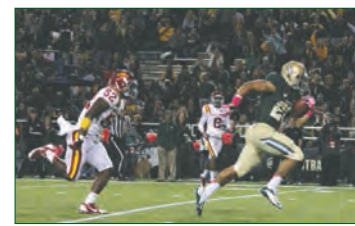




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Mural madness

Waco resident Mick Burson works on a mural he started Monday afternoon on Waco Drive. Burson has painted over 30 walls throughout Waco and is expected to finish the piece today.

Death by veto for concealed carry bill

By JILLIAN ANDERSON
REPORTER

Student body president Dominic Edwards vetoed the concealed carry bill Thursday, and after a vote by Student Senate, the veto stands.

At the Senate meeting, Edwards presented what he considered to be violations to the Student Senate Constitution and the basis for his decision.

“It’s important to note the relationship between the student body president and the Student Senate,” Edwards said. “I have to weigh if Student Senate is doing its responsibility as a decision making body.”

He said he found two constitutional violations, one being that the Senate must foster a mutual understanding between the administration, the faculty and the students. Second, he said the Senate must investigate matters pertinent to the interests of the student body.

Although members of the administration such as Baylor Chief of Police Brad Wigtil, saw the bill, Edwards said more research and knowledge of Baylor and its community was required within the text of the bill. He said the

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HANNAH NEUMANN | LARIAT STAFF WRITER

Gulfpfort, Miss., senior Starry Smith signs, “Baylor alumni — where are they now?” She has completed American Sign Language classes 1-4 at Baylor.

Baylor grads share passion for deaf community

By HANNAH NEUMANN
STAFF WRITER

Three Baylor graduates following separate career paths and living in three different parts of the world have two things in common — a passion for the deaf community and an attribution to Baylor for

their success.

Dr. Serena Johnson, a 2008 alumna, said she knew from the time she was in the third grade she wanted to be a teacher. When she took American Sign Language as a language credit in high school, she fell in love and began her journey in the deaf education and searched

Final part of a 4-part Deaf Awareness Week Series

for a university to aid her in her career choice.

“I decided I wanted to be a teacher of the deaf, so when I was

looking at schools, one of my criteria was that the school had to offer deaf education as a major,” Johnson said. “I came to Baylor and I fell in love with the campus and the people and I knew this was where God needed me to be.”

Johnson said she started immediately on the deaf education track

and attributed her success at Baylor to its teachers and the internships they provided to students in the major.

“Working with the teachers was just truly phenomenal,” Johnson said. “Other than that, what really set Baylor’s program over the top was the fact that I interned at the

Texas School for the Deaf. There’s nothing like that experience.”

Johnson said a large part of Baylor’s success in the program was preparation for students in the field. Particularly by having deaf faculty members.

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Baylor Police Department announces new chief

By REBECCA FLANNERY
STAFF WRITER

Brad Wigtil, Baylor’s newly appointed chief of police, said he is taking his new post as an opportunity to improve communication within and around Baylor.

Wigtil took the position of interim police chief in August following the retirement of Jim Doak in July. He said his new role differs from his past post because he now oversees all the services provided by the police department.



Wigtil

He will also work heavily in conjunction with Mark Childers, the new associate vice president of campus safety and security, who joined Baylor on Sept.

8 following his career in the United States Secret Service and U.S. Marshals Service.

Wigtil said together they will focus on community engagement to ensure a safer environment around campus.

“One main goal both Childers and I have discussed is the importance of open communication between the police department and the campus,” Wigtil said. “With that in mind, we’d ultimately be able to serve the residential community and Baylor community better.”

Childers began his career at Baylor immediately following his seven year service working on President’s Detail for George W. Bush, both during his presidency and post-presidency. His last night as resident agent in charge of the Waco field office was Aug. 31, the night of Baylor’s first home game in McLane Stadium when Bush came to perform the coin-toss.

“I retired that night from the Service,”

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COURTESY ART

The Waco Mammoth Site displays the only discovered nursery herd of Columbian Pleistocene mammoths in the U.S.

Mammoth site reps to meet with Obama

By ABIGAIL LOOP
STAFF WRITER

Talks with President Barack Obama’s administration will soon decide if Waco will become home to a national park.

Jeff Goodman, program director for the City of Waco Parks and Recreation Department, said the Waco Mammoth Site holds the nation’s only recorded discovery of a nursery herd of Columbian Pleistocene mammoths and was designed on national park standards.

“We talked with the National Park Service back in 2007 and have recently been in talks with the National Parks Conservation Association,” Goodman said. “Now the plan is to bring this to D.C. and the director of the park service.”

Goodman said after Waco City Council approved a

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Don't be guilty of pointing fingers



Asher Freeman

Editorial

In the courtroom that is the media, everything is admissible. All evidence, whether it is damaging or not, is released to the jury that is the American public. Innocent until proven guilty is not guaranteed. People are being punished just because they are accused of a crime.

Take the NFL players who are being punished by the league before they are ever convicted. Players are being suspended and even banned because of accusations and charges that have not yet been brought into a court of law. While we admit that sometimes these players do have bad behavior, we acknowledge that false accusations are possible. Unfortunately, some media outlets publish incomplete facts that further a particular opinion concerning the player's guilt. Often times, those opinions are more like convictions. Because they are convicted in the media, these players are faced with the burden of these accusations for the rest of their lives.

It is a little different for pro athletes and those people who have chosen to be public figures, because they are already in the public eye. Many times, though, normal people accused of a crime are convicted by the me-

dia before or during a trial. The media picks up his or her case, looking for someone to make an example of. Take Casey Anthony or George Zimmerman for example. Their trials were both media circuses. There were various news outlets focusing on only the racial aspect of the Zimmerman case when there were several angles to the story.

These two were found innocent, but their lives were ruined by the publicity of their cases. They both had to go into hiding and have struggled to find jobs post-trial. We all have our own opinion on these cases and that is fine, but we should not find such joy in ruining the lives of other people. The whole point of having a judicial system is to allow those accused of a crime to get a fair trial. They are guaranteed due process, but as a society, we are not giving it to them.

