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A work in progress

Houston senior Kaleia Marsden adds detail to her colorful piece in professor and artist-in-residence, Karl Umlauf's advanced painting class. Students create a variety of paintings throughout the semester.

Book worms' paradise hits expo center

By HANNAH NEUMANN
STAFF WRITER

Every year for nearly 25 years, Baylor alumnus Kim Gorum has waited in line with thousands of community members for his chance to delve into his favorite world.

First an attendee and now a volunteer at the annual Friends of the Waco-McLennan County Library book sale, his passion for reading and respect for the event have only grown through the years.

The free-admission event, which is held at the Extraco Events Center, started Thursday and runs until 9 p.m., Sunday, with over 110,000 sorted books, DVDs, CDs and more, and various special events throughout the weekend. Gina Ford, vice president of the event, said it's volunteers like Gorum that make the weekend possible.

“We start on Monday morning with forklifts and a team of gentlemen that come in and move all of the boxes,” she said. “It's men like Kim that actually do the labor of moving the boxes, getting the books on the tables, getting them appropriately set and they are a piece of the pie that is absolutely important and necessary in order to have this ready for Thursday morning.”

Gorum said though he's had a love for reading his entire life, he began collecting books as a student at Baylor, and now owns nearly 10,000.

“I've been collecting books since I was in college,” he said. “It's sort of a sickness, you know, once you've got it, you're going to have it always. There is no cure. So no matter where I went, I was always looking for good and used bookstores.”

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BU student refuses to let diabetes hold her back

By REBECCA FLANNERY
STAFF WRITER

November is American Diabetes Month. This effort put forth by the American Diabetes Association is meant to spread awareness of the life-changing, life-threatening disease.

Nearly 30 million children and adults in the United States have diabetes, according to the ADA website. Several students and faculty on campus



Beene

have dealt with the disease and have become accustomed to living a difficult lifestyle in order to stay healthy. Every Friday this month, The Lariat will publish a personal account of diabetes to illustrate the impact of the ever-growing disease.

This week, Mexia sophomore Blair Beene sat down and spoke about her experience with juvenile diabetes, otherwise known as Type 1 Diabetes.

When and how were you diagnosed?

It's kind of a funny story. I was 10 years old at the time, and my dad had promised me anything I wanted if I went to the doctor to check out my symptoms. Well, one of the side effects of diabetes is a severely dry

mouth; I was thirsty all the time. As we were leaving the doctor's office, I saw a Pepsi vending machine. I looked at my dad and reminded him he said I could have whatever I wanted, so he bought me a Pepsi.

When we got home, the doctor called to tell him my results. Apparently my blood sugar levels read at 719 – and that was before the soda. The highest it's ever supposed to be is 150. My dad put down the phone and thought he had done the worst thing in the world giving me that soda. He rushed me to a hospital in Dallas, originally an hour and 45 minute drive, which turned in to an hour-long drive. When we got there,

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A Step Out Walk was held in Philadelphia on Saturday with America's Diabetes Challenge spokesperson S. Epatha Merkerson to urge people with type 2 diabetes to pledge to know their A1C number and share tips on better managing the condition.

Student Senate votes for officers to remain in place

By REUBIN TURNER
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

In its longest meeting of the 62nd session, student senators voted yesterday not to remove two senior class officers and a student senator from office, based on charges regarding attendance brought against them by the Senate Executive Council.

Woodinville, Wash., senior Gannon McCahill, New Orleans senior Amando Franco-Dominick and Rockwall senior Forrest Davis III were all up for removal.

According to the Student Senate's governing documents, senators are allowed up to two unex-

cused absences in a semester. After five unexcused absences, the senators are called before the Senate Executive Council.

“Since the proceedings took place during an executive session, we can't comment on the nature of the requests for resignation,” said Port Barre sophomore Lindsey Bacque, public relations chair for the internal vice-president.

Franco-Dominick said, however, attendance was the principal cause of the charges brought against the officers and senator.

“Those called into questions were notified last week by email

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SKYE DUNCAN | LARIAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Woodinville, Wash., senior Gannon McCahill listens during a Student Senate meeting in which his potential removal was voted on. No officers were dismissed from the Senate

Nurse infected with Ebola says staff needs more training

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ATLANTA — A nurse who was infected with Ebola after treating a sick patient said she didn't have enough training beforehand on how to protect herself.

“The first time that I put on the protective equipment, I was heading in to take care of the patient,” Amber Vinson told NBC's “Today” show in an interview broadcast Thursday.

Vinson was one of the more than 70 medical personnel who were involved in the care of Thomas Eric Duncan at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas. After being sent home from the emergency room Sept. 26, Duncan returned two days later and was quickly diagnosed with the virus. He died Oct. 8.

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Unchained: Don't let your doggies wander

Editorial

To leash or not to leash?

This is a question that has sparked debate among people for years. For many, it is hard to imagine that your sweet, snugly dog could ever show any aggression. For the most part your pup comes when called and you can't see how any person in their right mind would be uncomfortable around dogs. Why shouldn't your four-legged friend have the privilege of running free until its little heart is content? Simply put: Baylor is not a dog park.

First and foremost, it's against the law in the city of Waco and against Baylor policy. A full list of Baylor's on-campus pet policy can be found online.

With the addition of green space on campus and the increase in college students fostering and adopting, the number of off-leash dogs seems to have increased. For those who stick to the leash laws, being in an area where dogs are wandering unrestrained can be extremely stressful.

The scenario goes like this: One dog is on the leash minding its own business when the owner notices another pooch headed in their direction.

The dog on its way over is off leash and its owner is somewhere behind, calling for it to come back. The dog doesn't listen, as it is bound and determined to check out the on-leash dog.

If you are the owner of the tethered dog, a multitude of thoughts begin to run through your head.

Be nice. Can I scare this dog off? Is that a friendly sniff? Which tail positioning means they are uncomfortable? Oh Lord,

the hair on the back of their necks is at attention! Please don't bite that dog! If they get in a fight, should I get in the middle?

Then the dog's owner yells, "My dog is friendly!"

While this may be true, the other dog may not be as inviting. It is important to understand that not every dog does well in puppy play groups. That doesn't make it a bad dog, it just means that it likes to walk alone.

Even if they are both historically sociable, the dogs could sniff each other wrong and decide it is tussle time, or they may agree they love each other so much they must immediately begin playing chase at full speed.

Either way, it doesn't end well for the owner that gets tangled up in the leash.

When a dog is under the control of its biped, meaning the pup is on a leash, it is less likely to get into something it's not supposed to. Even on a campus as well kept as Baylor, there is always the chance that during an off-leash romp-and-roll a dog will get curious.

It may eat something it's not supposed to, fall into a hole, get tangled in a bee hive, drink from a puddle of polluted stagnant water or eat a dead animal. Plus, there are always glass, thorns or fencing that a dog can get caught up in.

And what happens if he encounters a skunk outside of the Castellaw Communications Center? For the sake of your dog and your vet bill, keep the little explorer on a leash.

While keeping Fido unrestrained can end in poor results for himself or other dogs, it can also take its toll on unwilling bystanders.



