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Flower Mound freshman Jordan Sharp donates blood Tuesday on Fountain Mall. Carter Blood Care periodically hosts blood drives on the Baylor campus throughout each semester.

Baylor says goodbye to religion professor

By RAE JEFFERSON
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Baylor community mourn the loss of religion department retiree Dr. Daniel B. McGee — a father, an educator and a man of faith.

McGee, professor and Emeritus Melton Endowed Chair of Religion, died Saturday in Waco.

"Dr. McGee had a tremendous impact on our campus during his four decades on the Baylor faculty," said Baylor's assistant vice president for media communications Lori Fogleman in a statement from the university.



McGee

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Seventh & James Baptist Church, located at 602 James St. A memorial service is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Friday at the same location.

William Bellinger Jr., religion department chair and the W. Marshall and Lulie Craig Professor of Bible, said McGee's loss is being felt by the department.

"We'll very much miss his presence," Bellinger said. "What I'm really struck by, however, is his ongoing legacy. He was a good steward of the opportunities he had to make a contribution."

This legacy refers to McGee's involvement with establishing an ethics program at Baylor.

"He was a pioneer in the field of theological ethics and directed hundreds of theses for both undergraduate and graduate students, many of whom have carried on his

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West fertilizer explosion could have been prevented, officials say

By JORDAN CORONA
STAFF WRITER

Officials from the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board said Texas can learn a thing or two in light of the tragedy in West.

"If the lessons from West do not cause any change in Texas and throughout the United States, I consider that a real tragedy," Dr. Beth Rosenberg, a chemical safety board member said.

West citizens attended a meeting Tuesday evening at the West Community Center where officials presented some of their findings on the fertilizer plant explosion last year.

At Tuesday's hearing, chemical board investigators, state and local officials talked a few lessons from the incident. They considered dangers of ammonium nitrate, the substance that

exploded in a fire at the West Fertilizer Company. Also, the board investigators discussed a regulatory loophole impeding better emergency responses to this sort of hazmat incident.

In Texas there are no state regulations requiring communities in the vicinity of ammonium nitrate facilities to have emergency plans for accidents involving the chemical, Samuel Oye-wole, a chemical safety board investigator said.

As it stands, companies dealing with the explosive substance need to adhere to few if any safety regulations for having ammonium nitrate. Part of the reason for that, chemical safety member board investigators pointed out, is because ammonium nitrate, if used for fertilizer purposes is not considered particularly explosive by

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Chair of the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board Rafael Moure-Eraso, right, opens the meeting Tuesday night.

Lawsuit seeks redrawing of Texas Senate districts

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AUSTIN — Two Texas residents backed by a conservative legal group have filed a federal lawsuit in Austin challenging how state Senate voting districts were drawn, according to a published report Tuesday.

The Project on Fair Representation wants a judge to cancel this year's primaries, which used Senate boundaries drawn by the Legislature in 2013, the Austin American-Statesman reported. Instead, the group would like to see state lawmakers ordered to draw new districts.

The plaintiffs are voters in two state Senate districts represented by

Republicans Kevin Eltife, of Tyler, and Tommy Williams, of The Woodlands.

The lawsuit argues that the way districts were drawn was unconstitutional since it was based on total population. The districts should have been drawn only based on the number of eligible voters, excluding children, felons and noncitizens, the lawsuit says. It also says that districts with fewer eligible voters have more influence than those in districts with more eligible voters, which is unconstitutional.

The Project on Fair Representation's director, Ed Blum, helped lead the Fisher v. University of Texas af-

firmative action case that was heard by the U.S. Supreme Court last year.

Blum says the nation's high court hasn't clearly spelled out which populations should be considered when most redistricting maps are drawn — even though congressional districts are an exception because they're based on total population.

Blum told the newspaper the lawsuit should be enjoined with the ongoing redistricting case already in federal court in San Antonio, in which civil rights groups have argued that redistricting maps drawn by the Legislature discriminate against minorities.

A panel of judges drew interim

maps for Texas' March primary, but the case is scheduled to go to trial in July.

Though the latest lawsuit's current focus is the Texas Senate, Blum said he believes that any decision in the case could be applied to districts drawn for other bodies, such as those in the Texas House or around the country.

Michael Li, a Dallas attorney who closely follows redistricting legal matters in Texas, said that if the lawsuit succeeds, districts with a majority of minorities and those in urban areas could end up being geographically larger and bigger in overall population.

Entertainment committee to give students new voice

By MADI ALLEN
REPORTER

Students can now have a say in what concerts and speakers they want to see on campus.

The Concerts and Speakers Committee, formed in April, gives students the opportunity to have input on the artists and speakers they want to see visit campus.

The committee is made up of three students and three advisers from Student Activities.

The purpose of the committee is to bring artists and speakers to campus that have been chosen by Baylor students. These events hosted by the Concerts and Speakers Committee will be separate from events such as Diadeloso or Christmas on Fifth, which are organized by Baylor Chamber of Commerce and Kappa Omega Tau, respectively.

