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Regents approve new chapel plans

Garland named interim provost

By JORDAN CORONA
STAFF WRITER

The Baylor Board of Regents approved construction on a new chapel during its quarterly meeting Friday. Also, President and Chancellor Ken Starr appointed Dr. David Garland, dean of Truett Seminary, to be interim provost.

The new chapel will be built near Earl Hall and Teal Residential College.. Baylor

graduate Molli Elliston and her husband Gary donated \$1.7 million to support the construction and design of the chapel..

"We're very thankful to Molli and Gary Elliston for making it possible," Starr said. "It was our hope to contribute to a sense of community at Earle Hall and East Village." He said the chapel would be another of the school's sacred spaces.

Completion of Elliston Chapel is planned for spring 2015.

But for all the forward thinking, Friday's decisions also concerned the present.

Starr appointed Dr. David Garland, dean of Truett Seminary, to the position of interim provost. Dr. Elizabeth Davis, current provost and executive vice president, will be stepping down from her position. His work with Baylor administration will take effect when Davis officially resigns in June to be president of Furman

University in July.

Garland served as interim president of the university August 2008 to May 2010.

He said there was some chaos around the circumstances when he served in that capacity for 20 months. Garland said that's not the case with the provost position.



Garland

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TRAVIS TAYLOR | PHOTO EDITOR

To the beat

Students play a variety of different hand drums during a workshop with a Saakumu Dance Troop on Monday in the Glennis McCrary Music Building. The troop performs traditional and contemporary Ghanaian dances with accompanying drums.

Nonprofit to honor Waco WWII hero with memorial

By REBECCA FIEDLER
STAFF WRITER

Doris Miller, a Waco historical figure from WWII, will be commemorated near the new McLane Stadium with a new large, riverfront outdoor memorial. Cultural Arts of Waco, a nonprofit organization, is fundraising for the memorial.

The proposed plans show pathways leading to a large, architectural structure with a reflecting pool and

will be able to used as a stage for events.

"It's bringing people together," said Doreen Ravenscroft, president of Cultural Arts of Waco. "I think this is an opportunity to bring people together who want to celebrate what was a historical first."

Plans for the memorial began in 2009 by a committee led by Dr. Gerald Powell, a professor in the Baylor Law School.

"The mission became to build

an appropriate memorial for Doris Miller in his hometown, as Doris Miller was the first African-American to receive the Navy Cross," Ravenscroft said.

The City of Waco dedication a portion of land in Bledsoe-Miller Park for the memorial, at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Ravenscroft said Cultural Arts

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COURTESY PHOTO

The sculpture created by Eddie Dixon of Doris Miller will be placed at the memorial site near the new stadium.

Baylor alumnus in race for state attorney general



Paxton

By REUBIN TURNER
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Baylor alumnus Ken Paxton is running to fill the office of attorney general for Texas, which is currently held by Greg Abbott, attorney general, a top contender in the 2014 gubernatorial election.

Paxton, who is a practicing attorney in McKinney and currently represents District 8 in the Texas Senate, said although he's en-

joyed working in legislature, he said he feels he could do more for Texas as the attorney general.

"With Abbott moving on to become governor, we need to continue to focus on the federal branch and their agenda to expand power," Paxton said.

While an undergraduate at the university, Paxton served as student body president and started the widely known service event Steppin' Out during his tenure. He also start-

ed the Freshman Leadership Organization.

Katy junior Carrie Pyle said that Steppin' Out is an event where students can spend time giving back to the community, and helping out others.

"Each time I've done Steppin' Out, we've contributed to a project that would have taken days or weeks to complete, but with 30 plus students, it was a matter of hours,"

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State of progress

Higher education capable of growth, state legislators say

By TAYLOR GRIFFIN
NEWS EDITOR

Though the next Texas Legislative session isn't due for another year, the issue of higher education value continues to buzz on campuses around the state. On Monday, the Baylor College Republicans and Baylor College Democrats hosted two rising state legislators in a forum to discuss on-campus topics ranging from financial aid to finding one's passion.

"Whether it's the amount of debt or whether we can carry concealed guns on campus, what sports teams we watch, it all directly affects students at Baylor," said Scottsdale, Ariz., senior Michael Blair, president of Baylor College Republicans.

State Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, and state Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, facilitated the discussion in the Barfield Drawing Room and answered questions from the student body concerning the state of higher education in Texas.

Watson said the current situation in Texas colleges is strong but capable of improving in areas such as affordability, maintenance of rigorous curricula and skills development.

"I think higher education in Texas is good, but there's so much opportunity for growth," said Watson, an 1980 Baylor grad himself.

Financial aid and the cost of a college degree led the panel's opening discussion. Both legislators mentioned the help students can receive through the Tuition Equalization Grant, which provides aid to Texas students with financial need attending private, non-profit colleges.

Because the grants go to Texas students, Watson said, it adds to the efficiency of the investment and becomes a better use of budget dollars.

It allows the state to retain its native students and supplement the higher cost of tuition found at private colleges and universities. Branch said it makes the grant one of the best values of education dollars in the state.

