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Local bands will battle it out for a spot in the Diadeloso lineup at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Bill Daniel Student Center Bowl. Pizza and T-shirts will be on sale at the event.

Snap it

A picture is forever. Round Up is taking portraits from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and Wednesday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday in the Bill Daniel Student Center. Formal attire is required for seniors and no appointment is necessary.

Hurry, hurry

Wednesday is the last day to register for intramural softball. Games begin on April 8. The cost is \$50 per team.



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Student's death unites BU community

Senior dies shortly after collapsing at Bearathon

By Taylor Rexrode STAFF WRITER

Students, faculty and staff are mourning the loss of North Richland Hills senior Daniel Jones who died Saturday after Student Foundation's annual Bearathon.

Jones was nearing the end of the half-marathon when he collapsed on Fifth Street. The

Hinsdale, III. senior Taylor Phillip, North Richland Hills senior Daniel Jones, Carrollton senior Matt Dysart and Abilene senior Randall Fowler show off their KOT pride during Walk the Street 2010 in front of the Baylor Bookstore.

23-year-old, who was first treated at the scene, died an hour after betist Medical Center.

Services for Jones will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Shannon Rufe Snow Funeral Home, located at 6001 Rufe Snow Drive in Fort Worth. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Life Church, located at 7508 Davis Blvd. in North Richland Hills.

McLennan County Justice of the Peace W.H. "Pete" Peterson told the Waco-Tribune Herald the preliminary autopsy showed neither evidence of foul play nor an obvious cause of death. A toxicology report will be conducted, but Peterson said that these tests could take a month or longer to complete.

Jones was a member of Kappa Omega Tau fraternity and participated in the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program and Baylor Buddies. He is a former member of Student Foundation.

Kappa Omega Tau President and Waco senior Brennan Bailey, who was a pledge brother to Jones, said he and Jones' other fraternity brothers will remember Jones' strength, joy and faithfulness to God.

"We watched him in his sufferings with Alopecia, with being blind in one of his eyes and the loss of his grandmother. He was super faithful in the midst of his sufferings. He was known for sharing his story for the benefit of others and the glory of God,"

Women to talk race, gender issues

By SANMAI GBANDI REPORTER

My Sister, MySelf is a casual event where women can fellowship and talk about the issues women face in day-to-day life.

The meeting will be at 6 p.m. today in the Baines Room of the SBill Daniel Student Center.

The event is a meeting where four faculty members, all African-American, will lead a discussion between female students about many different issues. The discussion, although facilitated by the faculty members, is dictated by what the students in attendance want to talk about.

Kim Marmon, a resource specialist for the department of multicultural affairs, started the event last year with other faculty members such as the director of wellness Lori Genous.

The event was created with the intention of giving minority women a safe space to talk. Even though they will discuss issues that pertain specifically to women of color, the event is open to women of all races.

"Everyone is welcome to come and share their experiences," Marmon said.

sion. Many of the topics being discussed will be general issues that all women go through, but there will also be discussion about the difficulties of being a woman

According to the My Sister, MySelf Facebook page, their goal is to "share information on ways in which they can improve themselves individually and collectively in the community, home and professional world."

"We talk about so many different things," Marmon said. "We talk about relationships. We talk about just being a woman, balancing it all. Can you have it all and

Marmon said, as a woman, it can be easy to be silenced. She said this is a good opportunity for young women to speak their minds with no fear of judgment while also learning from the older faculty members who have more

tunity of sharing," said Marmon, "But we also want it to be an opportunity of knowledge-giving."

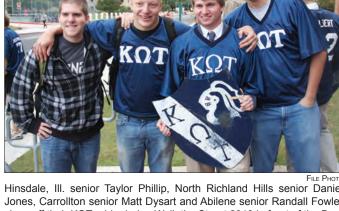


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Bailey said.

Jones never knew his father

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Bear's a winner!

Competitors break into a run after the sound-off that signaled the start the 2013 5K Bearathon on Fifth Street on Saturday. Overall winners of the 5K were Enrique Castillo in first, Edwin Brown in second and Colton Shaw coming in third. Half-marathon winners and medal recipients were Reina Rio in first with a time of 1 hour, 12 minutes followed by Micah Tirop at 1 hour, 14 minutes and Joe Beisner in third at 1 hour, 16 minutes. Read the full results from the Bearathon at www.baylorlariat.com.

Fifield honored for teaching methods

By Dan Henson REPORTER

We've all heard of teachers who go the extra mile, but not very many who would travel from Waco to Atlanta, Ga., just to help their students compete in a professional selling competition.

Charles "Chuck" Fifield, senior lecturer of marketing, was presented with the 2013 Academy of Marketing Science's Outstanding Marketing Teacher Award in a ceremony on Thursday. Fifield's colleagues nominated him for the award for routinely going above and beyond what is required of him as a teacher.

Dr. Andrea Dixon, associ-



Associate Professor Dr. Chris Pullig congratulates Charles Fifield, senior lecturer of marketing department, on for winning the 2013 Academy of Marketing Science's Outstanding Marketing Teacher Award on Thursday in the Hankamer School of Business.

ate professor and director of the Professional Selling, said "he is Keller Center and Center for willing to engage with students in a structured classroom setting, but he will pour hours and hours of time into students outside the classroom, working with them, whether it's on a project during his office hours, or whether it's serving as a coach to students for a competition, which is totally unrelated to what he gets paid to

Dixon said in her work with Fifield she was able to see the contributions he makes to students inside and out of the classroom, based on how the students engage

Dixon traveled with Fifield to a professional selling competition

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\$1.7M penalty proposed in Exxon spill

By Matthew Brown ASSOCIATED PRESS

BILLINGS, Mont. - Federal regulators proposed \$1.7 million in civil penalties against Exxon Mobil Corp. on Monday for safety violations linked to a pipeline rupture that spilled an estimated 63,000 gallons of crude oil into Montana's scenic Yellowstone

In a notice sent to the company, U.S. Department of Transportation regulators alleged a chain of bad decisions by Exxon lead-

ing up to the spill and in its immediate aftermath. That included Exxon employees' failure to close an upstream safety valve, which could have significantly reduced the size of the spill after it was first detected. As a result, the agency said, oil

continued gushing into the flooding river for almost an hour after the break was noticed by pipeline controllers in Houston.

The agency also faulted the company for not addressing flood risks and not taking adequate measures to prevent a spill.