When the media capitalizes on cases such as these, there are different aspects of the story flying in a million different directions. Media sources often take advantage of the trust given them by their consumers. If someone doesn't apply due diligence in how they receive the news, they can fall prey to formulating an opinion without all the facts.

For those people who want to make sure they get the full spectrum of the story, an

undue burden is placed on them. They cannot simply turn on the TV and watch one source; they have to follow the same story on multiple news sources.

The media needs to be mindful of what their job is - to report the truth while working to minimize harm to all parties involved. Wrongful accusations, or even implications, can devastate a career or a life.

It is understandable that the media needs something to fill a 24-hour news cycle and viewers and readers drive that content, but professional media should make every effort not to contort the news to fit their personal or corporate agendas.

In these situations, the blame is not only on the media, but also on society and the accused. All three aspects of this detrimental triangle add fuel to the fire. Until the media cleans up its act, society will have to be mindful of the information being funneled to them. They must make sure that they are not jumping to conclusions and that they are receiving all the facts.

Really though, it is hard to feel guilty for judging people who do wrong. This judgment should not come before a trial. Then, those people convicted of a crime will receive the punishment and criticism they deserve.

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Sniff the flowers, don't complain

That time of the year again is swiftly approaching. You know, that time of the year. The time of the year when you have three big exams all on the same day, work starts to become hectic and your grandma begins calling you to make sure you're going to be home this year for Thanksgiving. Why? Because she's never going to forget when you asked to go to San Diego to spend Thanksgiving with a friend and their family for Thanksgiving. Yes, it's that time of the year.

The impending exam and holiday seasons are generally tough for everyone, but especially for college students. Many students spend much of the time studying for exams, working, all while trying to figure out this thing called life, which is as many of you know, not always an easy task.

Despite the many mixed feeling we may have about the year, it would benefit students greatly to stop every once in a while and smell the roses.

Trying to stay sane in an insane world is often next to impossible. Often times we are entrenched in a culture of complaint, and then saturated with daily news that leads us to believe that the world is in a lot more disarray than what it actually is. But in reality, are things really that bad?

Think about it. We have been given the opportunity to attend one of the best institutions of higher education in the country. The opportunity to receive an education in general, is not one that is afforded to a substantial amount of the world's population. The fact that we are able to attend the university regardless of sex, race or religion, is truly a blessing.

There is also the subject of First Amendment freedoms that we enjoy as citizens. If I've learned nothing else from watching the travesties over in the Middle East, I've certainly learned that I am extremely proud to be an American. The right to the freedom of speech

and religion are especially important, and the fact that they are generally not infringed upon in critical times like these is something to be thankful for.

I am human, however, and I sometimes too fall into a spirit of complaint at times when it seems that the cards are stacked against me. Just the other day, I was talking to a friend about a test, two major projects and a paper I had due this week. It seemed there was no way I was going to be able to balance work and meet any of my deadlines.

Then, it's as if something hit me. I stopped, and started thinking about the many times before I've been in such situations. And then

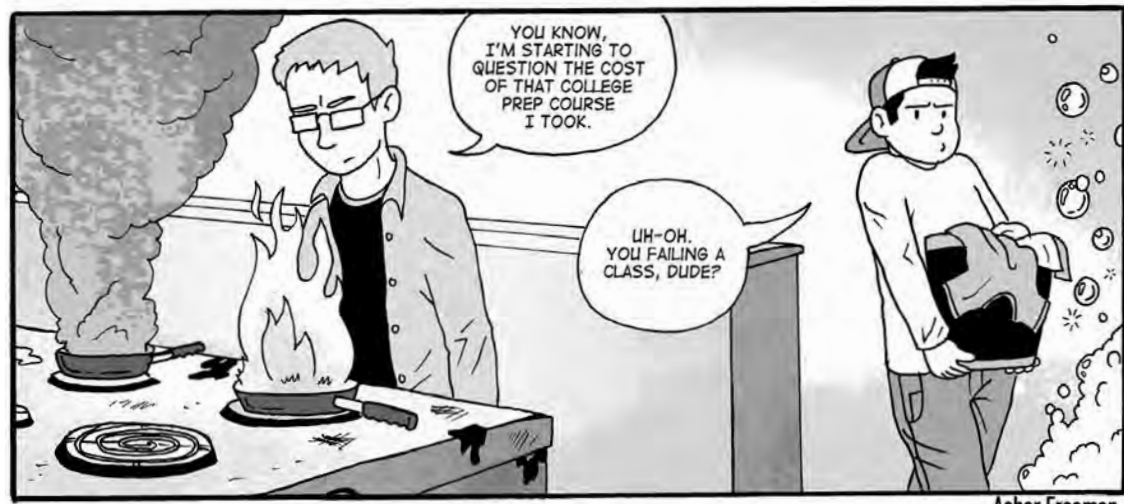


have those days where it seems nothing will go our way. The key to making the situation better is to change your perspective. So next time, try looking at the glass as half full, rather than half empty.

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I began to look at the situation as a challenge, rather than an obstacle. And here I am, at the end of the week, with everything behind me, ready to take on the next week.

The truth is we're all human, and sometimes we



Asher Freeman

The Lariat Challenge: Best caption winner

"Coming to break your spirit like ..."



Congrats Evan Herbert! (@EvanHerbert)

Journalism classes need to be rewritten

Baylor's department of journalism, public relations and new media is one of my favorite places on campus. Of the handful of departments I have interacted with, it seems to have some of the most involved faculty and staff on campus. I know several of my professors and can have meaningful conversation with them about my area of study, as well as my life.

Because I am a journalism major, a film minor and the Lariat's arts and entertainment editor, Castellaw has become a home away from home in the most literal sense. Many late nights have been spent in the building with co-Lariateers, perfecting my writing and design skills. Although it is often tedious, I am grateful for the long hours I have spent in the office drafting and redrafting stories and pages because I know that I am becoming a better journalist with each word I type.