Not everyone is physically able to withstand a dog jumping on or running into them, even if it's a nice one. Children and the elderly are especially at risk, as they are more vulnerable to being knocked down and accidentally getting scratched up.

Often times, dogs may feel threatened by runners on the Bear Trail or they may simply cross paths with an unfamiliar person. Because every dog is unpredictable to an extent, it is impossible to ensure the

safety of other humans.

People have the right to walk or lounge in public without being confronted by loose dogs, but dog owners do not have the right to let their canines run free.

In Texas, a dog owner is held liable for any injuries sustained if the injury was caused by the negligence of the person handling the dog, the intentional acts of the handler, a violation of an animal control law (e.g., the leash law) or the owner

knew the dog has shown aggression or bitten someone before.

An owner has an absolute duty to protect others from the dog.

While this can seem harsh, it is meant to protect both the public and the dog from negative consequences. As friendly as a dog may seem, when it perceives a threat or is provoked in some way, it can be very dangerous.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each year more than 800,000 Americans are required to seek medical attention for injuries caused by dogs.

On a lighter note, as foreign as it may seem to some, there are people who just don't like dogs. They don't want to have dog hair on their perfectly laundered pants, slobber disgusts them and they find no joy in the sweet smell of puppy breath. Even these people deserve respect.

There are a number of parks where dogs can enjoy off leash playtime and owners who are comfortable around dogs and accept the responsibility of any incident can congregate.

Being a responsible dog owner is more than just supplying the chow, flooding your house with snazzy chew toys and debating potty training techniques.

Owning a dog means you have to understand that all dogs are unpredictable and accept responsibility for anything that may occur, even if provoked.

If you can't be a conscientious dog owner and also obey the law, maybe you should get a hedgehog or a turtle.

Overall, keeping your pouch on a leash protects you, your dog and everyone else around you.

Shopping isn't a woman thing

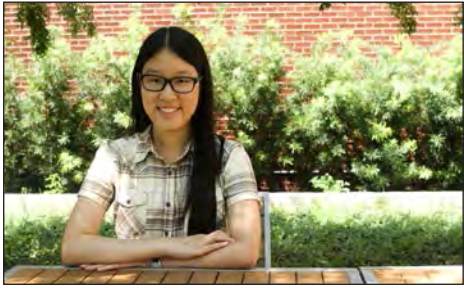
In a studying abroad briefing session at Baylor, I heard this from a female student who went to Japan this summer.

"Tokyo is the best place for shopping," she said. "You will love it, girls."

Of course it was not the first time I came across this kind of promotion, but I still felt a bit awkward. Compared to shopping malls, foods, natural sceneries and local customs of a place intrigue me more. I'm female but I don't like shopping as much as I should.

By saying should, I mean women portrayed in dramas, magazines and commercials. In "Friends," my favorite sitcom, Monica lost her mind when she saw beautiful boots. Rachel and Phoebe had to help Ross buy clothes because guys were just too bad at shopping. Also in TV advertisements, it is always women who stand behind supermarket carts and get excited when things go on sale. Is this image really what women are and what girls should be?

This stereotype has been around for very long. Nowadays, most people still hold the belief that shopping is a girl thing and all girls like shopping. Nei-



ther way is true.

It's probably a fact that most women enjoy shopping. But it's another fact that in this consumer society, most humans like buying things, only in different ways. A recent BI Intelligence report indicates that men are more likely to shop on mobile devices. Twenty-two percent of U.S. men made a purchase on their smartphones in 2013, compared to 18 percent of women. Among teenagers, a higher percentage of males said they shop at websites like Amazon and eBay than females.

In addition to the difference in shopping patterns, another reason you see more women than men in the store is their caregiving role in the family. More women than men are given the responsibility to take care of other family members. Therefore, managing the budget, going to the grocery store and getting what the whole family needs are their daily jobs. Not every mom loves to shop, but every mom has to.

I'm worried that the stereotypical image is reinforcing itself by influencing young women. Many girls see the enthusiasm for shopping as a natural and even indispensable attribute of females. They believe fashion and nice appearance always go together with a love for shopping. Under peer pressure, the minority are sometimes too ashamed to say they actually don't want to go the mall.

Girls don't need to be crazy about shopping to be a confident and nice-looking woman. For some women, including me, shopping is just one small part of daily life. When we need clothes and makeup, we go to buy some, the same way as when we need medicine we go to the pharmacy. We don't hate it, but we don't love it. There are just too many things in life that are more enjoyable than shopping.

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The Lariat Challenge

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Student government should focus on legacy, not absences

Just a few weeks ago, Student Senator Gannon McCahill created some controversy in student government by proposing a concealed carry on-campus bill, which was promptly vetoed by Student Body President Dominic Edwards. This week, McCahill was back in the spotlight after being asked to resign by the Senate Executive Council, a powerful group of senators that meets behind closed doors to decide on disciplinary issues for student government members.



Why? McCahill had eight absences, four more than the acceptable amount. Once a senator is marked for more than four absences, he or she is called before the executive council to receive disciplinary actions.

Five other people – three senators and two senior class officers – were called into the executive council as well for absences. Two were given light penalties, and three others were asked to resign.

Why such a crusade to force so many people out of student government? It's not clear, because the executive council does not take minutes or allow outsiders into meetings. Reporters were also removed from the full senate debate over these members' absences, due to a rule called "executive session." Executive session is a rule invoked by senators when they want to close all debate to the public.

Looking closer at McCahill's absences, you can hardly conclude that they were out of laziness. As McCahill explained, four of the absences (two senate meetings) were due to family weddings in Boston and California, and another absence was imposed because McCahill missed the social student government retreat. Why? He was traveling to the Baylor-UT football game, a trip planned last April. The Student Government retreat date was not announced until this semester.

Technically, these reasons are not explicitly excused under Senate bylaws, but Chapter I §13.2 maintains that other excuses can be approved by a majority vote of the executive council. It's distressing that the executive council viewed family weddings as an insufficient excuse for absence and sought to kick McCahill out of Student Government and ban him from running again.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, when the executive council voted to ask McCahill to resign, they were under the impression he had 10 absences – an incorrect number. Lawren Kinghorn, president of Student

Senate, admitted to McCahill via email that a mistake had been made, but McCahill said Kinghorn refused to allow a revote by the executive council based on the corrected number, despite the mistake.

Kinghorn told McCahill that the mistake was a clerical error and acknowledged the vote was based on incorrect information. Even still, Kinghorn said that "a new vote cannot occur."

Fortunately, the full Student Senate voted Thursday evening and to allow McCahill to remain in student government. Student Senate also refused to force the resignations of two Senior Class Officers, defying the recommendations of the executive council.

But it is still disappointing that a select few powerful senators sacrificed accuracy for stubbornness and understanding for power. It would have been far better for the executive council to have tried to find common ground with McCahill and the class officers and work toward a mutually agreeable solution to their absences, given the circumstances.

Maybe the list of excuses should be expanded. After all, do we really want to force students to suspend family obligations when getting involved in Student Senate? Or maybe the punishments should be made more consistent, to avoid the appearance of favoritism affecting the decision.

