Campus goes nuts after squirrel hijinks

By Rebecca Finder
Staff Writer

Wednesday was an eventful day for the electrical systems on campus, with three alarming sounding, power shutting down, smoke pipes boiling, an electric motor and belt revolving, fast spewing carbon monoxide fumes and a squirrel gnawing through the wires of a transformer.

Power was lost in many buildings on campus at around noon. Last February, assistant vice president of media communications, wrote in an email to the Lariat. A Baylor Alert was released to students, faculty and staff in response to the incident and listed 18 buildings that were affected.

The outage was caused by a squirrel chewing through some of the transformer, said J.C. Meineke, captain of Engine 6 for the Waco Fire Department.

Meineke mentioned that a fan motor burned up in the air conditioning unit of the Ed Crossman building around the same time as the power outage across campus, causing alarms to sound, as wells as an electrical belt burning in the Memorial Residence Hall. Meineke said he attributed these occurrences to the power outage.

“Get up in the perimeter — the lower voltage lines feeding that part of the camp,” he said. “They actually had protection on the transformer, but the squirrel still managed to get up there and short out two of the three primary lines and that killed the power to that part of the campus.”

This was the first problem of the day for campus, though issues with steam pipes had been taking place in Deque Ac-

A prelude to summer

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US weighs early release for inmates jailed for 10 years

By Kelsee Green
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is encouraging more inmates to apply for early release — and expecting thousands to take up the offer. It’s an effort to deal with high costs and overcrowding in prisons, and also matters of fairness, the government says.

On Wednesday, the Justice Department unveiled a revamped clemency process directed at low-level felons imprisoned for at least 10 years. The Obama administration is encouraging many nonviolent federal prisoners to apply for early release for inmates who have clean records while in custody.

Inmates imprisoned for at least 10 years of their sentences imposed under today’s laws disproportionately tough punishments for black drug offenders.

Disproportionate sentencing is out of line with society’s views today, Meineke said. “I kind of see how it,” said. “I kind of see how it,” she said. “I kind of see how it,” she said.

Meineke said she thinks her experience as an administrator, as well as her background in communications, will enable her to succeed at Georgia Regents University. According to the university press release, Georgia Regents is a “comprehensive, research university” housing the Medical College of Georgia.

Working as an administrator has changed the way Leeper views issues and issues within a university, she said.

“I have a much better big picture perspective of issues with higher education,” she said. “I kind of see how all the parts of the university work together to fulfill a common purpose, a common voice and a common strategy plan.”

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You don’t have to be Supermans or Batmans to save a life, just students or staff members that are willing to take but a minute out of your time while walking through campus.

Baylor Alpha Phi Omega co-ed service fraternity is hosting a blood drive with Carter BloodCare throughout this week and also on Tuesday.

The blood drive is taking place in the Carter BloodCare buses located next to Fountain Mall and the Bobo Spiritual Life Center. Students and staff can donate blood from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

Carter BloodCare is a non-profit organization that depends on patients in over 50 Texas counties. According to the organization, one blood donation can save up to three lives and as little as a thimbleful of blood can save a newborn’s life.

Austin senior Mitch Todd, co-chair for Alpha Phi Omega, said Carter BloodCare teams up with Alpha Phi Omega once each semester, hosts a blood drive. This semester is different from previous semesters due to a new project taking action.

“This semester we are starting something called the Gallon Challenge,” Todd said. “For every gallon of blood donated, we will match that with a gallon of water to donate to Mission Waco.”

Baylor is the first campus to take part in the Gallon Challenge. Todd said he hopes this project spreads to other campuses.

Houston senior Jasmine Singh, president of Alpha Phi Omega, said they got to choose Mission Waco as the organization to donate to from the Gallon Challenge. Singh said Carter BloodCare usually averages over one hundred units of blood each year from the drives on campus.

Sara Mabile, Account Consultant for Carter BloodCare, said how much of a success the organization has when coming to Baylor.

“When we have Baylor Week, we bring all of our buses and almost all of our staff to come out because of how many donors we get coming in that week,” Mabile said.

She said last year Baylor Alpha Phi Omega won an award at the 2013 Carter BloodCare Texas Recognition Event, recognizing them for the highest number of units drawn annually.

Mabile said during the 2013 year, Carter BloodCare totaled 665 units for the year solely from Baylor, beating out every organization that hosted blood drives with Carter BloodCare for that year.

“We really appreciate the opportunity that Baylor allows us to come out,” Mabile said.

Flower Mound freshman Jordan Sharp donated blood April 21 on Fountain Mall. Alpha Phi Omega and Carter BloodCare periodically host blood drives on the Baylor campus throughout the semester.

Keep Waco Beautiful awarded the Francis Sturgis “Pattern In Pink” Sustainability Award to Baylor for its commitment to conscientious environment practices. This year, Baylor clinched the Sustainability Award for multiple campus wide sustainability efforts, including: placing over 750 recycling bins on campus, encouraging waste reduction during move-in week, increasing recycling efforts at football games and tailgating events, implementing a styrofoam-free role at Floyd Casey Stadium and on campus, donating leftover dining hall food to people in need and continuing the “Last Out, Lights Out” campaign for energy conservation. While the honor was announced Wednesday, Baylor will officially receive the award at the “Pattern in Pink” reception on May 15.