The July 2011 rupture of the 12-inch pipeline under the river near Laurel fouled 70 miles of the Yellowstone River's banks, killing fish and wildlife and prompting a massive, months-long cleanup.

Investigators chalked up the immediate cause to floodwaters that damaged the line and left it exposed. It ruptured under pressure from debris washing down-

Exxon spokesman Patrick Henretty said the company was disappointed in the government's findings, which he said appeared

to contradict an investigative report released in December that said Exxon took "reasonable precautions to address the flooding."

Henretty added that Exxon was still reviewing Monday's notice. He said the Irving, Texasbased company has already altered its training program and procedures on the use of remotecontrol valves that can be used to shut down pipelines quickly when accidents occur.

Investigators previously said

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Rounding up campus news since 1900



Prejudicial news coverage of rape won't help anyone

Editorial

It's hard enough being 16, navigating high school and dealing with the gossip of peers.

However, one young girl is dealing with more than just malicious rumors — much more. The Steubenville rape case has gained nationwide publicity due to the controversial way in which several outlets have reported it. The tone of the coverage did not include the sympathy and understanding you might expect a person in this situation to receive, or even objectivity, which is essential in news report-

It involved two high school football players from Steubenville, Ohio, who were found guilty and convicted of raping a 16-year-old girl at a party.

The case attracted national attention from bloggers, hacking groups and all mainstream news media outlets in what can only be described as another chapter in the long history of biased, misguided and apologetic reporting on rape cases that shames our reputation and credibility as journalists.

This case, which could probably go down in history as one of the most public rape cases to date, due to the wealth of text messages, videos and cell phone pictures that showed and discussed the victim while she was unconscious, was further exacerbated by media coverage that engaged in victimblaming. Victimized first by her attackers, this young rape survivor was further harmed by prejudicial coverage that offered sympathy to her attackers and highlighted their troubles.

Trent Mays was sentenced to a minimum of two years in a juvenile correctional facility and Ma'lik Richmond was sentenced to a minimum of one year. However, like Mays, Richmond could be in detention until he is 21.

CNN reported that the Department of Youth Services will rule whether the two boys should be detained longer, which will depend on their behavior while incarcerated and rehabilitation.

CNN also reported the two will be required to register as offenders and undergo treatment while in detention. The infamous Web hacking group Anonymous released information containing the victim's name, making her a national target for hostile scrutiny from those in her town who value football over her human rights. The town is largely regarded as a football town: not a town that likes football, but a town that revolves around football, in which the coach and his players were lo-

Once the victim reported the rape, the school and the whole town was divided between those who believed her and those who vehemently did not. Once her name was released by Anonymous, it was included in the reports of all three major news broadcasts. There have been so many moral and humanitarian crimes committed throughout this case that they are hard to count. But let's name a

1) ABC, CNN and NBC all reported this case with an indefensible compassion for the convicted rapists. A CNN reporter said, "It was incredibly emotional, incredibly difficult even for an outsider like me to watch what happened as these two young men that had such promising futures, star football players, very good students literally watched as they believed their life fell apart." Another CNN reporter said, "When you listen to it and you realize that they could stay until they're 21... what's the lasting effect though, of two young men being found guilty in juvenile court of rape."

Throughout the whole report

there was no mention of the victim and the incredibly negative backlash she was getting for reporting

The broadcasters focused on the fact that Mays and Richmond would be labeled convicted sex offenders for the rest of their lives and that their potential football careers were ruined. Not only does this make light of the trauma inflicted on the victim, it makes light of the ethical code all journalists should have. The opinion of the reporters shouldn't have been reflected in the broadcasts at all, no matter how heinous the crime or how promising the twoyoung men

2) The victim has received several death threats from her peers and fellow citizens who claim she was lying about the rape despite the wealth of evidence pointing to Mays and Richmond. This has sparked a national debate between rape apologists and those who stand for women's rights.

3) There are two distinct to this situation: the rape apologists and the victim humanizers. Rape apology is any argument that asserts that rapists can be provoked into raping by what the victim does or does not do. The victim humanizers counter the rape apologists with, "What if she were your sister/ mother/daughter, etc...?"

This argument is even more harmful to us as a society because it values the victim only for the fact that she is loved by someone else. Compassion for the victim shouldn't be contingent on whether he/she is related to you or not. Human decency should cross any social or familial ties in this instance. Both of these arguments are highly misguided.

It is ridiculous that we are in the year 2013 and we have yet to make the distinction that no one deserves to be raped for the pure fact that they are human and have value regardless of their gender, race, religion or socioeconomic status.

NEA hinders education reform

Education reform may be one of the few political issues that appears to have bipartisan support. That being said, solutions so far have failed to achieve encouraging

Especially alarming is the fact that increased funding seems to have no effect on solving the problem. Since 1960, real (inflationadjusted) education spending per student has more than tripled. However, test scores and graduation rates have not seen any improvement.

The award-winning documentary "Waiting for Superman" persuasively argues for much-needed reform in America's education system. By following the stories of five children who are looking for better school opportunities, the movie demonstrates the many flaws with the current system.

The movie describes a "dance of the lemons," in which bad teachers are shuffled from school to school because they cannot be fired.

Good teachers are of paramount importance, the movie argues. Whereas good teachers can often cover as much as 150 percent of the required curriculum, bad teachers can cover as little as 50

Why do we not distinguish between good and bad teachers?

Because, until recently, almost all attempts at merit pay (teachers' salaries based on performance rather than years teaching) have been rebuffed by the two largest teachers' unions, the National Education Association (NEA) and American Federation of Teachers (AFT).

Last November, New Jersey governor Chris Christie compromised with the AFT to implement a merit pay plan for Newark's teachers. The plan marks a sudden change in the traditional conflict



Danny Huizinga | Guest columnist

"As long as the NEA continues to oppose these school reform measures and stand in the way of new ideas, American schools will still be 'waiting for Superman."

over this issue. Despite the AFT's willingness to compromise, however, the NEA continues to oppose the merit pay measures.

The NEA also opposes any measures offering "vouchers" for school choice to parents. Dr. Michael Q. McShane, research fellow in education policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute, ar-

"Teachers' unions fear vouchers, as students choosing to attend private schools cut into their market share and curtail the primary source of their revenue and political power, the dues of their union-

Although unions can sometimes serve a valuable purpose, many argue the NEA has overstepped its boundaries.

