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The Baylor Activities Council is accepting applications for the program coordinator position. Applications are available in the Student Activities office on the first floor of the Bill Daniel Student Union Center and are due on Monday.



# Club satisfies students' need for speed

By DAN HENSON  
REPORTER

For those who love nothing more than working on cars, flying down the quarter mile or flinging a roadster around a track as fast as you can, Baylor has the club for you.

Chartered in 2001 by Baylor graduate Jay Jackson, the Baylor High Performance Driving Club, now called the Baylor Driving Club, owns two race cars and has more than 50 active members.

The Baylor Driving Club owns a 1994 Ford Mustang GT 5.0, which they use for both road racing and drag racing, and a 1994 Mazda Miata, which they race in autocross and road racing events.

The club trailers these cars to about 10 events each spring, as well as 15-20 events each fall.

"The club's slogan is 'we build, race, and show cars,'" said Houston senior Michelle Carter, who is the vice president of the Baylor Driving Club.

Prospective members can

learn more about the Baylor Driving Club by attending their weekly meetings at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the East Parking Garage.

Dues are \$50 per semester, which gets members a Baylor Driving Club sticker, T-shirt and the ability to race the club's cars at their race events.

Members are encouraged to compete in their own cars as well.

Carter said she has been racing her Hyundai Tiburon with the group since she joined in 2008.

Austin junior Tyler Stuckey, who has been a member of the club for three years, said he races both his Infiniti G35 Coupe and his Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle with the club.

Stuckey praised the seat time he has gotten with the club, as well as the input from other members for helping him improve his driving skills.

"The club has definitely advanced my driving skills," Stuckey said.

The Baylor Driving Club is funded by donations from older



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The Baylor Driving Club shows off a car during a club meeting on Jan. 31. The club builds, races and shows the two cars that it owns as well as many of the members' cars.

members, membership dues and local sponsors such as Bird-Kult-gen Ford.

The Baylor Driving Club is working on expanding its presence on campus as well as around

Waco.

In addition to hosting prospective member events, the club has been reaching out to local partners and charities, including Meals on Wheels, to help make

the club better known around Waco. For Meals on Wheels, club members would deliver food for the charity around Waco.

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# Names may have changed, some things remain

## Baylor couple shares their college story of love and the proposal

By TAYLOR REXRODE  
STAFF WRITER

Many proposals have happened on Baylor's campus. For one couple, a symbol of that special moment has remained under a bridge for the past nine years, written in white chalk.

Matt Waller, who graduated in 2003, met 2005 alumna Jennifer Welch at the Baylor Marina in August 2002. He was in between two-a-day football practices and she was leading a Welcome Week group of transfer students.

Welch, now Jennifer Waller, remembers the first time she met Matt Waller and how their personalities clicked.

"I thought he was so handsome," Jennifer said. "I think he loved being there at the marina because I was leading this thing outside. He wasn't just the typical guy. He was really fun."

They discovered they both enjoyed running, so they started meeting together on the Bear Trail a couple of evenings every week.

"I was running with some friends and apparently he was running with me because he wanted to get to know me better," Jennifer said. "His mom makes that joke because he would get home from football practice and then go straight to running."

Matt attributes those evening runs to the start of their relationship.

"As we were running, that's where our relationship started," Matt said. "We started dating right then. It felt right."

After a year of weekly runs and frequent coffee dates, the couple started discussing their future together. Matt said they were right for each other from the start. They both realized early on that what they had was special.

"The whole relationship was easy," Matt said. "It felt good from the beginning. I knew it would happen about six months into the relationship."

Jennifer said she felt the connection too.

"Every day it just got more sure," Jennifer said. "I was sure he was a keeper."

By the time they had been together for a year and a half, Matt said he was already making plans on how to propose to the love of his life.

"We were driving and saw a billboard that said 'A Waco Name Is Changing,'" Matt said. "Jen said, 'Wouldn't that be cute if that was some couple that was proposing?'"

I brushed it off while keeping it in the back of my mind."

A month before the proposal, Matt wrote "A Baylor Name Is Changing" in white chalk on the sidewalks where she would walk to class.

"I wrote it probably 12 times and she never saw it," Matt Waller said.

Jennifer said she didn't expect

anything to happen in the time leading up to the proposal.

"He was telling me the week before or so that it wasn't feasible to happen soon," Jennifer said. "I didn't even see the first couple of chalks until one time he stopped to tie his shoe over one. I had no clue. It didn't cross my mind."

On the day of the proposal, they started jogging along University Parks Drive. Matt said the ring was burning a hole in his pocket. When they reached the bridge that crosses the Brazos River, Matt said he decided to take them on a detour.

"I chose the marina because that's where our relationship started," Matt said. "I wanted to end at the marina, so we got off the Bear Trail and came under the bridge. I had written on the underside of the bridge 'A Baylor Name Is Changing' so that it wouldn't be affected by the rain."

Matt had written the phrase on the bridge rafters. He had also hidden a special box underneath the bridge, which contained a Bible inscribed with Jennifer's soon-to-be married name: Jennifer Waller.

"I still use that Bible every day," Jennifer said. "I love the thoughtfulness of it. You could tell he paid attention."

They continued over to the marina, where Matt got down on

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF MATT AND JENNIFER WALLER

Matt and Jennifer Waller pose in March of 2004 after they got engaged, right, and now with their two kids, Ty and Anna, above.

The relic of their proposal, "A Baylor name is changing" written in chalk on the rafters of the bridge leading to the Baylor Marina, can still be seen nine years later.



By KATE MCGUIRE  
STAFF WRITER

Doesn't matter if you're an alum or not — Baylor loves you anyway.

A luncheon to celebrate Alumni by Choice, devoted fans of Baylor who did not attend Baylor, will take place at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Hughes-Dillard Alumni Center located across South University Parks Drive.