"I foresee that that program has an excellent track record of bringing value to the state of Texas, and I would imagine that it will continue on as the economy stays strong," Branch said.

In 2011, Gov. Rick Perry challenged Texas schools to offer a more affordable yet substantial education with his "\$10,000 degree" initiative, which would combat the high cost of tuition. While schools such as Texas A&M-Commerce and South Texas College have implemented his suggested system, Watson said the limitation on this seemingly ideal system is every school should not be on equal ground. Different colleges and universities serve various purposes, Watson said, and an equal cost of degrees would hinder the rigor of curriculum.

"I think that we need to explore how to make

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Bigoted restaurateur can't refuse service

Editorial

Discrimination is far from eradicated from our society, and it seems like each newsworthy incident is a reminder of just how much more work our society has yet to do.

“James is the owner of Gary’s Chicaros and he refuses to serve homosexuals, disabled people and ‘freaks’” and he flaunts his bigotry proudly.”

Gary James, a restaurant owner in Enid, Okla., serves as a painful example of a person that refuses to treat others with respect. James is the owner of Gary’s Chicaros, and he refuses to serve homosexuals, disabled people and “freaks,” and James flaunts his bigotry proudly. In fact, his restaurant has shirts that demean Muslims, African-Americans and Democrats, among other groups. “If you work, you own a business, you pay their taxes, you’re more than welcome in here,” James told NBC’s KFOR. “If you’re on welfare, stay at home. Spend my money there.” News of this restaurant hit the public eye when Matt Gard was refused a meal at Gary’s Chic-

aros. Gard is handicapped and claims that he was refused service because of his disability. James, however, claims that Gard and his company were loud, and it was the noise that got them permanently banned from his restaurant. Oklahoma law protects people from being turned away because of their race, disability, gender or religion, and the restaurant needs to be legally forced to stop discriminating. The issue is somewhat complicated, however, because Oklahoma law doesn’t protect homosexuals from discrimination like it should. Title II of the The Civil Rights Act of 1964 outlawed discrimination in businesses such as a “restaurant, cafeteria, lunchroom, lunch counter, soda fountain or other facility principally engaged in selling food for consumption on the premises, including, but not limited to, any such facility located on the premises of any retail establishment; or any gasoline station.” In light of these laws, James’ business practices are illegal and he should be forced to stop discriminating against his potential customers. James’ sympathizers argue that, as a private business owner, he should be able to refuse business to anyone that he does not want to serve. The problem with this is the aforementioned Civil Rights Act. Claiming that James has the right to refuse service to groups of customers is akin to one child

hitting another and then claiming that it was fair because “it’s a free country.” As a business owner, James has rights. The right to discriminate is not one of them. And yes, the Civil Rights Act applies to private business as well as public ones. In a perfect world, if a person opened a restaurant with business practices like this, the people would be disgusted and boycott the business until it was forced to close its doors for good. James has been in business for 44 years and appears to have the support of the town of Enid, Okla. The town has allowed this sort of business practice and this speaks to the extent of discrimination that exists today. If this issue doesn’t seem important to you, just remember the words of Martin Niemoller, an anti-Nazi theologian that wrote, “First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out — Because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out — Because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out — Because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me — and there was no one left to speak for me.” If you feel as though a business has unfairly discriminated against you, contact your state’s attorney general. You could make a difference and help prevent someone else’s pain and keep people like James from unfairly discriminating against innocent people.



If you're going to church, live out its teachings

Saturday night is full of debauchery — the fake ID gets her drinks at the restaurant. The drinks get the crude words flowing with his friends. His drunken alter-ego gives him confidence to hit on the girl at the bar and take her home. They wake up with a hangover, maybe even still drunk, but two hours later, they are on the fifth row of the Sunday service. We all know someone like that. Baylor University is a school full of proper Southern traditions — hold the door open for ladies, always say “ma’am,” and attend your Baptist, Catholic or Methodist church service every Sunday. The lessons of good manners and respect that mothers and fathers instill in their children often remain when those children grow up and attend college, but as the children grow into young adults, the sincerity is sometimes left behind with the childhood spirit. It seems the sincerity of religiously attending church every Sunday is gone, especially here at “Baptist Baylor.” Some of the biggest “sinners” I know here at Baylor are also the most “religious” people. They haven’t missed a Sunday service all semester, lead Bible studies for their organization and caption their Instagram photos with Scrip-



ture. Yet when I see them Wednesday morning at class, their glazed eyes and Scruff’s hand stamp tell another story. When I hear of how they treated their significant other, their drug dealers, or even witness their stumbling self at a bar 10 hours before church begins, I see a different story than the life they want to portray. Before I continue, let me clarify — this is not for those who attend church every Sunday with a pure motive. Plenty of people at Baylor fall into that category. They walk the Christian walk as best as they can. They positively influence others,

