

No. 7 ranked scoring defense helps transform Baylor into a more complete team.



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Floyd Casey Stadium was packed with 8,900 students at the homecoming game against Iowa State University. That represents about 75 percent of the undergraduate student population.

Overflow leaves students on their feet

Many forced to miss homecoming game due to overcrowding of The Case

By MALEESA JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

The Baylor Bears' record-setting season has created an influx of students at The Case.

The homecoming game against Iowa State produced the second-largest student crowd Floyd Casey Stadium has ever had, with 8,900 students attending. This is just behind the 2011 University of Texas game, where 9,000 students showed up.

"The great news is 8,900 students took tickets to the game," said Nick Joos, executive associate athletics director for external affairs. "That's about 75 percent of the undergraduate student population at Baylor. That is really cool. Imagine if 75 percent of the

undergraduate student body at UT or Texas A&M University came to the game. They wouldn't have enough room for them."

In the midst of this popularity in Baylor football, some students had to leave the game because of overcrowding. Joos said three different issues caused this problem.

The first issue was that of alumni sitting in the student section. Though they had tickets to sit in a different section.

"When that happens — and I've seen people who have admitted that they have done that — it causes a chain reaction because obviously those people shouldn't be there," Joos said.

Joos' second hypothesis relates to a similar issue.

He said in the past assigned seats were not taken as seriously because many people would not show up.

"In past years when there hadn't been as many people in the stands, you could spread out and it wouldn't have mattered if someone was supposed to be sitting next to you because that person wasn't going to be there, but now they are there," Joos said.

Joos said the third and biggest issue at the last game was the lack of melt in student tickets. A melt generally occurs when fewer students attend the game than actually received tickets. Joos said the average melt has been between 500 and 1,000 unused tickets in years past.

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Pi Kapp under fire

Fraternity feels heat from national headquarters

By KRISTIN BURNS
REPORTER

The fraternity Pi Kappa Phi has been suspended from campus activities and is under investigation by the chapter's national office because of activities concerning new members, or pledges.

"The national headquarters received a report of alleged inappropriate new member activities involving the chapter at Baylor," said Justin Angotti, the assistant executive director of education and accountability, from the national office of Pi Kappa Phi.

"We went ahead and intermily suspended chapter activities and began our investigation," Angotti said.

Pi Kapp has been under investigation since Oct. 2 and will not be able to participate in activities as a chapter until the investigation concludes, Angotti said.

"Baylor is not doing an investigation," said Dr. Elizabeth Palacios, the dean for student development. "We allow the headquarters to do the investigation. This is a partnership that we wish to sustain. They can look into this situation and see if there are any violations and possible sanctions."

Representatives from the Office of Student Activities would not comment on the subject.

While the entire chapter is not allowed to participate in university activities, some individuals of Pi Kapp have been allowed to be involved in activities like homecoming, Angotti said.

"The truth is that there is an investigation of the state of the chapter, and we'll have to wait and see what the results are of that investigation," said Dr. David Henry, the faculty adviser to Pi Kapp. "No

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Famous Watergate reporter gives take on politics, Obama

By REBECCA FIEDLER
STAFF WRITER

Watergate scandal reporter Bob Woodward imparted his knowledge on presidents, politics and reporting at a live interview at McLennan Community College Tuesday night.

Woodward is most known for breaking the Watergate scandal in 1972 alongside fellow reporter Carl Bernstein, as well as writing 17 nonfiction bestsellers.

Woodward's interview Tuesday was a part of the McLennan Distinguished Lecture Series.

Woodward talked about what makes a good president. Woodward said he feels there is little good about American politics. Presidents play dirty, he said, but one redeeming quality of presidents after President Richard Nixon is that they don't have hateful motivation.

"None of them are haters," he said. "They play rough, they play

dirty sometimes. They go over the line. But the central political impulse is not hate."

Speaking specifically on Nixon, Woodward said the president was a complex man, filled with uncontrollable anger.