According to Shari Brewer,

program and awards coordinator for the Baylor Alumni Association, there are 34 honorees. Of them, 20 will attend the luncheon. Nominations can be placed anytime during the year.

Current students can nominate a devoted Baylor fan such as a parent, grandparent, friend or other relative who supports and loves Baylor.

Recipients receive a decree instead of a degree and receive a membership with the Baylor

Alumni Association.

This includes subscription to the Baylor Line, the association's monthly magazine, homecoming tickets, as well as discounts and offers.

The Alumni by Choice was started in 1986, with its first recipient being Merrie Beckham — wife of C.T. "Sparkey" Beckham, former Baylor regent who graduated in 1949.

Merrie attended the University of California at Berkeley.

As the Lariat previously reported, Beckham said she didn't understand the Baylor Line or any other Baylor tradition. But when she married the "Baylorite," she really had to "jump in."

Because Mrs. Beckham was the first recipient, she is invited as the honored speaker at the annual luncheon.

Now, there are 30 to 40 recipients annually, because everyone who gets nominated receives an award. Brewer said.

The Baylor Alumni Association describes honorees as:

"They love the green and gold. They cheer the Bears to victory. They even accompany you on trips to Waco for Homecoming. They believe in the university and what she stands for. Even so, at times, they still feel like outsiders looking in, with no official ties to Baylor."



# It’s smart to let needy students shed loan debt in bankruptcy

## Editorial

If you go to college, you most likely have loans. It’s a glaringly obvious fact, but it bears stating. Another glaringly obvious fact is that the cost of higher education is rising. According to CNN Money, the cost of private education has increased by 60 percent from the mid-80s and the cost of public education has doubled in that time.

This means there are more people taking out more money in student loans that they will have to pay back at increasing interest rates.

What you might not have known is that, except in incredibly extreme cases, student loan debt cannot be shed by declaring bankruptcy.

Student loans fall into the category known as non-dischargeable debt. Types of debt like that include debt for tax evasion, embezzlement and non-payment of alimony or child support.

In short, criminal debts.

That means if you take a student loan you are automatically banished to that circle of hell that pirates reserve for traitors and mutineers in a financial sense.

That means if you file bankruptcy under Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 — what most people file under — then all of your student loan debt stays with you. That means if you took out \$50,000 in loans, you have to pay it back with interest, no matter what.

This is in direct contrast to, say, credit card debt, which can be gotten and shed comparatively easily. The fact is that it’s easier to shed debt accrued from a Jet-ski shopping-spree than to shed debt from student loans.

What’s worse is, this isn’t even a long-standing agreement. The non-dischargeable status was only implemented in 2005 to make student loans more lucrative for the lenders. The consequence was that students who borrowed were shackled to mounting debts in a declining economy and since then the debts have only gotten bigger and the economy has tanked.

So you had better get a steady

job after college so you can afford to pay your loans back.

As if this system wasn’t bad enough, the student loan industry has been coming under fire lately for not adequately explaining the conditions of the loans to borrowers. That leaves students and parents saddled with debt that is increasing at a rate that they cannot afford to pay.

All this together creates an industry that, intentionally or not, is tricking people that are trying to better themselves into a financial purgatory from which they cannot escape. As the recipients of these cloying, toxic loans, we must stand up and say that the criminalization and exploitation of students will not stand.

Fortunately there is a solution on the horizon.

The Fairness for Struggling Students Act of 2013 — sponsored by Senators Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) and Jack Reed (D-Ill.) — along with a similar bill making its way through the House, promises to revert the bankruptcy laws to the pre-2005 wording about student debt and

eliminate the restrictions on bankruptcy for student loans.

That means that everyone who has a legitimate need to shed their student loan debt will be able to. If this bill goes through it will free thousands of students from a financial burden that circumstance has rendered them unable to handle.

Obviously, having everyone with student loans declare bankruptcy at once would be catastrophic and safeguards will have to be put in place to make sure that people will not abuse the situation.

However, repealing the protection for student loan debt will encourage people to seek education, better themselves and better America. That’s something that anyone should be able to get behind.

So get out there and call your congressman. Call someone else’s congressman if you have to.

Together let’s make the looming fear of non-dischargeable student loan debt nothing more than a story told to frighten naughty children.

# Be unselfish: Celebrate love, not ‘love,’ on Valentine’s Day

Being single on Valentine’s Day can suck.

Especially when you have just gotten out of the first-semester relationship or you’ve realized over break that long-distance relationships doesn’t always work out.

As I begin to prepare myself for the emotional strain of once again not having a date on the day, I’ve decided on some things that could cheer me up.

I could host a S.A.D. party. For those who have lived under a rock S.A.D. stands for “Singles Awareness Day.” It turns the sadness of not having a significant other into a celebration of your personal freedom to choose to be single.

I thought perhaps at this S.A.D. party, I could relish the fact that I am independent by stuffing my



face with boxes of chocolate. I could make a heart-shaped cake to signify my love for myself.

I have to acknowledge the fact

that media has turned this day inside out.

Greeting cards, stores with huge posters and commercials are all advertising the need to be in a relationship. This makes the consumer long for that special someone, no matter who it is.

Even the fact that two friends of mine are just recently engaged at age 18 spurs my thought that this whole ring-by-spring thing at Baylor is not a joke.

With all the suggestion from the media and Baylor tradition to be sharing Valentine’s Day with a date, I have to come to say enough is enough.

Valentine’s Day is a celebration of love, not specifically meant for that “special someone,” but for all who you give love to and those

who love you in return.

If I may quote “Moulin Rouge,” one of my favorite movies, “The greatest thing you’ll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return.”

It’s important to show love to those who provide for us daily. The staff and faculty at Baylor deserve a huge thank you from the students on V-Day.