The NEA consistently supports and articulates pro-choice and progay marriage positions, inviting criticism that these issues are irrelevant to helping teachers improve

Teachers who do not wish to join or support the union often have no choice, facing possible termination if they do not pay union dues. The NEA needs this revenue in order to maintain their place as the highest campaign contributor. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the NEA spent \$56.3 million in the 2008 election

Though corporations are often criticized for their alleged spending power, the NEA spent more than ExxonMobil, Microsoft, Walmart and the AFL-CIO combined.

Even statements from the organization itself offer a jarring truth:

"Why is the NEA an effective advocate? Despite what some among us would like to believe it is not because of our creative ideas; it is not because of the merit of our positions; it is not because we care about children; and it is not because we have a vision of a great public school for every child.

The NEA and its affiliates are effective advocates because we have

As long as the NEA continues to oppose these school reform measures and stand in the way of new ideas, American schools will still be "waiting for Superman."

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Keep ultimate finish line in mind

If you would have asked me to run the Bearathon last year, I would have wondered why you were talking to me. Prior to the Bearathon, I had never run more than five miles at once. But what seemed like an impossible dream became reality as I was inspired to run the Bearathon this year because of an insight my professor, Dr. Jeter Basden, gave in the Introduction to Ministry class.

In the class, Dr. Basden stated that the calling to ministry is like a marathon - one must be readily equipped for a life-time of minis try and be prepared for what's to come. This piece of wisdom gave me a reason to run my first halfmarathon and decided to run the Bearathon as a symbolic act toward a lifetime pursuit of God and min-

Throughout this season of training, I gained deeper understandings of overcoming trials, persevering amid hardships and running the race marked ahead of me (not others). No wonder the "race" and "running" analogy is used so much in the Bible.

Paul declared, in Philippians 3:12-15, "I want to know Christyes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.



"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

For numerous individuals I met on Saturday, the Bearathon was a testimony of their newly accomplished goals. For some runners, new personal records were set while for one couple, an engagement occurred. The Bearathon was a testimony of new beginnings, and the life of Daniel Jones, a senior marketing/ management double major from North Richland Hills, truly testifies to this.

After returning from the Bearathon, I found out that Daniel passed away prior to reaching the finish line. The news shocked me as I had seen the ambulance enter

and leave Fifth Street. Questions of life's purpose and thoughts on the fragility of life flooded my mind upon hearing about Daniel.

Why not me? I wondered. Immediately, my heart and prayers went out to each of Daniel's family members and friends. I did not personally know Daniel, but I have friends who do know him. And they each have remembered his character, love, and strong faith in Iesus Christ.

His life testimony is beautiful particularly in light of the Bearathon. May we press on like Daniel did, not only in the Bearathon but also in life. May we be challenged by his testimony of overcoming adversities in life. His life challenges us all to re-examine the way we are living and the testimony that we are proclaiming to those around

Daniel's story and departure from us here marks a beginning to the ultimate finish line - where Jesus and many others surely cheered him on and welcomed him home.

Although Daniel may not have been able to reach the finish line at Bearathon, we cheer and rejoice, for he won the greatest prize of us all - "the prize for which God has called me [and each of us as we follow God] heavenward in Christ

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Eager for Easter eggs

Three-year-old Cambry Wick participates in Kappa Gamma's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Monday, March 25, at Founders Mall. Pictures with the Easter bunny and cookies and water were available as well.

Woman suffers total identity theft

By Roxana Hegeman Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — For almost 12 years, a Houston elementary school teacher and an illegal immigrant living in Topeka have engaged in a tug of war to claim the identity of Candida L. Gutierrez in a case that has put a face on the growing crime of "total identity theft" in the United States.

On Monday, the real Candida L. Gutierrez saw her identity thief, Benita Cardona-Gonzalez, for the first time. Their encounter came inside a federal courtroom in Wichita, where Cardona-Gonzalez, a Mexican national, was sentenced to 18 months in prison for possessing fraudulent identification documents.

The plea deal Cardona-Gonzalez struck with prosecutors in January gave her less prison time, but guaranteed she would not contest her deportation. She pleaded guilty to an aggravated felony, which typically results in automatic deportation.

When Gutierrez's identity was stolen, the thief didn't stop at opening fraudulent credit and bank accounts. Cardona-Gonzalez assumed Gutierrez's persona completely, using it to get a job, a driver's license, a mortgage and medical care for her children.

She even put the stolen name

on the birth certificates of her two U.S.-born children in the spots where they list the mother's name.

Gutierrez and her husband, Brenden Marquardt, flew to Wichita from Houston for the court proceedings hoping to gain a sense of closure

"I wanted to make sure I could see her face and she could see my face — so that she knew the face of the person who paid for living her dream," Gutierrez said. "Because her dream was my nightmare."

Cardona-Gonzales briefly glanced at Gutierrez while giving a hurried courtroom statement in Spanish.

"I accept my punishment and I accept my responsibility and I ask forgiveness of Ms. Gutierrez," she said.

Gutierrez first learned her identity had been hijacked when she was turned down for a mortgage. Each year she trudges to the Social Security Administration with her birth certificate, driver's license, passport and even school yearbooks to prove her identity and clear her employment record.

She spends hours on the phone with creditors and credit bureaus, fills out affidavits and has yet to clean up her credit history. Her tax records are a mess. She even once phoned the impostor's Kansas employer in a futile effort to find some

relief.

Both women had claimed they were identity theft victims and sought to get new Social Security numbers. The Social Security Administration turned down Gutierrez's request and instead issued a new number to the woman impersonating her.

And in another ironic twist, Gutierrez was forced to file her federal income tax forms using a special identification number usually reserved for illegal immigrants.

Their struggle finally came to a head when Gutierrez got married a year ago, and her new husband set out to clear her credit history.

He traced the identity thief to Topeka and on the Internet he found a press release from the U.S. attorney's office in Kansas about the prosecutions of other illegal immigrants working at Reser's Fine Foods, the same manufacturer where Cardona-Gonzalez worked. He contacted federal authorities in Kansas, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson took up their case.

"I don't think we would ever have solved this issue without Brent's help," Marquardt said.

U.S. District Judge Eric Melgren called the case a "classic example" of the harm done by identity theft, saying people who characterize

the cases as victimless crimes are uninformed. He said he had some reservations about the 18-month prison sentence and whether it was enough, but decided it was acceptable to meet sentencing objectives and bring closure to the victim.