read their Bible every day, serve others and attend church to grow in their own faith. There are also those who attend a Sunday service with the guilt of the night before on their soul. They might fall under the category of the opening paragraph, but they are truly repentant. They realize their mistakes and are there to ask for forgiveness and try to change their lifestyle. They are intentional with their faith despite their struggles. Neither are these the focus of this column. This is not to offend them — not everyone at church is there for the wrong reasons. I am not a saint. This is not a holier-than-thou opinion where I shove repentance and salvation at readers. Instead, I believe you should honestly live the life you truly practice — whether that is one of a true Christian who attends church each week out of a pure desire or of a believer who isn’t quite living on the straight and narrow road right now. If you’re somewhere in the middle, why not pick the positive side and make your religion authentic? Church here at Baylor University is often a social event. It is good to be seen at church — people think better of you. You are assumed to be a good person because

yes, you attend the 11:30 a.m. service each week. Some have heard the phrase “going to church doesn’t make you any more of a Christian than standing in a garage makes you a car.” Going to church won’t get you to heaven. You don’t get brownie points with God for attending church every Sunday, no matter how difficult it was to get out of bed with a hangover. Religion doesn’t save you — it’s more than that. “I’m spiritual, but not religious.” Have you ever heard someone say that? These are the people who might believe in something, but don’t attend church weekly or even monthly. I believe many of Baylor’s students are the opposite — “I’m religious, but not spiritual.” Most people here can tell you about Noah’s ark, the parting of the Red Sea and quote John 3:16. It’s easy to be religious at Baylor and know all of the right answers. It is a different thing to be spiritual and have a one-on-one relationship with God. For anyone arguing with me saying, “How judgmental — everyone sins. Jesus loves the sinners too. Going to church is better than anything. They can still repent!” Well, of course they can.

Jesus dined with sinners and often preferred their company to the self-proclaimed saints. And yes, maybe one monotonous church service can transform into a life-changing event and be the moment where someone truly repents and commits their life to God. Maybe a verse or phrase will pop into their head before they sin and help them resist. Maybe. Everyone sins. Everyone makes mistakes. There’s a big difference between churchgoers who honestly repent and attempt to do better and churchgoers who sit throughout service, daydream about their bad decisions the night before and count down until lunchtime. It is the lack of intentionality that isn’t right. Some Southern values focus on being composed on the outside and sweeping any inner demons under the rug, and that has translated into people’s faith. Instead of pretending you are OK on the outside but being a hypocrite underneath, open up to the possibility. Honor church, re-examine your morals and then apply the changes to your life. Live the life you are already “living.” When people don’t do this, they make a mockery of the entire institution. If I was curious about Christianity and saw some of these

regular church attendees, I would run the opposite way. This is often a bad reputation Christians receive — the lack of intentionality — and in the end, God will not honor it. Isaiah 29:13 says: “The Lord says: ‘These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.’” I have no right to judge an intentionality of a person’s faith. That is for God to decide. I do believe, though, that instead of honoring a Christian upbringing and our Baptist university by attending church every Sunday with a wrong purpose, own up to your real life or change. Be authentic with your faith. Use that hour and a half service as something meaningful, something that will, if you let it, change your life. If you are not ready for that commitment, then be who you truly are. Be the Friday night bar super-star. Be the comedian with the foul mouth. Just don’t fake your religion. Stick to your true intentions, no matter how “Baylor Baptist” they may or may not be. Kat Worrall is a junior journalism major from Roswell, N.M. She is a reporter for The Lariat.

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Baylor Ambassadors aim to represent student voice

By MADISON ADAMS
REPORTER

Meeting with political stars and attending prestigious events may seem unlike the usual day of a college student, but these events are just a typical part of the itinerary for this Baylor Ambassadors.

San Antonio senior Braden Allman, president of Baylor Ambassadors, said the group's purpose is to be a voice for the students on Baylor's campus by working closely with the Office of Government Relations on Baylor's campus in a variety of capacities.

"In general, we represent the student voice on government issues," Allman said. "In addition, we also aid in hosting dignitaries that visit Baylor's campus and lobby for issues that affect students on Baylor's campus statewide and nationally."

Houston senior Carnell Emanuel wrote in an email to the Lariat the job description of a member of Baylor Ambassadors is diverse, ranging from advocating for issues that are important to students on the Baylor campus to hosting political celebrities when they visit Baylor's campus.

"When traveling to Austin or D.C., Baylor Ambassadors serve as representatives of Baylor University and their interests," Emanuel wrote. "When an official visits the campus, we also provide additional support in accommodating their needs."

Emanuel wrote ambassadors generally help during President and Chancellor Ken Starr's On-Topic discussions. When President Obama was on campus for the West Memorial, the ambassadors helped with the president's security detail, he wrote.

Allman said advocating for student financial aid allows him to raise awareness for the issues directly affecting the students on the Baylor campus.

"We are a voice for the student population, even if they do not realize that we are," Allman said. "We met with Senator Ted Cruz and Senator John Cornyn while in D.C., but we also met with their staff, who are often the brains of Congress behind the scenes. If you can convince the congressional staff of your points, you can often convince their congressman."