“This recognition speaks to Baylor’s commitment to being a good member of the greater Waco community,” said Smith Getterman, assistant director of sustainability and special projects. “We recognize the importance of being good stewards of Waco’s resources and being a leader in this area.”

Keep Waco Beautiful recognizes groups in the community for their efforts in making Waco more environmentally responsible. Keep Waco Beautiful Inc. is the local outlet of the non-profits Keep Texas Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful. Their mission is to improve the city’s appearance through “litter prevention and cleanup, beautification efforts, environmental education, and recycling events.”

“This really is a reflection of the university’s commitment to the fifth tenet of Pro Futuris: judicious stewardship,” Getterman said.

Baylor sustainability efforts win local Waco award

By Anja Rosales

Reporter

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By Anja Rosales

The Baylor fitness and intramural departments have teamed up with Mission Waco to hold the Mission Waco Urban X Team Challenge at 8:45 a.m. May 3 at Mission Waco Jubilee Theater located at 1315 N. 15th St.

The competition will help raise awareness and funds for Mission Waco by holding a competition. Van Davis, the assistant director for fitness and nutrition education in the McLane Student Life Center, helped put the event together.

“About seven or eight years ago they had something similar called the Waco X Games, but the competition wasn’t as extensive as it will be this year,” Davis said. The Urban X Team Challenge consists of about 20 teams with four members per team. These teams will compete in a variety of sports and competitions such as a one-mile run, four-on-four sand volleyball, four-on-four soccer, a team rock climbing challenge, a team building challenge and a fitness challenge.

Jimmy Dorrell, the director of Mission Waco for 22 years, said this event wouldn’t be happening if it weren’t for Davis coming to him and bringing the idea of a team challenge competition.

Dorrell said the funds raised would go right to the program of Mission Waco that helps the poor receive legal help.

“We’re currently working on a program that helps with legal issues such as helping people who can’t afford to hire a lawyer and need legal help,” Dorrell said.

“I just remember when I was a participant in the Waco X Games a couple of years ago,” Davis said. “It was a different way of helping out. It’s really cool the way they put this all together to help raise awareness and funds.”

Davis said this is a great way to volunteer.

“Just because you didn’t sign up to compete doesn’t mean you can’t help out,” Davis said. “We would love for anyone to serve the community in any way possible.”

Commemorating by candlelight

Melanie Marmonez, 8, participates in a candlelight vigil commemorating National Child Abuse Prevention Month at Jose Marti Park in Miami. Amigos For Kids, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect, held the event attended by about 200 kids and their families.

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“I’m excited to just hang with good people for a good cause,” Sayers said. “Everyone loves winning, but it’s more about the cause first, then enjoying ourselves in competition.”

Waco senior Tyler Moonley is also competing in the event and said as much as he is looking forward to the different games, he is also excited to see success with other teams. He said he liked the idea of using a team competition as a way to raise money and bring awareness.

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For more information on how to volunteer, individuals can visit www.missionwaco.org/volunteer.
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Draper was fully ventilated. Some people said. Power had been restored to the last replace the gas-powered fans after electricity levels that were slightly higher than normal said. The fans emitted a small amount of smoke when entering the building, “You don’t want to miss the quiz without an email from the university explaining from class,” she said.Embry said she did not feel a Baylor Alert was necessary. “If the fire alarm is going off with strobes and a siren, you have to go out of the building,” she said. “You shouldn’t stay in a room and wait to be told to enter a building when the fire alarm has been activated.”

The Baylor Fire Department and Baylor Police Department activated the building. “People who don’t usually go could show students what we have in Waco,” Bloodgood said her belief in the health benefits of buying local makes her feel very passionate about the downtown farmers market.

“Every difference in the quality of products you get at the farmers market compared to what you can get at H-E-B, even if you buy organic, is unbelievable,” Bloodgood said. The sustainability department plans to work on the messy details and next year, reviveth the event in the fall and make it an annual occurrence, Bloodgood said. Until then, Baylor students like Bloodgood will get their fix of fresh, local food at the Waco Downtown Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 605 University Park Drive, just past Innominatus 33.

The Bureau of Prisons will notify inmates of the criteria next week and provide electronic surveys to those who think they deserve a commutation. The Justice Department expects the vast majority of applicants to be drug prisoners but didn’t foresee the possibility that inmates convicted of other crimes would apply for one—examples could be considered.

“If it’s really coming together of decades of excessive incarceration, particularly in drug cases, combined with attention to the understood power of commutations,” said Mark Mete, executive director of the Sentencing Project, an organization that works on sentencing policy.