Defense attorney Matthew Works told the court that his client didn't have an understanding of how difficult it is for the victim to get her identity back. He said after the hearing that Cardona-Gonzalez has authorized him to do anything he can to "try to fix it" so Gutierrez could regain her identity.

Still pending before the court is a prosecution request that Melgren order the Kansas Office of Vital Statistics to correct the name of the mother on the birth certificates issued to Cardona-Gonzalez's two children who were born in Kansas.

Anderson is also helping Gutierrez obtain a new Social Security number and sort out the legal tangle from the foreclosure of the house Cardona-Gonzalez bought in Topeka under the false identity.

Gutierrez said she did not know whether Cardona-Gonzalez's apology in court was sincere, or whether it should even be up to her to forgive her.

"I don't want to think about it anymore," Gutierrez said after the hearing. "It is done."

Affirmative action case heads to court

By Mark Sherman Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court's decision to hear a new case from Michigan on the politically charged issue of affirmative action offers an intriguing hint that the justices will not use a separate challenge already pending from Texas for a broad ruling bringing an end to the consideration of race in college admissions.

To be sure, the two cases involve different legal issues. The University of Texas dispute, with arguments already completed and a ruling possible soon, centers on the use of race to fill some slots in the school's freshman classes. The Michigan case asks whether a voter-approved ban on affirmative action in college admissions can itself violate the Constitution.

But the broadest possible outcome in the current Texas case — overruling the court's 2003 decision that allows race as a factor in college admissions — would mean an end to affirmative action in higher education and render the new Michigan lawsuit irrelevant.

If the justices are planning to overrule that earlier decision, "then I would think they would hold this case," the new one, and order lower courts to review it based on the Texas decision, said Erwin Chemerinsky, dean of the law school at the University of California at Irvine. He is representing students and faculty members in the Michigan case.

At the October argument in Fisher v. University of Texas, the court's conservative justices sounded as if they were ready to impose new limits on the use of race in college admissions. More than five months have passed without a decision, which is not unusual in the court's most contentious cases.

The appeal in the Michigan case comes from state Attorney General Bill Schuette, following a ruling from the sharply divided 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati. The appeals court, by an 8-7 vote, found fault with the 2006 constitutional amendment to outlaw "preferential treatment" on the basis of race and other factors in college admissions. The provision also applies to affirmative action in public employment and government contracting, but those issues are not being challenged.

The appeals court said the constitutional amendment is illegal under Supreme Court rulings from the late 1960s and early 1980s that prohibit placing special burdens on minority groups that want to bring about changes in laws and policies. The court said that forcing opponents of the ban to mount their own long, expensive campaign through the ballot box to protect affirmative action amounts to different, and unequal, treatment.

That burden "undermines the Equal Protection Clause's guarantee that all citizens ought to have equal access to the tools of political change," the appeals court said. By way of example, the court said that children of university alumni remain free to lobby lawmakers and university officials to adopt policies

to take family ties into account in admissions.

Schuette said the notion that a measure that forbids discrimination on the basis of race can be unconstitutional is legal nonsense.

"Entrance to our great colleges and universities must be based upon merit, and I remain optimistic moving forward in our fight for equality, fairness and rule of law at our nation's highest court," Schuette said Monday.

The American Civil Liberties Union's Dennis Parker said the constitutional ban discriminates against students of color.

"Michigan's proposal aims to unfairly keep students from encouraging universities to consider race as one factor in admissions but does not do the same for those who are trying to get the school to acknowledge other factors, such as legacy or athletic achievement," said Parker, director of the ACLU's Racial Justice Program

Both the Michigan and Texas cases trace their roots to the same Supreme Court decision in 2003 — Grutter v. Bollinger — that upheld the use of race by colleges and universities in their quest for diverse student bodies.

The ruling came in a lawsuit involving the University of Michigan law school.

In response to the court's 5-4 decision in that case, affirmative action opponents worked to put a ballot measure in front of voters that would outlaw the consideration of race. Similar laws are in place in Arizona, California, Florida, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma and Washington, Arizona Attorney General Thomas Horne said in a legal briefing supporting Michigan.

In November 2006, 58 percent of Michigan voters approved the measure. Civil rights groups sued to block the provision the day after the vote.

At the University of Texas, roughly three-fourths of incoming freshmen are Texans who graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school classes. They are automatically admitted under a plan that was designed to increase diversity without taking race into account. After the high court decision in 2003, Texas added the consideration of race among many factors to fill remaining slots.

A white Texan, Abigail Fisher, sued the university after she was denied a spot in 2008.

The justices could rule in Fisher's favor without upsetting their 2003 decision, especially because Texas already has achieved a measure of diversity through the so-called top 10 plan, which is race-neutral.

In the event they are unable to come to a resolution in the Texas case, the justices also could use the new matter to, in essence, re-argue the pros and cons of affirmative action. The court could rule in the Texas case, order new arguments or decide it is deadlocked 4 to 4 as early as Tuesday, or as late as the end of June.

Justice Elena Kagan is sitting out the Texas case, and also is not taking part in the new one.



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Project Greenway winners make green the new black



Above: Dreamboat performs at Project Greenway. Bottom Left: A model shows off a dress designed by Spring freshman Jasmine Miller, Chino Hills, Calif., graduate student Holly Smith and Norcross, Ga., sophomore Laura Beth Hooper. Bottom Right: Kingwood senior Krista Stephens models the dress she designed for Project Greenway Cutout: A model displays one of the designs by winning team which consists of Houston junior Eliza Coleman and Plano junior Ryan Schaap.





By KATE McGuire STAFF WRITER

Green wasn't just a color Thursday at Common Grounds.

Houston junior Eliza Coleman and Plano junior Ryan Schaap designed two "green" outfits for the Project Greenway fashion show at 7 p.m. Thursday. The pair won the competition and received a \$500

Project Greenway is a fashion show and concert sponsored by Uproar Records, Baylor's student-run

It consists of fashion designer teams that work over the course of four months to design and create recyclable outfits that depict "green" materials. All outfits consisted of recyclable materials such as newspaper, cardboard, plastic bottles and more.

Crandall junior Jodi Orr, director of Project Greenway said, all materials have to be recyclable and Baylor appropriate.

Coleman and Schaap said they excited about the night but didn't know what to expect.