As much as I benefit from the various out-of-class resources I tap into via professors and the Lariat, I cannot help but feel that my in-class time has not been spent as well as it could have been. I have certainly learned things from the journalism courses I have taken, but most of the writing skills I have acquired are either credited to natural ability or repetition at the Lariat. I do not believe the writing courses offered by the journalism department do justice to every student who takes the course, myself included.

For the average journalism student, one of the first required courses taken is Beginning Reporting and Writing. In this class, students

are taught the basic structural elements of a news story, as well as basic principles like Associated Press Style, which establishes consistency in the way stories are written, no matter what news agency they are published by. At the end of the course, students are supposed to be able to assimilate collected facts and quotes into an organized news story.

The next natural step in the registration process is to take Advanced Reporting and Writing, which is a required class where students become reporters for the Lariat. Students are expected to begin interviewing subjects and writing stories by the second week of classes. Considering many of these students have never written a news story, much less material for a publication, neither the course's professor nor the Lariat staff expects perfection during the first few weeks. However, the general idea is that students improve as the semester progresses.

During my time as a journalism student at Baylor, I have grown increasingly disenchanted with both of these courses. The advanced writing class is arguably one of the most difficult courses offered by the department.



Students who have never written for a newspaper are expected to balance a full-time student schedule while essentially working a part-time job. The stress is only exacerbated for students who really do have jobs.

I fully understand that Advanced Writing and Reporting is required so students gain experience and a portfolio before they graduate. I think it is wise of the faculty to offer such a course, and the department's curriculum is made better for it. However, I do not believe that preceding courses properly prepare every student for the course's intense workload, and I believe the main culprit is Beginning Reporting and Writing.

Sometimes students become journalism majors because they love news and have identified knacks for writing. Other times, they study journalism simply because they love news, but still need to cultivate their writing. If Beginning Reporting and Writing, the first real writing course journalism students encounter, does not actually teach students how to write, the latter group of students is left in a really tight spot. When the semester is over, they will be expected to move on, even if they

are not fully prepared to be published.

Rather than simply being a course that teaches students about how a story should be structured, Beginning Reporting and Writing ought to give students the opportunity to interview subjects and write stories in an environment free from the pressure of their words being staid into the permanence of the World Wide Web.

Students in the beginning writing class should be required to produce a minimum of three stories so the professor can identify consistent areas of weakness and address them. Not only would this kind of low-pressure assistance help the journalism department produce much stronger writers, it will also greatly improve the quality of the Lariat. If students are more secure in their interviewing and writing abilities at the finish of the beginning writing course, they will be more ready to start the often unexpected difficulty of the advanced writing course with the Lariat.

Although I am not fond these two journalism courses, I still recognize their importance in the curriculum. Students who are already able to write or excel quickly are not necessarily at a disadvantage by either of these courses. Writing is hard. Becoming a better writer is harder. In the end, I would just like to see mine and my peers' writing receive the attention we need to improve as individuals.

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High schoolers protest proposed curriculum

By COLLEEN SLEVIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — As a new wave of young protesters in suburban Denver rallied against an education proposal to promote patriotism and downplay civil disobedience, the district's school board president said Thursday that students were being misinformed and used as "pawns."

Ken Witt, head of the Jefferson County Board of Education, said teachers are upset over a compensation plan and supporting the demonstrations as pretext for union demands.

"It's never OK to use kids as pawns," Witt said, adding that some students wrongly believe issues such as slavery will be eliminated from history classes under the disputed proposal.

Students across a majority of the district's 17 high schools have walked out of classes in droves each day this week waving signs and flags in protests organized by word-of-mouth and social media.

The student demonstrations in the state's second-largest school district picked up after dozens of teachers upset over the history pro-

posal and other issues, including a merit-based compensation package they consider unfair, called in sick Friday, Sept. 19 in a protest that shut down two schools.

Hundreds of students gathered on a busy highway overpass Thursday, holding signs with messages that included "teach us the truth" and "the greatness of America is the right to protest for rights," a quote from Martin Luther King Jr.

The Jefferson County school board plan laid out a week ago during a meeting that also included a vote to link teacher pay raises to evaluation results would establish a committee to review texts and coursework. Starting with Advanced Placement history, the panel would make sure materials "promote citizenship, patriotism, essentials and benefits of the free-market system, respect for authority and respect for individual rights" and don't "encourage or condone civil disorder, social strife or disregard of the law."

The plan was drafted in response to a new set of history standards adopted by the College Board, a national panel that administers Advanced Placement programs.



Students stand on an overpass protesting against a Jefferson County School Board proposal to emphasize patriotism and downplay civil unrest in the teaching of U.S. history, in the Denver suburb of Littleton, Colo.

The curriculum gives more attention to minorities, Native Americans and early American history, before the arrival of Christopher Columbus. Supporters say it's also more focused on discussion and critical thinking as opposed to

memorization. Critics have said the new framework could place outsized emphasis on the nation's problems.

Witt said having more people discuss coursework will benefit students. "The goal is an effective

and broad review to make sure we have a fair and balanced curriculum," he said.

He added that the proposal could be revised with changes that include dropping the patriotism language. Witt also said the dis-

puted Advanced Placement history program could be eliminated entirely if the review board decides it's not appropriate for the district, pointing to recent actions in Texas where the state education board has voted to limit the influence of Advanced Placement classes over what it considers anti-American bias in the curriculum.

School administrators have taken a hands-off approach to the youth demonstrations and say they have no plans to punish participants. The next school board meeting is set for Oct. 2.

Vanessa Ridge, a 16-year-old at Dakota Ridge High School, joined those lining the pedestrian bridge Thursday.

She decided to protest for the second straight day after growing frustrated by a school meeting aimed at answering student concerns. She said officials couldn't offer any concrete answers about the future of the proposal.