While my theatrical possibilities for how I will spend this upcoming Valentine’s Day are fun to think about, I believe what is important on Valentine’s is showing how we can ‘Love thy neighbor’ - Mark 12:31.

I much rather spend the day showing my friends what their love means to me and how I can give them my loving, caring friendship in return. I will also show my

# Take care of you in relationships

You know what’s worse than being single on Valentine’s Day? Being in a long-distance relationship on Valentine’s Day, because even though you’ve theoretically found someone to spend your Valentine’s Day with, your person

*“If you can’t get by on your own, you’re never going to get by as part of a team. Sometimes even though it’s tough, you have to make decisions that ensure your future is sound, with or without your partner.”*

Most people don’t like to be chronically miserable. They also don’t like to be around the chronically miserable. No one goes to funerals for fun.

So why condemn yourself and your partner to misery by making decisions that can lead to resentment and recrimination? Focus on your future before fun: finish school or take care of your career-building before you fall off the face of the planet for a relationship.

In my case, I’m engaging in a little bit of selfishness. So is he. I couldn’t move, and he couldn’t stay. What do we do? Who has to sacrifice their dreams?

Well, neither. It’s not fair for anyone to have to make that decision. But do we have to give up our relationship?

No.

Being apart sucks, believe me. But it’s better than hating each other for the rest of our lives. It’s better than breaking up. We’re doing

is not physically there.

Oh, sure. You can “see” each other by indulging in a long-distance phone call or a Skype date, but do you have someone to cuddle up and watch a gooeey rom-com with?

No, because you’re in different cities.

See, if you’re single, at least you have the chance of finding somebody new to take you out before the big day. You have the possibility of a date. I’ve got love, but I don’t have that possibility. I’d give anything to spend the day with him.

Unfortunately, though, we’re in two different places in our lives. He’s moved out of Waco to get a better job, and I’m still finishing my education at Baylor. As much as I’d like to see him, I can’t leave Waco to be with him.

And that’s OK. Staying here was absolutely the right decision, because to be part of a well-functioning couple, you need to be able to stand on your own two feet.

I get it; that sounds contradictory. But think about it this way: If you can’t get by on your own, you’re never going to get by as part of a team. Sometimes even though it’s tough, you have to make decisions that ensure your future is sound, with or without your partner.



Caroline Brewton | Editor-in-chief

what we need to do now to build a firm future, a future that ideally will include another person, but in which we can survive alone if necessary.

I won’t lie: this is hard. Distance causes fights we would have never had before. But it’s worth it. I can move forward. I will have the tools I need to make myself fully happy, and I can I look forward to a day when long-distance is in the distant past.



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**Corrections**

In the February 12 story titled “BU students take the plunge to support Special Olympics,” 27, not 28 people jumped into the pool.

The Lariat regrets the error.

The Baylor Lariat is committed to ensuring fair and accurate reporting and will correct errors of substance on Page 2.

Corrections can be submitted to the editor by sending an e-mail to [Lariat\\_letters@baylor.edu](mailto:Lariat_letters@baylor.edu) or by calling 254-710-1712.



A painting of Jesus Christ, upper left, hangs above an entrance to Jackson Middle School in Jackson, Ohio next to a "Hall of Honor" showing famous Jackson residents and school alumni, on Tuesday.

# Ohio town latest focus of legal debate over religion

By DAN SEWELL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSON, Ohio — Since just after World War II, a portrait of Jesus has hung in a Jackson City Schools building, attracting little discussion and no controversy that anyone seems to recall.

But that changed recently after a complaint, and this small city in mostly rural Appalachian Ohio has now found itself as the latest battleground in a national debate over what displays of religion are constitutional.

Facing a federal lawsuit charging that the middle school portrait illegally promotes religion in a public school, school officials dug in their heels Tuesday night at a board meeting. They declared that the portrait belongs to the Christian-based student club that presented it in 1947 and is part of a "limited public forum" in which other student groups can hang portraits of "inspirational figures central to the club's meaning and purpose." Taking it down would censor students' private speech, it said.

"It's a delicate balance for us as a district," Superintendent Phil Howard said, adding that he thought the board's action protected students' rights while making clear it wasn't endorsing a religion.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio, which joined Madison, Wis.-based Freedom From Religion Foundation in suing last week in U.S. District Court, isn't likely to buy the board's reasoning.

"It appears they have assembled a number of pieces and parts from

previously unsuccessful arguments (in other cases) and attempted to turn them into something new," ACLU spokesman Nick Worner said Wednesday.

The case has brought an uncustomed spotlight to the city of some 7,000 people, better known for its annual Apple Festival and the Ironmen prep footballers, who play in a 6,000-seat stadium. Like much of the region, its unemployment runs higher — 8.3 percent in the latest figures — than statewide rates.

"I'm surprised, I guess," Diana Lewis, a middle school teacher and Jackson High graduate, said of the controversy that brought a phalanx of TV cameras inside the elementary gymnasium for Tuesday's board meeting.

Some longtime residents say they'd rather the town be left alone.

"I don't think these outside groups should be involved," said Clarence Rice, 82. "It's none of their business. It's been there 65 years."

He remembers when the portrait was put up, in what was then the high school, by the Hi-Y Club in 1947. That's the year his brother Frank, a club member, died of leukemia.

The "Head of Christ" portrait, a popular depiction of Jesus, hangs near a school entranceway. It's the dominant image in the district's "Hall of Honor," which has nearly four dozen photos of past school leaders and other prominent Jackson County natives including the late four-time Gov. James A. Rhodes.

Howard, superintendent for six

years, said he hadn't heard much about the portrait, and certainly nothing negative, until the Jan. 2 letter from the Freedom From Religion Foundation saying it had received a complaint. It's been active in challenging school religious displays, such as a southeast Texas high school's cheerleader banners carrying biblical verses and two Pennsylvania schools with Ten Commandments monuments.