In an interview with the Lariat last semester, Kinghorn said her slogan was "Leaving a Legacy." Let's try to leave the legacy of a respectable student government that gives fair treatment and respect to all senators, rather than taking a hard-nosed approach of retribution. Let's focus on making Baylor a better place, not trying to kick people out.

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Correction

In the Nov. 6 article "Student takes on task of intercession," Georgetown freshman Audrey Hamlin's name was spelled incorrectly. This has been fixed in the online article.

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Forum to teach students ethics

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Baylor's Hankamer School of Business is now offering more interactive seminars for the Baylor community and competitions for Baylor business students in the ninth annual Dale P. Jones Business Ethics Forum.

The forum, titled "Leading with Ethics", started Tuesday and will continue until next Friday.

Students, faculty, alumni and business leaders will discuss ethics together, and will also have an interactive event opened to the public to join in on the forum and learn more about the business world.

According to the Ethics Resource Center, observed misconduct in the business world is down

for the third report in a row and is now at a historic low, and the decline in misconduct is widespread.

Dr. Mitchell Neubert, the Hazel and Harry Chavanne Chair of Christian Ethics in Business, is a coordinator of the forum.

Neubert said the forum was created nine years ago for the purpose of allowing Baylor business students to learn, interact and compete with one another about major ethical issues occurring in the business world today.

The forum features a variety of guest speakers, panels, luncheons and two important student competitions.

"In the competitions, the teams will analyze business ethics in certain cases for judges, who will be made up of business professionals, alumni and faculty," Neubert

said. "It's really great to get alumni involved and also see the students compete."

Neubert said the first student competition is today amongst Baylor teams with approximately 100 students are competing.

The teams will be put into different leagues, and the winner of each league will receive \$1,000.

The second competition, the MBA National Case Competition, will take place next Friday on Baylor's campus and bring teams from across the nation to compete.

"There will be one Baylor team competing against eleven other teams across the nation, one even coming from Canada for the second time," Neubert said. "The winning team will receive a \$5000 prize."

While the competitions and

luncheons are closed to the public, the forum will have two free seminars next week that are open to the Baylor community.

Jeff Reeter, a managing partner with Northwestern Mutual, will speak next Thursday and Phyliss Hendry, CEO of Lead Like Jesus, will host an interactive seminar on Friday.

Anne Grinols, assistant dean for faculty development and college initiatives, is another coordinator for the forum and said they are hoping to draw more people in by having more interactive seminars.

"Each year we try to make a variety of events appeal more to the students," Grinols said. "This year is more interactive. It gives students a chance to see things outside the classroom and learn new



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In this Nov. 15, 2013, file photo, the winners of the Baylor Ethics Forum MBA Case Competition Awards are announced.

things about the business world."

Grinols said that Baylor has been teaching students with ethics for a long time as an important topic and the forum reflects this by what it offers.

"I find that learning comes best by actually experiencing," he said.

AsianFest looks to leave its mark on culture, awareness

By SERGIO LEGORRETA
REPORTER

Two nights of activities showcasing Asian culture will begin today at Baylor's annual AsianFest, presented by the Asian Students Association.

AsianFest events include a culture and pageant show and a banquet featuring guest speaker Jeff Yang, the "Tao Jones" columnist for the Wall Street Journal.

The theme for this year's AsianFest is "Leaving Your Mark." Tulsa, Okla., senior Bryan Jan, ASA president, said the theme inspired the new "Legacy Tree" which will be included at the events.

Students will be able to tie ribbons to the tree with something written on them that they want to leave as a legacy to others.

"It's about leaving something behind that you can be proud of," Jan said.

The AsianFest Culture Show will feature dances, skits and musical performances by various student groups and organization.

Food for the banquet will be provided by Baylor Catering and will feature Asian dishes including

AsianFest culture show:

- 7:30 p.m. today in Waco Hall
- Admission is free

AsianFest pageant show:

- 8:30 p.m. today in Waco Hall
- Admission is free

AsianFest Banquet:

- 7:30 p.m. Saturday
- Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.
- Tickets are \$10
- Can be purchased at the culture show or at the door

and Student Government. This year's theme was also taken into consideration when deciding on a speaker for the banquet.

Jan said Yang would be a good fit as a speaker, serving as an inspiration to others because of his success as a journalist.

Yang will speak about the changing role Asian Americans have in media and entertainment. Citing the success of figures like basketball star Jeremy Lin and author Amy Chua.

Yang will explain what the future holds as Asian Americans increasingly step into the spotlight and popular culture. Yang's son, Hudson, is part of this shift, as he will star in the second Asian American family comedy in network primetime history, "Fresh Off the Boat."

Waco sophomore Richard Nguyen, historian for ASA, said the media plays an important role in how people view one another.

"Traditionally, the media has focused on predominantly white families," Nguyen said. "We need

more representation, and not just focus on one group."

Nguyen said AsianFest is a good way for people to learn about Asian culture and get rid of stereotypes. He said stereotypes are a double-edged sword, because they might have information about a culture, but they are largely superficial.

"If people come and learn, they will at least have something to base it off of," Nguyen said. "Asia is a humongous continent. There are the Pacific Islanders, mainland China and Southeast Asia. People generalize these by what's predominantly expressed in media. People don't see it, so they don't notice it, so they don't acknowledge it."

Waco junior Rhannie Surel, social chair for ASA, said that he deals with stereotypes every day, and even positive ones are problematic.

"Asians are good at math— does that make me a bad Asian if I'm not good at it?" Surel said. "It's a lose-lose situation no matter what, because people have this expectation

Culture show groups:

- Vietnamese Students Association
- Filipino Students Association
- Japanese Students Association
- Indian Subcontinent Students Association
- Korean Students Association
- Alpha Kappa Delta Phi
- Tae Kwon Do Club
- Asian Music Students
- Latin Dance Society
- J Squared
- Sornum Taal

Houston freshman Camille De Los Santos said sometimes people get confused because her last name is Spanish but she is Asian.

"It's because of the Spanish

colonization of the Philippines," De Los Santos said. "It's a common misconception."

Another contestant, Brownsville freshman Sarahi Garcia, is Hispanic but decided to join ASA because she became interested in Asian culture after befriending someone from the Philippines. Garcia said her experiences at ASA have been positive, and everyone has been very welcoming.

Garcia wanted to join an organization of a different culture when coming to college, as she had found it valuable to learn about Turkish culture in high school.

Nine contestants will compete in the AsianFest Pageant, which Jan said is about more than just beauty.

The contestants will be asked to speak about issues that are important to them and be judged on different categories by four judges.

"The pageant winner will be a student who well represents what it means to be a student—being involved, having a strong issue to speak about," Jan said.

Police capture suspect

By REBECCA FLANNERY
STAFF WRITER

Baylor police arrested a man Wednesday about eight blocks from campus in connection with reported thefts from multiple residence halls.

In conjunction with the Waco Police Department, Baylor police investigators have been working criminal cases against the suspect based on reported thefts in Penland Hall, Martin Hall and Brooks Flats, according to a Baylor Alert email.