The committee is its own organization that intends to bring more student-oriented entertainment to campus. This allows students not in an organization to have a say in what they want to see.

"We started this committee to engage students and get their opinions and ideas on bringing artists and interest-

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Cryogenic practices need policy

Editorial

With the recent "Captain America" movie, cryogenics and the practice of freezing human bodies until medical science can revive corpses is brought into question. How close is the world to freezing bodies until a cure for death can be found? The answer is not far at all. In fact, the first body was cryogenically frozen in liquid nitrogen in 1967.

Most recently, however, surgeons at the UPMC Presbyterian Hospital, closely affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh Schools of the Health Sciences, have been given the go-ahead to try to use much shorter forms of this suspended animation. This would buy shooting victims some time while the surgeons attempt to repair the wound.

This technique is something UPMC surgeons hope will give them time to treat patients, who's injuries would normally give them a less than 7 percent chance of survival. Patients eligible for the procedure would have suffered a cardiac arrest after a traumatic injury and not responded to attempts to restart his or her heart.

In this trial, patients who come into the hospital and meet the above criteria may be subject to this course of treatment.

The first step is to flush the patient with a cold saline solution through the heart and up to the brain. The saline is eventually pumped around the whole

body, and it takes about 15 minutes for the patient to be clinically dead. This gives surgeons approximately two hours to fix whatever is wrong with the body. Then the saline is replaced with blood, and if the heart does not restart by itself, the patient is resuscitated. The blood will slowly heat the body back up.

This is a great idea, but policies must be put into place. In this situation, we cannot allow policy and law to hinder progress nor can we allow people to take advantage of the lack of policy.

The benefits are pretty simple. This method, if it is successful, would give victims the time element needed for a surgeon to successfully operate on them. Survival rates such as the 7 percent for gunshot wounds with cardiac arrest have the chance to be much higher.

However, there are also several negatives to take into consideration with this type of technique. First, there has not been any policy put into place for this. The line between legally dead and actually dead is still fuzzy. What happens when a person is legally dead?

Additionally, the US Food and Drug Administration considers this course of treatment to be exempt from informed consent.

This means neither the patient nor the patient's family must be present to give the OK for the experimental trial. People can opt out online and can wear bracelets that signify their opt out, but no one has done so yet.

Therefore, someone who meets the criteria and is brought into the hospital may have this course of treatment given



to them without their prior knowledge or consent.

Additionally, what happens if a person is murdered while they are in this state of suspended animation?

There is no policy stating whether this would be considered murder since the patient is legally dead, and you can't murder a dead person.

There is potential here using suspended animation as a treatment option for high mortality rate injuries; however, law and policy have yet to catch up with science's advances. With this gap, there is ample room for abuse, and without some sort of policy put into place, this can lead to legalized murder or at the very least, a courtroom nightmare.

User anonymity heart of Yik Yak success

Yik Yak is an app that consists of an anonymous chat board. It uses the GPS software in your phone and displays the posts from the 500 closest users to you. Personally, I like to describe it as the Burn Book of social media. The posts on Yik Yak can be ruthless, hilarious and everything in between.

It's completely anonymous, and that is the best and worst aspect of this app. If you're unfamiliar with Yik Yak, imagine a place where angry exes, gossipy girls and racists can unleash their worst comments with absolutely no repercussions.

I'm slightly ashamed to admit that I like this app.

My attention to Instagram and Twitter has diminished due to the stupid amount of time I spend reading and posting. It gives me a good laugh, and I feel informed about campus gossip.

Unfortunately, though, I have seen and experienced the negative connotations that accompany this app and its anonymity.

While some people might say that it's just "trolling," calling people names or spreading rumors can really affect someone.

People need to quit posting names and stick to more general and humorous



Allyssa Schoonover | Reporter

topics.

Yik Yak has the ability to change the word gaggle (one of Yik Yak's competitors) to google; and I think they should use this technology to monitor other things as well.

I'm glad it is so easy to down vote and report posts, because I think it is important to prevent the cyber-bullying Yik Yak can cause.

While some people find it annoying that people report all of their posts, it helps keep the feed cleaner and keeps people from getting roasted on this app.

There are tons of funny posts that are not targeted at anyone in particular. For example, "I use my sink in my dorm as my personal urinal," or "Raise your hand if you've ever felt personally victimized by Baylor Parking Services," and tons of others that are likely funnier but not appropriate for this column.

Diadeloso was the hot topic leading up to the event.

People yakked away about their opinions on parties, wristbands, campus activities and the cops. It is a safe place to post about your observations around campus, tell funny stories or jokes, or ask questions you would be too afraid to openly ask.

Those also tend to be the posts that get the highest votes. Baylor "yakkers" tend to post pointless questions like "Hottest frat guys?"

While it was mildly entertaining at first, it got really old, really fast.

The main reason people read the comments on those posts was likely to look for their own name. Who wouldn't enjoy a little confidence boost via an anonymous app?