Baylor Ambassadors returned on Feb. 7 from a trip to Washing-

ton, D.C., where the group saw success in the time spent lobbying and advocating for research funding for the Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative and increased student financial aid.

Katy senior Bonnie Cantwell said the Baylor Ambassadors trip to Washington D.C. was effective and she said believes they were able to convey their messages at the right time to some of the nation's most influential voices.

"Our meetings in D.C. were amicable and informative," Cantwell said in an email to the Lariat. "We are hopeful for the preservation of federal financial aid and increased research funding in the coming fiscal year. As ambassadors, we aim to articulate the concerns of Baylor students and represent the spirit of the university and achieving this goal equates to a successful trip."

Since the spring of 1982, when Baylor Ambassadors was created, a large portion of the student organization's time has been spent advocating for Tuition Equalization Grant, also known as TEG, which seeks to provide grant aid to students to enable them to attend private, nonprofit colleges or universities in Texas.



The Baylor Ambassadors visit the Lincoln Memorial during the February trip to Washington, D.C. The group spent time lobbying for funding for the Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative and student financial aid.

"We work with TEG a large percentage of the time, which aids students who go to private universities," Allman said "The grant allows more Texas students to attend universities that might be a better fit for them than state universities."

Allman said the diversity within Baylor Ambassadors makes the group well rounded and balanced.

"We are all using the specific areas that we are good at in order to help make a difference," Allman said. "We are not all political sci-

ence majors. In fact, probably only one-half to one-third are. We have a diverse group, but we are all students who are interested in government issues, especially those that directly affect us as students."

Students raise thousands of dollars in chapel to help African orphans

By MADI ALLEN
REPORTER

After being challenged in Chapel to "change the world in a day," Baylor students raised more than \$24,000 for charity, Baylor announced this Monday.

Two weeks ago, "I Love Orphans," visited Baylor Chapel and asked students to give. The students raised \$24,836.51, these funds were matched by a donor, making the total donation around \$50,000.

"I was really impressed by the money donated by the student body," said Houston sophomore

Josh Philip, the philanthropy chair for Phi Kappa Chi. "They really surprised me. I never imagined that they would give that much."

Phi Kappa Chi wanted to raise money for the charity "I Love Orphans" and went to Dr. Burt Burleson, the university chaplain, for advice.


Philip and Burleson developed the idea to do a "pass the plate" service, a way to raise money by passing buckets throughout Chapel.

Three of the founders of "I Love Orphans," Baylor alumni Nick Martineau, Matt Flanigan and Geoff Price, visited Chapel a week

before the "pass the plate" service to present their mission and ongoing ministry in Bukaleba, Uganda.

"I really liked how personal it was," Lafayette, La., sophomore Allie Matherne said. "I felt more connected to it because Baylor alumni started it. I also really loved the video they showed because we got to see the life of the children and it seemed really genuine."

Burleson said the money raised will provide for the construction of an education building and dining facility for 80 children ages 7 – 12, residing at the Bukaleba Project operated by Arise Africa International.



Activate awareness

Active Minds, an organization dedicated to raising mental health awareness and reducing the stigmas associated with mental illnesses, is meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in C231 Baylor Sciences Building. All students are welcome. For additional information, contact Zach_Warman@baylor.edu.

Mental health matters

Omega Delta Phi is holding a health forum from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in A108 Baylor Sciences Building. The forum will cover how to deal with stress, the importance of mental health and how to maintain it. For additional information, contact Adrian_Galvez@baylor.edu.

Welcome the Class of 2018

Applications are due at 5 p.m. Friday and are available at www.baylor.edu/welcome-week. For more information, call New Student Programs at 254-710-7240 or email welcomeweek@baylor.edu.

Sign up for Steppin' Out

Registration for Steppin' Out is open to all students, groups or organizations. The deadline is March 21 and Steppin' Out will be held on April 5. For more information, contact Alix_Wilson@baylor.edu.

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Monster trucks coming to Extraco Events Center

By KAT WORRALL
REPORTER

This weekend, Wacoans and students will have the opportunity to see athletes compete under the aliases of TailGator, Smashosaurus and Stinger while launching into the air and smashing cars — yes, this is monster trucks.

The event, hosted by the MAP Motorsports on Friday and Saturday, will be held at the Extraco Events Center and is composed of two extreme sports, arena cross and monster trucks.

The monster trucks will compete in various activities, such as side-by-side racing, wheelie contests and freestyle.

“They typically do a head-to-head race where there is a course set up in a coliseum where they jump over hills as well as other cars,” Wes Allison, president and CEO of Extraco Events Center, said. “The big deal is big air.”

The event will begin with monster trucks and go back and forth with arena cross events until the fan favorite ending, the monster truck freestyle.

“Each truck will go out one at a time,” John Darnell, MAP Motorsports’ event coordinator, said. “They get two minutes. They can do anything they want on the track — big air, wheelies, donuts — that kind of thing. Once everyone has ran, they do a crowd cheer-off to see who the winner is.”