She said her teachers have asked students whether they intend to participate, but none have instructed her to take part.

"My mom is very proud of me," Ridge said, "that I'm standing up for what I believe."

Out of the Darkness Walk to raise awareness of suicide

By ABIGAIL LOOP
STAFF WRITER

The Central Texas chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will hold its first Out of the Darkness Walk this weekend in Waco.

The walk, which will last from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, will take place at Brazos Park East.

Jennifer Warnick, the event co-

ordinator, said the purpose of this walk is to bring awareness to mental illness and suicide.

"You don't have to have lost someone to walk in this," Warnick said. "If you're suffering from depression or just want to support the cause, we're encouraging everyone."

Registration for the race is free and can be done online on the organization's website, www.afsp.org,

or on the day of the race.

Apart from the walk, Warnick said food and live music will also be available. A balloon release, where participants will write messages on balloons and release them into the sky, will also take place.

Warnick, who lost her mother to suicide, said this walk is something dear to her heart.

"People don't get the help they need and we want to give people

who are suffering the help that they need," she said. "My mom made it my mission."

Warnick said even if someone puts on a happy front, it does not mean he or she isn't suffering from depression.

"When someone commits suicide, many people will wonder why since they seemed so cheerful," she said. "There's a stigma surrounding suicide. People are scared of it and

don't want to ask for help."

According to the foundation's website, in 2011, there were 39,518 suicides that were reported in the United States, making suicide the 10th-leading cause of death for Americans—someone in the U.S. died by suicide every 13.3 minutes.

Claire Idell, Texas area director for the foundation, said this walk is expected to increase the community's awareness of suicide and

depression as well as help support research done by the foundation.

"This walk is not only going to raise awareness but we also want to raise funds for research," Idell said. "Donations can be given at the walk and we hope to have lots of participation."

Information about the walk can be found on the foundation's website or by contacting Jennifer Warnick at 512-661-9335.



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In this Jan. 30, 2014, file photo, Jaydon Yazzie, VanteJren Atene, and McKalette Clark ride home from Monument Valley High School in Monument Valley, Utah. The school must prepare its 216 students, who grow up amid the Navajo Nation's iconic red mesas, for success in the wider world.

Navajo Nation reaches \$554 million settlement with federal government

By FELICIA FONSECA
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FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — The Navajo Nation is poised to receive \$554 million from the federal government over allegations of mismanagement of tribal resources in the largest settlement of its kind for an American Indian tribe.

Much of the land on the sprawling reservation has been leased for uses such as farming, grazing, oil and gas development, mining and housing.

The leases once were largely overseen by the U.S. government, which mismanaged the revenue and failed to properly invest and account for it, according to the tribe.

U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is scheduled to visit Window Rock, Arizona, the Navajo Nation capital, to formalize the deal today.

She released a statement Thursday saying the agreement strengthens ties between the Navajo and U.S. governments and helps empower the tribe's communities.

Navajo officials hailed the settlement as a positive end to a long ordeal. President Ben Shelly, in a statement, called it "a victory for tribal sovereignty."

The tribe agreed to settle the case months ago but has been awaiting approval from federal agencies before the deal could be finalized. The Navajo Nation originally sought \$900 million when the

lawsuit was filed in 2006.

The 27,000-square-mile reservation is larger than any American Indian land base, and covers sections of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. Almost two-thirds of the 300,000 Navajos live on the reservation that has some of the most iconic landscapes in the Southwest and is rich in natural resources.

Public meetings will be held starting in October to seek community input on how the money should be spent, Navajo Nation Council Delegate Lorenzo Curley said. Some tribal members want the funds set aside for future generations or used for business development, he said.

Deswood Tome, an adviser to Shelly, said the money could help with housing, water, roads, power line extensions and other infrastructure needs. "There's a critical housing shortage on the Navajo Nation," Tome said.

About 70 percent of the roads on the reservation are unpaved, an estimated 16,000 families don't have electricity and many more don't have telephone service, water or natural gas services, according to the tribal utility provider.

Andrew Sandler, a Navajo Nation attorney, said the tribe has taken on much of the responsibility for leasing on its land. He said federal mismanagement of natural resource extraction prevented the tribe from receiving royalty payments it was due. He said federal officials also failed to appropriately

invest the proceeds from natural resource contracts.

The settlement "was a good result for all parties, an appropriate result for all parties," he said. "And it creates finality," Sandler said.

If further disputes arise with the federal government, the settlement outlines a resolution process.

The deal comes amid a flurry of similar, though smaller, settlements. The Navajo Nation settlement exceeds the next highest amount by \$170 million, Sandler said.

Tribes across the country have filed more than 100 breach-of-trust cases against the U.S. government. Since October 2010, the Obama administration has settled about 80 cases, totaling more than \$2 billion. The Interior Department said it is working to resolve cases with other tribes without going to trial.

Hundreds of thousands of Native Americans, meanwhile, received final cash payments last week in one of the largest settlements involving individual trust funds in U.S. history.

The \$3.4 billion Cobell settlement, named for Elouise Cobell of Browning, Montana, resolves a class action lawsuit over billions of royalties lost from the accounts of individual Indians.

Sandler called the Navajo and Cobell settlements "probably the two most important resolutions of claims against the U.S. government by American Indians or sovereign tribes."

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resolution to make the site a national monument, a group of people from the conservation association, Waco and Baylor decided to plan a trip to Washington, D.C.

"The support is being channeled to D.C. and the director of the park service," Goodman said. "I'm highly optimistic."

Suzanne Dixon, senior director of regional operations for the National Parks Conservation Association, said the partnership that was formed between the city of Waco, Baylor and the park service has been an effective approach in reaching the goal of the site achieving a national park status.

"I feel really confident about the site becoming a national monument," Dixon said. "The best thing was for the park service to lead with the city of Waco and Baylor."

Dixon said she expects that the significance of this site will have an effect on the people in D.C. "This is something that is of national significance," she said. "It's the first and only nursery herd. We need to tell that story."