The ACLU has had a series of similar cases in recent years, including a long-running lawsuit against schools in nearby Adams County over a Ten Commandments display that courts ruled was primarily religious.

But some rulings, including by the Supreme Court, have upheld displays if they didn't promote one religious sect over another and if their main purpose was nonreligious.

At a Jackson board meeting last month, some in a hundreds-strong crowd booed anyone questioning the Jesus portrait. Attorneys for the lawsuit plaintiffs — a middle-school student and two parents identified only as Sam Does — say social media comments have been threatening, with calls for those opposed to the portrait to leave town.

Bob Eisnaugle, an art teacher and Hi-Y Club adviser, said he didn't like seeing some of the angry reactions at the earlier meeting. But he also supports keeping the portrait up.

"The majority of people want it to stay," he said. "And we still live in a democracy."

# Through my eyes: How a foreign student sees BU

By SANMAI GBANDI  
REPORTER

Graduate student Jie Tang moved from China to America a year and a half ago. He is working toward a master's degree in Management and Information Systems (MIS) here at Baylor.

The Lariat sat down with him to find out about his transition from life in China to life in America, and more specifically, his transition to Baylor.

**Q: How did you hear about Baylor?**

A: I used to be an exchange student in Portland State University. At that time, I was applying for graduate school. My adviser told me he had friends in Baylor. He told me I probably can get a scholarship if I applied for Baylor. And then I tried that, and I got a scholarship.

**Q: Were there any preconceived notions or stereotypes that you had about America that were proven wrong when you got here?**

A: Actually, there are a lot of small differences. Not really big ones. America is very diverse, and people accept a lot of different things, and can be very glad to accept these things. My country has just one, just yellow people. Asian. Only has Asian. So I don't have any idea about European, and American also black people. So it's close to a lot of culture. That's the difference.

**Q: As far as the education you got in China and the education you are receiving here, what main differences have you noticed?**

A: The courses have more assignments, and the professors pay more attention to the students. The professors try to have more quizzes throughout the semester. In China, typically we just have a final exam at the end of the semester. Students just have one week of really hard

work before the final and just try to pass the exam, but in the United States, probably if you do so you will get a pretty low grade. We usually work hard. I try to keep the grade above average, so I need to do more work during the semester. Also, the materials of the courses keep pace with the industry. In China, especially with business, what we are talking about is kind of out of date. Sometimes, we just talk about 100 years ago things. We talk about the theory and no practicality. I'm majoring in business, so I would like to hear something more about the practical and the real business.

**Q: As far as Chinese culture and customs go, is there anything**

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Jie Tang | Graduate student

**you had to give up when you started attending Baylor?**

A: I respect my culture and the customs. I didn't change so much. Sometimes, in China, we are not so open during class. We just listen to the professors talk. In Baylor, if you want to get involved into the class, you need to talk as much as possible. That's a little different, and I need to make some changes.

**Q: How much of an impact do you think international students have on this campus?**

A: You know, we just had Chinese New Year last week. There was

a notice on our website, and also we have Chinese organizations on campus. So from a Chinese point, I think we have some impact on the campus. And I know a lot of my friends who have American friends who want to learn Chinese, so we are making impacts.

**Q: Do you think there could be improvements in Baylor students' awareness of international things going on?**

A: Randy Kondler is my P.A.W.S. (People At Work and Service) partner. I know it's a very good way because we, the international students, have someone to help them to get involved into their life here. If we can have each international student have a P.A.W.S. partner or a welcome family, it will help a lot. The admissions department can have more parties to get international students and American students together. Just more opportunities to get in touch with each other. If we can have more opportunities to know each other, it can help a lot.

**Q: How has coming to Baylor changed your life?**

A: Coming to Baylor changed my life a lot. I used to be an exchange student in Portland State University. I used to go to church with a family there, but it was not very fun. I was kind of pushed into it there. When I'm here, the church families are very kind. My welcome family is the church family. They didn't push me to join to church, to believe in God. They just treated me like I'm their son.

Another impact is Baylor Proud. I like basketball so I pay a lot of attention to our lady and men's basketball. Even when I leave Baylor, I will pay attention to them and I will support them. I want to say thank you to Baylor.

*For the full version of this Q&A, visit baylorlariat.com.*

# Law school to verse attendees

By TAYLOR REXRODE  
STAFF WRITER

The Baylor Law School will host its eighth annual People's Law School event from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday.

Participants can register online at Baylor.edu/law/pls. Registration ends at noon on Friday. Check-ins and walk-in registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the lobby of the Baylor Law School.

The event is free and open to the public. Legal professionals and volunteer attorneys will teach the hour-long classes. Participants may choose a maximum of three

courses out of the 17 available.

The classes offered include: buying and selling real estate, the separation of church and state, consumer law, elder law, employment law, family law, finding the law, constitutional law, how to get in to law school, landlord/tenant affairs, healthcare reform, the McDonald's Hot Coffee Case, legal issues surrounding professional sports teams, small business law, veterans' rights, wills and estate planning and the Second Amendment.

There will be two courses on the Second Amendment, and they will touch on President Barack Obama

proposals for gun control.

Professor of law Patricia Wilson, who was unavailable for comment at the time of publication, is in charge of the People's Law School. Janet Perez, director of communications and marketing for the law school, said Wilson's event helps the community understand the law.

"It was started because people had questions about the law," Perez said. "We do a lot at the law school to be part of the community. Patricia Wilson wanted to help people get a foundation on what the law is. It gives people a roadmap on what they should think about if they en-

# Save a life, get certified in CPR

By ASHLEY PEREYRA  
REPORTER

"You go down. You get shocked and then you walk away," said Dr. James Henderson, professor of economics.

