Alum chosen to lead national hunger efforts

By Eric Jefferson

American dinner tables that sit empty will soon be adored with meals for the hungry, thanks to a new hunger commission headed by a green and gold alumnus.

Jenny Howell, alumna and director of the Texas Hunger Initiative, was appointed as one of 10 commissioners to the National Commission on Hunger by Congress. The Texas Hunger Initiative is a project developed by the Baylor School of Social Work to end hunger through research and strategy development.

“We congratulate Jenny on her accomplishment and are proud of her commitment to the community,” said John Hendrickson, general manager of the project. “It’s all her passion and drive that has led to Howell’s recognition.”

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For more information about the Texas Hunger Initiative, visit www.texashungerinitiative.org.

Local pastor balances alma mater, teachings, and family life.

By Duay Ballard

At first glance, Pastor Eric How- ell serves as Dayspring’s pastor. In Waco faces a tough crowd every Sunday morning. Scattered downtown are a number of expert philosophers helping plan the construction of a fit the growing downtown environment.

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Editorial

According to a study on teen pregnancy released by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, eight out of 10 teen girls fail to receive sex education before they enter a first sexual encounter. Though the study shows the rate of teen pregnancy has decreased over the past decade, it also suggests that sex education could further decrease the overall prevalence of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. 

Sex education, it seems, is still a hot button issue in the state of Texas. In Texas — one of the top 10 states for high teen pregnancy rates — it’s important to make sure all students are informed about the risks of having sex before they enter their teen years when pre- natal care becomes more pressing.

As it is now, Texas does not offer sex education in all of its public schools teach sex or HIV education, but sex education is mandated in 21 other states and the District of Columbia. Though sex education is provided in Texas, it is supposed to stem abstinence and provide information on the importance of sex within a committed relationship.

Another Guttmacher Institute study showed states that teach abstinence-education programs were more likely to have only been on campus for a week or the fall. In many cases, the new members have only been on campus for a week or two before accepting a bid. Consequently, without a pledging period, members have to share the 100-year-old secrets of their fraternity with glorified acquaintance.

In chemical transitional fashion, I need to define some terms. For the purpose of my argument, pledging is the process of proving one’s qualifications of the group and meeting all of the qualifications of the group, eventually being initiated in a ceremony. Membership is a certain exclusivity to a group. A new member becomes closely observed and evaluated in order to ensure they embody the characteristics and values of the fraternity. This is especially important for chapter members to hold formal rituals in the fall. In many cases, the new members have only been on campus for a week or two before accepting a bid. Consequently, without a pledging period, new members have to share the 100-year-old secrets of their fraternity with glorified acquaintances.

No one likes a participation mobil. In a fraternity with pledging, meeting all of the qualifications of the group and being initiated is an accom- plishment. There is a certain exclusivity to a group, and this is why new mem- bers closely observe the course of several weeks, rather than that one admits members on bid day with no questions asked. For the pledges, membership has more intrinsic value, after pledging be- cause it was something each one of them earned. Brotherhood, then, is not some- thing to be doled out to any skid jock, but something that works for and con- sequently appreciate.

Remember those horrid, awkward sex education classes you took in elementary or middle school? It was said that this was a way to make sure you understood sex before you reached these ages where you’re more likely to be interested in sex. One could only assume that the more early sex education spreads to school districts, the less likely young teens are not ready to engage in sex. It is the responsibility of public schools to make sure that students are well informed so they can make a responsible deci- sion when it comes to having sex.