Goodman said he thinks the park will put Waco on a national

scene as the site receives more support.

"Having backing from the local community and Baylor makes all this feasible," he said. "Bringing national recognition to this site is the piece of the puzzle that's missing."

Reagan King, director of the Waco Mammoth Site, agreed with Goodman and said the site would further economic growth in Waco as well.

"It would be an absolute boost in tourism," King said. "We've only been open for about five years and we receive on average about 19,000 visitors yearly."

While meetings with the Obama administration are planned for next month, Dixon said it is uncertain when a decision will be reached.

"It's hard to say when it will happen," she said. "The park service would have to come to Waco as the next step, but with the support of the city, a testament to the dedication of the Waco community can be seen. Once people see this powerful story and the public support that's shown, the impact can be seen."

Police from Page 1

Childers said. "It was a nice transition getting to be at Baylor for my last assignment as a U.S. Secret Service Agent providing protection for Former President Bush and Mrs. Bush."

Since he began his new position at Baylor, he said he's noticed some similarities between his federal work and higher education law enforcement.

"A main reason I chose higher education, especially Baylor, is that it parallels a lot of what's required in federal law enforcement," Childers said. "The idea of service, commitment, and dedication are at the forefront of both Baylor's and the U.S. Secret Service's philosophies."

According to the Baylor Police Department website, the department employs dozens of officers with a collective experience of over 300 years in the service.

"Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, officers with the Baylor Police Department respond to over 10,000 calls a year," according

to the website. "The department operates seven marked patrol vehicles on campus, a bicycle unit and a Criminal Investigation Division."

These accolades all point toward a common goal of uniting the community of Baylor law enforcement and those it serves to protect, Wigtil said.

"I'd love for our officers to engage in presentations on crime prevention that would be more accessible to students than it is now," He said. "We want to be able to provide more opportunities for students to get involved in what's going on around campus."

Childers said he and Wigtil are on the same page concerning what they want to be able to provide for the Baylor community.

"Community involvement is at the forefront of our priorities," Childers said. "Repackaging the image of public safety is something we're set on providing to the community. At the end of the day, our mission is to provide a safe environment for students and faculty."

Veto from Page 1

bill seemed to be a reaction to a national concern and not a Baylor concern.

Edwards said another concern was the lack of student opinion on the bill.

"That group was not consulted, but prescribed what they think," he said. "Students should have the opportunity to speak in on the process."

Woodville, Wash., senior Gannon McCahill wrote the bill and after the veto was announced, delivered a rebuttal calling for senators to remember the issue of safety.

"How are you supposed to calmly pull out your phone and dial 254-710-2222, a number most students hardly know, and calmly explain the situation and say your location?" he asked.

He said his stance is not that of a National Rifle Association member or gun owner, but of a concerned student. He urged the body to consider the bill as an alternative to what he said was the typical order of business, such as funding social events and campus improvements.

After the presentations by McCahill and Edwards, the floor was opened to Senate members for opinion.

Waco junior Forrest Davis is a junior senator and proponent of the bill. He urged the Senate to keep the conversation open.

"Let's talk about the issue," Forrest said. "We are elected to voice student opinion. Forget the additional noise and vote what your heart says."

Houston junior Pearson Brown said he disagreed.

"Passing this [veto] is the discussion," he said. "By going with the veto, we're keeping the conversation alive."

Beaumont senior Richard Horace said the issue with the bill was the lack of prior research.

"There is a need for more research on this issue," he said. "We must hear [students'] feedback. That warrants more discussion."

Woodville junior Kristyn Miller, external vice president, spoke on the issue of considering people outside of Baylor and what this decision could mean for the city.

"Write legislation with a community outlook," she said.

Because the veto by Edwards was supported by a majority of senators, the bill is considered dead. However, a new version of it can be written and would have to go through the same process as the previous one.

Deaf from Page 1

"Having a deaf person on staff really helps you understand the deaf view of education and of life in general," Johnson said. "When you're teaching a group of people and you're not in that group, it's really important that you have their perspective. By Baylor having deaf faculty in their program, it really allows deaf people to have input in the training of the people who are going to be working with their population and I think that's really important."

After Baylor, Johnson went on to receive her master's degree in literacy and English as a second language. She received a Ph.D. in higher education with her dissertation focusing on deaf children in community college.

"Now I work as the director of education at a nonprofit that benefits deaf and hard-of-hearing people," Johnson said. "I'm responsible for developing and implementing adult basic education curriculum for our deaf consumers as they come here."

Jennifer Bacak also had a passion for American Sign Language but entered Baylor on different terms. Bacak came to Baylor in 1993 as a communications disorders major before the deaf education program was implemented. She said one of the reasons she chose the track was because only speech majors could take American Sign Language, which she was interested in doing.

"I took ASL my very first semester with Lori Wrzesinski and she was my teacher all the way through," Bacak said. "She taught me to sign and I just ate it up. I picked it up quickly, I fell in love with it and I knew that I wanted to use it in some way."

Bacak said in her second semester of the language, a deaf student joined Baylor's campus and Bacak was hired as a social interpreter.

"They hired me during Welcome Week and other social events that she needed an interpreter for," Bacak said. "So I started interpreting really quickly and I really enjoyed it."

Bacak said she became fluent and was hired to interpret classes during her final years at



COURTESY ART BY JONATHAN TAN

Jessie Fox teaches a Honduran child how to sign. She works in Honduras with an organization called Signs of Love, teaching social skills and sign language to the deaf community.

Baylor, providing her more experience than most students studying communication disabilities would have at that point in their path.

"I became really capable as an interpreter so as soon as I graduated, I took my test and became a certified interpreter," Bacak said. "I didn't pursue graduate school because I already knew what I wanted to do."

After having two children, she and her husband decided to adopt. They adopted two children domestically and then Ella, a deaf child from Ghana who lived in extreme poverty.