Heart attacks and strokes continue to be two of the leading causes of death in the United States, according to preliminary data for 2011 on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. In 2010, heart disease accounted for 597,689 deaths and strokes took 129,476.

Throughout the semester, the Campus recreation department offers a class on CPR and automated external defibrillator certification to combat this problem.

These figures are familiar to Dr. James Henderson, professor of economics, who experienced an asymptomatic heart attack while

playing basketball at the McLane Student Life Center in 2005.

"I was walking back to the court to play again. It was 3-5 minutes since we finished. And I passed out," Henderson said.

Three fellow players came to Henderson's aid — Josh Waits, the university's CPR trainer at the time, Zach Beaty, a Spanish teacher at Waco High School and son of Baylor philosophy chair Michael Beaty, and Danny Brabham, an assistant track coach. All of them were CPR trained, but Beaty's certification had just expired.

"I think it was divine intervention. I would have died if this had happened anywhere else," Henderson said.

The grants that the department has secured ensured that the defibrillators were in the building that day.

Henderson said people should

know how to do CPR.

The \$25 class prepares students to encounter adult, child or infant casualties, according to the campus recreation website. By the end of the course, they also should be able to recognize and treat either heart attack or stroke victims. Baylor SLC staff said for successful completion, students will receive a Course Completion Card in person after class.

Currently, Ben Robert, head of aquatics, teaches the class. To sign up, visit the SLC front desk with your Baylor ID card and an accepted form of payment—cash, check, BearBucks, Faculty or staff payroll deduction and credit card.

The upcoming classes are 6-8:30 p.m. Feb. 22 and 2-4:30 p.m. Feb. 27 in 308 McLane Student Life Center. For more details, visit <http://www.baylor.edu/campusrec/aquatics>.

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# Students celebrate Valentine’s Day with gestures of love



Couple, Arlington sophomore Shelby Blue and Tyler junior Matthew Baldwin, will spend Valentine’s Day performing at Sing.

By TAYLOR REXRODE  
STAFF WRITER

When all you see are red roses, candy hearts and pink plush animals, you know it’s Valentine’s Day. But for many busy students, Valentine’s Day this year will lack the chocolates and fancy dinner that make Valentine’s Day famously romantic. Arlington sophomore Shelby Blue and Tyler junior Matthew Baldwin will spend Valentine’s Day performing at opening night for All-University Sing, leaving little room for celebrating the holiday. They have been dating for seven months. “My family is coming to watch Sing that day so Matt and I aren’t really going to get to see each other except maybe for an hour or so before Sing,” Blue said. “It’s going to be a really hectic Valentine’s Day

but it’s going to be fun. We’ll get to see all the hard work the other has been putting into Sing.” Baldwin likes the ideology behind the holiday and believes that is what matters, even if he will spend this year’s holiday on stage. “It’s a cool holiday to focus on someone you’re in a relationship with,” Baldwin said. “It’s a good excuse to tell someone you appreciate them. I look forward to cheering on Shelby at Sing.” Even students not participating in Sing are toning down Valentine’s Day this year. Gainesville senior Elizabeth Puckett and her fiancé, Devvon Newman, will forgo the long-distance visit to save money for their upcoming nuptials. “We’re not exactly doing Valentine’s Day in person this year,” Puckett said. “It’s in an effort to save money because we just

paid a lot of money for our honeymoon in July.” While many students on campus may not have a traditional Valentine’s Day, the holiday itself is still a billion-dollar industry, expected to bring in sales for candy, flower and jewelry companies. For Baylor Flowers on South Fifth Street, Valentine’s Day is the busiest time of the year. Lauren Darr, wedding coordinator, co-manager and designer at Baylor Flowers, says Valentine’s Day can be a stressful time of year. “It’s not the same when you’re on this side of it,” Darr said. “We have 225 deliveries tomorrow and have had probably 60 pick-ups already. We ordered 1,500 red roses and we just ordered another 150 more. We started planning at Christmas and we ordered those at the beginning of

January.” Still, Darr said she enjoys the opportunity she has to meet new people and hear their stories. “All the couples are different in the aspects of how long they’ve dated or been married,” Darr said. “There’s a lot of stories behind it. Some people are very specific and want a certain number of roses for the specific number of years in their relationship or marriage. It’s the thought that’s appreciated.” Puckett said she believes that Valentine’s Day as a holiday should reflect the love felt toward a person throughout the year. “Valentine’s Day shouldn’t be much different from any other day if you love someone,” Puckett said. “It is the day you go all-out and express love for another person; it’s just the day it’s OK with everybody else.”

## DIY Project: Love Birds Diorama perfect for Valentine’s Day

By CAROLINE BREWTON  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I found this cute DIY project on Pinterest, though its original source was the blog House of Humble. I was looking for something to decorate my apartment for Valentine’s Day, and to take my mind off the fact that I’d be spending the day at work instead of being romanced, I decided to take on a project. To save myself some money, I adapted the project to incorporate things I already had in the house. I’d give the project a medium difficulty rating. It requires a basic knowledge of sewing, and I recommend being careful with the hot glue gun. Apart from that, it was pretty straightforward.