"Investigators conducted interviews and positively identified the suspect as the individual who had entered the residence halls," according to the email.

Baylor Police Capt. Danny Knight said the suspect was transported to McLennan County Jail on warrants issued by Waco police, and the suspect was charged with two counts of burglary of a habitation and theft. The suspect is still in custody, Knight said.

"The Baylor Police Department is seeking additional charges for the offenses committed on the Baylor campus," according to a press release from the university.

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The remaining portrait sessions are for all classes, including seniors.

Books from Page 1

Always searching for the next best book, he knew the sale was something he needed to attend, when he first heard about it, 25 years ago.

“What drew me to this book sale back then was that they pulled out some of the more interesting books, rather than the most valuable,” he said. “The ones they thought would appeal to a lot of people, they would auction off. And every year they continue to add new features and mini sales within the sale.”

Gorum said for 25 years, he has yet to attend the sale and leave empty-handed. This year’s event is the 52nd annual, with an expected guest list of nearly 5 thousand.

“Every year I come out here and I find something really interesting,” he said. “I try to come out without any expectations. If you come here looking for something in particular, or something rare, you’re going to be disappointed if you just come looking for that. But if you just come out, you’ll be running out of money before running out of books you’d like to have.”

After 20 years as an attendee, Gorum said he wanted to do more for the event that had given him so much.

“They’ve been collecting and pricing for months and months, you know it’s basically a year-long thing,” he said. “It’s not as if I did some big thing. It’s just that they always need help putting up tables and busting open all the boxes and they pretty much have to have an army of people to get it all done and I found that was an area I could help.”

Gorum said for him, reading has always been a way to see more of the world.

“In my generation, reading was more important, because knowledge of the world wasn’t really received knowledge, you know, you had to go out and look for it,” he said. “And books were where you found it. Now so much of our knowledge is received. We have 24 hour news channels and the net makes knowledge pretty ubiquitous, but it wasn’t always that way and so I just fell in love with reading.”

Ford said all of the books for the sale are donated by community members and other local libraries that don’t host their own sales, and that they strongly encourage Baylor students to donate used textbooks at the end of each semester.

“We will be having roll cart bins outside of several of the dorms each semester, including Brooks, Penland and Collins, so that if they have textbooks they are finished with, they can donate them to us instead of just throwing them away or leaving them dusty on a bookshelf,” she said.

President of the event, Kenneth Moerbe, said he believes libraries and reading are essential parts of a flourishing community.

“The library budget for the city of Waco is a little over three and a half million, and with the funds we raise at the sale, we can contribute somewhere between 75 to 100 thousand,” he said. “It’s a small part, but for folks that really need books, it’s a real benefit.”



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Dr. Cindy Riemenschneider, Professor & Assoc. Dean for Research and Faculty Development, browses the children’s books on Thursday at the Friends of the Library Book Sale in the Extraco Events Center.

Senate from Page 1

that the Senate Executive Council was requesting our resignation,” Franco-Dominick said.

When the item came up on the agenda regarding removal from office charges, a motion was made and seconded from the floor to move into an executive session, allowing only elected members of student government remain in the room.

A member then made a motion to suspend the rules and allow members of the student government to stay as well, which passed with a majority.

According to the Student Senate bylaws, the president of the Student Senate has the right to decide what constitutes an excused and an unexcused absence. In some cases, a majority vote by the council can also cause an absence to be excused.

Any student who wishes to remain in office upon the resignation request must go before the Student Senate for consideration. The senate will then vote on whether or not to remove the officer or senator from office.

Ebola from Page 1

“We didn’t have excessive training where we could don and doff, put on and take off the protective equipment, till we got a level of being comfortable with it,” Vinson said. “I didn’t have that, and I think that’s very important for hospitals across the nation, big and small.”

Vinson flew Oct. 13 on a commercial jet from Cleveland to Dallas, one day before feeling the first symptoms of her virus. She said in the interview Thursday that she monitored her temperature and checked in with health officials before flying. She said reports that she felt sick while traveling were false.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta has acknowledged that Vinson wasn’t stopped from fly-

ing. CDC Director Tom Frieden later said that was a mistake on the agency’s part.

“I would never go outside of guidelines or boundaries or something directly from the CDC telling me I can’t go (or) I can’t fly,” Vinson said in the interview.

Vinson attended to Duncan on Sept. 30, the day he tested positive for Ebola, according to medical records that Duncan’s family released to The Associated Press. Like another nurse who became infected, Nina Pham, the reports note that Vinson wore protective gear and a face shield, hazardous materials suit, and protective footwear. At the time, Duncan’s body fluids were highly infectious if someone made contact with them. At one point, Vinson inserted a catheter into Duncan.



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Diabetes from Page 1

the doctors were shocked at how high my levels were, but since all my vitals checked out, they were confident I was OK.

Since then, how has your life been affected by the disease?

Well, I grew up pretty fast at 10 years old. I didn’t want to depend on a nurse to give me shots, I didn’t want to depend on others, so I became responsible to do that myself. I had to look at the carbs in food, take shots, and drink diet soda. What kid does that at age 10?

The first few months were the hardest. It’s what the doctors call the “honeymoon period.” During that time, you just don’t know what amounts of insulin affect you as much as others. You have to learn what you feel like when you’re too high and too low.

What are the differences between feeling too high and too low?

Well, either way you don’t feel like yourself. When I’m too high, I tend to get really lethargic, I don’t have any saliva and I get tired. When I’m too low, I start to slur my words and get dazed and confused.

It was always really hard to monitor when I played tennis. I used to lose to kids who I knew I could beat simply because my

blood sugar would raise and I couldn’t get it down in time.

What have been some of the most difficult experiences with diabetes you’ve had?

To be honest, I just really hate it when doctors tell me I can’t do things I know I’m fully capable of doing. It’s hard for me to take what the doctors say as truth when they don’t know what it’s like living with the disease. They tell us we can’t fly planes, for an example. One of the most successful pilots is a female diabetic.

It’s like someone telling you how bad the Holocaust was. You know from history books how incredibly awful it was, but without experiencing that for yourself you don’t know the actual pain they went through.

What have you learned most from having the disease?

Well I can tell you that diabetes has certainly not held me back. It’s just become second nature to me. Everyone gets up in the morning, gets dressed and brushes their teeth. Diabetics do all of that and just so happen to have to check their blood sugar levels too, or take a shot.

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Baylor Beauties

Miss Green and Gold pageant to crown winner this weekend

By JULIA ECKARDT
REPORTER

Contestants will be participating in the second annual Miss Green and Gold pageant at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in Waco Hall.

The winner, chosen from 26 contestants, will have a chance to compete for the title of Miss Texas and, potentially, Miss America.

Houston senior and pageant founder Amira Lewally said she noticed during her freshman year that Baylor did not have its own pageant.

According to the pageant's website, the mission of the Miss Green and Gold Pageant is "to recognize the talents of the young women of Baylor University through scholarship, leadership and philanthropy."