Instead of following favorite racers, fans focus on the truck, Allison said.

The big names attending this event are TailGator, a truck that looks like an alligator, Smashosaurus, a dinosaur truck that is popular with children, and Stinger, which has a scorpion tail.

“They always have good trucks here,” Allison said. “They will have some professional class racers for the arena cross but will also have local racers.”

During arena cross, amateurs and professionals alike compete

on motorbikes and quad bikes, or four wheelers.

Local, regional and even out of state competitors will attend the event.

“They run their practices and heats during the day,” Darnell said. “If they qualify, they get to run them at night!”

There is not a standard grand prize for the monster truck competitions, since it is varies for each truck and event, but this weekend has a \$30,000 purse for the monster truck winner. However, arena cross participants just compete for the title.

Before and after the event, as well as during intermission, there will a “monster bus” ride for guests. For \$10, up to 16 guests can ride around the track.

“They take them around, not at the speeds they will be racing, but just take them around the tracks,” Allison said.

He has one small warning for anyone attending the show —the trucks are loud, but that is how



COURTESY PHOTO

Stinger, a monster truck designed to look like it has a scorpion’s stinger in the back, drives over a number of cars during a monster truck rally. Stinger will be competing in Waco.

most fans like it.

“It’s a great show,” Allison said. “Just bring some ear protection. It is loud.”

The two-night event begins at 7:30 p.m. and doors open at 6 p.m.

On Friday night, from 6 to 7 p.m., anyone with a ticket can also attend the “pit party” down on the racetrack floor to meet drivers and get autographs.

The event costs \$24 dollars for adults and \$14 for kids and under the door.

O’Reilly Auto Parts is offering a \$2 discount for tickets purchased at any of its stores before the event.



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Simon Cowell flashes an X as he arrives to judge auditions for “X Factor” on June 14, 2011, in Coral Gables, Fla.

Cowell’s time in limelight fades away

By SCOTT COLLINS
L.A. TIMES VIA MCCLATCHY
TRIBUNE-HERALD

LOS ANGELES — Not so long ago, Simon Cowell was probably the most powerful man on American TV. His cranky, caustic judging had helped make “American Idol” an invincible No. 1 hit.

As a producer, he makes “America’s Got Talent” and similar shows that have long been top sellers around the world.

He ranked No. 17 on Forbes’ 2013 Celebrity 100 list, with estimated annual pay of \$95 million, and famously predicted that his own “The X Factor” on Fox would hammer “Idol,” the singing contest he left in a storm of publicity in 2010.

And now? The hanging judge has fled the stage like a bad karaoke singer, leading many to wonder if the rapidly changing TV business has outrun even someone as savvy as Cowell.

Earlier this month Fox abruptly canceled “X Factor” after three troubled seasons and after a top executive at News Corp., which owns

Fox, slapped the show for “disappointing” ratings.

“Sometimes we rest these shows,” Cowell wrote Thursday. “And that’s what we did in a crowded market” with the American version of “X Factor.” The 54-year-old Cowell — who was unavailable to comment further, his spokeswoman said — has returned to his native country to appear on the British version, which is itself flagging. Of course, hit shows don’t get “rested” after three seasons.

But there’s little question that, squaring off against not just “Idol” but also NBC’s “The Voice,” “X Factor” was getting lost in a crowd of singing competitions.

The problems ran much deeper, though. Cowell and Fox often seemed unsure what they wanted “X Factor” to be, and so the show ran through a dispiriting and confusing gantlet of changes in pacing, procedures, production values, hosts and even judges.

A system that gave each judge a category of performers to mentor (young men and women, older singing acts) may have overcomplicated what was supposed to be a

fairly simple premise.

Cowell raised eyebrows at the end of the first season when, in an extensive and seemingly whimsical fit of housekeeping, he fired judge Paula Abdul, a friend and former “Idol” colleague about whom he’d spoken warmly in the past (judge Nicole Scherzinger and host Steve Jones were also sacked).

Season 2 returned with an emphasis on big, brassy production values.

“It was overproduced,” said Scott Sternberg, a veteran reality TV producer who’s made shows with Abdul, William Shatner and Paula Zahn. “The director spent more time in getting in the wide shots with all the lighting and digital effects, but did not recognize (the importance of) being tight on the faces of these performers ... ‘X Factor’ had very little heart.”

But finding the heart can be tough in a genre that has pulled audiences toward every possible emotional extreme and back again. Viewership for network reality series has been steadily drifting downward as audiences tire of the format.

And no major reality franchise has reinvigorated the format on broadcast in recent seasons.

“The reality genre is cooling for network TV,” said Jeffrey McCall, a media studies professor at DePauw University. “Singing competition shows had a certain charm at first, but audiences surely can see by now that many of these acts are just too forced or demonstrate no more talent than can be found in a local pub or at the county fair.”

Given the media landscape, Cowell did himself no favors by vowing to crush “Idol.”

“X Factor” suffered from unrealistic expectations,” McCall said. “Simon overpromised and underperformed.”