The downside, however, is all the ruthless college kids who feel the need to call out promiscuous girls and guys or

make racist comments when they don't have any real information.

It can become the epitome of cyber-bullying with all of its harmful effects, especially when they include full names of these people.

While it's unlikely that many people who use this app actually read the rules and conditions, it states that you should not target other yakkers.

Luckily it is easy to report or down vote offensive and pointless yaks. Once a yak is reported, or if it gets enough down votes, it disappears.

This app seems to be a guilty pleasure for many students. It has its positive sides for sure.

Sharing your thoughts and jokes with other students and getting the reassurance that you are in fact funny is great. Imagine, though, if the app lost its anonymity.

So many people would freak out and regret things they had posted in the past. Maybe it would remind people of what their mothers told them when they were young: "If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all."

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I'm happy without Greek affiliation

"Wait, so you're not in sorority?" With a sister who's a Chi-O, a boyfriend who's a Phi Chi, and roommates who are an Alpha Chi and a Theta, this is a question I am asked more times a week than I'd like to count.

It is usually followed by a look of a pity and follow-up question along the lines of, "So like, how do you make friends?" or, "So did you like not make good grades or what?"

When people, particularly at Phi Chi events, barrage me with inquiries about my lack of Greek "status," my boyfriend likes to make the joke that "She didn't have to pay for friends like the rest of us, she's cool enough."

Regardless of how "cool" I may or may not be, it's true that throughout the course of my college career I have had no problem making numerous great friends outside of the structures of Greek life.

Rushing a sorority was never even on my radar from the beginning of college since the majority of my closest friends had been, and still are, from my church community.

I have never felt like I was lacking in friends because of my lack of Greek status, and I have never wished to be in a sorority since making the decision



Shannon Findley | Reporter

not to rush.

Contrary to many people in the Greek crowd's beliefs, I'm not unaffiliated because I am too dorky or lame to be in a sorority or because I'm not smart enough or wealthy enough to make the cut.

I wouldn't consider myself socially awkward or shy — I am simply content with my friend group, with who I am and with the freedom to make my own schedule and hang out with who I want to hang out with.

So please don't pity me. Don't shy

away from making friends at me at fraternity events because you don't think I know how to "run with your crowd." I'm actually pretty normal and pretty much like you once you take the chance to get to know me.

So often people will approach me with lines like "Oh! You're Sydney the Chi-O's sister!" or "Hey, aren't you Caleb the Phi Chi's girlfriend?" and ask me no other questions about myself as if my sister and boyfriend's "social status" tells them all they need to know to gauge my "coolness" or "likeableness."

It's not that I at all dislike or disagree with the Greek life system; I just don't think that so much of someone's identity, or lack thereof, should be wrapped up in some letter on a shirt.

So no, I'm not in a sorority, and yes, I have friends. No, I'm not struggling in school, and yes, I know how to carry myself gracefully and with poise at social events.

So don't feel bad for me for not having a sorority label to put after my name, and don't avoid me because I'm "other than" your crowd. I'm just like you, but I'm also just happy being me.

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Candidates face off in numerous runoff elections

By REBECCA FIEDLER
STAFF WRITER

At the state level, Baylor students still have a number of positions in which to choose who will run in November's state elections, though voter turnout among students is expected to be small.

Runoff elections for Texas state primaries will be on May 27, though there are only five days left to register to vote. Early voting begins on May 19 and ends May 23.

Kathy Van Wolfe, elections administrator at the McLennan County elections office, said she expects the total voter turnout to be about 5 to 10 percent. In March's initial primary elections, Precinct 3 of McLennan County, which includes most Baylor students, had a voter turnout of 29 people.

"I think our generation is stereotyped, and justly, I'd say, for not turning up to vote in the general election, let alone the primaries or run-offs of the primaries," said Carlos Martinez, president of Texas College Democrats. "I think that any moment where elections are being held, college students need to voice their opinions."

Schertz senior Kimani Mitchell, president of Baylor College Democrats, said she doesn't think many Baylor students will vote in the run-offs.

"Probably myself and a few other select individuals who are pretty civically engaged might exercise their right to vote, but I think as we saw in the general primary, the Baylor student turnout was incredibly low," she said.

Part of why there is such a low voter turnout among Baylor students is because many Baylor students don't transfer residency to McLennan County, said Ralph Patterson, McLennan County Republican Party chairman.

Voters as individuals in this election will have more influence than they would in other elections, Patter-

son said.

"Anybody who goes out now, their vote is magnified," he said. "When you're voting and you're only one of a million people voting, you represent a million people with your vote."

To register to vote, a person doesn't have to have identification with them, though when voting they will need photo identification. Those interested in voting can come to the local elections office or pick up an application at city hall, any post office, library, or when updating their driver's license at Department of Motor Vehicles.

"If Baylor students are registered back home and want to vote there, the deadline is May 16," Van Wolfe said. "They will need to contact the county wherever they are registered and get an application for a ballot by mail."