Lewally said she decided to start the pageant as a way to show-

case the platforms, or social causes, of young women at Baylor.

"I started it mostly to prove that everyone has a voice, and to prove

including teen pregnancy prevention, suicide prevention and raising awareness of post-traumatic stress disorder and treatments for the disorder.

The pageant will consist of five rounds. The first is a preliminary interview conducted in private. The show will then start with the next two rounds, an opening number and contestant introductions. The final two rounds, a talent portion and question-answer session, will conclude the show.

As per pageant custom, the judges are going to be announced on Saturday, but Lewally said they are all registered in the Miss USA and Miss America judging systems.

One winner will be crowned Miss Green and Gold with two runners-up. The prize for coming in the top three are scholarships. The first place winner will be

Second Annual
Miss Green and Gold
Pageant

6:30 p.m. Saturday
Waco Hall
Free Admission

that they can show it in different ways," Lewally said.

This year, the contestants represent a wide range of platforms



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Contestants practice for the second Annual Miss Green and Gold Pageant on Thursday night. Of the 26 participants, one will be crowned Miss Green and Gold and will receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

awarded \$1,500; the second place winner will win \$1,000; and the third place winner will win \$500.

Aside from the top three winners, three other contestants will be crowned: Miss Congeniality, Crowd Favorite and Socialite.

Contestants elect Miss Con-

geniality from among themselves for being the most inspirational and admirable participant, Lewally said.

Crowd favorite will be determined by attendee votes the day of the pageant. Socialite will be determined by voting via Facebook,

Twitter and Instagram on Saturday starting at midnight and ending at 6 p.m. before the pageant.

More information about the pageant and each contestant can be found at:

<http://missgreenandgold.weebly.com>

Lost Steinbeck work discovered

By HILLEL ITALIE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — In July 1944, Orson Welles wrapped up one of his wartime radio broadcasts with a brief, emotional reading of one of the country's favorite authors, John Steinbeck.

The piece was titled "With Your Wings," an inspirational story about a black pilot that Steinbeck wrote for Welles' program, and it seemed to disappear almost as soon as it was aired. There are no records of "With Your Wings" appearing in book or magazine form. Even some Steinbeck experts, including antiquarian James Dourgarian, know little about it.

"It doesn't ring a bell at all," said Dourgarian, who specializes in selling first editions of Steinbeck's work. "And that's saying something



Steinbeck

if I haven't heard of it."

But 70 years after its introduction in the midst of World War II, "With Your Wings" is getting a second release. Andrew F. Gulli, managing editor of the Birmingham, Michigan-based quarterly The Strand Magazine, came upon the transcript recently while looking through archives at the University of Texas at Austin. He features it in The Strand's holiday issue, which comes out Friday.

Steinbeck, who died in 1968, wrote often about social injustice and on occasion featured black characters, notably Crooks in his classic novella "Of Mice and Men."

"Steinbeck was an idealist. He saw America as this wonderful land with so much to offer, but on the flip side, he could see inequality. He could see greed and excess destroying the working classes,"

Gulli wrote in a recent email.

"With Your Wings" at first reads like a standard narrative of a veteran's return, a plot used by everyone from Homer to Ernest Hemingway. Second Lieutenant William Thatcher has completed his training and at a farewell ceremony receives silver wings, pinned to his chest. He climbs into his "clattering" Model-A Ford and sets out for an unidentified hometown. He appears to be greeted as a hero, or at least a celebrity, passing "crowded porches" and children "washed and dressed in their best and starchiest clothes, hairs bursting with ribbons."

Thatcher's sense of obligation is made more clear and powerful when Steinbeck reveals that he is black, at a time the military was segregated.

"He took off his cap with the gold eagle on it and held it in his hand. He saw his tall father lick his lips. And then his father said softly, 'Son, every black man in the world is going to fly with your wings,'" Steinbeck writes.

Christmas comes to Waco with Deck the Halls market

By MADISON MILLER
REPORTER

The holiday season is starting with a bang as the Junior League of Waco's ninth annual Deck The Halls event kicks off tonight.

Lanissa Willis, a board chairman for the event, has been planning this event for a year along with a co-chair.

"The proceeds that we get from it funds our community projects," Willis said.

The Junior League of Waco is a nonprofit organization of women with more than 600 members. The group supports education and charitable projects in the Waco communities.

This year the Junior League of Waco is budgeted to invest \$90,000 into the community, including \$20,000 in grants.

There are 91 vendors at this year's general market. Admission

is half-priced for college students with a valid school ID on Saturday.

The merchants at this event carry items ranging from clothing to holiday decor.

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"It gets bigger and better every year," Willis said. "It is becoming a well oiled machine."

Ty Yarbrough with Herbert Amos Clothier is one of the new merchants this year. They sell clothing brands such as Vineyard Vines and Southern Marsh.

"We do a lot of shows," Yarbrough said. "We are new to Waco so we figured it would be good publicity for us."

Herbert Amos Clothier is a new store on 16th Street and Speight Avenue.

There will be food for purchase during the event as well.

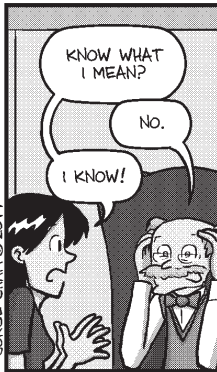
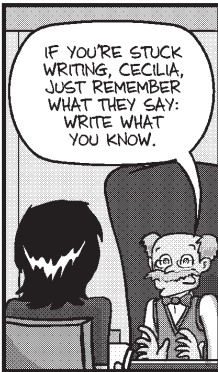
"I would not call it a Canton-Trade-Days-type thing," Willis said. "It is definitely more like shops with merchandise rather than crafts."

Willis is expecting 8,000-8,500 shoppers this weekend.

"I think people can expect to see holiday shopping, Christmas music, entertainment, Santa," Willis said.



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- 5 Sharing word
- 11 Newborn nurturer
- 14 Northern terminus of I-79
- 15 Frank quality
- 16 Andean tuber
- 17 Scoop a major news magazine?
- 19 Install, as tiles
- 20 It often gets blown off
- 21 Subscriber's gift
- 22 WWII battleground
- 23 Cyberchats, briefly
- 25 Running wild
- 27 Sheriff of Nottingham's plan?
- 32 Bag-screening org.
- 33 Dent, say
- 34 "The Magnificent Ambersons" director
- 37 Pioneering computer
- 40 Pony up
- 42 Wool source
- 43 Purse counterpart
- 45 ___ bath
- 47 Gusto
- 48 Hearst Castle?
- 52 Anxious place to be
- 54 Watering hole
- 55 Wind quintet member
- 56 Ignoring, with "to"
- 59 Greek restaurant offerings
- 63 Title for Sean Connery
- 64 Banner advertising overstocked shelves?
- 66 President pro ___
- 67 Release payment
- 68 Corrida critter
- 69 Intractable beast
- 70 Sacks out
- 71 Fume