The band One Direction — which Cowell helped discover on the British version of “X Factor” in 2010 — is now one of the top-selling pop acts in the world. His “X Factor” comedown, then, might yet prove to be a mere rest rather than a swan song.

As Brad Adgate, an analyst for Horizon Media, put it: “I don’t necessarily think we’ve heard the last of Simon Cowell.”

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Bears survive Oklahoma State 70-64 in OT thriller

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
SPORTS WRITER

For the second game in a row at the Ferrell Center, the Bears won in a comeback effort in overtime. This time, it came against Oklahoma State, beating the Cowboys 70-64 on Monday at the Ferrell Center.

Baylor had the game in its hands with 3.5 seconds left in the second half with an inbounds pass from the far end of the court. Leading by three, with two timeouts, Baylor committed an errant pass that fell to OSU's Leyton Hammonds, who drained a clutch three-pointer to send the game into a shocking overtime period.

It was a turning point in Baylor's season when the men's basketball team went on the road to beat Oklahoma State in Stillwater. This game tested Baylor's consistency in conference play as well as its ability to defend home court in yet another overtime thriller against a Big 12 rival.

Baylor had four different players score from downtown in the first half. The Bears shot 4-for-11

from three-point territory and 6-for-11 from the line.

It was a frantic first half for the Bears, pulling ahead 12-6 early, but eventually giving up that lead. The Bears could not tie the game before the half.

With star guard Marcus Smart missing the game because of a suspension, the Cowboys needed other players to step up in his absence.

Baylor grew more patient with the ball in the second half. Baylor's defense also tightened up after allowing too many drives in the lane from Forte in the first half.

The Bears kept getting defensive stops, but struggled to find openings for game-tying buckets. The Cowboys helped the Bears out a little too. OSU committed two shot clock violations, Chery forced a turnover that resulted in an Isaiah Austin three-pointer after ripping a steal from Forte.

Baylor played with a sense of urgency. The Bears needed a full defensive effort to cut OSU's deficit from the first half.

Their defense was solid, but the Bears struggled to create anything

on the inside to start the second half. It was Baylor's three-point shooting that kept the Bears alive. Baylor's success at the free throw line also aided their cause in a rough game on the inside but its success at the line diminished as the game went on.

Both teams needed a win badly on Monday, and were expecting some big plays from big players. Senior forward Cory Jefferson and Austin fueled Baylor all the way. They did it all— blocks, dunks and rebounds. Baylor pulled away in the rebounds-battle in the second half, 34-49.

Jefferson dominated defensively and offensively in the paint with 3 blocks, 13 rebounds and 25 points after shooting 8-for-12.

Austin, after throwing up all of Sunday because of illness, and with the aid of an IV prior to Monday's game, came up big for Baylor with 12 points, 12 rebounds and five blocks.

"I wasn't feeling very well last night with 101 fever," Austin said. "I couldn't keep any fluids or food down, but my teammates said that

they needed me. I just wanted to give them my all tonight."

Baylor led by three with only seconds left on the clock, but this game was far from over.

After Baylor seemed like it had the win in the bag, with two timeouts, the Bears botched the inbounds pass and had to face OSU in overtime.

It was a big boost for OSU's morale, but the Bears were focused going into OT.

"When you give up something like that, that's devastating," Baylor head coach Scott Drew said. "That's like getting punched in the gut. For us to refocus, regroup, come back out and be very, very sound and efficient in overtime – I thought that was tremendous."

Baylor's experience showed in its calmness during overtime against OSU to survive with a 70-64 win.

"Everybody stayed positive," Jefferson said. "We knew that we could win it; nothing cocky about it, but just real positive from the coaches, to the bench and the players in the game."



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Baylor senior forward Cory Jefferson slam dunks in Baylor's 70-64 overtime win against Oklahoma State on Monday at the Ferrell Center.

Baseball wins one of three versus No. 19 ASU

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL
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Baylor baseball opened the season in dramatic fashion, coming from behind 7-2 to beat the No. 19 Arizona State Sun Devils 9-7 Friday. The rest of the series shaped up to be much different for the Bears (1-2, 0-0), who went on to lose the series 2-1 after a 7-4 loss on Saturday and a 12-1 result on Sunday at Winkles Field-Packard Stadium at Brock Ballpark in Tempe, Ariz.

"It's early in the year," Baylor head coach Steve Smith said after game three. "You're going to see some really, really bizarre scores from some really, really good teams, and that's just the nature of the game. It's really the nature of this time of year, especially."

Early in game one, there was not much room between the two teams. After some back and forth play, ASU led Baylor 3-2 after five innings.

The Sun Devils (2-1, 0-0) punished the Bears in the sixth and seventh innings. After some errors from Baylor, ASU scored five unanswered runs, putting the Bears in a deep hole late in the game.

Senior infielder Grayson Porter helped Baylor finally get something going with a leadoff single in the top of the eighth. Following Porter's lead, Baylor fought back to make it 5-7, scoring three runs in the eighth inning.