The New Sentencing Commission is a “fantastic step in the right direction,” said Julie Stueart, president of Families Against Mandatory Minimums. And Douglas Bogue, a sentencing law expert at Ohio State University, said it represented a “very meaningful change in both tone and attitude” from the days when clemency was considered as a power that carried “all political risk, no political reward.”

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Deputy Attorney General James Cole holds up a list of guidelines during a news conference at the Justice Department Wednesday in Washington. Cole announced the new standards that will be considered in deciding whether to recommend commutation for certain convicted drug prisoners.

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Shakespeare's Globe taking Hamlet to over 200 nations

HBO has cut a deal to sell reruns of many of its hit shows to Amazon.com's Prime Instant Video platform. Among the programs that will be made available on Amazon Prime Instant Video are "The Sopranos," "Six Feet Under," "The Wire," "Twin Peaks," and "NYPD Blue." The agreement also covers HBO's mini-series including "Band of Brothers" and original series such as "Game Change."

As part of the pact, HBO's online streaming service HBO Go will also be available on Amazon Fire TV set-top box that is due to launch at the end of the year.

HBO shows will be available on Prime Instant Video starting May 21. Terms were not disclosed. The exclusive partnership is something of a about-face for HBO, a unit of Time Warner Inc.

In the past, the company has indicated it was not interested in selling its content to any of the online subscription services such as Netflix and ABD TV. But these networks are making more original content and the appetite for original content has failed. At the same time, companies such as Netflix and Amazon are investing heavily on trying to boost their subscriber base and that has become a crucial revenue stream for programmers. As owners of each program and its programming, we have always sought to capitalize on its potential. But in the past, some have not been interested in working with this valuable collection," said Glenn Whiteford, HBO's executive vice president of business and legal affairs.

The company describes the plan as "audaciously imaginative." Some see it as a possibility, and Amren International has weighed in to point out the "black magic."

Today the curators of the Bard's maxim that "all the world's a stage" are moving on. In 1613, the modern-day Shakespeare's Globe opened as the first of three performances at the Globe, a reconstructed Elizabethan playhouse beside the River Thames.

Then the cast of 12 and its four-person crew will board a schooner for Amsterdam, beginning a journey that will take them to seven continents by planes, train, bus, and ship.

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classical and/or religious music. The company is in the process of bringing the Bard's works to London, where the company's current shows are "The Winter's Tale" and "Othello."

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Austin opting for NBA leaves Bears with lack of size

By Ben Domenech

Sophomore center Isaiah Austin officially announced on Tuesday afternoon that he will forgo his final two years of college eligibility and declare for the 2014 NBA Draft. The decision came just under a month after his final college game, a loss to Wisconsin in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. How will Austin’s departure impact the Bears? Our sports writers have their opinions.

Sophomore pitcher Drew Tolson battles back from surgery to bolster Bears

By Shehan Jeyarajah

Sophomore pitcher Drew Tolson provides evidence of the Bears’ mid-week starter.

By Jeffrey Swindoll

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No. 14 softball defeats UTSA 7-1 on road to win series

By SWEET SCENTED WARRIOR

Texas State Tuesday at Baylor Ballpark. Sophomore pitcher Drew Tolson releases a pitch in Baylor's 4-3 win over Texas State Tuesday at Baylor Ballpark.

Baylor Baseball travelled up the in-state rivals on Wednesday night. The Bears grinded out their first two-game series finale with Texas State.

The Bears grounded out their first two runs last weekend, breaking a streak that nearly spanned the entire 2013-14 season. In its two losses, Texas State was held to just a 2-7 win in its previous meeting with the Bears, and their two-game series finale with Texas State.

The Bears outscored the Aggies 5-3 in the series, but they lost both games of the series. The Bears were unable to start Drew Tolson on the mound, and they fell to Texas State 3-0 in the first game.

Sophomore pitcher Heather Stearns tossed a one-hitter and struck out 11 in her first career game on Wednesday night. The Bears won 3-0 and continued their hot streak against the Aggies.

For the Bears, No. 14 Baylor looked to regain the momentum of the two wins in a row they didn't translate into a win Wednesday night. The Bears dropped a 3-0 score line into a win Wednesday night. The Bears grinded out their first two-game series finale with Texas State.

Sophomore pitcher Lindsey Caprelli struck out 10, but it wasn't enough for the Bears to win. The Bears lost to Texas State 3-0 in the first game of the series, but they won the second game 3-0 to win the series.

The Bears' offense was unable to capitalize on it. It was the story of the season for Baylor. Sophomore pitcher Drew Tolson released a pitch in Baylor's 4-3 win over Texas State Tuesday at Baylor Ballpark.

In the next frame, the top of the ninth, Baylor came up empty, forcing the Bears to count themselves in the late game for the Bears.

Junior pitcher Sami Spellman was hit by a pitch on a poor delivery. If the run didn't come in the first few innings, it is unlikely they will come in the late game for the Bears.

In the first inning, Texas State had the deficit cut to 1-0. Sophomore pinch hitter Heather Stearns added a sacrifice fly to score Lisenby and give the Bears a quick 2-0 lead.

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