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- 1 Not as expensive
- 2 In ___: stuck
- 3 Bring in
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- 9 "You can't be serious"
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- 11 Eruption output
- 12 City west of Daytona Beach
- 13 City boss
- 18 A few rounds, e.g.
- 22 Moonshine source
- 24 Dim ___
- 26 Son of Adam
- 27 Mushroom part
- 28 Annapolis inst.
- 29 Reasons to pull out the tarp
- 30 Rest of the afternoon?
- 31 Emmy category
- 35 Give off
- 36 54-Across reorder, with "the"
- 38 Take unfair advantage of, as a

- privilege
- 39 Attention to detail
- 41 Actor Brynner
- 44 Slow and steady
- 46 Cotillion honoree
- 49 Everlasting, to the bard
- 50 Yields to gravity
- 51 Hush-hush hookups
- 52 Shade-loving plant
- 53 Village Voice awards
- 57 Sanctuary section
- 58 Probably not a really good show
- 60 Laugh-a-minute type
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Difficulty: Difficult

No. 12 Baylor football is ‘Ready for OU’

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS EDITOR

It's no secret; Baylor has had Saturday's game circled on its calendar since the beginning of the year. Despite whipping the Sooners 41-12 in the meeting between these two teams last season, Oklahoma was picked to win the Big 12 by the media.

"That game from OU last year, that should have showed you that product was nowhere near as good as the product that Baylor was putting on the field," junior defensive end Shawn Oakman said. "You could tell we were on a different level from OU, just straight out."

Things have not worked out as expected for the Sooners, who now sit tied for fourth place in the conference with two losses. However, No. 12 Baylor has not lost any of its focus as it readies to try and earn its first ever road win over the Sooners.

"They are a storied program without a question," head coach Art Briles said. "If you're a casual football fan that keeps up with college football, the name Bud Wilkinson may mean something to you. Barry Switzer, Bob Stoops may mean something to you. They've done a tremendous job for decades as a program up there."

In its last game, Oklahoma blew out Iowa State 59-14 last Saturday. Quarterback Trevor Knight accounted for six total touchdowns, three of each through the air and on the ground. Knight also added 146 yards rushing while leading the Sooners to 510 yards and five touchdowns on the ground.

"[The Sooners] are really utilizing his skill level set and it adds a different dimension any time you play around a running quarterback," Briles said. "You've got to account for him in the run game now."

Oklahoma has three elite running backs on its roster in Samaje Perine, Alex Ross and Keith Ford. Along with Knight, the run game has been the driving force of its offensive production this season. The Sooners have averaged nearly 232 yards rushing per game, good enough for No. 22 in the nation.

"Those guys are good, and they do a good job," Briles said. "They scheme it up well and they run plays a little bit to keep you off balance."

Leading wide receiver Sterling Shepard has been outstanding this year, producing nearly half of Knight's passing yards (957) and ranking third nationally in receiving yards per game. However, the junior sustained a groin injury in OU's win over the Cyclones. Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops thinks he will still be able to play on Saturday.

"The best I'd say it now is we're optimistic that it will heal enough that he'll be full speed by the end of the week," Stoops said.

If Shepard is slowed, no other receiver averages even 50 yards per game.

Defensively, the Sooners have performed below expectations. The rushing defense has ranked in the top 20 nationally, but the passing defense has been surprisingly poor.

The Sooners allow 265.8 passing yards per game, good enough for No. 105 in the nation out of 125 teams. That does not bode well against a passing offense that ranks fifth nationally and averages 349.0 passing yards per game.

Baylor comes into Saturday's weekend matchup fresh off a 60-14 manhandling of Kansas. Senior quarterback Bryce Petty threw for 277 yards and three scores in the win. Sophomore running back Devin Chafin added 112 yards and two scores on only 14 carries.

Baylor's defense has showed flashes of being an elite unit for the second year in a row. The Bears rank No. 17 in total defense, giving up only 322.6 yards per game. The rushing defense is even better; the Bears are one of only eight FBS teams and five Power Five conference teams to allow under 100 yards per game. In the win over Kansas, Baylor allowed 16 yards rushing on 27 carries, which works out to only 0.6 yards per rush.

Oakman has led the way with 12.5 tackles for loss, six sacks and two forced fumbles in only eight games this year, matching or eclipsing his numbers in each of those categories from last season.

Even though Oklahoma is all but eliminated from the College Football Playoff race, this game holds major national implications. A road win over a top 15



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Sophomore cornerback Tion Wright (3) and junior cornerback Chris Sanders (1) run out of the tunnel before Baylor's 61-58 win over No. 9 TCU on Oct. 11. The Bears will face the No. 15 Oklahoma Sooners on Saturday.

team would catapult the Bears in the rankings, and allow Baylor to control its destiny for a share of the Big 12 title.

"I'm just really excited about this week," Petty said. "It's a big opportunity for us and a big opportunity for them, so there's a lot of hype around it."

Depending on the result of the Kansas State-TCU matchup in Fort Worth, Baylor could potentially move into a situation where they control their own destiny. If Kansas State beats TCU, it will set up a highly touted matchup between likely top 10 teams in the first week

of December in Waco.

"It's important for us. Not to be cliché, but it really is about us," Petty said. "We can't get in that spot unless we take care of what we do. We've got to take care of what we can take care of, and the rest will take care of itself."

No. 12 Baylor will travel to play the No. 15 Oklahoma Sooners at 11 a.m., on Saturday at Gaylord Oklahoma Memorial Stadium in Norman, Okla. The game will be nationally broadcast on Fox Sports 1.



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Equestrian riders earn conference honor

Senior hunt seat Sam Shaefer maneuvers her horse during Baylor's 14-1 win over SMU on Sept. 27. Schaefer was named Equitation Over Fences Co-Rider of the Month after going 2-0-1 last month in three meets. Senior western rider Rachel Nankervis also earned Horsemanship Co-Rider of the Month after going 2-0 for the Bears in October. Nankervis was named Most Outstanding Player at both meets she competed in last month.

Volleyball looks to bounce back against OU

By CODY SOTO
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor volleyball looks to get back on track in Big 12 play as the team plays host to No. 19 Oklahoma Saturday night in the Ferrell Center.

The Bears (13-12, 3-7 Big 12) come into Saturday's matchup with a 3-0 loss to No. 27 Kansas (17-7, 5-5) Wednesday night after taking two straight wins over conference opponent Iowa State and Texas Tech on Oct. 25 and 29.

In the loss, Baylor had a .068 hitting effort and only posted two blocks in Lawrence, Kan. Junior outside hitter Andie Malloy led Baylor with nine kills and was one of four players with a .167 hitting percentage or greater. The Bears combined for a -.033 hitting percentage in the first two sets and only had 36 digs after posting 89 digs in their four-set win over Texas Tech.

Before the road loss, freshman libero Jana Brusek was named Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week for her career-high 28 dig performance in the team's four-set win over Texas Tech on Oct. 29.

No. 19 Oklahoma (16-8, 7-3) is coming off a disappointing five-set loss to TCU (15-10, 5-6) in Lubbock on Wednesday. The Sooners posted a .259 attack effort and 63 kills, but the team couldn't overcome the Horned Frogs' .312 hitting percentage and 10 blocks to drop their third confer-

ence match. Outside hitter Kierra Holst led Oklahoma with 22 kills in the loss.