"She was deprived of language her whole life," she said. "When we found her, she had very little language, but she's a really bright girl so she picked up ASL really quickly and I was able to teach her because of the skills I have, along with teaching my husband and my children, and now it's the language of our home."

Aside from adopting Ella, deaf culture and community have remained a part of Bacak's life, she said.

"We started a deaf church here in town and we minister to all of the deaf in the area," Bacak said. "We have deaf church every week and organize deaf socials and try to provide as much of

equality. that as we can. Our life is just really entrenched in the deaf world now."

Bacak said she got back in touch with Wrzesinski after all of this to thank her and share with her what a tremendous impact her teaching had on Bacak's life.

"Lori taught me to sign and without those skills, our life would look drastically different right now," Bacak said. "And Ella's life would look drastically different. I've seen parents really struggle to learn enough sign language to communicate with their child and I already have that ability because of my experience at Baylor."

In Honduras, Jessie Fox, a 2008 alumna, is using her knowledge from the program to change the lives of deaf individuals through an organization called Signs of Love.

"The deaf are treated poorly here," Fox said. "It can be anything from them being locked in a cage and having never worn clothes in their life, to just functioning as a household slave, or even just being ignored by everyone."

Fox said part of the Signs of Love organization's goal is just to spread awareness and to define the deaf to the community and their families and help the hearing realize the deaf community's

equality. "We try to empower the families and let them know that their child has value not only to society and to us, but that they are valued by God and that their lives mean something," she said.

When she first began to communicate with the deaf children, Fox said most had very little means of communication and those that did thought their role in society would never be greater than the duties of a household slave.

"A lot of our deaf kids here were never taught that their opinion matters and that their thoughts matter," Fox said. "We don't want them to just know how to ask for water, we want to know who they are and what their dreams are and to help them achieve them."

But before there was Signs of Love, Fox visited Honduras on a mission trip as a student at Baylor during her sophomore year where a seed for helping others was planted.

"That's one thing I really liked about Baylor," Fox said. "The general atmosphere of valuing people and having a heart for people was something that Baylor really instilled in me during my time there."

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Musical therapists, performers to grace Baylor stages

By ABIGAIL LOOP
STAFF WRITER

Baylor School of Music's 38th annual Lyceum Series will begin this fall and will offer the Waco and Baylor communities a greater insight into the world of music.

The free series, which will feature musical performers, musical therapists and lecturers, began Monday and will continue until March 3.

The series, which has occurred since 1976, is meant to provide an educational basis for participants, said Richard Veit, concert and promotional manager for the Baylor School of Music.

"There will be lectures, master classes and performances," Veit said. "Performers will work with Baylor music students during the master classes and some performers will give recitals. It's a combination."

Veit said although the musical guests who are a part of the series will be working with music students during the master classes, everyone is still invited to attend.

"It's open to anyone in the community," Veit said. "People can sit in on the master classes as well as watch the performances and hear the lectures."

The series will include a piano concert given by pianist Sara Daneshpour to a master class being taught by The Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quartet. Lectures will also be given by Carol Hess, a musicologist, and Alice-Ann Darrow, a music therapist.

Darrow is the next musical guest of the series and will perform at Baylor at 6 p.m. Oct. 6 in Meadows Recital Hall of the Glennis McCrary Music Building. The first event, which occurred on Sept. 22, featured early keyboard artist Tom Beghin, who gave a lecture to attendees.

Alfredo Colman, a chairman on the special events committee for the School of Music, said this series gives the community a chance to experience performances and classes they would not normally have access to.

"The best thing about this is that we get to hear fantastic performers who are coming to our campus," Colman said. "It's a great opportunity



Pianist Sara Daneshpour will be featured in the Baylor School of Music's Lyceum Series on Oct. 28 - 29. The free series, which started Monday and will run until March 3, is open to the Waco and Baylor communities and features lectures and performances from various professional musicians.

for Baylor and Waco. Instead of us going to New York or Europe, these performers are coming to our house.

Veit agreed with Colman and said the series lets Baylor's students experience the talents of great, professional musicians.

"This is a great opportunity to be able to see and hear world-class mu-

sicians right here on Baylor's campus," Veit said. "We are encouraging everyone to come."

More about the series can be found on the School of Music's website, www.baylor.edu/music, or by contacting Richard Veit at Richard_Veit@baylor.edu.

This Weekend In WACO

Today

Holly Tucker performance

Melody Ranch (2315 Robinson Drive)

The performance begins at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for guests 20 and younger, and \$7 for those 21 and older.

Saturday

Waco Wild West 100 Bicycle Tour

(Intersection of University Parks Drive & Washington Avenue)

The event is welcome to riders of all skill levels. Routes range from 10 to 100 miles, and start at 8 a.m. Registration will remain open from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m. and costs \$35 per person. Participants can also attend a pancake breakfast before the race from 6:30 to 9 a.m., as well as a bone marrow drive from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Today - Sunday

254 Dance Festival

Waco Convention Center (100 Washington Avenue)

The festival will celebrate contemporary dance, and will encourage local dancers to engage in the professional dance scene in Waco. The event is open to dancers and non-dancers alike. Visit www.wacoartsfest.org/schedule/254dance-festival/ for event details, pricing and scheduling.

Today - Sunday

Ink Life Tour

Waco Convention Center (100 Washington Avenue)

The national Ink Life Tour is making a stop in Waco. The event will feature tattoo artists from all over the world, as well as musical performances by local and national musicians, including Bone Thugs-n-Harmony. Day passes are \$25, weekend passes are \$40 and children 12 and under are free. Visit www.inklifetour.com/mobile/waco.html for more details.

Today - Sunday

Waco Cultural Arts Festival

Brazos Ballroom in the Waco Convention Center (100 Washington Avenue) & Indian Springs Park (downtown Waco Suspension Bridge)

The festival will feature musical and dance performances, art showcases and interactive activities. All events are free. Visit www.wacoartsfest.org for a complete schedule of events.

Saturday

Waco Downtown Farmers Market

(400 N. University Parks Drive)

The farmers market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and features food and goods from local vendors.