"We didn't have any expectations going in but we were confident," Schaap said. "We were definitely nervous and the other teams did a really good

The dresses were judged by a panel of representing judges Baylor Sustainability, Common Grounds, Uproar Records and Baylor family and consumer science department. Criteria for judges included amount of recyclable material, creativity, and appeal of the design and teams that created four dresses to-

tal. The winning team consisted of two friends, "We didn't have any Coleman and expectations going in, Schaap, who designed and crebut we were confident. ated two dresses. We were definitely The first dress nervous and the other was black with an umbrella for teams did a really good the bosom, broken records on the hips, an intertube for the Ryan Schaap | Project Greenway waist and plastic sheeting and lining for the flowy

skirt. Their second dress was made of blue camping tarp, and broken CDs around the waist, up the bosom and

around the neck. Inspiration for the different outfits came from Pinterest, fashion magazines and personal items around rooms and apartments. Schaap said he

> got his inspiration for the designs from big-name designers in his magazines. "I am a magazine hoarder, so we went

through all the magazines, and we saw Dior and Alexander Mc-Queen," Schaap "Sitting said. down and doing research was really

fun.

One of the teams included three designers who were paired up by Project Greenway.

Spring

freshman Jasmine Miller,

Ga., sophomore Laura Beth Hooper

made mostly of newspaper but the trio didn't stop at a dress. Their sandals were made out of cardboard and paper mache newspaper. Miller accessories consisted of melted plastic bottles for

earrings and a

belt made out

created a dress

of shopping bags.

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Kingwood senior Krista Stephens worked alone. She designed, created and modeled a dress made of packing paper, burlap, medical tape, coffee filters and peacock

Stephens said she wanted an outfit that is functional as well as environmentally friendly.

"I wanted to create a dress people would look at and say, 'I want that," Stephens said.

Sponsors of Project Greenway included Baylor Sustainability, student government, the Baylor Lariat, Uproar Records and Common Grounds.

Uproar artists also performed at the event. Dreamboat performed at the beginning of the night before the fashion show and then Lane Lynch ended the show.

The "going-green attitude" was furthered when Common Grounds announced its transition from using Styrofoam cups to compostable cups, as well as adding three recycling bins, Orr said.

Common Grounds also began offering a new drink, the Treehugger. A dollar from every purchase of the drink will go to Keep Waco Beautiful, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to keep Waco clean, healthy, and safe through green programs said Sherri Street, executive director of Keep Waco

Sergio's Cafe closes its doors after six months of erratic business

By Paula Ann Solis Staff Writer

A breakfast eatery is closing its

doors after just six months. Sergio's Café, adjacent to Mexican seafood restaurant Sergio's, served the last of its patrons Saturday, including several Bearathon participants. Sergio and Sandra Garcia own both the café and res-

Jim Que, the operator and sole cook of Sergio's Café, said the café was opened in February adjacent to Sergio's dinner and lunch restaurant after the popularity of Sergio's food truck at the Waco Downtown Farmers Market.

"I was working the food truck for about a year and then it was

just a real cold, nasty day there and when I came back, I was just sitting here thinking, why don't we bring it inside," Que said.

Que said he discussed his idea with Sergio Garcia and the two thought the breakfast café would prove very successful because its location, 608 Austin Ave., had no nearby competitors.

The café, according to Que, aspired to attain bygone characteristics of eateries where cooks and customers were friends, much like one from his hometown, Boston. Que said he knew his customers on a personal level, which made Sergio's Café unlike most places in Waco.

However, the fluctuation of customers from day to day was detrimental to their success.

"One day we'll do 70 people, the next day we'll do two people," Que

said. Sergio Garcia called Que on Tuesday to tell him Saturday would be the last day of business.

The news of the closure was a shock for Que, who said six months was not enough time to gauge

the potential success of the busi-

Que said the café was slowly building up a promising cliental

that included members of Cross Fit Waco. Que said after working out, people would cross the street to enjoy his

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"This place has a funky little ambience to it and it has good service and great coffee. It will be missed."

Angela Fenolio | Sergio's Cafe regular

of the café.

Angela Fenolio, a resident of China Spring, said she visited the café every time she had her hair done two doors down.

"Oh my gosh, it's so popular," Fenolio said. "That's a shame. This place has a funky little ambience to it and it has good service and great coffee. It will be missed."

Pat James, who lives across the street from Sergio's, visited the café on its last day with her walking group and learned for the first time about its closure. It was the group's routine to walk the downtown diswas also a trict and finish at Sergio's Café for breakfast.

> "I live right across the street and we are very sad," James said. "It's sad because it's great breakfast and I loved to listen to his Boston accent. It was great entertainment with your breakfast.

When asked what the group's

plans were now that Sergio's Café would close, James said, "We're going to find out where Jim's going."

Que said he took great pride in the products the café produced, which included homemade tortillas and freshly prepared meats. He said he hopes after the closure there will be a demand for it that will cause Garcia to consider re-

Que said the main restaurant portion of Sergio's Restaurant that serves lunch and dinner has no plans to close. Their days and hours of operation can be found on their webpage, sergioswaco. com. Sergio's food truck will also continue to serve breakfast at the farmer's market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

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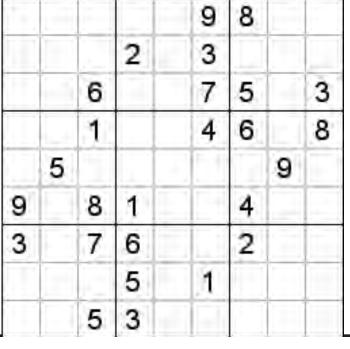






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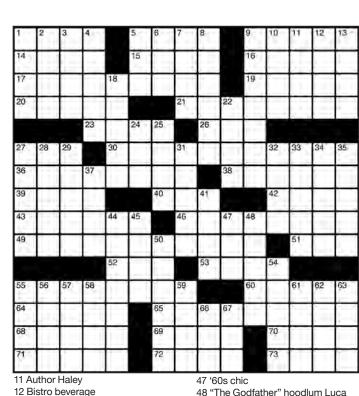
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Top-seeded Lady Bears set for second-round game

By Parmida Schahhosseini SPORTS WRITER

The journey to a second-consecutive National Championship continues for the No. 1 Lady Bears, who advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament to play No. 8 Florida State at 8:30 p.m. today at the Ferrell Center.

'They're talented. We're talented," head coach Kim Mulkey said. "We're fortunate to play in an area that appreciates the product on the floor. But playing at home doesn't win games for us. Those kids have to go in, night in and night out."