There are four races on the ballot for the Republican Party and two races for the Democratic Party people can vote on in McLennan County Precinct 3.

The major Democratic runoffs are for U.S. senator and state agricultural commissioner. Democratic candidates for U.S. senator are David Alameel and Kesha Rogers, though Rogers has been denied an endorsement by the Texas Democratic party.

"Kesha Rogers is an extremist, and she's not a Democrat," Martinez said. "We passed a resolution this past December making sure people know she is not affiliated with the state party. The movement that supports her is an extremist movement."

Mitchell said she thinks Alameel will win, based on the education to the public on Rogers' platform.

"People who vote in runoff elections tend to be more civically engaged and informed, and I think they will vote for Alameel," she said.

The major Republican runoffs are for lieutenant governor, attorney general, agricultural commissioner and railroad commissioner.

"On the Republican ticket we've got an abundance of good candidates in almost all these races," Patterson said. "Any one of these guys would make a great elected official."

The Republican race for lieutenant governor will be between Dan Patrick and incumbent David Dewhurst. Patterson said he doesn't feel there is a clear winner in the race.

"That race has kind of come down to an established Republican, Dewhurst, running against the arguably tea party-esque Dan Patrick, where he is considered a little more on the conservative side on a lot of issues," Patterson said. "Dewhurst of course has been the lieutenant governor for 11 years. You would kind of think you can tell what he's going to do because there have been 11 years to see what he's done."

Martinez said he views the situation differently.

"For the Republicans it's going to be a choice between the inefficiency of Dewhurst and the extreme radicalism of Dan Patrick, so good luck to the Republican voter base," he said.

Ken Paxton and Dan Branch are running in the Republican race for attorney general.

"Paxton has been called, arguably, the most conservative elective official in the state," Patterson said. "Branch has been characterized as being kind of more moderate and liberal than Paxton. I think it will come down to whether we want a more conservative or liberal attorney general."

Mitchell said she thinks the Democratic races are less controversial.

"There's more of a general split than a whole-hearted ideological split like in the Republican party," she said.

Michael Blair, president of the Baylor College Republicans, refused to comment on the elections, saying he and the other Baylor College Republicans leaders are not in a position to speculate.



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Fight for your life

Zeta Zigga Zamma hosts a "Fight Night" at Common Grounds on Tuesday. The event featured match-ups such as Joy & Lady vs. Godzilla and A Freshman vs. Chapel Phone Patrol.

Wells Project Meeting

The Wells Project will have an interest meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday in the White Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. The Wells Project is a student-run organization designed to raise awareness for the international water crisis.

Pan-Hellenic Kickball

The National Pan-Hellenic Council will hold its first annual kickball tournament from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Baylor Sciences Building field. Teams can register online, and the winning team will receive a cash prize.



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legacy as leading ethicists in our world today," Fogleman said.

McGee received both the student-selected and university-awarded "best teacher" awards during his time at Baylor. Bellinger said McGee was someone who "gave a lot to students" and mentored many graduate students who are now teaching and working in applied ethics.

"He was very in-tune to faculty-student relationships," Bellinger said. "He suggested that we use a model where faculty and students have a covenant with one another—that's the way he talked about that relationship."

McGee also received the university's Herbert H. Reynolds Award for Exemplary Service in 2005, which included serving as the chair of and representative to the Baptist World Alliance on behalf of the Faculty Senate, a member of the university review board and the director of graduate studies in religion.

"He certainly challenged me to be a contributor to the university as a whole, and he served on quite a number of committees and groups to make the university a better place for both faculty and students," Bellinger said.

McGee also served as a deacon, church moderator, chairman of pulpit committee and young singles and career class teacher at Seventh & James Baptist Church, where he had been a member since 1966. He also served as interim pastor of Edgefield Baptist Church in Waco.

The McGee family has requested all gifts given in honor of Dr. McGee be sent to the religion department.

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ing speakers to campus that the students really want to see," said Cheryl Mathis, assistant director of campus programs and adviser for the committee.

The committee formed out of Student Activities, which hosts four functional areas with the Division of Student Life. These areas include Student Organizations, Campus Programs, Greek Life and the Student Union.

"We are hoping to see some true student involvement through this committee," Mathis said.

Previously, artists and speakers had been chosen by Student Activities staff as opposed to students. This committee gives students the chance to have a say in the entertainment brought to campus.

"If we want an event for students, it's best to see opinion from the students. This is a way they can be interactive for the entire community," Mathis said.

Any student can join the committee but must first complete an application. The application can be obtained by contacting Mathis.

"We are currently in formation stage and are working on bringing artists and speakers for next fall," said Jordy Dickey, assistant director of the student union and adviser to the committee.

There are five tentative concerts planned for next semester, beginning in September. The profit made from the concerts is budgeted to pay for the speakers that will visit campus.

"We are more flexible on speakers. We will start with about two a semester," Bryant said.