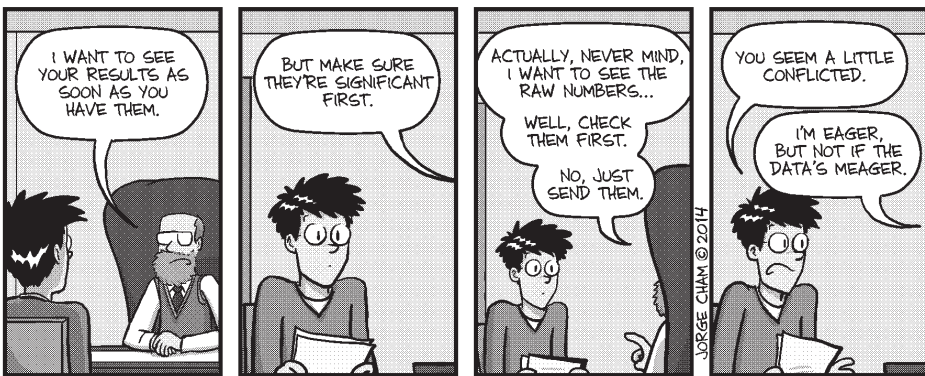
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Helicopters, airplanes and historic aircraft will be on display at the airshow. The airshow, featuring pilot Randy Ball and a MiG17 fighter aircraft, begins at 2 p.m. Guests can also enjoy attractions such as vendors, food and arts and crafts stations. Gates are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit www.heartoftexasairshow.com for ticket pricing and a list of all events.

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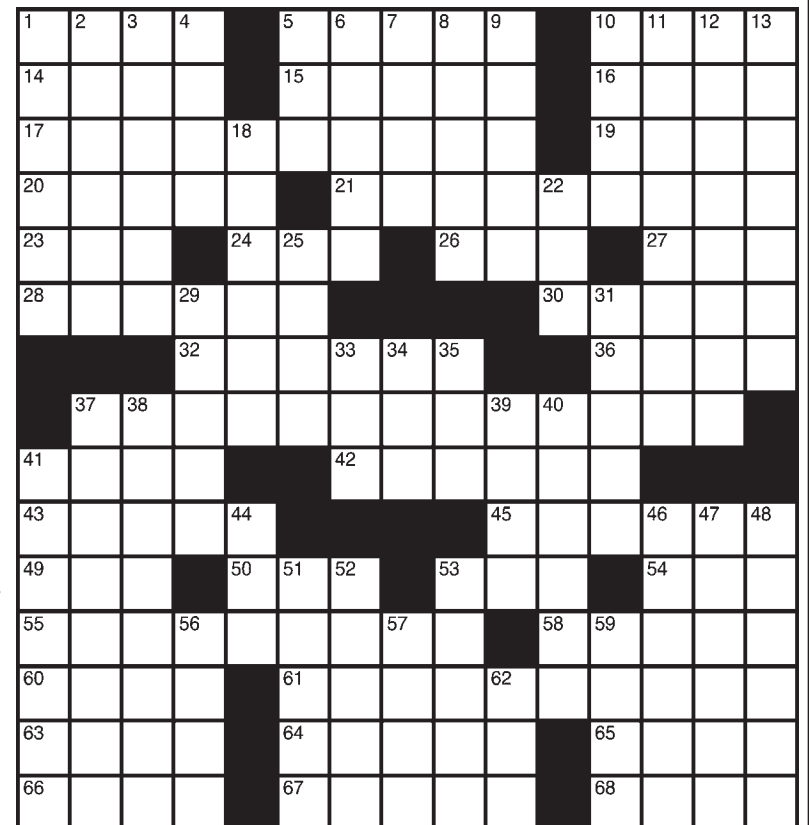
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- John of England
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- Something to grind
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- Early stage
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- Movie trailer?



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No. 7 Baylor prepares to knock wind out of Iowa State Cyclones

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

No. 7 Baylor football looks to keep its perfect season alive as it travels to Ames, Iowa in its first Big 12 conference game in 2014 to face Iowa State tomorrow. This game will be a big test for Baylor after outscoring its first three opponents 178-27 in non-conference play.

"We are extremely excited to start playing in conference," senior offensive tackle Spencer Drango said. "I think it's another mindset when we get into Big 12 play. This is what determines the Big 12 championship."

Baylor (3-0) and Iowa State (1-2) both had a bye week and were able to rest after each team traveled to its first road games on Sept. 13.

The Bears took a convincing 63-21 win over Buffalo in New York on Sept. 13. Senior quarterback Bryce Petty was 23-for-34 on pass completions and threw for four touchdowns in his first game back from a spinal injury he suffered during the season opener against SMU.

"As good as he was that game, I thought it was the best half that I've seen him play, without question," head coach Art Briles said.

Baylor's wide receivers led the offense with 480 receiving yards in Buffalo and currently rank third in the FBS rankings. Petty commended the wide receivers on their team-oriented playing and unselfishness on the field.

"It makes the offensive side of the game fun because you have guys that are willing to share. They do a great job in supporting each other," Petty said. "I get to pick my poison because we have guys that can go get a ball and break it at any given time. The cards are in our hands, even more so than before because KD Cannon and Da-



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Sophomore running back Devin Chafin runs from an Iowa State defender during a 71-7 win on Oct. 19, 2013 in Waco. The Bears play the Cyclones in Ames, Iowa on Saturday.

vion Hall have done a great job and will continue to do so."

The Bears dominated the Cyclones in Waco last year, taking the game 71-7 and posting at least 14 points every quarter during their annual homecoming game. The Baylor defense suffocated the Cyclones and limited them to an astounding nine first downs in the game.

Iowa State's only win so far this season is a 20-17 thriller over in-state rival Iowa on Sept. 13. In the game, quarterback Sam B. Richardson passed for 255 yards and two touchdowns in the clutch victory for the Cyclones.