The Florida State Seminoles are 4-5 against ranked opponents this season, but they have not defeated

Despite its seeding, Florida State does pose a threat offensively, ranking fifth in the nation in field goal percentage at 45.9. The Seminoles are also seventh in the nation in scoring at 76.2 points per game.

"Florida State is a team full of athletes," junior guard Odyssey Sims said. "They have great shooters, a point guard who can get by you on the dribble and a four and a five who can rebound very well. We are going to have to keep them off the boards and keep them out of the paint."

The Seminoles commit 16.4 turnovers per game, but their defense averages 9.8 steals per game. The team also averages 38.9 rebounds, but its opponents average 38.7 on the season.

Leonor Rodriguez leads the Seminoles in scoring, averaging 15 points per game while adding 3.7 rebounds and 3.7 assists. Chelsea Davis leads the team in field-goal percentage at 51.9 and is the third-leading scorer, averaging 13 points per game. Davis also adds 5.4 rebounds and 3.2 assists. Natasha Howard leads the team in rebounds at 7.6 per game and averages 12.8 points per game.

Baylor is second in the nation in scoring offense, averaging 81 points per game. The Lady Bears are also first in the nation in fieldgoal percentage, making 51.5 percent of their shots.

Baylor is also ranked first in assist-to-turnover ratio at 1.61.

Sims is second in the nation in assist-to-turnover ratio at 2.66. Sims had five steals without committing a single turnover against Prairie View A&M on Sunday.

"We play a kid at Duke that was Odyssey's teammate, Alexis Jones," Florida State head coach Sue Semrau said. "They remind me so much of each other. It's uncanny how similar the two of them are. I think Odyssey's a little bit more powerful, and obviously more experienced and more savvy."

Senior center Brittney Griner leads the team in scoring and rebounds with 23.6 points and nine rebounds per game. Griner is third in the nation in points per game and second in the nation in blocked shots, averaging 4.15 per

Senior guards Jordan Madden and Kimetria Hayden are having their best year offensively, averaging 7.5 and 7.4 points per game respectively.

Senior forward Destiny Williams has been dependable off the bench, averaging 8.5 points and 6.8 rebounds per contest.

However, Baylor's offense isn't the only part of the court that has been successful. Baylor holds its opponents to 32.8 percent shooting and 53.9 points per game. Baylor's defense is the reason it has a +27.1 scoring margin.

"I think we obviously have to make shots and just continue playing team basketball," Seminole senior guard Alexa Deluzio said. "I'm not a part of the Baylor team, but I know on our team we talk about our team chemistry and I think that's very powerful. We want to just to go out and have fun and compete. It's March Madness, anything can happen, and we're prepared for that."

However, Baylor will be prepared to keep its journey going.



Senior center Brittney Griner dunks the ball Sunday against Prairie View A&M University. The Lady Bears beat

Baseball splits with OSU

BY DANIEL HILL SPORTS WRITER

Baylor baseball split a road series with No. 20 Oklahoma State over the weekend. The Bears fell in game one on Friday 5-0 and then won in extra innings 5-3 on Saturday. Game three was scheduled for Sunday but was cancelled due to inclement weather. The Bears are 11-13 overall and 1-1 in the Big 12 Conference.

In the opening game of Baylor's Big 12 schedule, the Bears fell to Oklahoma State 5-0 Friday night in Stillwater. Junior right-handed pitcher Dillon Newman took the mound for the Bears and tossed five shutout innings before running into trouble in the sixth and seventh.

Newman hit a Cowboy batter and then allowed a two-out single. With two runners on base, Oklahoma State's cleanup hitter Zach Fish crushed a home run over the right field fence to give the Cowboys a sudden 3-0 lead.

boys added on two more insurance runs with a squeeze bunt and the help of a Baylor wild pitch.

We had some chances but we didn't do a good job when we had them," head coach Steve Smith said. "Some of that you have to

give credit to their guy. I thought he pitched pretty well, as did Dillon. The only real difference in the game was that pitch Fish hit to right field... On a day like today with the way we were offensively, that's all they needed."

After Newman was pulled, junior left-handed pitcher Doug Ashby came on in relief for the Bears in the eighth inning and pitched a scoreless frame. Ashby still has not conceded a run in more than 7.1 innings of work in seven appearances.

"The stat line doesn't do what Dillon did and how he pitched justice, but that's how the game is," Smith said. "It could've been a different story for him as well, but we didn't get any runs in."

In game two of the series on Saturday, the Bears won 5-3 in 12 innings. In the sixth, the Bears scored their first runs of the game when senior third baseman Cal Towey crushed a two-run single up the middle. Sophomore left fielder Adam Toth singled to score Towey to give the Bears a 3-1 lead.

In the tenth inning with the game tied 3-3, the Bears broke through with two runs.

Junior catcher Nate Goodwin earned a walk. Senior shortstop Jake Miller put down a sacrifice bunt to advance freshman pinch

runner West Tunnell to second. Then sophomore center fielder Logan Brown delivered with a double to score Tunnell. After two intentional walks, sophomore infielder Duncan Wendel hit a ground ball to short, and the infielder committed an error on the play that allowed Brown to score.

"They pitched us away for two days and finally we got one in, and Logan hooked it down there and gave us a little room to breathe," Smith said.

Senior right-handed pitcher Max Garner took the mound for Baylor and went six and one-third innings. He allowed three runs on seven hits.

Sophomore right-handed pitcher Ryan Smith took the mound in relief. Smith and junior right-handed pitcher Josh Michalec held the Cowboys scoreless after nine innings. In extra innings, senior left-handed pitcher Crayton Bare earned the win with more

than three innings of shutout work. "We had to turn some magic there late in the ball game a couple of times," Smith said. "Defensively, we executed well and got a really, really good performance out of Crayton."

The Bears will play at 6 p.m. today at the University of Texas- San



United States forward Clint Dempsey (8) celebrates a goal with Michael Bradley (4) against Costa Rica during the first half of a World Cup qualifier soccer match Friday in Commerce City. Colo

USA defeats Costa Rica in Colorado blizzard, 1-0

By DAVID RAMSEY

McClatchy-Tribune

COMMERCE CITY, Colo. — The world's game is now our game,

This truth was clear to see during the United States' 1-0 soccer victory over Costa Rica in a World Cup qualifier Friday night.

But that was about the only thing clear on an outrageously snowy Colorado night. The Costa Rica team had no chance. After halftime, the visitors looked lost and seemed most interested in going home to balmy temperatures and pristine beaches.

