's not a trip," Mueller said. "It's an experience of a lifetime. It's what I consider to be really immersed in a culture."

Before Mueller guides her Baylor students through Thailand, she said she has to teach them proper Thai etiquette. Anyone taller than the king or queen is expected to squat down in reverence. Mueller has a short list of requirements for Baylor students wanting to study abroad in Thailand.

"They have to like rice," she said. "They have to like warm weather. They have to be able to smile. If you just frown at people, Thai people become very upset because they want to make you happy."

Mueller expressed longing to see her friends in Thailand but will have to wait until the summer of 2015 to see them again, she said.

"They're family," she said. "Like the Baylor folks here are family."

Students battle for best ideas, pitches during weekend competition

BY ASHLEY ALTUS
REPORTER

Caffeine and sleep-deprived nights are in store for participants in Baylor's 3-Day Startup.

In one weekend, students conceptualize ideas to ultimately pitch their products to potential investors. The program shrinks down the process of starting a business into just three days. It is an entrepreneurial education program that encompasses a hands-on model.

Participants will begin their journey at 2 p.m. on Friday at thINC Space, the headquarters for the Baylor Accelerated Ventures program and AV program located in downtown Waco.

Dallas senior Rayann Islam is a mentor in the program and brought the program to Baylor. He said the program introduces students to the startup jungle.

Islam got his start in entrepreneurship as the director of marketing for Luxury Lites, an electronic hookah company. After he participated in 3DS at the University of Texas at Austin this past fall, he said he wanted to bring the experience back to Baylor.

"The dynamic passion and excitement you get working in a room full of students who are all passionate about working on their startups is something to be experienced," Islam said. "I wanted to bring that entire experience back together because I knew we had an amazing group of high caliber students ready and able to do so."

On Friday night, each of the 40 students participating will pitch their ideas to the other students and mentors. Students will then vote to narrow down these pitches to pursue five of these ideas for the weekend. Participants will then form groups around the chosen ideas.

On Saturday, students will conduct market research for validation on their idea. Students will then look for 50 to 200 responses for their idea to find potential users and early customers.

"Some groups won't receive as good market validation and will need to regroup and talk about the next steps," Islam said.

After market validation, teams work on their pitches and prototype the rest of the day.

On Sunday, the five teams will pitch their ideas to six panelists. Islam said the venture capitalists are angel investors with companies valued at \$10 million or more. The participants will pitch their ideas "shark-tank style" at 7 p.m. in Kayser Auditorium in the Hankamer School of Business. Final pitches will be open to the public.

Argyle junior Bryce Garoutte is one of the mentors this weekend and

founding member of getting 3DS at Baylor. Islam and Garoutte's partnership with 3DS formed through mutual mentor, Anthony Herrera, the director of career development in the accounting department.

While studying abroad in Italy, Garoutte got a call from Islam to be involved with the event. Garoutte has been recruiting and marketing to Texas universities.

"Our goal is to give entrepreneurs at Baylor a chance to pitch their ideas and have a way to network with venture capitals firms to get access to resources and people they wouldn't normally get access to," Garoutte said.

Herrera said success in his eyes will be a new-found energy of entrepreneurship in the business school and across campus.

"I think there is a hunger by non-business students to be a part of an organization with meaning and purpose and directed back to their Christian values, and what better way by developing their own company?" Herrera said.

Islam said participants can expect to make new connections with students in different academic disciplines they wouldn't normally work with on a day-to-day basis and build an entrepreneurial community.

San Antonio Senior Michael Moreno is also part of the founding team and was recruited for the technical involvement. He said his role this weekend will be to help build prototypes and troubleshoot the technological aspects of business.

"Applicants will have to figure out how to take these big visionary products and simplify them into a viable product or concept they can articulate to investors," he said. "I think that will be the biggest struggle they'll have to deal with."

Islam needed 50 student signatures and \$15,000 in order to get the program at Baylor. Islam said he ended up getting 200 signatures and raised the funds through the support of successful Baylor alumni entrepreneurs.

Herrera said he hopes he sees students launch sustainable, relevant companies that make a difference in their communities.

"The millennial generation maybe isn't necessarily interested in working for somebody, but starting something of their own and adding value to be a change agent for the community and the world," Herrera said.

If 3DS is a success, Islam said, he hopes to have a semester program at Baylor after this weekend's run.

"I hope it's a good fit for us and it helps our students to launch a business," Herrera said.

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Lady Bears face familiar foe in Sweet Sixteen

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

For most teams in the NCAA tournament, March Madness is a time of year that brings new opponents and fresh faces to match up against out of conference opponents. It is debatable whether a brand new opponent is an advantage or a disadvantage, but the Lady Bears will face a familiar foe in the Sweet Sixteen against Kentucky on Saturday.