"The piston of the Nixon administration was hate," he said.

Woodward, who has written and reported on numerous recent American presidents, said he has been as critical of President Barack Obama as anyone from the neutral media has. He said it is important for a president to be liked, and for the president to like or appear to like others. When one is a leader, he said, they should adopt what he called the "Hillary Clinton rule" and "fake it till you make it."

"A president has to engage," he said.

Obama, he said, is closed off. Woodward said it is difficult for

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COURTESY PHOTO

Parents and kids ride through the Cameron Park Zoo dressed for Halloween fun at Zoo Boo.

Zoo Boo draws cute kids, creepy costumes

By MALEESA JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Trick or treating turns to the wild side as children and their parents are invited to attend Cameron Park Zoo's annual Zoo Boo.

Zoo Boo is an event for children from two to 12 years of age. Zoo Boo takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Halloween night only.

Marketing manager Duane McGregor said she thinks the event may have started 20 years ago when the zoo opened, however she said that it has been taking place at least since

the year after it opened.

McGregor said they typically have around 1,800- 2,000 people show up to Zoo Boo.

"It's a lot of people to put through in two hours," McGregor said.

The price of Zoo Boo is the same as the typical price of admission passes. Adult passes are \$9, children ages 4 through 12 get in for \$6 and children ages 3 and under get in free.

"Children come and visit the different areas of the zoo," McGregor said. "Inside exhibits are decorated, some are scary and some

are child-friendly. Then they get candy. We have an area for children to play games and get prizes and have their picture made."

Baylor students from various organizations have volunteered at Zoo Boo over the years. This year, Beta Beta Beta will be volunteering at the event again.

Beta Beta Beta is a society for students dedicated to advancing the knowledge of biology and research.

Abilene senior Katherine Hooker, presi-

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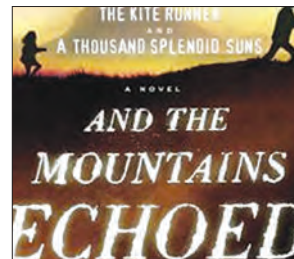
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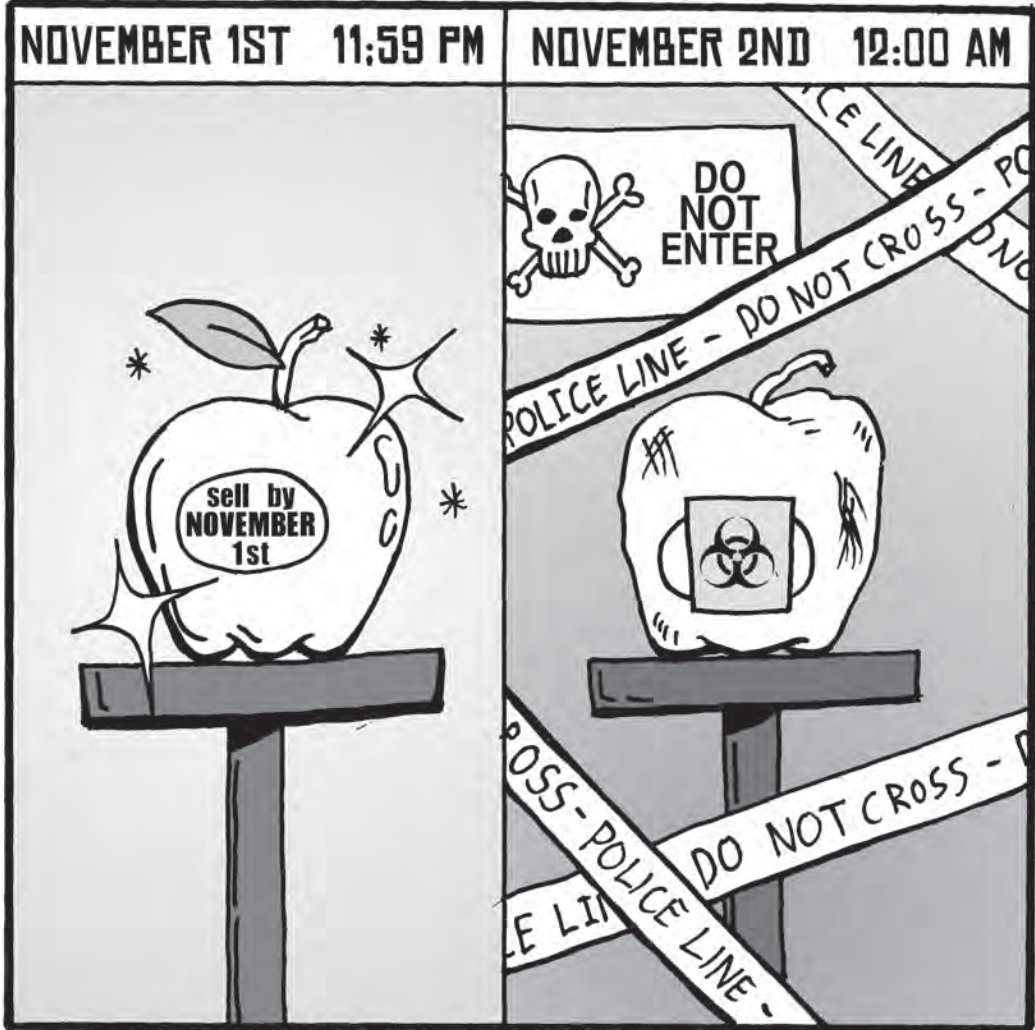
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New book takes reader on a spiritual journey, combining many stories into one narrative.