The sell-out crowd of 19,374 remained with only a few dozen fleeing the blowing snow and freezing

Bad weather was part of the Americans' plot. It's no accident this game was played in Colorado in March. The United States is not above employing weather in its quest to ensure a return trip to the World Cup.

For decades, skeptical American sports fans have considered it their patriotic duty to make fun of soccer. The game is boring, these

fans shouted. The game never will ful game. conquer our land.

Forget it; the conquering is complete.

An hour before the game, I could tell this would be a special night. Snow already was falling in this decidedly unfashionable Denver suburb as the parking lots at Dick's Sporting Goods Park began

As I stepped out of my car, I encountered a scalper.

"Got any tickets?" he asked, his

eyes full of hope. I told him no.

This news depressed him. He had spent 30 minutes wandering through the lots, looking for extra tickets to sell. He knew he could sell his tickets at a huge markup. One problem:

He found no tickets.

On a horrendous night, virtually everyone who purchased a ticket showed up to watch our nation's soccer team. There's an easy explanation for this:

Soccer has arrived in the United States, including Colorado. Throngs of Americans have joined billions around the world in an extreme devotion to a simple, beauti-

Millions of Americans are now fluent about soccer. They talk with excitement and expertise about Messi, Ronaldo and Rooney. They watch Fox Soccer Channel with the same fervor conservatives watch Fox News.

This was fun. The crowd joined a loud, inspiring performance of our national anthem, and when Clint Dempsey scored the game's only goal in the 16th minute, the rejoicing sounded like a happy thunderstorm.

I'm not optimistic about this current version of America's team. Landon Donovan, the greatest American star, appears more interested in rest than leading his countrymen.

Dempsey needs an elite scoring partner for the Americans to travel deep in the World Cup field, and I don't see one on the roster. This team appears on its way to a disappointing finish at the 2014 Cup.

But in the future, America will kick its way into the ranks of the world's finest soccer nations. We don't have tradition on our side. We do have a massive population and an enormous thirst for victory.

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and lost his mother to a drunken driver when he was 11 years old. He also lived with Alopecia Universalis, an autoimmune disorder that causes hair loss and prevents hair growth, and lost vision in his left eye. Bailey said Jones' struggles inspired him to embrace hardship.

"His struggles inspired me to embrace trials and consider it a joy, as he did," Bailey said. "He suffered faithfully, humbly and joyfully just as his Savior did. Daniel's life is a story God wanted to tell, and I got to view it, be in the audience and learn. He knew God was using his life to tell a story, and he wanted to communicate it earnestly."

Members of Kappa Omega Tau put together the Daniel Jones Memorial Fund to help Jones' family with funeral expenses. Since the fund was created Monday morning, the fund has raised more than \$4,000.

Jones studied marketing and management and, according to Bailey, had planned to take a joint master of business administration and

master of divinity program at Baylor upon graduation. Bailey said Jones had planned to use those degrees to tell others his story and share the gospel.

Though University Chaplain Dr. Burt Burleson didn't know Jones personally, Burleson was there at the hospital on the day of Jones' death. He said the number of students in the waiting room showed him and Jones' family how much he was loved.

"It was moving to see the response from his friends and fellow students at the hospital, not only those in his fraternity but those that had known him in other ways," Burleson said. "It was a powerful thing for the family to realize how much he had been blessed by his time at Baylor and how much of a blessing he was to others."

To donate to the memorial fund, visit: https://www.wepay.com/donations/danieljones-memorial-fund.

Groundhog handler takes blame

By Joe Mandak ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH - An Ohio prosecutor who light-heartedly filed a criminal indictment against the famous Pennsylvania groundhog who fraudulently "predicted" an early spring said he may consider a pardon now that the animal's handler is taking the blame.

Bill Deeley, president of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club's Inner Circle, told The Associated Press on Monday that the animal rightly predicted six more weeks of winter last month, but he mistakenly announced an early spring because he failed to correctly interpret Phil's "groundhog-ese."

"I'm the guy that did it; I'll be the fall guy. It's not Phil's fault," Deeley said.

Butler County, Ohio, prosecutor Mike Gmoser told the AP that he's reconsidering the charges in light of the new evidence and may issue a full par-

"Frankly, he is a cute little rascal, a cute little thing," Gmoser said. "And if somebody is willing to step up to the plate and take the rap, I'm willing to



Groundhog Club co-handler Ron Ploucha holds the weather-predicting groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, on Feb. 2 in Punxsutawney, Pa., after the club said Phil did not see his shadow during the Groundhog Day ceremony.

The Groundhog Day celebration in Punxsutawney, a borough about 65 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, attracts worldwide attention each year. But the attention stretched well beyond Feb. 2 when Gmoser last week issued an indictment as winter-like weather continued across much of the nation even as spring began.

"Punxsutawney Phil did purposely,

and with prior calculation and design cause the people to believe that spring would come early," Gmoser's indictment said. The penalty? Death, Smoser said, tongue firmly in cheek.

Deeley said this is the second year in a row he's misinterpreted Phil's forecast. "Remember, last year at this time it was 80 degrees and Phil had predicted six more weeks of winter," Deeley said.

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in Atlanta with a few Baylor students, where she said she saw the engagement the students had with him as a reflection and a carryover of the relationship he created in the classroom.

"In thinking about the contributions he makes to students, I felt compelled to nominate him because of the commitment that I see he has to teaching and students learning. The commitment to teaching and learning is so critical today to creating student success," Dixon said.

Dixon put together the award application on behalf of Fifield. Dixon herself won the award while working at the University of Cincinnati. She said Fifield was a great candidate for the award.

"He is someone who is very passionate about his content, at the same time he is equally passionate about the students, and that's what makes for an award-winning teacher," Dixon

The selection committee for the award is made up entirely of previous award winners, which changes each year to avoid the committee becoming a group of people that nominate only their friends.

'These are people who have been nominated and have been identified as award-winning teachers, and then they give back and make this selection happen as well," Dixon said.

Fifield will travel to the Academy of Marketing Science Conference in Monterey Bay, Calif., to receive the award in a public setting, at which time he will give a presentation of his teaching

"When I first learned about it I was shocked and surprised," Fifield said.