Kicker Cole Netten nailed a 42-yard field goal to put the game away with two seconds left in the game.

However, Iowa State dropped its season opener to North Dakota State and a 32-28 decision to No. 25 Kansas State in its first Big 12 game earlier this season.

Briles said every conference opponent is going to be a challenge for the team, first starting with Iowa State.

"We have 10 quality Big 12 football teams, and they're certainly one of them," Briles said. "They're an extremely well coached team. As they are with their record right now, they could very easily be 3-0. So we have a tremendous amount of respect for their staff, [Iowa State coach Paul] Rhoads and his staff, and their football program."

Briles and the Bears head into Saturday's game with a 6-6 all-time series record

against the Cyclones and trail the series 4-2 in Ames.

"They're always a really good football team that plays extremely hard and that really plays with a lot of confidence and a lot of purpose," Briles said.

With one road game behind them, Baylor looks to continue being America's top offense, with an average of 59.3 points per game.

"Going there with the mindset that we are going to have to play with distractions and learning how to maintain and cope with the distractions are the biggest things for us," offensive tackle Jason Osei said. "We have to focus small and everything else is going to play out from there."

Baylor's defense looks to continue its dominant ways in Ames. So far this season, the Bears are only allowing an average of 9.0 points per game.

"We have something out there. I certainly don't think we've peaked, which is encouraging on both sides of the ball," Briles said. "We're going to get better from what we were and what we are. But we've got to do our job on the field, which is starting this Saturday in Ames."

Baylor will look to defend its first Big 12 title in school history this weekend and bring home its first win in Ames since 2005. A win will not only continue the Bears' chances of another championship, but also a chance at a college playoff berth.

"At the end of the day, if you win, you've got a chance to get in. I don't think there is such thing as a good loss or a bad win," Briles said. "All that is way down the road and will be decided by somebody besides us. But we've got to do our job on the field, which is starting this Saturday in Ames."

No. 7 Baylor will play Iowa State in Ames at 7:20 p.m. at Jack Trice Stadium. The game will be nationally broadcast on FOX.

Behind enemy lines

Five notes about ISU

By BEAU BERKLEY
IOWA STATE DAILY
SPORTS EDITOR

1. After a lackluster season in 2013, Iowa State parted ways with five position coaches and tragically lost defensive line coach Curtis Bray when he passed away after suffering a pulmonary embolism. The Cyclones came into 2014 with a revamped staff headlined by offensive coordinator Mark Mangino, who coached Kansas to an Orange Bowl victory in 2009.

2. The ISU defense is led by defensive end Cory Morrissey, who leads the Big 12 in sacks with 3.5. Two weeks ago against Iowa, Morrissey notched 7.5 tackles and two sacks while going up against All-American tackle Brandon Scherff.

3. Kicker Cole Netten is also coming off a hot performance against Iowa. In the first half, Netten drilled a 47-yard field goal, the longest of his career, and then put the game away with a 42-yard game winner in the fleeting seconds of the fourth quarter.

4. After an injury-riddled season in 2013, quarterback Sam Richardson has improved under Mangino's tutelage. Richardson has completed 66 passes for 591 yards and three touchdowns. Richardson also leads the team in rushing, which has been a sore spot for the Cyclones so far this season.

5. Quenton Bundrage, Iowa State's leading receiver heading into the season, tore his ACL in the first quarter of the first game, opening the door for true freshman Allen Lazard. Lazard, a highly touted four-star recruit from Urbandale, Iowa, leads the team with 143 receiving yards.

This weekend in the Big 12

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

No. 25 Kansas State (2-1) vs. UTEP (2-1)

UTEP will travel to Manhattan, Kan., to face No. 25 Kansas State on Saturday morning in Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

UTEP defeated New Mexico State 42-24 on its home turf, where running back Aaron Jones ran for 168 yards and scored two touchdowns on Sept. 13. Jones has rushed for more than 100 yards in all three games this season.

On Sept. 18, Kansas State took a tough 20-14 loss to No. 5 Auburn after many failed offensive drives and field goal attempts. In the loss, quarterback Jake Waters had 245 passing yards but had two interceptions to avoid a Wildcat comeback in crucial moments.

UTEP and Kansas State will face off at 11 a.m.

TCU (2-0) at SMU (0-3)
TCU will travel less than 50

miles at 11 a.m. Saturday for its first road game of the season and face SMU at Gerald J. Ford Stadium in Dallas on Saturday morning.

TCU won 30-7 over Minnesota on Sept. 13. The Horned Frogs had 427 total offensive yards and used its 258 passing yards to cruise to its second consecutive win at home. Quarterback Trevone Boykin threw for 258 yards and two touchdowns and also led the team with 92 rushing yards during the game.

SMU suffered a disastrous 58-6 loss against No. 6 Texas A&M at home and are winless on the season. In the loss to the Aggies, SMU's only points came from kicker Cody Rademacher.

The game will be broadcast on the CBS Sports Network.

Texas (1-2) at Kansas (1-2)

Texas looks to bounce back and secure a Big 12 win as it travels to Lawrence, Kan., at 3 p.m. Saturday to face Kansas in Memorial Sta-

dium on Saturday afternoon.

Texas comes into Saturday's game with two consecutive losses that include No. 12 UCLA on Sept. 13. Quarterback Tyrone Swoopes threw for 196 yards and two touchdowns, but the Longhorn defense couldn't hold the lead and dropped the game in the fourth quarter. Running back Malcolm Brown only posted 69 rushing yards, and the Longhorns totaled 196 offensive yards in the loss.

Kansas rolled past Central Michigan 24-10 last Saturday in its second home game of the season. Quarterback Montell Cozart led the Jayhawks with 226 passing yards and threw for two touchdowns and one interception. Kansas also threw for 24-of-34 pass completions in the win. The Jayhawk defense allowed only three third down conversions for Central Michigan and forced three turnovers.

Texas and Kansas will kick off at 3 p.m. on FOX Sports 1.

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