HOW AMERICANS SEE FOOD:



Too much food gets thrown out in US

Editorial

According to the Los Angeles Times, 40 percent of U.S. food is thrown away. Yes, you read that correctly.

Roughly 90 percent of Americans misread the “sell by,” “use by” and “best before” labels on food. This causes people to throw away perfectly healthy food just because of a simple mistake.

Other people simply hold on to the belief that the expiration dates are like laws set in stone. If food is even a day past the label, some people have a habit of just throwing the food away to clear their conscience instead of actually inspecting the food to make sure it is safe to eat or if it needs to be thrown away.

Food companies and grocery stores use these labels to help ensure the freshest products are available to customers. The various “best by,” “use by” and “sell by” labels are not meant to be concrete and customers shouldn’t view the dates as the final indicator of when food ceases to be fresh.

In nearly every case, a packaged food product will still be fresh and healthy to consume past the date labeled on the product.

Not only is throwing away perfectly fine food a waste of resources, it is also a huge burden

economically. With Americans throwing away as much as 40 percent of the country’s food supply, that adds up to a whopping \$165 billion in economic losses, according to the National Resources Defense Council.

In 2009, right here in Waco, 39 percent of residents lived below the poverty level. The poverty level has improved, with 28.7 percent of Waco residents living in poverty in 2012.

Imagine what an extra \$165 billion could do to help the American economy and to help American communities.

It’s time to rethink how food products are labeled to minimize wasting the American food supply and needlessly throwing away food that so many Americans desperately need.

A total of \$900 million of expired food is thrown away annually.

Misinterpreted or confusing date labels contribute to this waste. It’s time for a more reformed way of regulating expiration dates on food products.

Some of this confusion might simply come down to minutiae. Instead of using labels that suggest a definitive expiration date, using labels that say “safe until” a later date might be more useful than “best by” on an earlier date. A new, more innovative way of using food labels could help America to not be so wasteful of the food supply.

The Food and Drug Administration sets no precedent for expiration dates or “best by” dates. Instead, the FDA leaves the determination of these dates up to food companies and manufacturers. Perhaps a more regulated and uniform system could help restrict the waste of American food.

The FDA and manufacturers should work together to set up two standards on food.