The committee will continue to meet until the end of the semester. Throughout the summer, they will plan and finalize artists and speakers for next fall.

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federal safety standards.

The substance is not classified as an explosive material unless combined with a detonating device. Unfortunately for tragedies like the one West experienced last year, fires that happen without clear cause, are not a recognized detonating device.

The legal caveat created in the absence of local emergency planning, or the federal oversight for that matter, made for a precarious point of non-concern for the West Fertilizer Company, county and state officials, said Frank Patterson, who spoke on behalf of the McLennan County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Patterson sat on a panel of people representing the state and local concern for optimizing an appropriate emergency response for accidents involving hazardous chemicals. The scope of their perspective included the safety of area citizenry and that of any first responders who could be hurt or killed combatting ammonium nitrate incidents.

When the fertilizer plant exploded last year, 14 people died. Of those, 12 were volunteer firefighters and EMTs.

Although the West Fertilizer Company stored the ammonium nitrate that exploded last year, those displaced and injured were not helped by local, state or federal authority's inability to identify and the dangerous situation before it happened and prevent it.

One year from the fertilizer plant explosion that shook the central Texas town of West, people are remembering, some rebuilding and some ready to see a change.

Texas state legislators, part of the Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee met in Austin April 17 to discuss the potential for a new bill aimed at regulating safer practices for fertilizer companies across Texas.

District 79 Rep. Joe Pickett currently chairs the committee

and is taking the lead drafting the bill. Pickett said most of the fertilizer facilities storing ammonium nitrate in Texas operate near small towns which, like West, have a volunteer fire department.

Texas State Fire Marshal Chris Connealy said that's why firefighters need better training across the board.

Connealy was part of the meeting in Austin where he made recommendations on the new bill.

"This is a huge public policy issue," he said. "If your developing public policy, and you're rushing it, you're going to miss your target. We're going to fix this issue."

That means having the state adopt a code of procedure, which would protect firefighters if and when their called to deal with developments involving ammonium nitrate. Also, he recommended fertilizer companies be required to store the chemical in fire proof structures, finished with sprinkler systems as a deterring measure.

The fire marshal's recommendations to the state legislative committee came with a three-year implementation timeline to give fertilizer companies a chance to comply with the new standards.

"We are not trying to put ammonium nitrate facilities out of business," Connealy said.

Last night Connealy testified as part of a panel on land use priorities—that is how zoning laws can better protect Texas communities near ammonium nitrate facilities.

"Last year we couldn't say how many ammonium nitrate facilities there were across the state," he said. But since last year, Connealy's begun visiting fire officials and citizens by county to talk best practices, fire education priorities and safety concerns.

"We've completed 18 so far," he said, "We've only got 48 more to go."

Connealy said he would like to see funding for all firefighters to undergo better training at



People attending the West Fertilizer Explosion and Fire public meeting bow their heads during a moment of silence at the Southside Community Center Tuesday in West, Texas.

schools like Texas A&M's fire-fighting program.

"I don't know if regulation is the answer," West Mayor Tommy Muska said. "But if you can enhance a product so it doesn't blow up, that's the answer."

Pickett's idea to make fertilizer companies safer means giving the State Fire Marshal power to enforce rules for the way commercial fertilizer producers store volatile chemicals, namely ammonium nitrate.

Investigators determined a fire had ignited as many as 34 tons of ammonium nitrate causing the blast at the West Fertilizer Plant last year. The State Fire Marshal is expected to release a full report on the blast later this month.

Over 1,300 facilities use ammonium nitrate across the United States, said Jerad Denton who was

one of the chemical safety board investigators presenting Tuesday night.

But talk in Austin about the new regulatory ordinance over fertilizer companies coincides as members of the community have begun to consider brining fertilizer back to the local commerce team.

"This town was created by Czech farmers," Justice of the Peace and Chair of the West Chamber of Commerce David Pareya said. "The fertilizer plant really clicked with a lot of wheels in our community."

"The state chemist has some but not the kind of authority to keep an explosion from happening," Pickett said.

The State Chemist has authority to enforce production regulations if a fertilizer company's

operations result in a compound that's not chemically correct.

District 12 Rep. Kyle Kacal has ranched in Central Texas for years. He said he was concerned for the farming and ranching community in and around West, which has been pressed to find fertilizer elsewhere since the incident last year.

Kacal said farmers and ranchers tend to spend money out of town, where fertilizers are available for purchase.

A year beyond the tragedy, the city of West may re-establish a way of living, a way of being strong and resilient. While rebuilding and remembering, restoring and regrouping the community, the state may see change for protecting first responders and small towns.