It was late in the game and looked like it was going to be a loss



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Arizona State's Trevor Allen slides into home against Baylor catcher Matt Menard during the eighth inning of an NCAA college baseball game Saturday in Tempe, Ariz. The Sun Devils won the series two games to one.

for Baylor, but Porter had other plans. Porter continued to impact the game with his bat, tying the score on a 3-0 count with a two-run homer in the top of the ninth inning. Porter finished the night going 2-for-4 with three RBI's.

"We were very good in the eighth and ninth, not so much in

the sixth and seventh," Smith said. "We hung in there and battled. I like the fact that our kids now believe they can win a game like this."

After a huge comeback win on Friday, the Bears would have to dig out another comeback in game two of the series on Saturday.

Junior pitcher Brad Kuntz

started the game on the mound for Baylor, but only pitched 3.1 innings and was one of five pitchers that pitched for Baylor on Saturday. Kuntz checked out with three strikeouts against 16 batters. The Sun Devils put the Bears in a hole early, getting nearly half of their hits and four runs off of Kuntz.

The Bears trailed by three, but the fourth inning was the beginning of Baylor's rally to tie the game.

Freshman outfielder Darryn Sheppard earned his first collegiate home-run in the fourth inning, making it 3-1. Baylor would go on to score another to make it a one-run game.

ASU responded to Baylor's eventful fourth inning with a run off of a double steal to make it 4-2.

Baylor's junior outfielder Logan Brown blasted a one-out home run to help the Bears cut the deficit to one once again.

Brown ended the night going 2-4 with one hit, one RBI and one run. Sheppard went 3-4 with two hits, one RBI and a run of his own on a homer. ASU won the hit-battle though, 7-12.

Six of Baylor's batters made up those seven hits, and ASU earned its 12 hits with nine different batters. Baylor tied the game 4-4 in the sixth inning, but it was the closest Baylor got to the lead.

Game three exposed problems in Baylor's defense. It was a fairly tight game for most of the nine innings.

The Sun Devils scored early off an error in the second, but Baylor responded later with a run in the sixth. It was the calm before the storm for the Bears though.

ASU gashed Baylor wide open with nine runs in the sixth. An inning later, Baylor failed to score any runs, and the Sun Devils added two to their total, making it 12-1.

"It was a relentless attack by our guys," ASU head coach Tim Esmay said. "I was very proud of them."

The Bears overcame a 7-2 deficit in game one, but 11 runs in game three was too much for the Bears to pull off in two innings.

ASU left-hander Brett Lilek pitched four innings and earned a career-high seven strikeouts, only allowing two hits and one walk.

"I knew that Baylor was going to try and get us starters out of the game as fast as they could, so they were going to be patient," Lilek said. "I knew if I [got ahead of hitters], our offense was going to be relentless and put in some nice work and get runs, so I didn't have to worry about that."

Errors and inefficient play from the bullpen hurt Baylor badly in game three.

The Bears fielded five different pitchers, and none could really stabilize the game after the crippling sixth inning.

Smith brought up the condition of the field as a possible factor for Baylor's fielding miscues that led to runs. Generally though, Smith acknowledged those mistakes as his team's, and the fault should not fall on anything else.

Sheppard was a clear standout and positive takeaway after his homer in game two, and won Big 12 Newcomer of the Week honors on Monday.

The Bears play their first home game against UT-Arlington at 6:35 p.m. today at Baylor Ballpark.

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State Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, and state Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, discuss higher education issues during a forum Monday.

things more affordable,” Watson said. “We need to explore the opportunities for new technology, but we need to also recognize that one size probably shouldn’t fit all.”

Branch said he is optimistic about the prospects of lowering the price while boosting the quality of education with cost-efficient means with hybrid courses and online lectures.

“As technology becomes so invasive in our culture and becomes a larger part of education, we think there are opportunities for some decreased cost,” he said.

The biggest concern with the level of rigor in the state, Watson said, lies with the K-12 education system, specifically in math. The need for STEM, or science, technology, engineering and mathematics, majors has greatly increased, Watson said.

“From a job perspective, you see a lot of growth in that area, and you see a lot places that are growing in Texas that are focused on that,” he said.

However, while those majors and jobs are high demand, majors outside of these few are still hot commodities in the workforce. Both legislators emphasized the importance of honing one’s skills to fit the right position in the

workforce.

“If we don’t successfully educate our next generation, then we will suffer,” Branch said. “I think it behooves us all to try and get on the same page.”

Additionally, both legislators advised future politicians and students alike to stay involved, engaged and informed in politics, agreeing that doing so makes for a more knowledgeable public.

Schertz senior Kimani Mitchell, Baylor College Democrats president, said open discussions of higher education like this forum bring together relevant ideas to which all Baylor students can relate.

“Everyone can attest to the level of financial aid and cost of education,” Mitchell said. “Getting a Baylor degree is more than just a piece of paper.”