One of the highlights of the Sooners' season so far happened in Austin when they took a huge 3-0 win over then-No. 2 Texas (17-1, 9-1) to snap the Longhorns' 53-match Big 12 home win streak on Oct. 25. In the match, Oklahoma used eight service aces and 50 digs to slow down the unbeaten Longhorns.

The Bears and Sooners met in Norman, Okla. on Oct. 18 with Oklahoma taking the four-set win to remain undefeated at home. Baylor had three double-digit hitters with Malloy leading all players with 19 kills and 18 digs. Sophomore middle hitter Sam Hill added 13 kills, and freshman outside hitter Katie Staiger had 12 in the loss.

The Bears hit .254 in four sets with an impressive .364 fourth set. Baylor's lone set win was a 26-24 decision when the Bears rallied for 17 kills with five errors to head into the locker room tied 1-1.

The Sooners also had three players with double-digit kills. Outside hitter Kimmy Gardiner led the team with 17 kills, followed by outside hitter Madison Ward with 16 and Holst with 13.

Baylor will play its first of four straight home games before it gets back on the road for its final two conference games. Baylor and No. 19 Oklahoma face off at 7 p.m. in the Ferrell Center.

Soccer gets Oklahoma in semifinal matchup of Big 12 Tournament

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

Baylor soccer is just two wins away from a Big 12 Tournament Championship after a stunning 1-0 upset over No. 2 Oklahoma State on Wednesday. Three of the four Big 12 Tournament matches on Wednesday saw the lower-seeded team win. The only higher-seeded team to make it out of the first round was No. 1 West Virginia with a 2-1 win over TCU.

The Bears face the No. 6 Oklahoma Sooners at 8 p.m. tonight in the semifinals of the Big 12 Tournament in Kansas City, Kan. BU and OU met once in the regular season earlier this year. The Bears clawed through their first win in Norman, Okla. in over a decade when they beat the Sooners 2-1 earlier this season. That too was considered an upset and gave the Bears a renewed sense of optimism for the remaining portion of the season. It was one of the Bears' two wins against conference opponents this season.

In that game against OU in late October, the Bears notched two first half goals to put the win out of reach for the Sooners. To get not one, but two first half goals against a well-versed defense in Oklahoma that didn't concede many goals at all this season was telling of the potential in the Bears' offensive production.

The scoreline of their quarterfinal match against Oklahoma State was 1-0, but the Bears could have been up 2-0 or 3-0 easily. Junior midfielder Bri Campos, Baylor's leading goalscorer this season, had two of her strikes that hit the back of the net disallowed for what appeared to be two offside calls. Campos' apparent offside position was marginal, to say the least. The referee made those controversial decisions, and the Bears pressed on to eventually get the goal they were looking for. At the end of the day, one goal was all they needed.

"We were a little bit unlucky not to get a goal," OSU head coach Colin Carmichael. "It's the old cliché, a game of two halves – they were better in the first half, got a goal and held on to it, and we couldn't get one in the second half."

The Sooners knocked off the No. 3 Kansas Jayhawks on Wednesday night with a 2-1 win. Just one week ago, OU hosted KU in Norman and won by one goal as well. The Sooners, though ranked lower, felt they had a good matchup with the Jayhawks. The Sooners scored in the first half, putting the hometown team down early. The Jayhawks responded. KU forward Liana Salazar swerved in a beau-

tiful free kick from about 25 yards out into the left-side netting of OU's goal. Equalizing the score before halftime, Salazar's goal gave the Jayhawks life for the second half.

Kansas' only goal came from a dead-ball situation. Other than Salazar's free kick, the Jayhawks struggled turning their chances into goals. The Sooners got the go-ahead goal on a corner kick that was then finished home by Madeline Brem. Oklahoma survived Kansas' late push for a tying goal and clinched a spot in the semifinal with Baylor Wednesday night.

"I'm disappointed for the kids because I really felt like we had a chance at winning this one," Kansas head coach Mark Francis said. "We had a ton of opportunities in the second half but we just didn't convert. Now we need to rest up, regroup and hopefully get ready to play in the NCAA Tournament."

Kansas is now forced to wait and see if their outstanding regular season will be enough for them to qualify for the NCAA tournament after a disappointing first round exit from the conference tournament.

The Bears and Sooners are in a similar situation of do or die for the NCAA tournament. Virtually, the only chance either of these teams have at making the NCAA tournament is if they win the Big 12 Conference championship. Baylor and Oklahoma have had mediocre regular seasons at best, but if one of them manages to claim the conference crown in the next two matches then their chances of a national tournament berth are much higher. With numerous Big 12 teams being ranked in the top 25 of the country on a weekly basis, there's no denying the strength of the conference.

Needless to say, the stakes are high for Baylor and Oklahoma tonight. Their seasons are just one game away from ending and neither team is ready for that to happen. Because of the quick turnaround from the quarterfinal and semifinal only having one day in between, physical recovery is vital to the Bears' success in this tournament, Baylor co-head coach Marci Jobson said.

The other side of the bracket features No. 1 West Virginia and No. 5 Texas playing at 5:30 p.m. tonight. Texas is coming off a dramatic penalty shootout victory over No. 4 Texas Tech on Wednesday.

Live streams of both semifinal matches are available online at the Big 12 Digital Network (www.Big12Sports.com) for free. The final will be broadcasted nationally on Fox Sports 1 at 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Drango Unchained

Young offensive line coming together behind leadership of Spencer Drango

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
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After losing senior offensive tackle Troy Baker to an ACL injury and another injury to junior right guard Desmine Hilliard, concerns surround the Bears' offensive line. The offensive line was already under fire after a poor performance against West Virginia, and with the two injuries, even more repairing had to be done with the personnel.

The Bears' 60-14 victory over Kansas moves the offensive line one step closer to where it needs to be for important games coming in the next few weeks, such as the Oklahoma game on Saturday, junior offensive tackle Spencer Drango said. Drango and the offensive line dominated the line of scrimmage, running the ball at will and protecting the quarterback. Kansas ended the day with zero sacks on Bryce Petty.

Sophomore runningbacks Shock Linwood and Devin Chafin totalled 14 carries each and pounded the ball through the holes created by the Bears' line. Baylor accumulated 326 rushing yards against the Jayhawks and three rushing touchdowns.

"Troy and I shared the leadership role, and now guys have stepped up and filled his spot," Drango said. "[Junior center

Kyle Fuller] has stepped up and has done a really good job for us leading, and Pat's stepping up and leading too."

For Drango, the Kansas game was a flash-forward to his senior year role in the Bears' offensive line. Drango said his responsibility as a leader to the line is now even greater with Baker out. With no seniors left in the line's starting lineup, this combination of players can expect to be the same unit going into next season, Drango said, making the chemistry of the line even better.

"Anytime you can get experience with the same line, it's always good," Drango said. "Out of those five [linemen] that are starting, we all have at least one more year left. It'll be good to bond early and continue into next year."