Fifield worked for 32 years in the corporate world before becoming a teacher. After starting as a commercial real estate loan officer at Bank of America in 1969, he worked his way up the corporate ladder at a few different companies, until he founded Southwest Financial Group in 1973. He served as the president there until

"Even in industry, the organizations he led and the people he was responsible for, he had a very strong focus on their development and mentoring them, and built very strong training programs," Dixon said.

Fifield has served on the Baylor faculty for the past 11 years, during which time he has contributed to four different programs, including Marketing, Professional Selling, Music and Entertainment and Sports, Sponsorship and Sales.

"It is nice to know that before I hung up my teaching hat, that somebody recognized my work," Fifield said, as he eluded that he is nearing the end of his teaching career.

Fifield commended his colleagues for nominating him for the award, as he could not have won it without them recognizing his efforts as

"He puts a great foot forward for Baylor," Cincinnati junior Jim Oltman said. Oltman took Fifield's Professional Selling and Communications class last semester.

Oltman also said that Fifield is always looking to better his students as people, as well as working with them to improve their résumés before they enter the business world.

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the size of the spill could have been reduced by about two-thirds if pipeline controllers had acted more quickly.

In Monday's notice, the agency said there had been "numerous indications" that the 20-year-old Silvertip pipeline had been installed in an area prone to seasonal flooding and erosion.

Nevertheless, when the Yellowstone was flooding in 2011, Exxon chose to keep its pipeline operating even as at least one other company decided to shut down another line in the same area, the agency said.

Exxon's "failure over an extended period of time to recognize those threats ... was a major cause of the failure," Transportation officials said in Monday's notice.

City officials in Laurel had warned Exxon that the riverbank was eroding. The company, however, continued to run crude beneath the Yellowstone after finding that a section of pipeline leading away from the river was still buried more than 6 feet deep.

The DOT issued a proposed compliance order directing Exxon to conduct training for supervisors and pipeline control room workers, including on the proper operation of remote control valves. The order said Exxon must complete the training within 30 days.

It was not immediately clear whether the training cited by Henretty would fully address the government's pro-

Exxon has 30 days to appeal or the proposal will become final.

The company has previously acknowledged responsibility for the spill and pledged to work with state and federal officials to make sure the cleanup is adequate.

Exxon spent \$135 million on its response to the spill, including cleanup and repair work. The damaged section of pipeline has since been replaced with a new section buried dozens of feet beneath the riverbed.

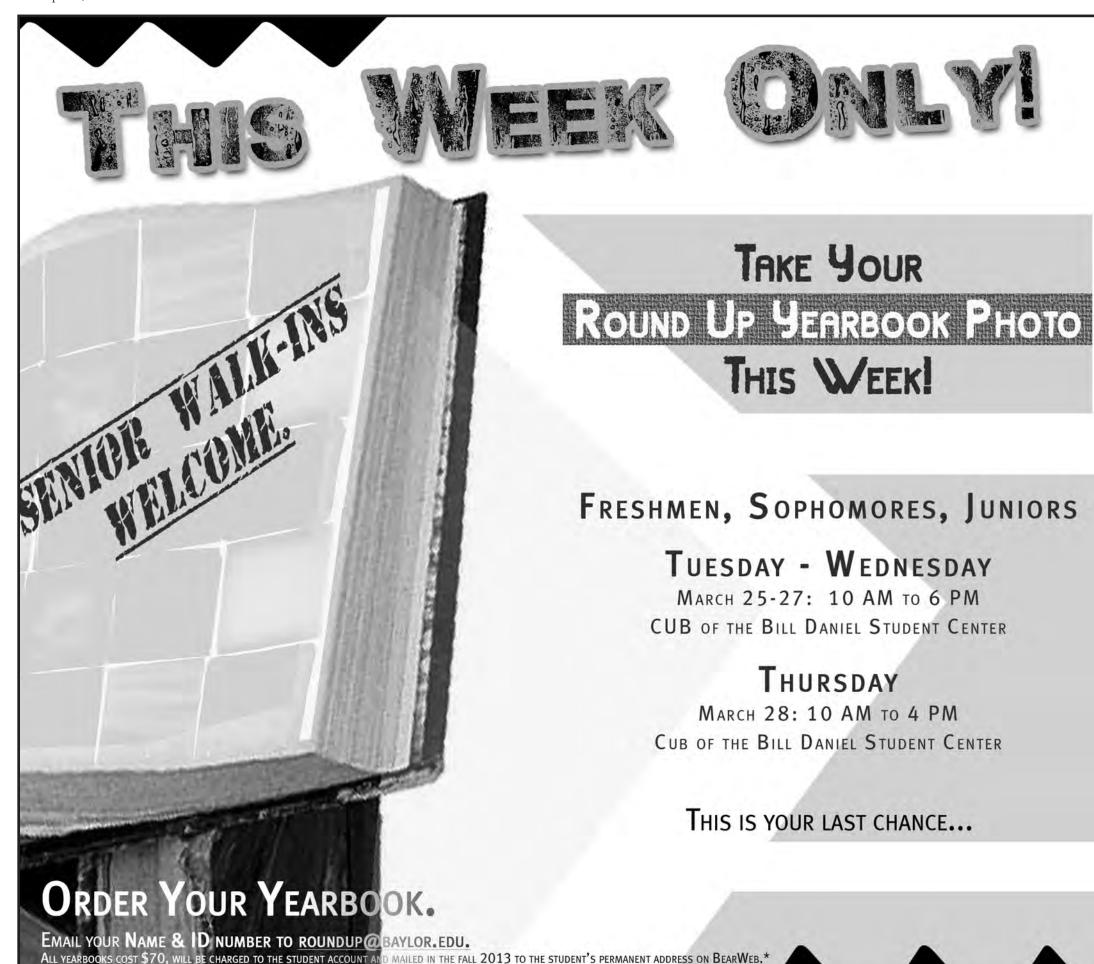
The accident helped prompt a national debate over the adequacy of federal regulations for the nation's sprawling, 2.6-million-mile network of gas and hazardous liquid pipelines. In Silvertip's aftermath, Congress passed measures intended to make sure pipelines that cross major waterways are sufficiently buried to protect them from the type of damage the Silvertip line sustained.

must bury pipelines 4 feet beneath a riverbed and inspect them periodically. Those rules are being reviewed by the Department of Transportation for potential changes. In a statement, Transportation Sec-

Under current rules, companies

retary Ray LaHood said his agency will hold companies accountable for adhering to federal safety standards.

"It is our priority to ensure that America's transportation system is the safest in the world," LaHood said.



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