Another solution could be a “best if used by” label on food, but then secondarily there should be an “expired on” label. This way, the consumer will know when their food is at peak freshness and when it is time to throw away an expired product.

It’s understandable that Americans throw away expired food, but throwing away food just because it is after a “best by” date is uneconomical and wasteful.

Instead of adhering to these dates as non-negotiable law, inspect your food and see if it is still safe to consume.

Give your food the eye test and smell test to make sure it is still fresh, safe and edible.

By using common sense, Americans can save food and money.

As one of the most privileged countries in the world, America needs to be a better steward of our many resources.

Americans can and should improve on limiting the incessant waste of the precious food supply.

‘12 Years a Slave’ more than masterpiece film

The film surprises you with vast silences.

It is an emptiness that at first seems jarring to sensibilities trained to believe every moment must be crammed. By contrast, this movie takes you into moments of pregnant stillness: no movement on the screen, no dialogue, no swelling music to cue your emotions. At one point, the camera takes what feels like a minute to study Solomon Northup’s face as he absorbs the awfulness of his predicament. He does nothing. He simply is.

It is silence as respite, silence that gives you room to contemplate and feel. You end up grateful for it, even though most of what you contemplate and feel is painful and sad.

“12 Years a Slave” is based on Northup’s 1853 memoir of the same name. In the movie, actor Chiwetel Ejiofor is Northup, a free black man from upstate New York who, in 1841, is kidnapped and sold. The film has received glowing reviews, all of them deserved. But it is more than a masterpiece. It is also the most unsentimental depiction of American slavery ever filmed.

And it could not arrive at a more propitious time. America practiced the buying and selling of human beings for 246 years — from before it was a country until after that country was torn apart and forced back together over the question of whether the practice would continue. The enslavement of Africans and the murder and forced removal of American Indians are the worst things America ever did to Americans. Nothing else even comes close.



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The latter, we don’t talk about. The former, we talk around. We make it a cartoon, two-bit fantasy like “Django Unchained.” We make it a political talking point, as in the esteemed black doctor who deemed the Affordable Care Act “the worst thing that has happened in this nation since slavery...” One struggles to imagine the Jewish response if anyone, let alone a Jew, compared health-care reform to the Holocaust.

We do not revere. We do not respect. At some fundamental level, we do not even understand. Or want to.

So it falls to Ejiofor and director Steve McQueen, two Britons, to tell us this most American of stories. Their movie is not an easy one. Often, its vast silences are filled with soft weeping from its audience. The violence is physical. And emotional.

There is a scene where a woman is beaten, the whip cutting skin down to the white meat of her, blood spraying with every blow.

There is a scene where two men are hanged, legs pawing uselessly

at empty air until finally, life grants them the mercy of death.

There is a scene where the camera pans up from Northup, screaming for help down in a slave dungeon, to show, in the distance, the Capitol building of the United States. The juxtaposition is eloquent in its wordlessness.

Some will likely cite the hardness of the movie as a reason not to see it. But unless one understands the crime this film describes — and that means to comprehend in depth, not to skate through the superficial outlines — one cannot truly understand America, either then or now.

Alex Haley revealed that the original title of the book that became “Roots” was “Before This Anger.” Haley’s research spanned the 1960s, a time when African-American communities were exploding in riot and rage. The working title was meant to alert readers that these things had context and antecedent.

“12 Years a Slave” can be said to serve the same purpose in an era where African-American communities no longer explode, but simmer with poverty, crime, absence, injustice and neglect. In its searing power the movie commands those lost virtues of reverence and respect. In its haunted silences, it testifies to what America was and is, still.

The film is not just brilliant. It’s necessary.

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Speed bumps hard to see, can do damage at night

I hate late-night studying. I also hate late-night driving. So naturally, there’s nothing more horrendous than having to drive home from Moody during the wee hours of the morning after a long, brain-frying study session.