- Materials:**
- 1 glass jar (I used a Ball Mason jar from Hobby Lobby. I got the large size. It’s important to make sure the jar is large enough to fit your hand in).
  - 1 Stick
  - 2 small, feathered birds, small enough to fit in the jar side by side

- DIY PROJECT**
- and light enough not to weigh down your stick too much.
- Fabric scraps in coordinating colors (I used shades of blue that I had around the house.)
- Sewing thread (I used white.)
- Faux Spanish moss
- Rubber band
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Saucer
- Ball-point pen
- Needle
- Wire cutters
- Directions:**
- First, take the Spanish moss and chop it into small pieces to simulate grass. Drop the pieces to the bottom of the jar until the entire bottom is covered and you have a layer of chopped Spanish moss about 1/4 inch thick.
- Next, prepare the garland that will go on your stick. To make mine, I cut small diamonds out of the fabric scraps, which I folded in

- ★★★★★
- half and hemmed together to form upside down triangles. I used small stitches and matched up the sides, alternating fabrics. I sewed the triangles into a garland, leaving about two inches of thread on each side to tie the garland to the stick.
- After that, prepare the stick. Make sure the stick is big enough to touch the sides of the jar inside where you want to place it. Cut it if necessary using the wire cutters.
- Decide where and how you want to place your birds. I angled mine and had them face each other. Since they came on wire, I simply wrapped the wire around the branch to place them there. If your birds are not wired, I suggest using hot glue.
- Finally, to finish the stick, the ends of the garland to each end of the stick. Trim excess thread. I put a dot of glue on top of each place I’d tied the garland to make sure it stays in place.
- Next comes the hard part: setting up the stick in the jar. I took

- one end of the stick and dabbed hot glue on it. I angled the stick to fit the entire thing, as the stick was longer than the mouth of the jar was wide, plus it had the birds and garland attached. I hurriedly stuck the glue-containing end to the wall of the jar. After holding it in place for a few seconds to let the glue dry and ensure a good bond, I gently lifted the other, glueless end to the mouth of the jar and dabbed glue onto it to. I fastened it to the opposite wall of the jar.
- Use the saucer to trace a circle onto the fabric. Cut out. You might need to trim a little off the circle so that you don’t have too much fabric. The fabric will cover the lid of the jar.
- Screw the lid back onto the jar and use the fabric to cover it. Make sure the fabric is smooth on top. To this end, I placed several dots of glue on the rim of the lid before placing the fabric over it.
- Place the rubber band over the fabric and lid. Use the ribbon to hide the rubber band by wrapping it around and tying a bow.
- Happy Valentine’s Day, crafters!



A completed diorama ready to be given to a loved one on Valentine’s Day this year.

## BU alumnus helps students find their college boo with website

By LINDA NGUYEN  
A&E EDITOR

A Baylor alumnus wants to re-define college dating. Noah Mortel, who graduated from Baylor in 2008 with a degree in economics, marketing and international business, has created an online dating website called CollegeBoo geared specifically toward college students. “There are thousands of students and each student is going in their own direction,” Mortel said. “It’s hard to meet people. A lot of times, their character doesn’t match something you prefer. It would be easier to have a central

website you can match attributes based on what you prefer in a person.” Mortel said the website includes features users will find familiar to other social networking sites. “There’s chat similar to Facebook chat,” Mortel said. “You can add friends. You can send a wink. You can upload songs, MP3’s. You can embed YouTube videos. You could also have blogs in your profile.” Mortel said the website also has a feature that allows members to search their date’s preferences. “There’s a lot of different things I’ve tried to do to make it different from other dating websites,” Mortel said.

Mortel said the website requires members to have a .edu email account to sign up. “That gives you the ability to search for matches on your school network,” Mortel said. “It’s absolutely exclusive to students.” Mortel said the website currently lists more than 3,000 schools, including community colleges. “Any college, university with a .edu, I made sure to add,” Mortel said. Baylor alumna Funmi Ogunro registered for the website when it first launched in January. “I registered for it at the first launch a while back,” Ogunro said. “I have a profile set up and everything. I think it’s a pretty cool website.

I look at it like Facebook, but it’s more specific to the dating scene.” Ogunro said the site is really good for current college students and recent alumni. “It’s a great website for narrowing down other educated people,” she said. Ogunro said she thinks the website has potential and will take off. “The thing about it is that the website has a database of all the schools, even medical schools in the Caribbean,” Ogunro said. “So some people internationally can register. It’s nationwide and it’s pretty fun. It’s easy to use. It has a nice interface and it’s simple to navigate through.”

Ogunro said she likes the features built into the site and has already met people through the site. “Everyone has a wall, you can send gifts, and you can send videos,” Ogunro said. “It’s very fun and versatile. A few people from Baylor have messaged me. Even though I’m an alumna, I still message them back, even if it doesn’t turn into dating, but as a platonic type thing.” Mortel is still trying to build a base of members on the website. The website features are all free, but Mortel eventually hopes to start charging a premium fee of \$10 a month, \$20 for three months and \$30 for six months.

“I can’t charge right now. I’m just trying to build up the amount of users,” Mortel said. “Definitely in the future after I reach a certain amount of members, I will start charging. It’ll be free to join and I’ll have a premium service \$10 for one month that will give you full access like private messaging and chat. Right now, I just started, so I’m trying to get more members.” Ogunro said it’s a good website for college students to find potential dates. “I think CollegeBoo is a catchy name,” Ogunro said. “I think people might want to try it out because of the name. Like I said, I think it’s a cute website for other college students to find love.”

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# Heslip, Gathers help Bears take down Mountaineers

By DANIEL HILL  
SPORTS WRITER

The Baylor Bears defeated the West Virginia Mountaineers 80-60 on Wednesday night at the Ferrell Center to move to 7-4 in the Big 12 Conference.

Baylor improved its overall record to 16-8.

With the win, Baylor is a legitimate contender to win the Big 12.

“Every game is a big game,” head coach Scott Drew said. “That’s what you have with the parity in college basketball. It makes it exciting. I think as a player, you want to have a chance to win conference championships and we’re in that position. So every game is a ‘must’ game as you could say, and we just want to make sure that we put our best foot forward in each of those games.”

The Bears jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead over the West Virginia Mountaineers off of a senior guard A.J. Walton layup, senior point guard Pierre Jackson layup and a three from junior guard Brady Heslip.

The resilient Mountaineers made a 7-0 run of their own to tie the game at 7-7.