Blair said the purpose of the forum was to improve campus dialogue and generate academic discussion. He said he believes the issues presented at the forum reflect the thoughts and curiosities of students at Baylor because the issues directly relate to all of them.

“The best thing we can do as students is to stay interested because it affects us too,” he said.

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Pyle said.

Paxton said the office of the attorney general has become increasingly important in the past few years, as the executive branch has continuously attempted to violate the 10th Amendment.

According to an article published USA Today in July 2013, Abbott had, at the time, sued the president more than 27 times within the past five years.

Abbott was quoted as saying, “I go into the office in the morning. I sue Barack Obama, and then I go home.”

Paxton said if he were elected, he would likely continue this trend.

Paxton studied law at the University of Virginia, and said he believes the Constitution is not a living document and should not be adjusted to fit social norms.

“I think it’s important we convey to the government that they can no longer continue to trump the rights of states, especially with laws that violate our constitutional rights,” Paxton said.

Paxton said he supports legislation that protects gun rights,

and the states’ rights to pass voter ID laws that don’t infringe on the rights of voters.

In June 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the requirement that states such as Texas and Mississippi get approval from the federal government before enacting any voting laws. Paxton said this will help Texas pass laws that ensure voter ID fraud does not occur.

“Voter ID is a simple concept, and it’s a very common practice,” Paxton said. According to his website, safeguarding voter ID will be one of his primary concerns.

Paxton graduated from Baylor with a bachelor’s degree in 1985, and went on to receive a Master of Business Administration from the university as well.

Paxton’s opponents for office in the Republican primary include Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, and state railroad commissioner Barry Smitheran.

Early voting for the office begins today and ends on Feb. 28. Election Day will be held on Mar. 4.

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“I don’t anticipate it to be an overly long period of time,” Garland said. “I just want to maintain what’s been going well.”

In other business, regents also named the new track and field facility after Clyde Hart, who served the university 51 years.

“Clyde Hart is a living legend,” Starr said. “In his decades of service, he’s accomplished great things. It’s an appropriate way to pay tribute to a spectacular coach.”

Not all the commemorative intention was so celebratory. Starr also announced the university’s plans to install a memorial plaque on the Umphrey Pedestrian Bridge to honor the late Jose Dario Suarez, who lost his life last month working on the bridge.

Suarez and another worker were on a manlift when it collapsed and dragged them into the Brazos River. Suarez was unable to unharness himself from the machinery and drowned. The other worker was able to release himself and was treated for hypothermia after making it to shore.

“The purpose is to commemorate the life of this good man, Jose Suarez,” Starr said.

Though Starr wouldn’t comment on any correspondence between the university and the Suarez family, he said the memorial was to demonstrate the school’s commitment remembering Suarez and those he loved, sharing in a deeply profound sense of regret and loss.

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of Waco received proposals from 27 designers across the nation. Eventually a design by Oklahoma City architect and engineer Stan Carroll was chosen. Eddie Dixon, a sculptor from Lubbock, also contributed to the design.

“We wanted a team approach to this project, because it’s a park as well as a memorial design and sculpture design,” Ravenscroft said.

Baylor has donated \$20,000 to this cause, and other groups and organizations have given as well. Cultural Arts of Waco needs to achieve funds of around \$500,000 before they can break ground on the memorial.

They are still around \$190,000 away from this goal, Ravenscroft said. Ultimately it will cost \$1,350,000 to build the memorial.

“We’re hoping that we will be breaking ground next year,” Ravenscroft said. “It just depends on how the fundraising goes this year.”

Ravenscroft said the memorial will pay tribute to Miller’s going beyond the call of duty in his actions at Pearl Harbor. Miller was a mess attendant second class in the Navy at Pearl Harbor and was collecting dirty laundry when bombs began to fall.

Miller gave assistance to a mortally wounded captain and then proceeded to fire at Japanese planes with an unattended deck gun.

“It was Miller’s first experience firing such a weapon, because black sailors serving in the segregated steward’s branch of the Navy were not given the gun-

nery training received by white sailors,” states the Doris Miller memorial website.

Wilton Lanning Jr., long time Waco resident and founding director of the Dr Pepper Museum and Free Enterprise Institute, said the Navy Cross was a major award for someone to receive.

“Doris Miller became a hero,” Lanning said. “He saved the captain of the ship by pulling him out of the line of fire and took hold of a gun. He was a mess attendant, not a gunnery person. But he stepped forward and was honored for that.”

Lanning said he feels Miller’s actions at Pearl Harbor were very heroic.

“At that time he became a role model for the folks in the U.S. Navy and the whole military ser-

vice,” he said.

Ravenscroft said she thinks the site for the memorial along the river is beautiful.

“When the pathways are built, the memorial will be within walking distance of the new stadium, so it will be a wonderful feature; a destination people can walk to from the stadium,” she said.

Ravenscroft said she thinks the memorial will be a positive influence on the community.

“This just shows the leadership of one man who was only in his teens,” she said. “And how wonderful to have an example like that in your community. We need good examples for all young men; doing more than what’s expected for you.”

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