But to make matters worse, I have to drive down Third Street to get back to my apartment. Why is this so terrible? Speed bumps. And not just any speed bumps. They’re the kind of speed bumps that make you question the integrity of your car if you happen to go over them even slightly faster than a crawl. The skinny speed bumps of Third Street are the things my auto mechanic’s nightmares are made of.

It wasn’t until this semester that I realized the disdain I have for on-campus speed bumps.

I remember the slight annoyance and amusement I felt last school year when speed bumps were installed down Third Street between the Russell Residence Halls and Truett Seminary. I was annoyed because my travel was suddenly impeded — for good reason, but it was still an inconvenience. But I was mostly amused.

Whoever laid the speed bumps down failed to make sure they extended across the entire length of the road into the bike lane. This meant I was still free to drive around the ends of the bumps into the bike lane — empty of bicyclists, of course — and continue on my



Rae Jefferson | Reporter

way without having to slow down.

I do not fancy myself a speed demon. I have no need for barreling down Third Street in a four-wheeled fury, which means I wasn’t too bummed to see the Russell-Truett speed bumps finally extended across the full length of the road last semester. At the same time, I don’t enjoy being forced into a crawl when I have places to be, especially after midnight.

Ideally, I should just suck it up and slow down. Unfortunately, it’s not that simple because I never see them coming. I do not drive down Third Street at three in the morning enough times in a month to remember that the axle-breakers lying across the road are still there. For some reason, my headlights never seem to register my impending

doom until it’s too late, and the placement of street lamps down Third Street just so happens to be arranged in such a way that the limited lighting manages to shine on every inch of the street except for the long, skinny speed bumps that make me fear for my vehicle’s well being. Every time I go down that street in the dark, I’m greeted with the unpleasant tension of either unintentionally barreling over them or frantically braking to soften the blow. Either way, I’m almost certain my wheels are going to fall off one of these days.

I promise I’m not an overly negative person. I don’t generally sit around thinking of things that are wrong with campus. Speed bumps are essential to pedestrian safety on Third Street — I’m not at all suggesting they are an unnecessary hindrance. I like Baylor students and prefer to not run over any of them with my car. Likewise, I prefer to not be run over by anyone else as I scurry to and from class. But something needs to be done. I would be perfectly satisfied with getting a few reflectors installed along the length of all the speed bumps down Third Street. Can I just get a little light to make the already groggy and turbulent nights of paper writing and information processing a little less bumpy?

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Turnovers sparking defensive dominance

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

Flashback to Sept. 29, 2012: Baylor had just put up 581 passing yards, 700 yards of total offense and 63 points against No. 9 West Virginia... and lost.

In that game, the Baylor defense allowed West Virginia to pass for an astounding 656 yards and finish with 807 yards of total offense.

Last season, the Baylor defense was historically bad. The Bears were 123rd out of 124 in total defense and gave up 502.2 yards per game.

Baylor was 113th in scoring defense and 123rd in passing defense. Baylor had also given up the ball eleven more times than it had forced turnovers through six games.

What a difference a year makes. Through six games this season, Baylor ranks 11th in total defense. The Bears allow opponents to gain 317.3 yards per game of total offense. Baylor also ranks seventh in scoring defense and allows 16.2 points per game to lead the Big 12.

"Those guys on defense have been good," head coach Art Briles said. "As a unit, those guys really do good. Coach [Phil] Bennett has done a great job since being here."

Last week against Iowa State, Baylor had arguably the best defensive game in program history. The Bears held the Cyclones to 174 total yards of offense.

The defense had pitched a shut-out until Iowa State scored with only 47 seconds left in the game.

"The thing that's very impressive to me was that Iowa State was the first night we haven't taken an opening drive and scored," Briles said. "Their first three possessions



TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

Senior defensive end Chris McAllister brings down Iowa State freshman quarterback Grant Rohach on Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium. The Bears are undefeated at 6-0 and take on Kansas this week on the road. The Baylor defense is the seventh best scoring defense in the NCAA this season.

were 1-2-3 punt, 1-2 fumble, and 1-2-3 punt, 17-0 Baylor. That's the critical part. Those guys have been good."