The Baylor front court started to assert itself offensively as junior forward Cory Jefferson threw down a slam dunk.

Freshman forward Rico Gathers followed by scoring on a layup to make it 11-9 in favor of Baylor.

West Virginia sophomore guard Jabarie Hinds and freshman Eron Harris both had eight first half points for the Mountaineers.

Gathers led the Bears in first half points with eight and Jackson

contributed seven points and three assists.

On the last Baylor possession before half time, junior guard Gary Franklin buried a three to send the Bears into the locker room at half with a 31-27 lead.

*“You see I got nine assists tonight, you know I’m never going to stop passing it to Brady. I still think he’s the best shooter in the country.”*

Pierre Jackson | Point Guard

With the game tightly contested, the true turning point for the Bears was when they went on an eight-point run fueled by two three-pointers from Heslip, and a fast break layup from Jackson off of a steal to give Baylor a 46-34 lead.

The true dagger came for the Bears when Heslip finished off the Mountaineers with another three pointer to give the Bears a 14 point lead that the Mountaineers would not overcome.

Baylor continued to pour on the points as Gathers followed Heslip’s three with a rim-rattling slam dunk.

Jackson earned another steal and was fouled on his layup attempt at full speed and converted both of his free throws. Then Gathers scored five of Baylor’s next seven points to increase the Bears lead to 72-50.

Walton and freshman forward Taurean Prince put the finishing touches on the game with layups to put Baylor at the 80 point mark.

Gathers led all scorers in the game by reaching a career-high 22 points. Gathers also had nine rebounds as he was a true X-factor in the Bears win.

“We are coming down to the last stretch of the conference, so every game at this point in time counts,” Gathers said. “You can’t have any let-down games and tonight we just wanted to make sure that we played to the best of our ability, and that’s what we did.”

Heslip found a rhythm and scored 20 points by shooting six of nine from behind the 3-point line.

“I don’t think it was just like a breakout,” Heslip said. “I think when my teammates find me and I’m taking nine threes a game you know I’m confident in my ability to make a majority of them or a good amount of them. The last few games I’ve been shooting the ball better.”

Jackson finished the game with 15 points and nine assists. Jackson distributed the ball to his open teammates and the Bears had a well-rounded scoring night as a team.

“You see I got nine assists tonight, you know I’m never going to stop passing it to Brady,” Jackson said. “I still think he’s the best shooter in the country. When you’ve got Rico finally finishing and-one’s, you can’t beat us when he comes off the bench and is explosive like that.”

The Bears will next take on Oklahoma on Saturday in Norman.



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Junior forward Brady Heslip celebrates after hitting a 3-pointer Wednesday night against the West Virginia Mountaineers. Heslip finished the game with 20 points and shot six of nine from beyond the arc.

## Defense wins championships

By PARMIDA SCHAHHOSSEINI  
SPORTS WRITER

Having a defense is important to win games. One may think that it’s common sense. There are many examples even throughout Baylor Athletics that support this notion.

Last season, Baylor football played West Virginia early in the season. ESPN was basically giving Gino Smith the Heisman after torching Baylor’s defense for 656 yards and eight touchdowns. However, ESPN didn’t notice the fact that Baylor scored 63 points. Senior quarterback Nick Florence had 581 yards for five touchdowns. Usually those numbers would be enough to win, but they came up short. Throughout the season, Baylor was one of the highest scoring offenses, finishing number two in the country, but they only won eight games. Against Texas, Baylor scored 50 points, but ended up losing 56-50. Football is a team sport and everyone could have done a bit more, but after scoring so much, what more was the offense supposed to do?

After being compared to a high school defense, Baylor got a wake-up call and beat No. 1 Kansas State in convincing fashion: 52-24.

### SPORTS TAKE

When the defense came together, Baylor began winning games and went to its third straight bowl game.

Great defenses allow teams to stay in the game. Perfect examples for this are the recent softball games. On Friday, freshman right-handed pitcher Heather Stearns started her first game and the defense let the game to get away from her. Fortunately for Baylor, Stearns won her next two. In recent games, Baylor’s offense has struggled scoring runs.

However, Baylor’s pitching and defense allowed them to remain close. After allowing a score once in each game against Northern Illinois on Saturday and Southern Mississippi on Tuesday, Baylor was sound on defense. This kept the team competitive. The games were never out of reach. The Lady Bears pitched well and stopped threats from opposing teams, which gave them a chance to come back and win both games. While head coach Glenn Moore wasn’t pleased with how the offense played, it’s still early in the season. As long as the defense is sound, they can stay in

every game.

Head women’s basketball coach Kim Mulkey prides herself on having her teams playing sound, physical defense. Her 361-80 record in 13 seasons speaks for itself. Mulkey understands that playing good defense gives teams a chance to win. Senior center Brittney Griner, who holds the NCAA record for blocks at 693, recently said that blocked shots are important to her because it prevents opposing teams from scoring. Senior guard Jordan Madden and senior forward Brooklyn Pope have been putting pressure on opponents. The whole team contributes and plays unselfish ball, allowing the team to do what they do best — winning games. The Lady Bears have been defeating opponents by an average of 28 points due to the pressure they put on opposing teams, preventing them to keep up with the third best offense in the nation.

Whether the team is having a hard time scoring a run, or putting up 63 points on offense, the defense needs to do its job to win. A great defense can take pressure off any offense, no matter how good they are. Defense is what allows teams to stay in games, because anything can happen later in the game.

### Big Saturday in Baylor sports

**Women’s Equestrian**  
at SMU

**Men’s Tennis**  
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at Kansas State

## Momentum key for Baylor tennis

By PHILLIP ERICKSEN  
REPORTER

“We won.”

That’s all Baylor men’s tennis head coach Matt Knoll cared about last weekend in a dominant victory over Purdue.