"I quite honestly would like to see somebody we haven't played," Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said. "I think that's the excitement of the NCAA Tournament, but at the same time, it's so long ago that's we're two totally different teams now."

The Lady Bears will get a rematch of their Dec. 6 game in Ar-

lington earlier this season against the Kentucky Wildcats at 11 a.m. Saturday in South Bend, Ind.

In that first contest between the Bears and Wildcats, Kentucky, ranked No. 5 at the time, won 133-130 in an epic quadruple-overtime match, but both teams have changed significantly in terms of depth and play style since their original meeting.

"I think the only thing you can take from that game is knowing what the strengths and weaknesses of individuals players are," Mulkey said. "Both teams really have changed a lot."

Kentucky now plays more zone defense since the game in Arlington. The Wildcats' style of play has changed and Mulkey pointed out the differences in Kentucky, but also a drastic difference in her own players.

The freshmen are more confi-

dent and the team has a greater understanding of the offensive game plan. So much has changed since the first game against Kentucky. Neither coaches or players really give the first game much thought going into Saturday.

"I think we can take a lot from the first game. We're not going to dwell on it or anything, but there's a lot we can learn and gotten better at since then," senior guard Makenzie Robertson said.

Mulkey specifically said her team's defense must be better this time around, admitting the Lady Bears gave up too many points and evaluating their defense as "pretty bad."

Against a big and tall team like Kentucky, most would think the post players would be the defensive focus for the Lady Bears on Saturday.

However, senior guard Odyssey

Sims brought up the players she thought really punished the Lady Bears in their first meeting with Kentucky.

"It wasn't really their post player who hurt us," Sims said. "It was the guards. Our main thing is to stop dribble penetration. Our offense will come, we're not worried about that. We're going to really have to buckle down and stop their guards because they are pretty good."

The Lady Bears have improved their defense and offense, and are actually ranked higher than Kentucky now.

This time, the Lady Bears are not the underdogs, but that does not mean it will be easy.

"They were a great team; still are a great team," Sims said. "We're looking forward to the rematch, but I think we'll come out with a little more sense of urgency and get on them a little more than we did."



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Freshman post Khadijah Cave grabs a rebound in Baylor's 75-56 win over California on Monday at the Ferrell Center.

Mulkey shows young players have earned trust in key situations

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

Monday night's game against California saw a subtle but significant message sent out by the Lady Bears' freshmen. It was a frantic first half that had lead changes swinging like a pendulum between Baylor and Cal.

Baylor's offense was clearly struggling to penetrate Cal's disciplined defense in halfcourt and transition. Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey, trying to find a jolt for her team in this critical single-elimination game of the NCAA tournament, subbed out all but one of her starters (sophomore guard Niya Johnson), replacing them with un-

derclassmen players with over six minutes left in the first half.

It was a gutsy move from Mulkey, but she stuck to her guns. Freshman guard Imani Wright stepped in for all-American senior guard Odyssey Sims and freshman post Khadijah Cave stepped in for all-conference freshman forward Nina Davis.

Leaving the team's two top scorers on the bench could have had detrimental effects for the Lady Bears in such a high-stakes game. Contrary to what may have been expected from putting five underclassmen on the court against a quality opponent, the Lady Bears offense actually had a better rhythm than it had with

the starters on the floor in the first half. Those young players were the reason the Lady Bears led by one at the half.

Mulkey's decision to take out four of her starters was not entirely because of the offensive struggle the Lady Bears had in the first half. It was still a risky move to not alternate Sims and Davis on the court in do-or-die game, considering Davis and Sims were in foul trouble.

Mulkey and the starters have developed a much greater trust of the young players, and the underclassmen are peaking in confidence. This recent jolt in confidence has come at an opportune time for the Lady Bears, who will face Kentucky Saturday for the

second time this season in Notre Dame, Ind. The first time the Lady Bears faced Kentucky this season was in a quadruple overtime 133-130 loss on Dec. 6 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.

"I think that we can take a lot from the [Kentucky game]," senior guard Makenzie Robertson said. "We've gotten a lot better since then. We have to make sure we do the small things."

Much earlier in the season, the Lady Bears played Kentucky in one of their biggest games of the season, and for many of those freshman, it was the biggest game so far in their career.

Sims scored 47 points, six assists and four rebounds, but fouled

out in the quadruple-overtime loss to Kentucky.

"Both teams really have changed a lot," Mulkey said. "I think our freshmen are certainly much better now, and they're bigger contributors for us on the floor than [against Kentucky]."