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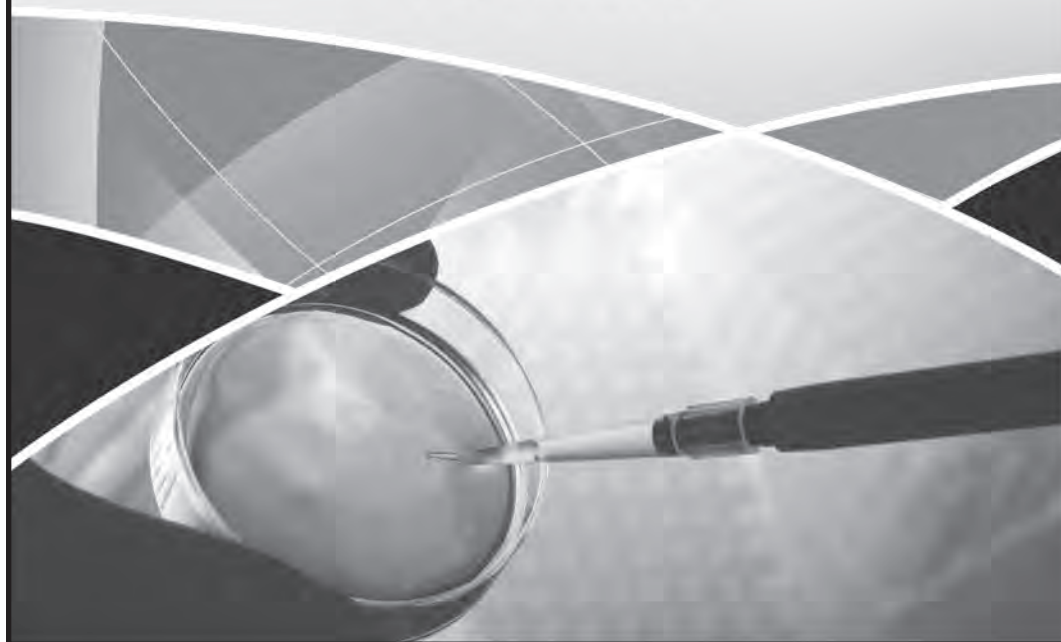
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International students go on a hayride at the 2013 Texas Ranch Party. Students from across the globe will celebrate at this Friday's event by feeding farm animals, learning how to square dance and more southern-inspired events.

International students to get taste of authentic Texas culture

By IAN CURRIE
REPORTER

This Friday, students from 73 countries will spend an evening soaking in the cultural experience of a Texas ranch.

For the third year, the Baylor Center for International Education will organize the semester-ending Texas Ranch Party, hosted at Faith Rest Ranch in Crawford.

The ranch is owned and run by Alan Stover, director of environmental compliance at Baylor, and his wife Pam.

The event organizer, Melanie Smith, international student relations coordinator at Baylor, said the ranch is the perfect place.

"The ranch is set up to enter-

tain large groups," Smith said. "It is the most attended event of the year and the ranch gives students a chance to see Texas at its best."

The students will ride by bus from campus to the ranch at 5 p.m. Friday, where they will take part in activities designed to give international students an authentic Texas experience.

There will be hayrides and an opportunity to see and interact with many animals on the ranch, including horses and chickens.

"We have a working farm area as well as an indoor arena where you can pet some horses and hand feed cows," Mr. Stover said.

He said there are also recently hatched chicks as well as two miniature horses born last year that will be at the event.

The event will continue with a cookout, square dance lessons and western dancing and at dusk the students will cook s'mores around a campfire.

This event is the final event that the Center for International Exchange organizes for students in the spring semester.

"It is the time to say goodbye to exchange students and graduating international students," Smith said.

Brazil senior Daniela Souza said she is looking forward to the cultural experience.

"I am excited about the ranch party because I get to share some of Texas culture with my international friends," Souza said.

The ranch is also used as the center for non profit orga-

nization "Moment by Moment Growth and Learning," run by Mrs. Stover, which offers counseling for trauma victims using equine-assisted counseling methods, which incorporates the use of horses to help people accomplish emotional growth and learning.

Recently the Stovers and their organization have been working with members of the West community who are in need of counseling following last year's fertilizer plant explosion.

Mr. Stover, who is an ordained minister, said the ranch is a ministry for him.

"It is an opportunity to share what God has blessed us with, the whole cycle of life, with other people and cultures," he said.

Justices skeptical in Internet TV case

By MARK SHERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Grappling with fast-changing technology, Supreme Court justices debated Tuesday whether they can protect the copyrights of TV broadcasters to the shows they send out without strangling innovations in the use of the Internet.

The high court heard arguments in a dispute between television broadcasters and Aereo Inc., which takes free television signals from the airwaves and charges subscribers to watch the programs on laptop computers, smartphones and even their large-screen televisions.

The case has the potential to bring big changes to the television industry.

There was a good measure of skepticism about Aereo's approach, sometimes leavened with humor.

Chief Justice John Roberts declared at one point: "I'm just saying your technological model is based solely on circumventing legal prohibitions that you don't want to comply with, which is fine. I mean, you know, lawyers do that."

But several justices expressed concern that a ruling for the broadcasters could hamper the burgeoning world of cloud computing, which gives users access to a vast online computer network that stores and processes information.

Justice Stephen Breyer said the prospect makes him nervous.