Baylor is top 20 in the nation at stopping opponents on third down conversions. The opposing team

were 1-2-3 punt, 1-2 fumble, and 1-2-3 punt, 17-0 Baylor. That's the critical part. Those guys have been good."

When opponents think of giving the ball back to Baylor's offense, they have to take into account that it is more likely than not that Baylor will score. Therefore, coaches decide to gamble on fourth down to try not to fall behind by multiple

scores by giving the ball back to the deadly Baylor offense.

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder, typically an extremely conservative coach, took multiple uncharacteristic chances against Baylor that did not pay off.

In the first quarter, the Wildcats opted to roll the dice on fourth down, instead of kicking a field goal. The defense got a stop. Then in the third quarter, Snyder went for the two-point conversion after touchdowns, failing both times. Throw in a missed field goal in the fourth quarter, and that is an eight-point swing. Baylor won by 10.

"When a team tries to go for it on fourth down, it gets us on our toes," senior safety Ahmad Dixon said. "Instead of giving those guys short yardage on fourth, we try to get them out to fourth-and-five, fourth-and-six and we've been getting stops."

After six games last season, Baylor had turned the ball over 11 more times than it forced turnovers. This year, the Bears have recovered five fumbles and caught nine interceptions for a plus-6 turnover margin. Baylor ranks 23 in interceptions and 47 in fumbles forced. They also have four defensive touchdowns.

"We're executing better and tackling much better than last year," senior nickelback Sam Holl said. "We have to make plays when we have opportunities to make plays, and we've really been doing that this year. We've been causing turnovers and scoring a lot, which is a great change."

Senior linebacker Eddie Lackey is confident in the improvement in the defense under third year defensive coordinator Phil Bennett.

"I think the biggest difference between last year and this year is just the maturity of our defense," Lackey said. "Everybody knows where to be and when to be there. I think that's most important, taking little steps and little edges and being able to execute."

Clay Fuller catching on this year for Baylor football

By JEB SMARTT
AND STEPHANIE LYONS
GUEST CONTRIBUTORS

With all of the firepower of Baylor football, it's no surprise a valuable weapon has slipped through the cracks. Junior wide receiver Clay Fuller may be sensationalized. There's no doubt in his teammates' minds, Fuller is one of the leaders of this team.

His name may not stand out as much as junior quarterback Bryce Petty, junior running back Lache Seastrunk or senior safety Ahmad Dixon on the big plays.

Yet the journey of a 26-year-old former minor league baseball player who came back to school to play football is why Fuller is an inspirational figure among the foot-

ball team.

Fuller originally signed with Baylor to play baseball in November of 2005 but was selected in the fourth round of the Major League Baseball draft by the Los Angeles Angels.

"When I ended up getting drafted, it was perfect," Fuller said.



Fuller

Fuller said he enjoyed five and a half years with the Angels and traveled all

over the country playing the game, but said he saw many unhealthy relationships.

He decided that the uncertain lifestyle of minor league baseball didn't match up with his dreams to start a family. In 2011 Fuller decided it was time for a change.

"I was in Frisco playing the Rough Riders, and I'd been talking to my parents, so I called my high school football coach and told him what I was thinking. He asked me if I wanted to contact schools and I said no. I wanted to talk to Baylor," he said. "[Head football coach Art] Briles is there and I was already committed to play baseball there. So my coach said he would call him."

Five minutes later at batting practice, Fuller received a phone call. His coach's voice came

through the phone, "Coach Briles is waiting on you. Let's go."

Three days before he was set to play football, Fuller was playing baseball.

"I had my first baseman throwing me pass routes that night on the baseball field because I didn't know if I could still catch anymore," Fuller said.

Fuller arrived on campus ready to go in the fall of 2011.