The 18th-ranked Bears will play a doubleheader against Texas Pan-American at 11 a.m. and UT-Arlington at 3 p.m. this Saturday at the Hurd Tennis Center. The team (3-1) is looking to carry over its momentum from last weekend and a good week of practice.

Knoll said the team doesn’t practice any differently for double-headers, but concentrates on fundamentals and energy.

“We’re trying to push the physicality of our training these two weeks,” Knoll said. “We feel like we weren’t physically tough enough when we played up in Tulsa.”

The Bears’ loss against Tulsa on Feb. 3 is their only loss of the season.

“One good thing about losing is it’s hard to overlook anybody,”

Knoll said. “It keeps you grounded, and that’s one of the reasons you play a tough schedule.”

“Our confidence is high, and I think we’re going to play a lot better down the road,” he added.

The team will play highly ranked teams such as UCLA, Virginia and Ole Miss over a four-day stretch in March, but the team isn’t overlooking the upcoming doubleheader.

“It’s a good opportunity to get matches in, especially for a couple of guys who haven’t played that much,” said sophomore Marko Krickovic, who is ranked 50th in the nation.

Senior Roberto Maytin returned to the team last week from a Visa-related trip to Venezuela, and freshman Julian Lenz returned from a knee injury. Both play pivotal roles on the team in singles and doubles.

“I’m just trying to stay back and find my rhythm,” Lenz said. “The whole team did a great job.”

Lenz is ranked 53rd in the nation in singles.

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Volunteers with Campus Kitchen work to prepare meals for Mission Waco on Wednesday at the Mary Gibbs Jones Family and Consumer Sciences Building.

one knee and took the ring out of his pocket. They got engaged in March 2004.

The Wallers were married in Katy on Sept. 10, 2005. Today, they live in Medina with their two children—Anna, 4, and Ty, 7 months. Matt is the camp director of Deer Creek Adventure Camp. When he is back at Baylor recruiting for his camp or checking in on football,

They are also working with Student Activities to find a new meeting place and home for their race cars.

The Baylor Driving Club has several events planned for this semester.

The club is going to begin work

practice, he likes to stop and look at the chalk under the bridge.

Nine years later, it still reads “A Baylor Name Is Changing.”

"My staff makes fun of me for saying, 'Hey, come see where I proposed to my wife!' but I have pride in it," Matt said. "Every time we come here, we have to see it. One day it will go away but oh well. It's been there for nine years."

Waller has some advice for students looking to start the next chapter in their lives. "Don't have a lot of expectations," Matt said. "When it comes to proposing, pull things from the past and think of what you want in the future. Have fun with it and make it creative and symbolic."

"We want people who enjoy cars to come out," Carter said. "It doesn't matter what kind of car you drive."

The Baylor Driving Club will also be participating in a road race at Texas World Speedway on April 6.

By *DANNY ROBBINS*  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GRAPEVINE — The Florida prisoner who stabbed a detective and escaped near Dallas while being transported to Nevada is “a schizophrenic” who vowed not to return to prison, according to authorities and a 911 call released Wednesday.

Alberto Morales, 42, escaped Monday after using a piece from his eyeglasses to stab Miami-Dade Detective Jaime Pardinás, one of two officers transferring the prisoner by car to Nevada.

The escape happened while they were stopped in a Wal-Mart store parking lot in Grapevine, a community near the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Grapevine police spokesman Robert Eberling said authorities continue to search near the airport and will do so until they believe they should look elsewhere.

He said the search covers “any place anybody can hide,” including yards and drainage ditches.

Eberling said inmates who knew Morales in prison have told investigators that he had vowed not to return.

"He's made it pretty clear that he's not going back to prison," Ebberling said.

On a recording of a 911 call released Wednesday, Pardinás can be heard breathing heavily as he tells the operator that he's been stabbed.

He described Morales' height, weight and appearance and then added, "He's a schizophrenic."

On another 911 call, a bystander told the operator: "There's a guy with a gun and somebody on the floor bleeding."

The caller then clarified that “the guy with the gun is helping the guy that’s bleeding.”

Pardinas was accompanied by Miami-Dade Detective David Carrero during the transfer.

They flew to Houston with Morales and then decided to drive the rest of the way after he became disruptive on the flight.

They had stopped near the store while waiting for a third officer who was



54, remained hospitalized Wednesday after undergoing surgery for deep stab wounds to the neck, shoulder and back and a collapsed lung, said Miami-Dade police Sgt. Patricia Bimonte.

At a news conference outside the hospital in Dallas, Bimonte said Morales used a broken or sharpened piece from a pair of eyeglasses to stab Pardinaz.

The detective was in serious but stable condition Wednesday and it was unclear when he would be re-

leased, Bimonte said.

The sergeant warned the public that Morales has a history of crimes with a deadly weapon. "He has a horrible, horrible past," she said. "He's not going to hesitate to hurt somebody else."

Bimonte said she believed Morales was still in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and could not go far because he was wearing shackles, shorts and only one shoe.

"I can't believe that he's been able to get out of here," she said.

Eight to 10 Miami-Dade officers were expected to join Texas authorities and federal marshals in the manhunt, she said, and Morales could face charges of escape and attempted murder of a peace officer.

Bimonte said she could not address whether any security lapses might have been factors in the escape. Morales was able to escape even though he was shackled “appropriately,” wearing handcuffs and a chain to prevent him from moving his arms, Eberling said.

Pardinas and Carrero were taking Morales to Nevada to serve a sentence of 30 years to life for a conviction of sexual assault with a weapon.

Police initially thought Morales might be in a vehicle stolen Tuesday morning at a motel near the airport, but Eberling said Wednesday that was not the case.

He said the vehicle has been recovered in Dallas and is not believed to be connected to the incident.

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