"Are we somehow catching other things that would really change life and shouldn't?" Breyer asked.

Paul Clement, representing the broadcasters, tried to assure the court it could draw an appropriate line between Aereo's service and

cloud computing generally. People who merely retrieve what they have stored should have no reason to worry, Clement said.

But David Frederick, representing Aereo, said the "cloud computing industry is freaked out about the case" because it sees its \$10 billion investment at risk if the court were to hold that anytime music or an image is stored online and then retrieved, the copyright law would be implicated.

The discussion veered between references to Roku, a TV streaming device, and other high-tech gadgets on the one hand, and analogies to coat-check rooms and valet parking in an effort to make matters more understandable on the other. There was even Breyer's quaint reference to a "phonograph record store."

Aereo's service starts at \$8 a month and is available in New York, Boston, Houston and Atlanta, among 11 metropolitan areas. Subscribers get about two dozen local over-the-air stations, plus the Bloomberg TV financial channel.

In each market, Aereo has a data center with thousands of dime-size antennas.

When a subscriber wants to watch a show live or record it, the company temporarily assigns the customer an antenna and transmits the program over the Internet to the subscriber's laptop, tablet, smartphone or even a big-screen TV with a Roku or Apple TV streaming device.

The antenna is only used by one subscriber at a time, and Aereo says that's much like the situation at home, where a viewer uses a personal antenna to watch over-the-air broadcasts for free.

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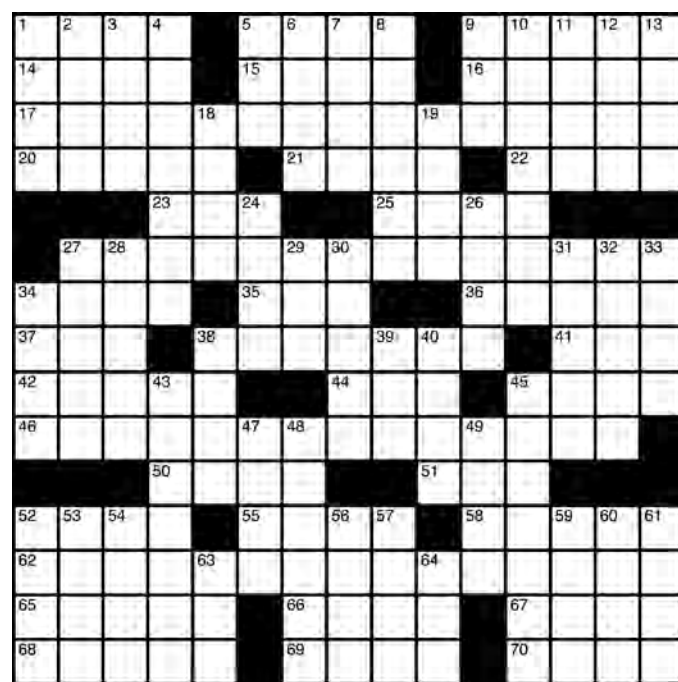
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Softball drops two to Louisiana

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

No. 14 Baylor softball knew it was in for a tough ride when it scheduled No. 16 Louisiana in a mid-week, non-conference, double-header Tuesday night in Waco. The Ragin Cajuns did not disappoint, taking advantage of every opportunity to win back-to-back games 5-2 and 7-4 at Gettnerman Stadium.

Louisiana put pressure on the Bears early in the first game. After being blanked in the first, three walks loaded the bases with one out. Left-hander Whitney Canion managed to strike out two and get out of the second inning scoreless.

Senior catcher Clare Hosack did hit an RBI single with two outs to cut the lead to 5-2, but junior shortstop Jordan Strickland popped out to short, senior first baseman Holly Holl struck out and sophomore designated player Lindsey Hays flew out to center field to end the fifth.

ULL's offensive push continued into the sixth. ULL senior outfielder Shelbi Redfearn singled off of Canion to lead off and designated player Gabby Felps hit a double to put runners on second and third. Fernandez then singled with two outs to drive in both runners and give Louisiana a commanding 5-2 lead that they would ride to victory.

Baylor's other came from a solo homer from Holl in the fourth inning. Hamilton picked up a win for her complete game which moved her to 19-1 on the season.

"I think she's got a lot of spin, her pitch calling is great. She throws a bit of everything and just makes you guess," Holl said.

Canion took the loss after allowing five runs in six innings.

"They're a great ball team," Canion said. "They hit the ball and they swing hard. I thought both games were a battle, we just didn't come out with any W's."

After dropping the first game of the doubleheader, Baylor took a 7-4 loss to finish 0-2 in the doubleheader.

"We broke down defensively a couple of times and that disappointed me," softball coach Glenn Moore said. "I thought we had a better opportunity the way we handled the offensive side of it."

Hawkins went 4-for-6 on the day with a run scored and two walks. As a true freshman, she is hitting .363 on the year. Thumann is also hitting a team-high .401 this season.