No. 23 has played a limited role on the team for the past two seasons, even recovering the fumble in the final seconds to clinch one of the most talked-about games in Baylor history against Oklahoma in 2011.

With his increased role this season, Fuller has nine catches for 171 yards and a touchdown.

But his contribution to the

team and Baylor extends much farther than the field.

The two-time All Big-12 Honor Roll member and Dean's list honoree has mentored many of his teammates.

"Clay really helps give aspiring professional athletes good advice on how to achieve their goals," senior linebacker Eddie Lackey said. "It's nice to have someone with experience on our team."

What's even more important to Fuller than the game, is his future.

"Clay is very focused on the reason he's here," Petty said. "He's always diligent about getting his work done and working hard."

Along with starting a family, Fuller is already planning a bright future after Baylor.

"I want to develop neighborhoods," Fuller said. "After college, I

want to work for a developer and eventually go into business with my father and brothers."

Fuller's father and two brothers, who were all football and baseball athletes at Texas Tech, are involved in construction.

Kenny Fuller, Clay Fuller's dad, most recently was involved in building the new H-E-B on Valley Mills Drive in Waco.

Fuller volunteers with Fellowship of Christian Athletes and speaks to kids at the McLennan County Juvenile Detention Center.

"Me choosing Baylor was a huge faith step," Fuller said. "How could God give me the chance to go play professional baseball and it not work out? Because it was His plan and not mine. Coming to Baylor was a huge step, and it's been great."

Watch editor-in-chief Greg DeVries and sports editor Daniel Hill discuss Baylor's No. 8 BCS ranking. Does Baylor deserve to be ranked higher?



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one has been de-chartered, no one has been kicked off campus and no one has been reprimanded by Student Activities.”

The national office hopes to finish the investigation within the week and will decide what, if any, sanctions will be necessary, Angotti said.

“The fraternity’s sanctions can be anywhere from educational programming, to loss of privileges, to suspension or closure of the chapter,” he said. “Any of those range of options are available to us depending on what we find in the investigation and the nature of the violation.”

A representative of the national office will arrive in Waco by the end of the week to finish up the investigation.

“If we have information that the chapter has violated our code of conduct or the university’s, then they would remain suspended until we determine what that final sanction would look like for them,” he said.

The conclusions of the investigation will decide what the future holds for Baylor’s chapter of Pi Kappa Phi.

“We appreciate the opportunity to partner with the Department of

“If we have information that the chapter has violated our code of conduct or the university’s then they would remain suspended until we determine what that final sanction would look like for them.”

Justin Angotti | assistant executive director of education and accountability

Student Activities and the dean of student development to ensure our chapter continues to advance the mission of the Baylor University fraternity and sorority community by providing members with opportunities for growth and development in the areas of service, leadership, campus involvement, academic excellence and brotherhood,” said Chief Executive Officer Mark E. Timmes of the national office in a press release.

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him to know if he is seeing a transparent, communicative Obama.

When asked about the recent government shutdown and whether Obama has ‘won,’ Woodard said all Americans and sides lost in the shutdown. It is the obligation of everyone in government to fix political and governmental issues, not for one party to win, he said.

“This isn’t a political contest,” he said.

Woodward also spoke about his career as a journalist. Journalism is the best job, he said, because as a journalist he gets to look into the interesting part of people’s lives and leave when their lives become uninteresting.

Woodward said he believes the media is equipped to report about

the president, but America has fewer reporters today. In a society so immersed in the Internet, there is impatience among the readers and a need for speed. Readers want information on presidents given to them in Twitter format.

“You don’t understand complex personalities and connections in 140 words,” he said.

Woodward said it is frustrating working as a journalist because a journalist cannot report on everything. One can’t be a journalist without being bothered by what information they miss and what they have yet to understand, he said.

On his reporting style, Woodard said, “When I wake up in the morning, my first thought is, ‘Where are the b-----ds hiding?’”