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The Baylor Lariat said. “We want to have the broad holder is the public at large,” he developments in terms of residential largest transit ridership with bus as well as the general public. leaders and Baylor officials, as able to get to the potential business to see if their workforce would be public transportation situation to connect to work. It will spur transit-oriented development and access to jobs,” he said. “That’s a real focus much of a transportation infra connectivity of these modes of work. Hendrickson said. How- ever, one of the things that was suggested at an open meeting was that two-way roads may be beneficial. “One of the things that we want to do is slow people down and get the pedestrian and all of us how we are going on downtown, the city Maria Townes said. The city works. “One could imagine there will is successful, it can keep us out of town because they’d like to see happen with the projects downtown,” Hendrickson said. How- ever, one of the things that was suggested to the Make-A-Wish Founda- tion has existed for a number of years and to celebrate his wish to go to the Masters just like his older brother, said him that may never come true, so we have a lot of dreams for kids. I have a lot of dreams for Jase. He acts like a normal kid, even though he has been through what he’s going through, Mrs. Andrews said. “He was born with eight congenital heart dis- eases department created a sports- tion has required three open- heart surgeries when he was little, but now he has to go through so many things in work and sport. So we have a heart catheterization on May 12 to go over for Jase. Some people like the one-way streets downtown because they think downtown traffic,” Hendrickson said. 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Pistorius accused of staging outbursts at trial

By CHRISTOPHER TURNER and GEORGE JOSAS Associated Press

PRETORIA, South Africa — Oscar Pistorius came under intense pressure Monday as a murder trial from the chief prosecutor, who slammed his account of how he killed his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp as a lie. The pre-eminent athlete will likely be found guilty of murder, possibly to allow him time to recover and possibly to allow him time to recover and to prepare his team for the appeals process.

Pistorius, 27, is on trial for the murder of Steenkamp, a model, 30, whom he killed in his home in February last year. He has pleaded not guilty, saying he mistook her for an intruder. The trial has been widely watched around the world by viewers who had admired the double-amputee athlete as a role model.

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Tribeca Festival to promote change by showing local films

By Taylor Rexrode

Arna B. Hemmenway, assistant professor of English, and her colleague, Assistant Professor of Film and Media Studies Andrew Kranz, recently attended the 13th edition of the Tribeca Film Festival. "I actually went to the festival or the offspring of same," Professor Hemmenway said. "We'll see what it comes to, but I'm enjoying it on my own."
No. 12 Baylor and No. 13 Oklahoma met in a battle of Big 12 softball dominance over the weekend at Getterman Stadium. The Bears dropped the first two games of the series on Friday and Saturday, but earned a come-from-behind win Sunday to salvage a 2-1 series split.

Out of a shutout fifth inning, senior pitcher Whitney Canion was nothing but a hero on Friday. Unfortunately, the three hits and three runs allowed in the fifth were the difference as Oklahoma rallied to a 2-0 win over Baylor in the series opener.

“Really odd, except for that fifth inning,” Canion said after the loss. “We were there, it just didn’t happen.”

Catcher Whitney Ellis singled to lead off the inning and designated player Whitney Miller took advantage of it by smoking a two-run home run over the left field fence to grab the lead.

“I can’t say enough for Baylor on this day, and I’m especially proud of our softball program,” said head coach Glenn Moore. “We came out really strong in the first half, and we were pumped to play, taking leads of 2-0 and 5-2 over the course of the first two innings, but managed to give both opponents a blessing in disguise, “ softball coach Glenn Moore said. “When we lost to Oklahoma, we were 24 or 25 individuals and we lost out. We had a real heart-to-heart meeting, and we focused on the fact that the lightning strike was a blessing in disguise.”

The first baseman overcame a four-inning and was struggling to tip up the game after allowing two runs and earning two losses to Friday.

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Senior first baseman Tiffany Hall runs to home plate to celebrate with teammates after hitting a home run in Friday’s game against Oklahoma at Getterman Stadium. Baylor is 30-9 overall and 4-3 in the Big 12 Conference.

Acrobatics and tumbling falls in final home meet

By Caroline Lestzown

Bears tumble (2-4) struggled to make its regular season on senior night Saturday with a loss to Arizona Pacific University at the Ferrell Center.

“I thought that the seniors had an outstanding (outing), and it was a great group of seniors facing the curse of the coach,” said head coach Ashley Williams.

The Bears started strong in the pre-season event, winning 38-30 and 30-26. Arizona Pacific fought back in the first event, scoring the lead 69-57-66. The Bears fell further in the second event, however, losing 30-26.

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