Fuller said he also looks forward to getting more experience with this set of linemen.

"It just helps us grow that much closer, knowing that we're going to have a lot more time together," Fuller said. "That's really the main thing about offensive linemen - the more we spend time together, the more we become a unit, the better we perform."

Junior right tackle Pat Colbert and junior right guard Jarell Broxton stepped in for Baker and Hilliard against Kansas, and will remain the starters while their



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Baylor offensive lineman Troy Baker (left), Jarrell Broxton (center) and Kyle Fuller line up for a snap against TCU on Oct. 11. The Bears beat the Horned Frogs 61-58, but lost right guard Desmine Hilliard for the season.

injured teammates are out. Colbert and Broxton each earned playing time in the previous season, but Broxton had his first collegiate start against the Jayhawks on Saturday. This wasn't Colbert's first time replacing a leader on the line. Last season, Colbert filled in at tackle when Drango fell to an injury.

"For the Kansas game, I was stepping in for someone [Baker] who had been doing it for three years," Colbert said. "I had big shoes to fill, so I felt I had a little pressure, but other than that, I was good stepping into that role. It's a good start right now. I plan on getting better every week, like ripping my inside hand, working on my pass set, staying square and different things like that."

There were some personality differences between Baker and Drango that helped them lead the offensive line together. Baker was older and more verbal with his leadership. Drango was more about putting his head down and going

to work every day. The two meshed well together as the torchbearers of the line.

"Troy was always the more vocal one and I was always more by example, or by effort or whatever you want to call it," Drango said. "I spoke, but [Baker] had the 'senior leadership' position. I suppose that's fallen on to me now. I have to step up and be more vocal here and there, but definitely bring other guys with me. It's a lot easier when everyone's on board."

Fuller shares the same sentiment as Drango. Baker's injury is a mission bell, calling for everyone on the offensive line to assume responsibility and leadership now, Fuller said.

"It's always kind of been Troy and Spencer as the leaders of the offensive line," Fuller said. "Troy going down was a huge hit in leadership, but all of us are leaders. It's really become a thing where we all have to pick it up and step up to the plate."

QB Tony Romo practices, could play on Sunday

By CHRIS LEHOURITES
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LONDON — Tony Romo practiced Thursday for the first time since arriving in London, and the Dallas Cowboys' quarterback says his injured back is getting better.

Romo missed last Sunday's loss to the Arizona Cardinals because of his third back injury in 18 months. He skipped Wednesday's practice following the team's arrival Tuesday. "We'll keep taking it day by day and just see what happens," Romo said. "It's improving each day and I think we did some things today that were positive. Just keep going in that direction, I think we'll have a good chance (of playing Sunday)."

The Cowboys (6-3) play the Jacksonville Jaguars (1-8) at Wembley Stadium in the last of three regular-season games in London this year. They have lost their last two games, however, with backup Brandon Weeden playing last weekend.

Romo has fractures in two small bones in his back. The injury is unrelated to a herniated disk last year or to offseason surgery to remove a cyst earlier in 2013.

The quarterback said Thursday he was still a little sore, but called it "normal stuff" and said his back loosened up during practice.

"If you're always waiting to feel great to play in every game you play in, you're only going to play a couple of games a year," he said. "The best players are the guys who are able to play at the same level with stuff going on."

Even though Romo practiced, Dallas coach Jason Garrett is still not sure who will start.

"We would never put a player in harm's way. Obviously it's a very physical sport that we play," Garrett said. "He (Romo) has to be functional. He has to be able to protect himself."

Against the Cardinals, Weeden threw two interceptions and had one late touchdown. So for the Cowboys, who have a bye next week, getting Romo on the field is a priority if they want to end the two-game losing streak.

Even if he is in a little pain. "No one cares once you actually step on the field on Sunday whether you're banged up or not," Romo said. "It's just about what you do when you're out there."

"Each day you just get incrementally better, you improve. I'm feeling better. I think it's getting to a point where you can manage it."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones watched practice and said Romo had a comfortable flight to London.

"I'm anticipating him playing," he said. "Have no reason to think that he won't."



COURTESY BAYLOR ATHLETICS

Junior left tackle Spencer Drango moves to block a defensive player against Northwest State on Sept. 6. The Bears are undefeated at home, and the leadership of Drango on the offensive line has been a major reason why.

Ryan Mallett set to start at quarterback for the Texans

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
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HOUSTON — The Houston Texans are back below .500 and searching for answers to fix their stagnant offense as they begin their bye week.

There also might be a quarterback controversy brewing.

Ryan Fitzpatrick for 203 yards with two touchdowns and an interception for Houston, but struggled to move the offense for most of the day in a 31-21 loss to Philadelphia.

Coach Bill O'Brien cautioned against placing too much blame on the journeyman when asked if he would consider a change at the po-

sition to spark the offense.

"I think we have to evaluate everything," he said. "I've said this all along, I don't think you can look at one position and put all the blame."

Ryan Mallett joined the Texans after three seasons in New England to back up Fitzpatrick. He raised eyebrows Sunday night with a tweet that he later deleted.

"I'm staying focused for when the time comes ... seize the opportunity #justwaiting," he tweeted from his verified account @Ryan_mallett_15.

He was in damage control on Monday morning despite deleting the tweet.

"Don't misinterpret my last tweet," the tweet said. "I'm not calling to be the starter. Frustrations of losing. I play my role. I am a team player first. Always."

O'Brien has applauded his improvement over the past few weeks, but Mallett has almost no game experience despite being in the NFL for four seasons.

"He's a guy that works extremely hard in practice, which is totally different than in the game," O'Brien said. "In practice he seems to have good command of what we're doing. He's come in here with a good knowledge of the offense."

Mallett didn't take a single snap

in two of his three seasons with the Patriots. He appeared in four games in 2012, but completed just one of four passes for 17 yards with an interception.

The 31-year-old Fitzpatrick has learned to ignore outside criticism in a 10-year career spent with five different teams. But he's the first one to admit that he has to improve if the Texans hope to finish the season strong and says week after week that has to play better.

"He's going to work extremely hard to play at a more consistent level like all of the players need to do," O'Brien said. "4-5 is a very mediocre record and it's the sign of an

inconsistent team."

He has thrown for 1,960 yards with 11 touchdowns and eight interceptions in his first season in Houston. He's fumbled five times, but has lost just one of them.

Andre Johnson, the longest-tenured Texan after joining the team in its second season, was asked if he thinks the offense has improved since the beginning of the season.

"I don't know," he said. "Our record doesn't show it. We just have to take a look at it and get it fixed."

O'Brien was pointed with his statements that the entire team needs to do more after the break

and that extends to the coach and his staff.

"We talk a lot as a coaching staff with our players that we're really all in it together. There's no finger pointing," O'Brien said. "It's not one guy's fault."

A bright spot on the offense this season has been the resurgence of running back Arian Foster after last season's back surgery. Foster is second in the NFL with 822 yards rushing. But Foster hurt his groin late in Houston's loss to the Eagles and it's unclear how serious the problem is.

O'Brien wouldn't provide any details on the injury to Foster.

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