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Investigative reporters and non-fiction author Bob Woodward speaks with professor of history Ashley Cruseturner during the McLennan Distinguished Lecture Series at the Conference Center at McLennan Community College on Tuesday.



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Setting up a spike

San Antonio sophomore Scottie Jones plays Spike Ball on Tuesday on Fountain Mall. Jones describes Spike Ball as a mixture between volleyball and four square played with two teams of two players.

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dent of Beta Beta Beta, said the society has volunteered at the event for at least the past four years.

In the past, other Baylor organizations have been known to volunteer; however, McGregor said only Beta Beta Beta has signed up so far.

Before the event starts, volunteers can help decorate the exhibits around the zoo. In the past, the lizards, snakes and spider exhibits were decorated with a mummy theme and a zoo worker would pop out of a coffin. Volunteers are posted at certain exhibits to warn parents if the exhibit may be too scary for their child’s age group.

“In years past, what we have done is around when it starts, we would arrive and encourage our members to dress up,” Hooker said. “They encourage all of the volunteers to dress up and they’ll put us in different parts around the zoo that they have decorated.”

Volunteers also hand out candy. Cameron Park Zoo provides volunteers with a bucket of normal candy and a bucket of peanut free and common allergen-free candies for kids who may have food allergies.

“Everyone is in costume,” Hooker said. “There are actually a lot of parents that show up in costume too. That’s another thing that’s really fun too is we’ll call them by what their

costume name is. So we’ll be like, ‘Thor, do you want some candy?’ and the little kids love it.”

In addition, volunteers help with face painting and the various games set up around the zoo.

“My favorite part is that it is a really fun and interactive way to serve the community,” Hooker said. “A lot of times, the service projects are on the sideline picking up trash or something, but with Zoo Boo you can meet people and you get to meet the kids. Everyone is dressed up and it’s a really fun time.”

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“In this situation, 8,900 students is the amount that took tickets for the game and if the natural melt that has been happening would have occurred — which I don’t think it did — there wouldn’t have been any problem,” Joos said. “However, that melt didn’t necessarily occur and all of those things created the perfect storm.”

Joos said he encourages students to pick up their tickets early for the next games.

Ticket pickup starts Oct. 31 in the Bill Daniel Student Center, a week before the game against the University of Oklahoma on Nov. 7. This would allow Baylor athletics to make certain adjustments based on expected attendance.

This includes the removal of the “This is Bear Country” tarp at the south end zone.

“If all of the tickets for the Iowa state game would have been picked by Tuesday or Wednesday, we could have popped the tarp and opened it for the students and had more people down there,” Joos said. “But that is a three-day process, two at the absolute latest, and the data we had on Thursday was a good number of student tickets were still available.”

Tailgating has also experienced an influx of people. Matt Burchett is director of student activities, an organization that helps oversee tailgates as well as partners with Baylor’s Chamber of Commerce and Baylor athletics to help facilitate management of the student section.

“A couple years ago, we only had six to eight student organizations participating in tailgating,” Burchett said. “When we moved to this current location and added certain amenities like electricity, cable, tents and seating areas and obviously when the Bears started winning, it really took off and became such a dynamic for students.”

Burchett said Student Activities tries to keep the largest possible amount of tickets available for students. These tickets are general admission into the student section and do not guarantee a seat.

“We have a really good number of student tickets available and I would venture to say that if you compared our percentage of tickets allotted for students that we have one of the bigger percentages in the Big 12,” Burchett said.

Parking is another thing to keep in mind as crowds swell. Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said he would encourage students to make use of the buses that travel to and from Floyd Casey Stadium.

“Parking is a big issue and is a genuine problem,” Doak said. “And the reason being is years ago we used to put 45,000-50,000 people in the stadium and we could do it with the parking that is there. Well, today we can’t.”

Doak said each parking lot was closed an hour before the last game. He said it is important to show up early, because game-goers will be competing with weekday traffic as well as a limited amount of daylight because of daylight saving time, which is Nov. 3.

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