"I schedule games like this to get them ready for Big 12 play and post-season." I believe this team is good enough to play this good of a schedule."

Baylor will return to action on Wednesday night at 6 p.m. against UTSA in San Antonio. They will then return home for a weekend series against Kansas.



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Sophomore right-handed pitcher Heather Stearns winds up to deliver a pitch in Baylor's 7-4 loss to Louisiana on Tuesday at Gettnerman Stadium.



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Junior outfielder Logan Brown puts down a bunt in Baylor's 4-3 win Tuesday over Texas State at Baylor Ballpark.

Baseball takes down Texas State 4-3

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

Coming off a huge road win at Kansas State this weekend, breaking a long losing streak away from home, the Bears returned to Baylor Ballpark with energy and confidence in game one of a split series with Texas State. Baylor took the first game 4-3 in a sloppy, 7-error outing.

After senior pitcher Austin Stone suffered an arm injury, Baylor head coach Steve Smith had to adjust his pitching rotation.

Sophomore pitcher Drew Tolson took over the mid-week slot with the start against Texas State.

"We've got a couple guys that are having some small injuries here and there," Tolson said. "I think it was good for me to be able to get to get out there and get it done."

Texas State responded to Baylor's early run, turning contact with the ball into one run in the second and two runs in the third. Baylor coughed up a couple routine plays outside of Tolson's control, giving Texas state the 3-2 lead.

"We had a few errors that inning, but we were able to get out of it," Tolson said. "From then on, we just made plays and coasted and didn't give up any more runs after that."

Baylor's defense gifted hits and runs early, those two unearned runs in the third inning would be the last for Texas State as they went through an offensive drought. Tolson locked down the fort, disallowing Texas State of any offense, throwing no hits in four-straight innings.

"We were really bad behind him, and he was able to limit the

damage there," Smith said. "Then after that, we played better behind him, he got some strikeouts."

The Bears got the tying run on a bizarre play that saw junior outfielder Logan Brown round the bases by stealing second base, advancing to third on a wild pitch and ultimately touching home plate when Texas State's catcher overthrew third base.

"We just stuck with our game. We knew we'd get a shot," Brown said. "Every team makes a run so we knew we'd have our chance, and luckily we capitalized."

Last week, Tolson threw a career-high five innings against Texas Southern, and eclipsed that total against Texas State with 7 innings on Tuesday. He finished the night with 6 strikeouts, allowed 4 hits and 3 runs.

"It was big for me to be able to

get out there, and kind of extend so I can build up my confidence coming off my Tommy-John surgery," Tolson said. "I got out of a problem in the third, and just kept going."

With Tolson off the mound, Texas State finally got another in the eighth inning.

The Bears only led by one run at the time. Smith, took senior left-handed pitcher Doug Ashby out and opted to use senior closer Josh Michalec.

Michalec inherited Ashby's batter on second, but cleaned up the frame with a strikeout, denying Texas State's chance at the tying run.

Michalec continued his superb form in the ninth inning to seal the deal for the Bears once again.

The Bears travel to San Marcos today for their series finale against Texas State.

Equestrian loses to Georgia in second round of NCEA

By CAROLINE LINDSTROM
REPORTER

The Baylor equestrian team ended its season with a 7-6 loss to Georgia in the second round of the NCEA Championship at the Extraco Events Center in Waco.

"The girls rode well and performed to the best of their ability, but we were out liked by the judges," head coach Ellen White said.

The Bears and the Georgia Bulldogs were neck-and-neck for a majority of the meet, starting with a 2-2 tie in equitation on the flat.

The Bears fell in horsemanship 2-1 but bounced back in reining to win 2-1. Equitation over fences proved to be the deciding factor with a 2-1 loss for the Bears. The Bears beat the Bulldogs in raw scores but the points added up in Georgia's favor.

"You can have a great offense and a great defense, but they still



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Freshman hunter seat Savannah Jenkins competes in Friday's meet.

have to come out and play an entire game, and we just didn't do it," White said. "Baylor didn't do it."

Junior Samantha Schaefer and sophomore Jennifer Mitchell scored points in flat. Seniors Katherine Berg and Shelbey Jackson scored in the reining event. Freshman Savannah Jenkins earned a point in fences, and junior Parris Rice received Baylor's only point in horsemanship.

"It didn't leave me feeling dejected or 'oh no we're never going to be able to do this' because the top six teams were so close, it just depended on the day," White said.

She said she is excited for the incoming freshmen the team will bring on in the fall. She said a few freshmen will most likely compete in the fall season.

"Over the summer we are off, so some of the girls will stay and ride our stock of horses because it's not like we can turn them out, then expect good things from them in the fall," White said.

Georgia defeated Big 12 Champion Oklahoma State 8-6 in the semifinals to advance to the championship. South Carolina overtook Auburn 10-6 to advance to the championships. In a rematch of the SEC Championships, Georgia defeated South Carolina with a raw-score tiebreaker to become the 2014 NCEA National Champions.

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