The Lady Bears went into uncharted territory that night against Kentucky. Those young players had never played with Sims out of the game for good.

At the time, Kentucky was ranked No. 5 in the nation and the Lady Bears were No. 9. Going to four overtimes proved those young players can hang with the best, even with Sims on the bench.

"I knew they had it in them,"

Sims said. "I don't think they had enough confidence in themselves starting out the season. That game was really a growing up and teaching moment for them, but also for me. For us to only lose by three without me being in the game, that shows a lot. They can play without me and they can win without me."

With all the experience the freshmen acquired since the first Kentucky game, the Lady Bears are stronger than ever before.

It should be a much different contest between Baylor and Kentucky on Saturday.

The No. 2 seed Lady Bears face the No. 3 seed Kentucky Wildcats at 11 a.m. Saturday at the University of Notre Dame's Joyce Center in Notre Dame, Ind.

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Bears fall to Wisconsin 69-52 in Sweet Sixteen showdown

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

Despite looking like one of the hottest teams in college basketball only one game ago, the momentum finally ran out for Baylor basketball. The Bears looked to reach their third Elite Eight in five seasons, but fell short to No. 2 Wisconsin 69-52 Thursday at the Honda Center in Anaheim, Calif.

Wisconsin came out and punched Baylor in the mouth right off the bat. Junior forward Frank Kaminsky had eight quick points for the Badgers as they took a 10-4 lead over five minutes into the game. The Bears cut it to 10-8, but it was all Wisconsin from there.

The Badgers exploded out to a 15-3 run behind multiple three-pointers from Wisconsin guard Ben Brust. The Badgers shot 6-for-10 over an eight minutes stretch; Baylor shot only 1-for-7 over the same time period. Wisconsin took a 29-16 lead into halftime over the Bears.

“Our inability to be effective offensively first half with their ability to score inside [killed us],” Baylor coach Scott Drew said. “Again, 29 points. Normally if a team scores 29, you’re fine. That’s pretty good defense. People would say 58 for the game you’re winning the majority of the games.

Baylor’s zone defense struggled to contain the Badgers, and they tried to go to a man defense, which was equally unsuccessful.

“In the first two Tournament games, we made it really tough to finish in the paint,” Drew said. “[Kaminsky] was really able to score inside. One that happened, it caved in the defense and they really shot the ball well.”

Throughout the entire second half, the Bears could not seem to make a dent in the deficit. After five straight points to open, senior guard Gary Franklin made a layup to cut the lead down to 15 with 13:35 left to go. Kaminsky responded with a dunk only 30 seconds later.

Two possessions later, sophomore forward Rico Gathers slammed home a dunk to pull the lead down to 15 again. Wisconsin forward Dujie Dukan responded with an and-one layup. And that is how it continued: Baylor seemed to find an opening, but the Badgers immediately shut it.

“We thought [we could come back] if we could come out and put a couple stops together,” Baylor coach Scott Drew said. “We just never could get consecutive baskets when you’re 2 for 15 from three. You needed a couple of them to go in.”

Baylor continued to fight until the buzzer sounded, but it was not enough as the Bears fell to the Badgers 69-52 in the Sweet Sixteen.

Baylor struggled all night to contain Kaminsky. The seven-footer finished the night with 19 points on 8-of-11 shooting to go along with a career-high six blocks despite playing Baylor’s lengthy frontcourt.

“He’s just a great player,” senior forward Cory Jefferson said. “He’s a multi-movement guy around the rim. When you have a seven-footer that does that, it’s hard because you go try to block it, but he uses another move and finishes pretty well.”

Baylor’s frontcourt of Austin and Jefferson combined to shoot 11-for-25 on the night, but everyone else combined to shoot a paltry 7-for-33 combined, or

21.2 percent. The Bears shot a Big 12-leading 39.2 percent from the three-point line on the season, but could muster only 2-for-15 against the Badgers.

If Baylor had shot to their season averages of 45.9 percent from the field and 39.2 percent from three on the same shot attempts, they would have scored 73 points.

A game after finishing with 19 assists against Creighton, the Bears had only 10 assists. Junior point guard Kenny Chery had only one of those assists. Franklin and junior forward Royce O’Neale combined for six assists, and no other Bear had more than one. To contrast, Wisconsin had 18.

Baylor, a team that outrebounded its opponents by seven boards a game over the course of the season, lost the rebounding battle 40-33 to the Badgers. Even though the Badgers turned over the ball an uncharacteristic 10 times, Baylor could not take advantage.

Despite the heartbreaking loss to Wisconsin, the turnaround that men’s basketball went through this season is hard to ignore.

Heading into the 2013-14 season, no one knew quite what to expect from the Baylor Bears. The Bears had major questions at the point guard and small forward position, and came into the season at No. 25.

Despite the lack of fanfare Baylor exploded out of the gate with wins over Colorado and No. 3 Kentucky in non-conference, and set themselves up to be the No. 7 team in the country as conference play started. That’s when the trouble started.

Ten games into conference, the Bears sat at 2-8 in following a loss to Oklahoma in Norman, Okla. The future looked uncertain. Most

college basketball analysts thought it impossible for the Bears to even have a chance at the NCAA Tournament.

But the Bears caught fire when it counted most. Out their final 14 games before the loss, Baylor won 12, including wins over No. 16 Iowa State, No. 17 Oklahoma and No. 16 overall Creighton. The run was capped off by a surprise appearance in the Big 12 Championship game.

The Bears dominated Nebraska in their first Tournament game, setting themselves up for a tough game against Creighton and likely National Player of the Year Doug McDermott. The Bears dominated the Bluejays to reach the Sweet Sixteen for the third time in the past five seasons.

“To be able to play as well as they have and come together as well as they have, just happy they were able to finish on a strong note, especially for the seniors,” Drew said.

Jefferson, guard Brady Heslip and Franklin have played their final games in a Baylor uniform.

“They’ve done so much for the program and are such class acts,” Drew said. “No one likes losing the last game; but, again, only one team is going to be happy, and unfortunately we’re not that team.”

Drew also became the winningest coach in Baylor history this season, and currently sits with 206 wins in his Baylor career, breaking Bill Henderson’s record of 201 wins. Henderson coached at Baylor for 18 seasons; Drew has been Baylor’s head coach for only 11. Baylor basketball finished with a record of 26-12, and 9-9 in conference. The 26 wins are third most in the history of Baylor basketball; all three of the top seasons are under Drew.



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Baylor sophomore center Isaiah Austin goes up for a shot in Baylor’s 69-52 loss to Wisconsin at the Honda Center in Anaheim, Calif.



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Senior guards Brady Heslip and Gary Franklin console each other on the bench as sophomore center Isaiah Austin covers his face with a towel.

Baseball hits the road for WVU

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

No. 29 Baylor baseball has won each of its two conference series this season, but this weekend will be the Bears’ first time battling for a Big 12 game or series win away from Baylor Ballpark.

The home field has proven to be an advantageous fortress for the Bears (13-11, 4-2) this season. Road games have been a nuisance for Baylor though, only winning one and losing five games this season. On top of that, it will be Baylor Baseball’s first time going to West Virginia ever. Baylor leads the all-time series against West Virginia 2-1.

“It’s their first conference series. I think that will give us a slight advantage,” senior pitcher Dillon Newman said. “I’m really interested to see what they all got up there.”

Baylor’s weekend-tandem of pitchers, junior Brad Kuntz (4-0), junior Austin Stone (3-1) and Newman (2-1) have only lost two

games in total this season. Kuntz, who will start on Friday has come back from injury in fine form and is undefeated so far this season.

“[The pitchers] may in some way be competing against each other, but they’re really not. They’re all competing against the guy at the plate,” Baylor head coach Steve Smith said. “I think the strength of our team has definitely been about the starting pitching and [Josh Michalec] at the end. That’s what most good teams like in the end.”

Kuntz missed all of last season after aggravating an injury from his high school pitching career. After staying in Waco all summer, going through training to get back on the mound for the Bears, Kuntz has returned with a fire this season. Kuntz said the injury really taught him to cherish his time playing baseball.

“It gets better each time out,” junior pitcher Brad Kuntz said. “I think the hard work is paying off, and I’m just enjoying it right now.”

Newman was forced to miss the past two conference series against Texas Tech and Oklahoma State

because of injury issues. Though it was frustrating and two weeks of recovery, Newman is expected to return to the mound.

“We’ve got to continue to pitch well at the start of it for sure, and hopefully get some guys going offensively where we’re a little more productive,” Smith said.

Weather has not been kind to the Bears early this season. A disastrous weekend of rain and rescheduling in San Diego, sporadic winds and a 4-hour weather delay on Sunday at Baylor Ballpark note some of the major issues with weather the Bears have faced. It does not look like West Virginia will be any different.

“I don’t know if it’s going to be colder, but It looks like it’s going to be ‘wetter,’ but our mood is just—we want to play,” Smith said.

The West Virginia Mountaineers (13-8, 0-0) open their home conference season against the Bears with games at 1 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 12:30 p.m. Sunday at Appalachian Power Park in Charleston, W. Va. Sunday’s game will be on Fox Sports 1.

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